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## Defense Business and Industry

### Roter Group and Quantum Systems Sign ToT for UAV Production in India



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The Noida-based Roter Group has signed a significant Technology Transfer agreement with Germany's Quantum Systems to manufacture next-generation UAVs in India, bolstering the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives. This partnership aims for 80-90% indigenous content, focusing on enhancing India's aerospace and defense capabilities, particularly highlighted by the successful use of local drones during Operation Sindoor. The agreement will enable the Roter Group to produce advanced ISR UAVs, integrating AI for real-time data processing. This strategic move aligns with the Defense Research and Development Organisation's goals to promote indigenous production and technological advancement in defense systems, enhancing national security and operational readiness for India's armed forces.

### BEL Chief: Defence MSMEs Must Uphold Quality for Global Supply Chain



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The chairman and managing director of Bharat Electronics Limited, Manoj Jain, emphasized the necessity for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the defense and aerospace sectors to adhere to stringent quality standards to integrate into the global supply chain. Speaking at the India Manufacturing Show (IMS) 2025, he highlighted the need for flexibility while maintaining regulatory compliance. The expo, scheduled for November 6-8 in Bangalore, aims to generate significant business leads and will facilitate B2B interactions and international collaborations, showcasing India's commitment to enhancing its defense manufacturing capabilities and attracting global partnerships. This focus on quality and certification is crucial for India's defense industry growth and global competitiveness.

### India Ready to Develop 6th-Gen Unmanned Fighter Jet, Awaits Govt Approval



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India has attained the technological capability to develop a sixth-generation unmanned fighter jet, as indicated by Dr. Kota Harinarayana, architect of the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft. The foundational work on this advanced system, part of the Ghatak UCAV program, has been ongoing, with successful flight tests of scale models. The project aims to enhance capabilities like full-spectrum stealth and AI-driven autonomous decision-making, positioning India alongside major global powers in next-gen air combat. This initiative, pending government approval, marks a significant step in establishing India's strategic autonomy and innovation in aerial warfare technology, potentially following the expected production of the 5th-generation AMCA in the mid-2030s.

### Russia Proposes T-14 Armata to Replace India's Aging T-72 Tanks



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Russia's Uralvagonzavod has proposed its advanced T-14 Armata tank to meet the Indian Army's Next Generation Main Battle Tank (NGMBT) needs, aiming to replace the aging T-72 fleet. This collaboration emphasizes "Make in India" by potentially involving Indian firms in the development process, with a goal of enhancing indigenous production and technology transfer. The T-14 offers significant customization options, including integration with India's DATRAN-1500HP engine, and features advanced technologies like an unmanned turret and active protection systems, making it a strong candidate for modernizing India's armored capabilities while boosting defense self-reliance.

### Nibe Limited Wins INR 6.12 Crore Order for GATR Rocket Components



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Nibe Limited has secured a significant order from Elbit Systems for the manufacturing of components for the

GATR 70mm Guided Rocket system, valued at INR 6.12 crores. This marks a pivotal advancement in India's defense manufacturing capabilities, as it will be the first production of such sophisticated munitions domestically. The GATR system features advanced precision targeting and operational flexibility, enhancing the Indian Armed Forces' capabilities for both conventional and asymmetric warfare. This collaboration underscores India's growing prominence in the global defense ecosystem and highlights the ongoing efforts to localize advanced military technologies, which will ultimately bolster national security and defense preparedness.

## Philippines Army Considers India's Akash-1S for Air Defense Enhancement SHARE

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The Philippine Army is interested in acquiring India's Akash-1S air defense system, recognizing its success during Operation Sindoor against advanced threats like Pakistan's Fatah-1 missiles. The Akash-1S, with a range of 25-45 km and altitude capability of 20 km, offers superior performance compared to the Israeli SPYDER system currently in use, especially against guided rockets and short-range ballistic missiles. Its proven combat efficiency, mobility, and integration with existing defense networks position it as a strategic asset for the Philippines, which aims to bolster its air defense in the face of rising regional tensions in the Indo-Pacific. This acquisition not only enhances military capability but also strengthens defense ties between India and the Philippines.

## Tejas Mk1A Requires Astra Mk-1 BVRAAM Recertification After Radar Upgrade SHARE

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The integration of the ELM-2052 AESA radar into the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet has prompted the need for recertification of the Astra Mk-1 beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) to ensure full operational compatibility. The radar upgrade significantly improves signal processing, data-link management, and fire-control alignment, thereby boosting target detection and engagement accuracy. Initial tests conducted on August 23, 2023, demonstrated fundamental compatibility between the radar system and the Astra missile. However, comprehensive validation remains ongoing to cover diverse mission scenarios, including electronic counter-countermeasures (ECCM) adjustments. Recent defense updates from late July to

early August 2025 reaffirm that this recertification process is critical for enhancing the Indian Air Force's indigenous multi-role fighter's combat effectiveness in air superiority roles within evolving threat environments.

## ARDE's Ramjet Artillery Shell Development Set for 9-10 Year Timeline SHARE

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The Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) is developing a next-generation Ramjet-powered artillery shell with a range of 80-90 kilometers, expected to take 9-10 years to complete due to technical complexities. This advancement aims to enhance India's artillery capabilities, allowing forces to engage targets deeper behind enemy lines, surpassing conventional shells that reach only 40-45 kilometers. The project aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative for self-reliance in military technology, positioning Indian artillery closer to advanced Western systems. While the timeline may appear lengthy, it reflects the necessary rigor in developing cutting-edge propulsion technologies essential for modern warfare.

## NAL Develops Stealthy Low-RCS EW Antenna for AMCA Fighter SHARE

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In a notable advancement for India's defense capabilities, the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) has developed a low-radar cross-section (RCS) ultra-wideband electronic warfare antenna for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). This innovative antenna is flush-mounted on the aircraft's body, enhancing stealth and enabling active RCS reduction, crucial for fifth-generation fighter technology. Its ability to operate across a broad frequency spectrum allows the AMCA to counter diverse radar threats, while active RCS reduction techniques significantly enhance its survivability. This development underscores India's commitment to indigenous defense innovation and positions the AMCA as a formidable player in modern aerial warfare.

## IAF Considers Acquiring More C-17s if Boeing Restarts Production SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is eyeing the potential acquisition of five additional Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft if Boeing resumes production, which ceased in 2015 due to insufficient demand. The C-17's capabilities are vital for India's strategic airlift needs, especially given the aging IL-76 fleet and ongoing

regional tensions. Its proven performance in both military and humanitarian missions highlights its importance. However, challenges like India's limited defense budget, competing procurement priorities, and Boeing's uncertain production plans could affect this potential expansion. Overall, adding more C-17s would significantly enhance India's rapid deployment and operational readiness in critical areas along its borders.

## Indian Navy Showcases Camcopter S-100 UAVs with Philippine Navy



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Indian Navy warships recently visited the Port of Manila for a joint maritime patrol with the Philippine Navy, showcasing the Indian-assembled Scheibel Camcopter S-100 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). This event highlights the strengthening of bilateral naval ties and the commitment to a rules-based Indo-Pacific. The locally assembled Camcopter S-100s, part of India's Make in India initiative, enhance the Indian Navy's ISR capabilities with advanced sensors and a notable operational range. This cooperation exemplifies India's strategic focus on self-reliance in defense, while also addressing regional maritime challenges such as piracy and ensuring the safety of crucial sea lanes.

## Hindustan Shipyard in Talks with Vietnam for Submarine Refits



03-Aug-25

Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) is in discussions with the Vietnam Peoples Navy (VPN) to refit their six Kilo-class submarines, highlighting HSL's expertise in submarine maintenance and its strategic role in enhancing bilateral defense ties. This initiative aims to modernize key systems, ensuring the submarines' operational effectiveness amid regional maritime challenges. HSL's successful history with Indian Navy submarines and its recent collaborations position it as a competitive player in the Southeast Asian defense market. This collaboration not only reinforces India's influence in the Indo-Pacific but also showcases its commitment to supporting regional allies in strengthening their naval capabilities.

## EDGE Group to Manufacture HUNTER Munitions in India



03-Aug-25

UAE's EDGE Group advanced its strategic partnership with India by launching localized manufacturing of its HUNTER loitering munitions, including intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), naval, and aerial strike variants, in alignment with India's Make in India

initiative. This move builds on an agreement with Adani Defence & Aerospace, signed in June 2024, which set the foundation for joint development, production, and export of advanced unmanned systems and weapons. The collaboration aims to leverage India's robust manufacturing base, establishing the country as a regional hub for cutting-edge defense technologies, while contributing to job creation, technology transfer, and bolstering India's status in the global unmanned systems market.

## AVNL's LBPV 44 Criticized for Outdated Jonga Design



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On August 1, 2025, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) showcased its newly developed Light Bullet Proof Vehicle (LBPV 44)—built on the age-old Nissan Jonga platform—at the 10th International Police Expo in New Delhi. While AVNL highlighted the vehicle's indigenously designed bulletproof features aimed at improving mobility for India's security forces, immediate criticism followed online and among defense experts, who argued that the Jonga-based LBPV 44 was an outdated solution, lacking modern safety enhancements like V-shaped hulls for blast resistance. Debate has intensified over AVNL's reliance on legacy designs rather than aligning with the Indian Army's push for contemporary armored vehicles under recent procurement tenders emphasizing cutting-edge protection, advanced mobility, and indigenous manufacturing.

## India Boosts Shipbuilding to Enhance Global Maritime Power



03-Aug-25

India has intensified efforts to transform its shipbuilding industry into a global powerhouse as part of its Maritime India Vision 2030, with significant developments reported in the past three days. On August 2, 2025, the government reaffirmed its commitment by operationalizing the Rs 25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund to provide long-term capital for shipbuilding, port upgrades, and allied infrastructure. This policy includes up to 49% government equity and leverages contributions from major ports and private investors, aiming to generate Rs 1.5 lakh crore in investments and create up to 1.1 million jobs by 2030. Notably, new shipbuilding clusters are being established, augmented by large-scale tax exemptions on materials and the extension of credit schemes for shipyards. Recent international collaborations were cemented in June 2025, such as

India's agreements with Norway, Denmark, and Japan to co-develop green shipping infrastructure, Arctic-capable vessels, and smart ports. These measures, coupled with a push for digital port operations and sustainability, are designed to increase India's share of global shipping tonnage, reduce its reliance on foreign carriers, and position it as a strategic maritime leader in the region.

## EndureAir Tests Failsafe Parachute for SABAL-20 Logistics UAV SHARE

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EndureAir, a Noida-based UAV company, announced on August 2, 2025, that it has successfully tested a failsafe parachute deployment system on its SABAL-20 logistics UAV, marking a significant leap in aerial cargo safety. The SABAL-20, with its tandem rotor design inspired by the Chinook helicopter, maintains high stability and operational reliability even in challenging, high-altitude environments. This electric drone is capable of carrying payloads up to 20 kg and boasts vertical take-off and landing abilities, making it versatile for both military and civilian logistics operations in remote or difficult terrains. The addition of the automated parachute system ensures safe descents during emergencies, reinforcing the drone's reputation for safety and paving the way for broader UAV logistics adoption in India.

## SSS Defence Supplies Indigenous Suppressors for Indian Army Snipers SHARE

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SSS Defence has successfully developed and supplied indigenous suppressors for the Sako TRG-42 sniper rifles to the Indian Army, marking a significant shift towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing. This development reduces dependence on foreign imports and aligns with India's Make in India initiative by enhancing operational stealth and enabling faster maintenance. SSS Defence, known for its comprehensive capabilities in small arms, has also produced two sniper rifles for Indian forces and aims to create a complete ecosystem for armed forces. This achievement underscores the growth of India's domestic defense industry and enhances its strategic autonomy in military capabilities.

## Dvipa Defence Develops Ugram Rifle Series for Indian Armed Forces SHARE

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Dvipa Defence is advancing India's indigenous small arms capabilities with the development of the Ugram rifle series, designed in collaboration with DRDO's ARDE to meet the Indian Army's requirements. This modular, lightweight rifle features a long-stroke gas piston system and is tailored for counter-terrorism operations. With a focus on reducing reliance on foreign imports, the project is supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology and is currently undergoing field trials with the Border Security Force. If successful, the Ugram rifles could significantly enhance operational readiness and self-sufficiency in India's defense manufacturing, marking a notable step towards modernization and technological autonomy in military resources.

## Quantum Tech Delivers First Fibre Optic Drone to Indian Army SHARE

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Quantum Tech has delivered its first fibre optic FPV drone to the Indian Army, marking a significant advancement in tactical drone capabilities. This drone utilizes a secure fibre optic communication system, providing high-bandwidth, jam-proof data transmission essential for modern warfare. It enhances real-time intelligence, reconnaissance, and precision targeting for infantry units, ensuring effective operations even in contested environments. This development aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing self-reliance in defense technology, and represents a transformative shift in infantry warfare capabilities. The introduction of such advanced drones is expected to strengthen the Indian Army's operational edge along critical borders, particularly the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LoC).

## Politics

## J&K Celebrates 6 Years Post-Article 370 Abrogation with Growth SHARE

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On August 5, 2025, Jammu and Kashmir marks six years since the abrogation of Article 370, a move that continues to reshape the region. The anniversary will see district-level celebrations, including Tiranga rallies led by Union ministers and senior leaders, emphasizing the progress made under an elected government. Since the abrogation in 2019, the region has reported robust



investment, infrastructural advances, and a significant uptick in tourism and employment opportunities. The inauguration of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2025, stands out as a major milestone, featuring engineering feats like the Chenab and Anji bridges. Train travel has been enhanced through modern coaches and upgraded facilities, with most upgrades set for completion by August 31, 2025. Additionally, a new hydropower policy launched in late July 2025 aims to attract private investors and drive clean energy growth. While the government is highlighting increased security, economic growth, and connectivity, some opposition parties and groups continue to protest, demanding restoration of full statehood and voicing concerns over the loss of regional identity.

pivotal for modernizing the Philippine Navy, which faces challenges from China's assertive naval expansion. By integrating Indian-built frigates and destroyers armed with BrahMos missiles, the Philippines could significantly increase its maritime strike capabilities and deterrence, reshaping the regional power dynamics. Furthermore, India's naval expertise and the ongoing discussions for co-production agreements could foster deeper defense ties and self-reliance for both nations, reinforcing a collective stand against Chinese ambitions. These developments not only bolster the Philippines' coastal defense but also represent a broader commitment by India to assert its influence in Southeast Asia and support allies in maintaining a rules-based maritime order, aligning with India's Act East policy and enhancing regional stability.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India Navy Chief Strengthens Ties with Japan's Maritime Force



03-Aug-25

India's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, recently visited Japan, where he engaged with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) to strengthen bilateral defense ties. This visit, part of efforts to enhance India-Japan maritime cooperation, involved discussions with Japanese Defense Minister Gen Nakatani on defense collaboration, technological exchange, and personnel training. The interactions aim to address emerging security challenges and deepen strategic synergy, reflecting the commitment of both nations to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Admiral Tripathi's engagements are poised to solidify mutual understanding in shared maritime interests, reinforcing the significance of Indo-Japanese defense relations in the current geopolitical landscape.

### Indian Navy ships join wargames in Philippines and Singapore.



03-Aug-25

Three Indian Navy ships, including the guided-missile destroyer INS Delhi and stealth frigate INS Satpura, have arrived in the Philippines for joint exercises amid escalating regional tensions with China, while INS Satpura also participates in naval drills with Singapore. This marks a significant step in India's strategy to enhance maritime partnerships and regional security in the Indo-Pacific, particularly with the Philippines, which is set to receive BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles under a \$375 million agreement. The collaboration is

### Iran Reopens Airspace After Ceasefire with Israel Conflict



03-Aug-25

Iran has fully reopened its airspace following a 12-day conflict with Israel that ended in a ceasefire. The Civil Aviation Organization confirmed that both domestic and international flights have returned to pre-war operations, with Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport resuming 24-hour services. The conflict, marked by Israeli airstrikes targeting Iranian military and nuclear sites and Iran's retaliatory missile attacks, underscored regional tensions. This development reflects a fragile ceasefire, indicating that while airspace is reopened, underlying geopolitical tensions remain, highlighting the need for vigilance in the region, especially from nations like India that are monitoring stability in the Middle East.

### Pakistan Closes Ghulam Khan Crossing, Raising Trade and Humanitarian Concerns



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The closure of the Ghulam Khan crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan has raised significant trade concerns, stranding travelers and threatening the livelihoods of those reliant on this vital route. This crossing, pivotal for the export of Afghan goods, exacerbates the precarious economic situation in Afghanistan, especially as forced returns of Afghan refugees from Pakistan intensify. With over 1.2 million Afghans having returned, many face dire living conditions, increasing humanitarian needs. The inconsistent border policies of Islamabad not only threaten regional stability but also risk further destabilizing Afghanistan, highlighting the urgent need

for coordinated international humanitarian support to avert a deepening crisis.

## Pakistan backs Iran's peaceful nuclear energy ambitions.



03-Aug-25

Pakistan has expressed support for Iran's right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as highlighted during Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's visit to Islamabad. This assertion came after discussions between Pezeshkian and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, culminating in the signing of 12 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) that span various sectors, including trade, agriculture, and technology. This alignment underscores the strengthening of bilateral ties amid regional tensions, particularly concerning nuclear capabilities. Pakistan's endorsement raises concerns for India, which views nuclear proliferation in the region with caution, emphasizing the need for strategic vigilance and robust defense measures to safeguard its national security interests.

## Netanyahu and Trump propose Gaza ceasefire with Hamas ultimatum.



03-Aug-25

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and former US President Trump are reportedly negotiating a ceasefire plan that demands Hamas disarm and release hostages, with the US potentially leading an international administration in Gaza. However, Hamas has rejected the idea of disarmament, insisting on its right to resist Israeli occupation and asserting that its weapons are vital until a sovereign Palestinian state is established. This development highlights the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, as seen in rising casualties amid international pressure for a two-state solution, while the US continues to support aid initiatives amid criticism of their impact. The situation remains tense, with critical implications for regional stability.

## China and Russia launch joint naval drills in Sea of Japan



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China and Russia have commenced joint naval drills in the Sea of Japan, aiming to fortify their military cooperation and counter the perceived US-led global order. The exercises, dubbed "Joint Sea-2025," are being held near Vladivostok and include various operations such as anti-submarine and air defense maneuvers. These drills reflect the deepening strategic partnership between the two nations, particularly since Russia's

invasion of Ukraine. While China positions itself as a neutral party, its ongoing support for Russia raises concerns among Western nations, highlighting the shifting dynamics in regional security and the potential implications for India and its defense posture in the Indo-Pacific.

## Hamas rejects disarmament claims, calls US envoy's visit staged



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Hamas has denied claims of its willingness to be demilitarized amid ongoing ceasefire discussions, asserting its right to resist Israeli occupation. This response followed statements from a US envoy regarding Hamas's purported readiness to disarm. Additionally, Hamas criticized the envoy's visit to a Gaza aid site as a "staged show." The situation is further complicated by mounting international pressure for Palestinian state recognition, with the UK considering recognition contingent upon Israel's actions regarding a ceasefire. This context highlights the ongoing complexities of the Israel-Palestine conflict and the challenges of achieving lasting peace and security in the region.

## Military Operations

## Russia Intercepts 41 Ukrainian Drones Amid Escalating Conflict



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On August 3, 2025, Russia reported intercepting up to 112 Ukrainian drones during a series of intense exchanges with Ukraine that saw reciprocal strikes escalate across the region. Ukrainian drones targeted key Russian assets, including an oil depot near Sochi, sparking a massive fire that required over 120 firefighters and temporarily shut down Sochi's airport. Further drone attacks hit military and industrial sites in Ryazan, Penza, and Primorsko-Akhtarsk, leaving at least three civilians dead. In retaliation, Russia launched missile attacks on southern Ukrainian cities like Mykolaiv, injuring seven civilians. The Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, continued to mourn after a Russian missile and drone assault earlier in the week killed 31 people, five of whom were children. As both sides exchange strikes, international attention intensifies, with the United States issuing an August 8 deadline for progress on peace talks and Ukraine appealing for additional air defense systems to counter Russia's increasing attacks. The situation remains highly volatile with

significant civilian casualties and critical infrastructure damage on both sides.

## Russia Deploys Hypersonic Oreshnik Missile in Belarus, Escalating Tensions



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Russia's deployment of the hypersonic Oreshnik missile system in Belarus marks a significant escalation in its military capabilities, directly challenging NATO security. The missile, capable of reaching speeds up to Mach 10 and carrying multiple warheads, enhances Russia's strategic posture and lowers the nuclear engagement threshold. This move complicates NATO's defense calculations and underscores Belarus's increasing military alignment with Moscow. While some analysts view this as a revolutionary development that could alter military balances, others see it as a psychological tactic aimed at pressuring NATO regarding support for Ukraine. Overall, the Oreshnik deployment signifies a profound shift in Eastern European security dynamics.

## IAF airlifts critically injured civilian from Leh to Chandigarh.



03-Aug-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted a night airlift operation, transporting a critically injured civilian, Sonam Tsewang, from Leh to Chandigarh for urgent medical care. This mission, executed under challenging weather conditions, underscores the IAF's operational capabilities in high-altitude terrains, crucial not only for military operations but also for civilian welfare in regions like Ladakh. The Chandigarh air force station plays a vital role in supporting both troops and local populations, demonstrating the IAF's commitment to national security and humanitarian assistance in the area. Such operations highlight the integral role of the IAF in safeguarding lives and maintaining stability in strategic regions.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Kulgam anti-terror operation by security forces enters day three.



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The anti-terror operation in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir has entered its third day, with security forces intensifying efforts to eliminate the militants engaged in ongoing gun battles. Utilizing advanced techniques, including drone surveillance, the forces are

strategically tightening their grip around the terrorists. This operation underscores India's commitment to combating terrorism and maintaining security in the region. The resilience and tactical capabilities of the Indian security forces reflect a strong stance against militancy, reinforcing the nation's ongoing efforts to ensure peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir amidst persistent threats.

## Six Naxals, including a commander, arrested in Chhattisgarh operation.



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Six Naxalites were arrested in Chhattisgarh's Sukma and Bijapur districts during an anti-Naxal operation conducted by security forces, including the District Reserve Guard and the CRPF. Among the apprehended, Podiyam Nanda was a militia commander with a ₹2 lakh reward on his head, and significant explosives, including tiffin-bombs and detonators, were seized. In Bijapur, three lower-rung cadres were caught with Maoist uniforms and literature after being involved in a prior gunfight. This operation underscores the Indian security forces' ongoing commitment to combat insurgency in the region, enhancing stability and security for local communities while disrupting Naxal activities effectively.

## NADRA cards link Pahalgam attack to Pakistan terrorists.



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The investigation into the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians were killed, has uncovered significant evidence directly linking the perpetrators to Pakistan. Indian security agencies recovered Pakistani National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) identity cards from the bodies of three terrorists killed during Operation Mahadev on July 28, confirming their nationality and ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba, despite Pakistan's denial of involvement. Further, advanced LoRa communication sets seized from the scene revealed the use of sophisticated technology for secure, long-range messaging with handlers across the border. Security operations remain ongoing, with six terrorists neutralized since the attack, highlighting persistent concerns over cross-border infiltration and the adoption of encrypted communications by proxy groups.

## Railway worker killed in IED blast near Odisha-Jharkhand border

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A railway personnel, Itua Oram, was killed in an IED blast on a railway track near the Odisha-Jharkhand border, with police suspecting Maoist involvement due to found posters. The blast occurred on a loop line, resulting in minor track damage but not affecting passenger train movement. Odisha's Chief Minister announced a financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh for Oram's family from the Chief Ministers Relief Fund. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges posed by Maoist insurgency in the region, highlighting the need for strengthened security measures and community support in vulnerable areas to safeguard public infrastructure and personnel.

## Baloch Leader Warns of Terror Financing Amid Pakistan's Oil Claims

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On August 3, 2025, prominent Baloch leader Mir Yar Baloch issued a strong warning following the recent announcement of a US-Pakistan trade agreement to develop what was described by US President Donald Trump as "massive oil reserves" in Pakistan. In a public letter shared on social media, Yar Baloch categorically rejected Islamabad's claim to these resources, asserting that oil, gas, and mineral wealth—including copper, lithium, uranium, and rare earth elements—are located within the sovereign territory of Balochistan, not Pakistan. He accused Pakistan's military leadership, specifically General Asim Munir, of deliberately misleading US officials and misrepresenting the true ownership of these assets. Baloch stated that any deal between Washington and Islamabad would not benefit the Baloch people, but rather empower Pakistan's military and its intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), intensifying terrorism funding and threatening regional stability. He further reiterated Balochistan's declaration of independence in May 2025, urging the global community to recognize its sovereignty and warning that any foreign exploitation of Balochistan's resources, without its people's consent, would escalate the conflict and fuel militant proxy groups.

## Operation Akhal: Three Terrorists Neutralized in Kulgam

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Operation Akhal, a joint initiative by the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and paramilitary units, successfully neutralized three terrorists in Kulgam

following a meticulously planned cordon and search operation. The operation showcased the forces' professionalism and coordination, as they adapted to challenging terrain and darkness by temporarily suspending direct action to minimize risks. Upon resuming the operation at dawn, the security forces effectively neutralized the militants, reinforcing their commitment to combating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. This operation highlights the importance of intelligent strategies and rapid mobilization in maintaining regional stability, underscoring the ongoing need for vigilance against insurgent threats.

## Ukraine Targets Russian Oil Refineries in Drone Strikes

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Ukraine's military has claimed responsibility for drone strikes targeting two oil refineries in Russia, specifically the Novokuibyshevsk plant in the Samara region and the Ryazan refinery. This action is characterized as a retaliatory measure against recent attacks by Kremlin forces on Ukrainian cities. The escalation of hostilities underscores the ongoing conflict, as Ukraine seeks to disrupt Russian supply chains in response to civilian casualties. Such developments highlight the protracted nature of the war and the strategic importance of infrastructure in the conflict, emphasizing the need for both sides to reassess their military strategies moving forward.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

## ABRSM Hosts Event in Hyderabad to Honor India's Armed Forces

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On August 3, 2025, the Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) hosted the "Saluting Our Heroes – Operation Sindoor" event at the Engineering Staff College of India in Hyderabad, honoring India's armed forces for their decisive May 2025 counter-terror operation in response to the Pahalgam attack. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries including former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former DRDO Chairman Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, who highlighted the significance of national unity and lauded the military's precision in targeting nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The event featured the launch of the patriotic song "Shaurya Geetham," cultural performances, and recognition of exemplary army officers, emphasizing



the enduring bond between education and patriotic values.

## Miscellaneous

### India continues to buy Russian oil despite U.S. pressure. [SHARE](#)

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India has not issued directives to its refiners to halt the purchase of Russian oil, as officials navigate the balance between energy needs and maintaining diplomatic relations with Moscow amidst U.S. pressure. Currently, Russian crude constitutes 35-40% of India's oil imports, significantly aiding the economy by providing discounted prices and keeping inflation in check. Analysts warn that U.S. penalties could increase India's oil import bill by \$9-11 billion, complicating the situation further as Indian refiners face dual pressures from U.S. tariffs and upcoming EU sanctions. Major players like Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy are particularly vulnerable, given their reliance on Russian crude for refining and exports. Despite the geopolitical challenges, the Indian government seems committed to leveraging market forces and maintaining energy security while cautiously planning for potential shifts in sourcing, as exemplified by recent instructions to explore alternative oil supplies. This strategic maneuvering not only underscores India's pragmatic approach to energy diplomacy but also highlights the complexities of navigating international sanctions while securing its energy needs and economic stability.

### India's U.S. Crude Oil Imports Rise 51% Amid Strengthening Ties [SHARE](#)

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India's imports of U.S. crude oil surged by 51% in the first half of 2025, reflecting a strategic pivot in energy sourcing amidst strengthening bilateral ties with the U.S. The value of these imports more than doubled to \$3.7 billion, while discussions for a long-term LNG

contract signal deepening energy cooperation. This diversification strategy aids India in reducing dependency on traditional suppliers, including Russia, which remains its top crude supplier. Overall, this development underscores India's commitment to energy security and resilient partnerships despite geopolitical fluctuations, highlighting the importance of energy trade in U.S.-India relations.

### 20,000 Visitors Experience India's Culture at World Expo 2025 [SHARE](#)

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The World Expo 2025 in Osaka saw over 20,000 visitors captivated by India's cultural heritage and technological advancements showcased at its pavilion. Highlights included artistic masterpieces from various regions, a focus on India's space endeavors through the Chandrayaan Zone, and wellness activities like yoga sessions. This event not only promoted India's diverse culture and achievements but also strengthened ties with Japan, reflecting their long-standing strategic partnership. Overall, India's presence at the expo enhanced global appreciation for its rich traditions and modern contributions, demonstrating its growing influence on the international stage.

### Home Ministry Grants Visitor Visa to Deported Pakistani Woman [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Ministry of Home Affairs has granted a visitor visa to Rakshanda Rashid, a Pakistani woman deported after the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. The Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh High Court dismissed her petition for relief from deportation but acknowledged the Home Ministry's decision to allow her to return, highlighting the unique circumstances of her case considering her long-term visa status. Rashid's family expressed relief over this decision, showcasing the Indian government's sensitivity to humanitarian concerns while maintaining national security protocols. This case reflects India's balanced approach towards immigration policies amid security challenges.

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