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KRISHNADEF	671.05	704.25	-4.71%
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LOKESHMACH	364.85	375.7	-2.89%
MARINE	264.65	270.8	-2.27%

Defense Business and Industry

INS Arighaat Strengthens India's Nuclear Triad: Navy Chief



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The Indian Navy has significantly bolstered its nuclear deterrent with the commissioning of the INS Arighaat, enhancing the country's second-strike capability as part of its nuclear triad, which includes land, air, and sea components. Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi emphasized the strategic importance of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs), highlighting their stealth and reliability. The Navy's future plans include a mix of manned and unmanned systems, aiming for a more powerful fleet with a target of increasing average surface ship tonnage. Additionally, the long-term submarine building plan aims to enhance indigenous capabilities, with an expected first induction of a nuclear-powered attack submarine by 2036-37, reinforcing India's maritime security and self-reliance in defense manufacturing by 2047. This robust strategy positions India to maintain a credible deterrent against potential threats in a complex geopolitical environment.

Bangladesh Enhances Defense with Bayraktar TB2 UAVs Near India Border



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The deployment of Turkish Bayraktar TB2 UAVs by Bangladesh near the West Bengal border highlights the region's growing security complexities and the increasing importance of drone technology in military operations. Received earlier this year, these UAVs are

intended for ISR and light strike capabilities, signaling Bangladesh's ambition to modernize its defense forces. This action may prompt India to bolster its own UAV capabilities, as it has been actively enhancing its drone fleet, including the advanced Heron TP and the Ghatak combat UAV program. Such developments underscore the need for India to strategically monitor its borders and maintain technological superiority in the region.

Adani Defence delivers second Drishti-10 drone to Indian Navy.



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Adani Defence has successfully delivered its second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, enhancing India's maritime capabilities for monitoring shipping and combating piracy. This advanced UAV, developed in Hyderabad, boasts a flight endurance of 36 hours and a payload capacity of 450 kg, making it suitable for diverse operational environments. The Drishti-10's integration into naval and army operations signifies a remarkable achievement in indigenous defense technology, reinforcing India's drive for self-reliance. The collaboration between Adani Defence and the Indian Navy illustrates the country's commitment to advancing its strategic interests and ensuring robust maritime security in challenging terrains and climates.

Indian Army Unveils Innovative Solutions at Inno-Yoddha 2024



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The Indian Army showcased in-house innovations at the annual Inno-Yoddha 2024-25 competition in New Delhi, attended by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi. This event highlights the Army's commitment to enhancing operational effectiveness through creative solutions developed by soldiers facing real challenges.

A total of 75 innovations were presented, with 22 selected for further production under the Army Design Bureau, promoting the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Over the past four years, Inno-Yoddha has resulted in 26 IPRs and successful technology transfers to industry, including notable innovations like Exploder and Agniastra, underscoring the importance of innovation as a mindset driving progress in the defense sector.

Indian Navy to Boost Amphibious Capabilities with LPDs Procurement

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The Indian Navy is set to enhance its amphibious capabilities by deciding on the procurement of Landing Platform Docks (LPDs), which may involve either an indigenous design or a collaboration with foreign partners. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has already issued a Request for Information (RFI) focused on Indian shipyards, with Hindustan Shipyard Limited engaging with France's Naval Group and Larsen & Toubro partnering with Spain's Navantia. This initiative is crucial for the Navy's modernization, aiding in amphibious warfare, disaster relief, and unmanned operations. Despite challenges like cost and technology transfer, the emphasis on indigenous manufacturing presents a promising path forward for India's defense capabilities.

Botlab Dynamics Unveils Nano Drones to Boost Indian Armed Forces' Surveillance

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Botlab Dynamics, a New Delhi-based startup, has developed lightweight Nano Drones for the Indian Armed Forces, enhancing surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. Weighing under 250 grams and having a 2-kilometer range, these drones can be swiftly deployed in under 2 minutes, equipped with a 360-degree camera for comprehensive situational awareness. The Indian Navy is currently testing these drones, which have shown operational effectiveness and are likely to be ordered soon. This initiative, backed by the iDEX program, signifies a notable shift towards indigenous technology integration in India's defense apparatus, strengthening national security and operational responsiveness in high-stakes environments.

India's Indigenous BMD System: Progress and Strategic Impact

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India's indigenous Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) program, managed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is making significant strides towards operational deployment, focusing on both exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception through systems like PAD and AAD. Upcoming phases aim to enhance capabilities against intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), with successful tests underscoring India's technological advancements. The BMD system is crucial for protecting major cities and strategic assets, thereby strengthening India's deterrence posture in a geopolitically sensitive region. Despite challenges in tracking multiple threats and integrating with existing defense networks, India's BMD initiative positions it among elite nations with advanced missile defense capabilities.

ideaForge Ranks Third Globally Among Dual-Use Drone Makers

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Mumbai-based drone manufacturer ideaForge has achieved a notable third place globally among dual-use drone manufacturers, positioning itself behind the U.S. company Insitu and Germany's Quantum-Systems. This recognition reflects India's burgeoning stature in the global drone industry, bolstered by government initiatives like the Drone Shakti mission and relaxed regulations fostering innovation. ideaForge's commitment to indigenization in defense aligns with its ambition to lead in global drone manufacturing. The achievement emphasizes India's technological advancements and underscores the potential for the domestic drone sector to contribute significantly to both civilian and defense applications, enhancing national capabilities and international competitiveness.

Cyprus boosts defense with Israeli Barak MX amid regional tensions.

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Cyprus has recently received the Barak MX air defense system from Israel, marking a significant shift in its defense strategy after reducing reliance on Russian military supplies due to sanctions following the Ukraine conflict. Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides emphasized the need for enhanced deterrence capabilities amid ongoing tensions with Turkey, particularly as Cyprus remains under partial occupation. This procurement is part of a broader effort

to modernize Cyprus's military capabilities while fostering closer ties with Western allies, including the EU and Israel, which could bolster regional stability in the strategically important Eastern Mediterranean.

Russia Proposes Su-57E Jets to India Amid Concerns Over Technology and AMCA

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Russia is actively courting India with upgraded Su-57E jets featuring hypersonic weapons and enhanced stealth, while offering lower costs and payment in rupees. However, India remains cautious due to concerns over Russia's technology transfer capabilities, engine reliability, and potential negative impacts on its indigenous AMCA fighter program. With escalating security challenges from China and Pakistan, India needs advanced air capabilities, yet it aims for self-reliance in defense. Balancing immediate operational needs against long-term strategic goals and geopolitical ramifications is crucial as India evaluates this offer amid its evolving defense landscape.

IAF to Acquire 150 Ghatak UCAVs with Indigenous Kaveri Engine

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to enhance its autonomous warfare capabilities by acquiring at least 150 Ghatak Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs), equivalent to 8-9 squadrons. Currently under development by the DRDO and ADE, the Ghatak UCAV will utilize an indigenously developed Dry Kaveri engine and features an internal weapons bay for precision strikes while maintaining stealth. With prototypes expected by 2028 and induction into service by the late 2030s, this program is a significant move towards self-reliance in defense technology, enabling autonomous operations in hostile environments and revolutionizing operational strategies, especially in deep strikes and intelligence gathering.

India and Nigeria Boost Defense Cooperation with Tejas Jet Deal

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During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Nigeria, India and Nigeria signed several agreements to enhance defense collaboration, notably a USD 200 million Line of Credit for Nigeria to purchase the LCA-Tejas Mk1A fighter jet from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. This move aims to bolster Nigeria's air combat capabilities as it seeks to replace outdated Chengdu F-7NI jets. The Tejas offers advanced avionics and

operational reliability compared to the JF-17 Thunder, making it a favorable choice. The arrangement allows Nigeria to procure 4-5 jets initially, with potential for increasing the total to 15, thus supporting Nigeria's defense modernization while fostering stronger Indo-Nigerian ties.

HAL Invites Partners for Advanced Electronic Warfare Suite for LCH

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for co-developing an advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite for its Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) fleet. This initiative, led by HAL's Strategic Electronics Research & Design Centre in Hyderabad, aims to enhance the LCH's survivability and combat effectiveness against modern warfare threats, particularly in high-altitude regions along India's borders. The advanced EW system will enable the LCH to detect and counter sophisticated enemy tracking and missile systems, thus significantly elevating its operational capabilities. This move underscores India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense capabilities and addressing evolving security challenges.

Former IAF Chief Backs LCA Tejas as a Game-Changer for India

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Former IAF Chief R.K.S. Bhaduria has strongly endorsed India's indigenous LCA Tejas, calling it reliable and versatile while highlighting its significant contributions to India's aerospace capabilities. He emphasized the aircraft's advanced technologies and its role in paving the way for future projects like the AMCA and TEDBF, reinforcing India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Bhaduria also underscored the Tejas's operational successes within the IAF, where it serves multiple roles effectively. His endorsement reflects the program's transformative impact not only as a fighter jet but also as a catalyst for nurturing India's aerospace industry and advancing its defense manufacturing capabilities.

Moroccan Army Boosts Defense with More Tata Trucks from India

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The Royal Moroccan Army has further enhanced its defense capabilities by ordering additional Tata 66 LPTA 2445 trucks from India, building upon the previous delivery of 90 units. This latest procurement emphasizes the deepening defense collaboration

between India and Morocco, with the new trucks including a versatile Defence Dump Truck variant designed for heavy payloads and operational efficiency in challenging terrains. The trucks will significantly improve logistical operations, supporting the swift transport of essential supplies, particularly in remote areas. This development not only showcases India's growing defense industry but also strengthens its geopolitical ties with Morocco, reflecting a broader trend of Indian defense exports bolstering partnerships across diverse regions.

Indian Navy Embraces Hydrogen Fuel for Sustainable Operations

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The Indian Navy is actively exploring hydrogen fuel to promote sustainable operations, as stated by Vice Admiral V Srinivas during a media interaction in Kochi. Collaborating with Cochin Shipyard Ltd, the Navy aims to enhance environmentally friendly practices and is making significant progress in indigenisation under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission. Efforts include developing indigenous spares and modern ships, along with initiatives to recruit and empower women in key naval roles, aligning with broader defense modernization goals. Additionally, the Vice Admiral confirmed the successful decrease in narcotic seizures at sea through collaborative vigilance and indicated that the reconstruction of the North Jetty will be completed by January next year.

Ananth Technologies to pioneer India's first private communication satellite.

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Hyderabad-based Ananth Technologies Limited (ATL) has been selected as the first private Indian company to build, launch, and operate a geostationary communication satellite, a significant milestone in enhancing private sector participation in India's space sector. This initiative, supported by IN-SPACe and ISRO, aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision and aims to boost indigenous satellite communication capabilities. ATL will manage all aspects of the project, including frequency coordination and compliance with international regulations. This development marks a transformative step in establishing a robust satellite communication infrastructure, showcasing India's commitment to advancing its space industry and reducing reliance on foreign technologies.

GE to Deliver 24-26 F-404 Engines Annually by 2026 for Tejas Mk1A

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is collaborating with General Electric (GE) to resolve supply chain challenges affecting the delivery of F-404 engines essential for the Tejas Mk1A program. GE has committed to supplying 24-26 engines annually starting in 2026, allowing HAL to meet its production target of 24 Tejas Mk1A units per year. HAL remains confident in achieving both domestic production goals and expanding the aircraft's international market presence, underscoring its ambition to position the Tejas Mk1A as a competitive light combat aircraft globally. This strategic partnership ensures that despite current delays, future export agreements will likely proceed without obstacles.

DRDO Unveils Indigenous SiC Wafers and GaN HEMT Tech for Defense

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed indigenous silicon carbide (SiC) wafers and GaN HEMT-based MMIC technology, crucial for enhancing the efficiency, compactness, and performance of future combat systems, RADARS, and electronic warfare systems. This advancement supports India's goals for self-reliance in semiconductor technology, aligning with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, and caters to military and commercial sectors, including electric vehicles and renewable energy. The successful establishment of limited production capability at GAETEC, Hyderabad, represents a significant stride towards innovation in strategic systems, aerospace, and 5G/satellite communications, thereby reinforcing India's defense capabilities and technological independence.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Jaishankar: Upcoming Talks on India-China Border De-escalation

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar stated in the Rajya Sabha that discussions on de-escalation and effective management of India-China border activities will occur soon, emphasizing the need for peace to foster bilateral relations. He confirmed the complete disengagement of troops in eastern Ladakh and reiterated three principles: strict adherence to the Line

of Actual Control, non-alteration of the status quo, and full compliance with past agreements. Despite opposition disruptions, Jaishankar maintained that the focus on national security remains paramount as India navigates its strategic interests with China post-disengagement, paving the way for further bilateral engagement.

Bangladesh Aims to Strengthen Ties with India Ahead of Misri Visit

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Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is set to visit Bangladesh for a crucial Foreign Office Consultation amid rising tensions following the interim government's assumption of power. This visit, the first high-level engagement since the political shift, comes in light of concerns over the treatment of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh and the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, which has escalated discontent in both nations. Bangladeshi officials, including Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hosain, have expressed a desire to establish a reciprocal and respectful relationship, moving away from the unidimensional ties seen under former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Discussions are expected to address a range of bilateral issues, indicating a pivotal moment for India-Bangladesh relations as both countries strive to collaboratively enhance their partnership amidst challenges.

Nepal and China Forge New Economic Ties Through BRI Agreement

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Nepalese Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's recent visit to China marks a significant shift in Kathmandu's diplomatic focus, as he seeks to enhance economic ties and revive stalled infrastructure projects under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The agreement aims to develop a Trans-Himalayan connectivity network, although financing terms have shifted towards loans rather than grants, raising concerns about potential debt liabilities. Historically, Nepal has maintained strong ties with India, which accounts for a substantial portion of its trade; however, Oli's government is keen to reduce dependence on India while fostering closer cooperation with China. This recalibration of Nepal's foreign policy reflects broader regional dynamics and highlights India's need to strengthen its partnerships in South Asia to counterbalance China's growing influence.

India and China Make Significant Strides in Border Disengagement

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India and China engaged in diplomatic talks on December 5, 2024, confirming progress on their latest border disengagement agreement, which aims to stabilize their contentious 3,488-kilometre border after the 2020 clashes. The discussions, led by senior officials from both nations, highlighted the importance of maintaining communication to prevent future incidents and emphasized effective border management in line with existing protocols. The upcoming Special Representatives meeting, a result of the Modi-Xi summit, is anticipated to further solidify diplomatic relations and foster regional security. This ongoing dialogue reflects both nations' commitment to reducing tensions and enhancing bilateral ties.

UK Commander Warns We're Entering a 'Third Nuclear Age'

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Admiral Tony Radakin, the chief of Britain's armed forces, has declared that the world is entering a "third nuclear age," marked by multiple geopolitical threats and weakened safeguards against nuclear proliferation. He emphasized the complexities posed by Russia's nuclear posture in Ukraine, China's nuclear expansion, Iran's defiance of international norms, and North Korea's unpredictable behavior. Radakin underscored the importance of maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent as a critical counter to Russian aggression and called for military reforms to adapt to this evolving landscape. As the UK conducts a strategic defense review, the focus remains on ensuring preparedness against these multifaceted challenges.

Russia Alerts U.S. on Mediterranean Drills to Avoid Incidents

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Russia has notified the United States of its military drills in the eastern Mediterranean to prevent potential incidents with U.S. and NATO ships in the region. This communication occurred during a phone call between the Russian and U.S. military chiefs, aiming to enhance transparency and reduce tensions. The drills reflect Russia's ongoing military presence and assertiveness in critical regions, which may also highlight the strategic complexities faced by India as it navigates its own defense policies amidst rising geopolitical tensions. Strengthening defense ties with allies and enhancing military readiness is crucial for India to safeguard its interests in the evolving global landscape.

Navy Chief: SSBNs Strengthen India's Nuclear Triad

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Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi emphasized the importance of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) as the third leg of India's nuclear triad, with the next SSBN set to be commissioned soon. The Navy aims for a more lethal and technologically advanced force, balancing manned and unmanned systems, and plans to modernize its fleet, decreasing the average age of surface ships significantly. Under the strategic partnership model, India is progressing on the construction of submarines, bolstering both deterrence capabilities and self-reliance in defense. The overarching goal is a robust maritime force safeguarding national interests by 2047, enhancing both operational readiness and employment through domestic industry growth.

Blinken Critiques Lavrov on Ukraine Conflict Escalation

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US Secretary of State Antony Blinken criticized Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov for spreading misinformation and escalating the war in Ukraine during the OSCE meeting in Malta. Blinken emphasized that the conflict stems from Putin's imperial ambitions rather than genuine security concerns, arguing that the situation has worsened with external involvement, including North Korean troops. His remarks highlight a growing international consensus on the need to counter Russian aggression and misinformation, underlining the urgency for nations to maintain collective security and support Ukraine against external threats. This stance reflects the broader geopolitical implications of the ongoing conflict, resonating with India's interests in regional stability and security.

Russia and North Korea Formalize Mutual Defense Pact

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The Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty between Russia and North Korea has come into effect, establishing a mutual defense pact for military assistance amid North Korea's increasing involvement in the Ukraine conflict. This agreement reflects both countries' intentions to forge a multipolar world order free from hegemony. While North Korea reportedly deployed over 10,000 troops to support Russia, Ukraine is seeking military aid from South Korea, emphasizing the need for advanced air defense systems. The developments suggest a strategic alignment between

North Korea and Russia, raising concerns for regional stability, while South Korea faces pressure to reassess its arms policy in light of North Korea's military cooperation with Russia.

Hezbollah Aims to Rebuild Military Despite Israeli Setbacks

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U.S. intelligence reports suggest that Hezbollah is actively seeking to rebuild its military capabilities despite significant losses from Israeli attacks, including the loss of over half its weapon stockpiles and fighters. The group aims to rearm through local production and smuggling via Syria, although its operational capacity has been severely curtailed. Israel's military strikes against Hezbollah have reportedly diminished its ability to conduct coordinated attacks, creating a strategic window for Israel should it decide to confront Iran directly without the threat of Hezbollah retaliation. This context highlights the ongoing regional tensions and the complexities of proxy warfare involving Iran and its affiliates.

Trump's Ukraine Plan: Territorial Concessions and No NATO

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Advisers to Donald Trump are proposing a plan to end the Ukraine conflict, potentially involving territorial concessions to Russia and halting NATO membership for Ukraine. Key aspects include leveraging U.S. military aid to encourage negotiations and establishing a demilitarized zone along current front lines. Ukrainian President Zelenskiy has indicated a willingness to negotiate, but faces significant territorial losses and manpower shortages. Analysts express skepticism about the feasibility of Trump's plan, given the complexities of the conflict and Putin's apparent lack of urgency to engage in talks. Ultimately, any resolution will require direct involvement from Trump, Putin, and Zelenskiy, amidst differing positions from the involved parties.

Former Pakistani Diplomat Urges Nuclear Subs to Counter India

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Former Pakistani diplomat highlights the urgent need for Pakistan to develop nuclear-powered submarines to counter India's expanding naval capabilities, including missile-launching submarines. This development aims to enhance Pakistan's strategic position by ensuring survivability, operational maneuverability, and a robust deterrent against India. The partnership with China,

which is reportedly aiding in this naval expansion, raises concerns about Pakistan's financial sustainability given its economic challenges. While such military enhancements may bolster Pakistan's defense posture, they could further escalate tensions in an already volatile region, underscoring the importance of India's continued focus on modernizing its forces to maintain regional stability and deterrence.

Military Operations

Syrian Army Retreats from Hama as Insurgents Breach Defenses SHARE

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The Syrian army has withdrawn from Hama after insurgents, led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Turkish-backed militias, broke through its defenses, marking a significant setback for President Bashar Assad. The insurgents entered Hama amidst intense clashes, drawing parallels to their recent capture of Aleppo, a crucial stronghold. This offensive highlights the volatile dynamics in Syria as Assad's allies, including Russia and Iran, are preoccupied with other conflicts. Hama's loss could symbolize the beginning of the regime's decline, as it is strategically located and was one of the few cities under full government control. The ongoing violence has displaced tens of thousands, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.

Xi Jinping Calls on PLA to Tackle Corruption and Boost Readiness SHARE

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Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to combat corruption and enhance its capacity to "win wars," emphasizing discipline and loyalty within the military. This directive comes amidst a broader anti-corruption campaign targeting high-ranking military officials, suggesting a dual motive of purging political rivals while reinforcing military integrity. Concurrently, tensions are rising in the region, particularly surrounding Taiwan, as the U.S. engages with Taiwanese leaders, provoking Beijing's warnings against perceived threats to stability in the Taiwan Strait. Xi's focus on military readiness reflects China's assertive posture in a volatile geopolitical landscape, highlighting the need for India to remain vigilant and enhance its own defense strategies.

Submarine INS Karanj Damaged in Collision with Fishing Boat SHARE

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The Indian Navy's submarine INS Karanj collided with the fishing boat FV Marthoma off the Goa coast on November 21, 2023, resulting in the tragic loss of two fishermen. Despite sustaining damages estimated at over Rs 10 crore, the submarine remains operational, and repairs are in progress, as confirmed by Vice Admiral Dinesh K Singh. The Navy has launched an internal inquiry to examine the accident's circumstances with a commitment to implement corrective measures to prevent future incidents. This situation highlights the ongoing challenges of maritime safety and the importance of safeguarding both naval and commercial interests in Indian waters.

Ukraine Urgently Reinforces Eastern Front as Russian Forces Advance SHARE

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called for significant reinforcements along the 1,000-km eastern front as Russian forces gain ground, capturing villages in Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia. He emphasized the crucial role of Western allies in supplying weapons to enhance Ukraine's military capabilities, particularly long-range systems, to counter the Russian offensive. With U.S. military aid amounting to \$725 million announced recently, concerns persist over future support under potential changes in U.S. leadership. Zelenskyy's comments reflect the urgency of strengthening defenses amid challenging conditions as Russian attacks intensify, highlighting the critical relationship between military firepower and the protection of Ukrainian lives.

Indian Army Responds to Suspicious Movement Near LoC in Poonch SHARE

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An ambush party of the Indian Army opened fire after detecting suspicious movement near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. The troops, vigilant along infiltration routes, responded to the observed activity near Bagyaldara village, without causing any casualties. A search operation was subsequently initiated at first light to investigate the area further. This incident underscores the Indian Army's proactive measures in maintaining security along the LoC, reflecting their commitment to thwarting infiltration attempts and ensuring stability in the region. The vigilant response showcases the army's

readiness to protect national interests against potential threats.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Soldier Injured in Tral as Army Launches Manhunt for Attackers

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In a recent incident in Tral, Pulwama, a soldier on leave was shot at by terrorists, sustaining injuries to his leg; fortunately, his condition is reported to be stable following his evacuation to a hospital. This attack has prompted a swift response from the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir police, who have launched a massive cordon and search operation in the area to locate the assailants, underscoring the ongoing security challenges in the region marked by sporadic violence targeting security personnel. Earlier, an encounter was reported in Srinagar's Dachigam forest, resulting in the death of a terrorist, indicating the relentless efforts of Indian security forces to counter terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The situation highlights the persistent threats faced by security personnel and the Indian Army's commitment to ensuring safety and stability in the region, which continues to be a focal point of conflict. The quick mobilization of forces in response to the attack reflects a robust security strategy, reinforcing India's determination to tackle terrorism with decisive action.

Brave DRG Head Constable Killed in Chhattisgarh Naxal Encounter

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A District Reserve Guard (DRG) head constable, Birendra Kumar Sori, was killed in an encounter with Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district during an anti-Naxal operation. The gunfight occurred in the forest area on the border of Sonpur and Kohkameta police stations, starting around 1 pm and continuing until late evening. Sori, aged 36 and recognized for his bravery, had been with the police since 2010 and was promoted to head constable in 2018. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Indian security forces in combating Naxal insurgency, highlighting their commitment and bravery in maintaining law and order in difficult terrains.

Naxalites murder two village leaders in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur.

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Naxalites have killed two former village heads in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh, accusing them of ties to the ruling BJP and aiding police. Suklu Parsa was abducted and murdered, with his body found near his village, while Sukhram Avlam was also killed for allegedly supporting police efforts. These incidents are part of a broader trend, with over 55 people killed by Naxalites this year in Bastar division. The police are conducting search operations to apprehend the assailants. This violence underscores the persistent threat posed by Naxal insurgents in the region, challenging state authority and the security forces' effectiveness in curbing such acts.

UK Issues Travel Warning for Bangladesh Amid Rising Terror Threats

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The UK government has issued a travel advisory for Bangladesh, warning citizens of imminent terror attacks by jihadist groups, particularly against the Hindu community, which has faced over 200 assaults since August 2024 amid rising political unrest. This violence has intensified following the controversial arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges. The advisory underscores the targeting of individuals whose beliefs diverge from Islamic norms and suggests that UK citizens avoid large gatherings and areas with heavy police presence. While Bangladeshi authorities are actively working to thwart potential attacks, the situation highlights the urgent need for enhanced security measures to protect vulnerable communities.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Over 71,000 New Posts Created in CAPFs and Assam Rifles

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai announced in Rajya Sabha that 71,231 new posts have been created in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles over the past five years, although there remain 100,204 vacancies as of October 2024. The vacancies have arisen due to various factors, including retirements and promotions. The government is actively working to fill these posts through expedited recruitment processes and has implemented measures

such as lowering cut-off marks for candidates. This proactive approach reflects the government's commitment to strengthening India's internal security capabilities while addressing manpower shortages in critical areas.

Miscellaneous

Indian Coast Guard Rescues 12 from Sunken Ship with Pakistan's Aid

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The Indian Coast Guard successfully rescued 12 crew members of the sunken merchant vessel MSV Al Piranpir in the north Arabian Sea, in coordination with the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency. The vessel sank while en route from Porbandar, India, to Bandar Abbas, Iran, due to rough seas. The ICG's swift response, involving the diversion of ship Sarthak and continuous communication between maritime rescue centers, led to the crew's recovery approximately 270 km west of Dwarka. This operation highlights the potential for collaboration between India and Pakistan in humanitarian efforts, showcasing a commendable approach towards maritime safety and regional cooperation.

India Launches NETRA to Tackle Space Debris and Enhance Safety

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The Government of India has launched the Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis (NETRA) to enhance space situational awareness and manage space debris effectively. ISRO adheres to international guidelines for space debris mitigation and conducts Collision Avoidance Analysis for its launch vehicles to ensure safe operations. The agency also engages with various international organizations to shape sustainable space practices. The new Debris Free Space Mission initiative aims for a debris-free environment by 2030, reflecting India's commitment to safety and sustainability in outer space activities. This strategic move positions India as a proactive player in global efforts to ensure responsible use of space resources amidst increasing orbital congestion.

Nationalists Call on PM Modi to Tackle Illegal Bangladeshi Immigration Amid Hindu Persecution Concerns

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Nationalist groups in India are urging Prime Minister Modi to address the rising influx of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants amid concerns over increased violence against Hindus in Bangladesh, which some attribute to a U.S.-backed regime. Reports of systematic violence against Hindus have intensified calls for stricter immigration policies and the effective implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). While India's relationship with Bangladesh has generally been cooperative, allegations of persecution against Hindus are straining this dynamic, prompting nationalist factions to advocate for a more proactive stance by the Indian government. This situation reflects broader ideological commitments to protect Hindu interests both domestically and regionally.

ISRO's PSLV-C59 launches ESA's Proba-3 for solar research

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ISRO's PSLV-C59 successfully launched from Sriharikota, carrying two European Space Agency (ESA) satellites, Proba-3, which aims to demonstrate precise formation flying to study the Sun's outer atmosphere. The launch, initially delayed due to a propulsion anomaly, marks a significant milestone in international collaboration, with NewSpace India Ltd serving as the commercial arm for this mission. This mission showcases India's growing capabilities in space technology and its role as a reliable partner in global space ventures. ISRO's commitment to excellence continues to enhance its reputation, reflecting India's advancements in aerospace and technology on the world stage.

Putin Endorses Modi's Make in India, Vows Russian Investment

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President Vladimir Putin praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make in India initiative, expressing Russia's readiness to invest in manufacturing operations in India. He highlighted the parallels between India's economic policies and Russia's import substitution program, noting the importance of SMEs and the potential for collaboration within BRICS nations. Putin emphasized that investing in India is profitable, citing Rosneft's recent \$20 billion investment. He called for greater cooperation among BRICS countries to enhance economic growth, particularly through an

investment platform aimed at supporting the Global South and East. This showcases India's strategic position in global economics and strengthens its ties with Russia amid evolving geopolitical dynamics.

Bhutan King Wangchuck's India Visit to Strengthen Ties Amid China Concerns

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Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck is set to visit India for two days, aiming to enhance the strong bilateral partnership between the two nations. Accompanied by senior officials, the King will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss cooperation across various sectors. This visit occurs amid China's attempts to establish formal ties with Bhutan, raising concerns over security implications for India, particularly regarding the boundary dispute in the Doklam area. Bhutan's previous engagements with China highlight the delicate geopolitical dynamics, emphasizing the importance of India's supportive relationship with Bhutan to maintain regional stability and counterbalance China's influence.

India-France Relations: Celebrating 25 Years of Strategic Partnership

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French Ambassador to India Thierry Mathou highlighted the exceptional nature of India-France relations, marking 2023 as the 25th anniversary of their Strategic Partnership. He emphasized the importance of the recent G20 Summit in redefining bilateral ties and setting ambitious goals towards 2047, the centenary of India's independence. The partnership focuses on three pillars: security and sovereignty in the Indo-Pacific, addressing global challenges like climate change, and enhancing cultural exchanges through educational initiatives and French investments. This cooperation is crucial for regional stability and sustainable development, reflecting both nations' commitment to a robust strategic alliance.

Bangladesh Govt Confirms No Plans to Ban ISKCON Amid Unrest

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In response to recent unrest in Bangladesh surrounding the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna and accusations against ISKCON, an aide to the interim government's chief adviser stated there is no plan to ban the organization. The Bangladesh High Court has also declined to

prohibit ISKCON's operations, emphasizing that the actions of individuals should not tarnish the reputation of the organization as a whole. This situation highlights the importance of legal safeguards in protecting institutions from political pressures and the necessity of distinguishing between individual actions and organizational values, fostering a more stable environment for religious and cultural practices in Bangladesh.

Trump Nominates Jared Isaacman as NASA Administrator, Boosting Space Exploration

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US President-Elect Trump has nominated Jared Isaacman, a seasoned spaceflight commander and CEO of Shift4 Payments, as NASA Administrator. Isaacman, who has led two SpaceX missions and co-founded a defense aerospace firm, is recognized for his commitment to advancing space exploration. His nomination, aimed at revitalizing NASA's Artemis program amid budget challenges, emphasizes the importance of commercial partnerships in space endeavors. With strong ties to SpaceX, Isaacman is expected to influence NASA's collaborations with private aerospace companies, enhancing innovation and exploration capabilities. While he lacks formal government experience, his passion for space could drive significant advancements in NASA's mission.

Jaishankar Celebrates India-Kuwait's Historic Ties and Future Cooperation

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar highlighted the deep-rooted historical ties between India and Kuwait during his meeting with Foreign Minister Al-Yahya, noting the evolving contemporary partnership. He acknowledged the substantial Indian community in Kuwait, constituting about 30% of the workforce, which underscores the close people-to-people contacts. The discussions spanned political cooperation, trade, investment, energy, security, and cultural exchanges, aiming to strengthen bilateral engagements and explore collaborative opportunities on regional and international issues. This meeting reinforces India's strategic diplomatic outreach and commitment to enhancing ties with Gulf nations, vital for regional stability and economic growth.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TANEJAERO	481.0	495.0	480.15	490.0	67398	4.06	67.5	423.53	491.9
HIGHENE	618.2	669.0	618.2	652.0	17919	4.05	60.42	608.47	710.7
TEMBO	0.0	752.6	752.6	752.6	40034	3.0	89.03	557.34	312.09
ZENTEC	1859.0	1900.8	1823.0	1887.0	573091	2.73	56.2	1823.45	1362.81
NIBE	1705.0	1744.9	1690.0	1736.55	36995	2.26	51.56	1721.8	1711.23
SOLARINDS	10645.1	10860.0	10527.85	10826.5	82301	1.43	58.19	10239.97	9817.31
AZAD	1734.9	1764.95	1720.0	1749.45	160165	1.33	62.06	1670.65	1504.58
ADANIENT	2505.0	2538.15	2470.25	2522.55	3333144	1.11	44.0	2605.45	3055.0
LT	3810.0	3884.0	3760.0	3831.55	2765170	1.1	65.97	3651.97	3593.23
HAL	4540.0	4577.0	4513.25	4568.85	1129143	1.05	63.39	4324.11	4335.23
AVANTEL	172.5	174.19	169.53	172.41	770832	0.72	61.69	157.57	-
BDL	1222.15	1225.5	1196.0	1222.7	620127	0.57	66.95	1061.04	1183.33
BEL	314.0	315.4	310.6	314.5	17911694	0.53	67.49	296.17	270.85
MIDHANI	380.9	385.85	372.6	381.4	675650	0.39	69.97	334.59	412.74
LMW	16733.5	16935.85	16625.05	16782.1	8898	0.29	63.03	15887.99	15957.92
BEML	4294.0	4306.0	4224.0	4290.7	182899	0.29	64.71	4046.47	3869.67
MTARTECH	1786.9	1804.25	1746.0	1791.4	107204	0.25	63.23	1708.44	1810.81
BHARATFORG	1394.95	1394.95	1360.85	1379.2	1249730	0.09	51.69	1353.31	1438.22
SIKA	2561.6	2561.6	2525.0	2534.25	1892	-0.04	51.8	2501.06	2422.14
CFE	720.0	727.0	712.05	714.0	18400	-0.09	68.6	641.57	603.78
IDEAFORGE	606.95	606.95	595.55	598.6	89992	-0.12	51.18	588.23	702.59
MAZDOCK	4900.95	4975.0	4810.0	4861.55	2220902	-0.39	70.88	4284.93	3630.43
ASTRAMICRO	798.0	803.95	786.55	794.65	167937	-0.41	53.12	775.23	788.49
PARAS	1134.9	1134.9	1104.8	1114.95	129404	-0.64	61.51	1030.38	1007.88
COCHINSHIP	1695.0	1695.6	1630.1	1682.3	463028	-0.78	65.76	1466.97	1657.86
PREMEXPLN	496.6	508.6	476.45	480.15	525895	-0.88	56.77	450.91	506.79
GRSE	1784.0	1785.35	1745.45	1760.25	529803	-0.91	63.36	1547.38	1514.14
APOLLO	102.09	102.09	100.4	100.69	896233	-0.92	56.01	97.21	107.13
PTC	179.4	179.5	174.46	176.37	1422938	-1.03	49.69	173.25	203.39
DATAPATNS	2671.6	2693.3	2620.3	2633.3	218978	-1.33	65.58	2368.52	2707.9
HBLPOWER	643.0	646.2	631.25	633.15	958075	-1.38	64.14	579.55	551.28
MARINE	270.8	277.8	263.0	264.65	554513	-2.27	63.37	240.66	179.22
LOKESHMACH	394.0	397.65	360.6	364.85	278590	-2.89	51.41	361.08	389.51
DCXINDIA	342.95	345.15	330.2	331.75	337970	-2.9	51.65	329.85	333.39
KRISHNADEF	0.0	671.05	671.05	671.05	4750	-4.71	46.08	682.54	591.17
ROSSELLIND	0.0	90.8	90.01	90.8	16220	-4.74	26.99	91.81	426.76