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India to invest \$234 million in domestic drone manufacturing. [SHARE](#)

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India is set to launch a \$234 million incentive program aimed at boosting its domestic drone manufacturing capabilities in response to a recent conflict with Pakistan, which highlighted the strategic importance of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). This initiative seeks to reduce reliance on imports, primarily from Israel and China, and aims for 40% of key drone components to be manufactured locally by 2028. The program will also provide cheap loans to support research and development for over 600 domestic drone companies. This push for indigenization reflects India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities amidst a growing drone arms race with Pakistan.

IAF Orders 97 Tejas Mk1A with Enhanced Features and Local Content [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force is preparing to place a follow-on order for 97 Tejas Mk1A fighters—expanding its fleet and embedding higher indigenous content with improved software informed by feedback from the initial batch. HAL, working under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, is scaling up production across Bengaluru and Nashik and aiming to deliver all 97 jets by 2032 at a pace of 16–20 aircraft per year. The Mk1A, developed to replace aging MiG jets, offers an affordable solution to bolster regional deterrence. Despite progress, the program has encountered delays—primarily due to late F404 engine deliveries and lengthy certification processes—but recent stabilization in the supply chain, including the first engines arriving in March 2025, has renewed confidence in meeting timelines. The IAF remains focused on enhancing self-reliance in defense while HAL continues to boost capacity to meet ambitious targets.

Indian Air Force Enhances Unmanned Capabilities with UAV Plan [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is advancing its unmanned force capabilities with a plan to acquire 30 to 50 units of UAVs over the next three to five years, targeting specific combat roles. This initiative aligns with global trends in unmanned warfare, influenced by examples like Ukraine's dedicated Unmanned Systems Forces. The IAF is focusing on procuring MALE and HALE UAVs for extended operational ranges and establishing a School of Unmanned Aerial Systems to foster R&D and industry collaboration. The goal is to create a flexible, mobile UAV force capable of operating efficiently in contested environments, reflecting India's commitment to modernizing its military capabilities.

Tejas Mk1A to make its inaugural flight this month, HAL chief confirms. [SHARE](#)

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The Tejas Mk1A, India's indigenously developed fighter jet, is set to make its inaugural flight from the factory this month, as confirmed by the chief of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). This marks a significant milestone in India's efforts to bolster its defense capabilities and reduce reliance on foreign military aircraft. The Tejas Mk1A is expected to enhance the Indian Air Force's operational readiness and showcase the country's growing aerospace manufacturing prowess. With this development, India is taking a decisive step towards self-reliance in defense, underscoring its commitment to modernizing its armed forces and strengthening national security.

India's ₹1 Lakh Crore Defense Modernization: Warships, Missiles, Aircraft [SHARE](#)

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India's recent defense modernization initiative, valued at ₹1 lakh crore, focuses on enhancing military capabilities across land, air, and sea. Key projects include the indigenous construction of 12 Mine

Countermeasure Vessels to secure shipping lanes, the procurement of Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles for effective air defense, and the acquisition of ISTAR surveillance aircraft for precision targeting. This comprehensive upgrade emphasizes indigenous development, with support from the private sector, and aims to bolster operational readiness and efficiency through integrated logistics management. Overall, these efforts signify a pivotal shift in India's defense strategy, ensuring enhanced security in an increasingly volatile regional landscape.

Indian Army Unveils Modernization Plan, Seeks Industry Collaborations

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The Indian Army, under Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla, has unveiled an ambitious modernization roadmap focusing on industry collaboration to enhance self-reliance in defense technology. This strategy emphasizes advanced weapon systems, including hypersonic missiles and precision-guided munitions, alongside cyber and electronic warfare capabilities. Soldier-centric initiatives aim to equip personnel with cutting-edge gear such as AI-powered helmets and smart body armor. To support these advancements, there is a push for a reformed logistics infrastructure utilizing AI and IoT, while fostering an innovative defense ecosystem through streamlined regulatory processes and tech hubs, ultimately positioning India as a leader in modern warfare technologies.

Raphe mPhibr Leverages 3DEXPERIENCE to Transform UAV Development

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Raphe mPhibr, founded by Vikash and Vivek Mishra in 2016–17 and based in Noida, has revolutionized its UAV development by integrating Dassault Systèmes' 3DEXPERIENCE platform as of July 4, 2025. This virtual twin system slashed its engine prototype cycle from years to just three months and enabled the creation of a lighter, more efficient 4kW two-stroke engine—700g lighter yet outperforming engines seven times its weight. The company operates a fully integrated 650,000-square-foot aerospace campus with over 600 employees and more than 100 proprietary IP assets. Having secured a record-breaking \$100 million Series B in June 2025 (bringing total funding to \$145 million and a valuation around \$900 million), Raphe mPhibr supplies advanced platforms like mR10, mR20, Bharat, and X8 to Indian defense forces, logging over one million flight kilometers, while partnering with global

firms like Hensoldt, Safran, and Dassault to drive India's self-reliant UAV manufacturing and export ambitions.

ARDE Seeks Industry Partners for 105mm FSAPDS Round Development

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The Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) in India is seeking industry partners for the co-development of a 105mm Fin-Stabilized Armor-Piercing Discarding Sabot (FSAPDS) round specifically for the Indian Army's Zorawar-class light tanks, enhancing their anti-armor capabilities in high-altitude combat scenarios like those in Ladakh. This initiative reflects India's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliance) in defense manufacturing and promotes public-private partnerships, with Bharat Forge leading the production. The FSAPDS round is crucial for the Zorawar's operational effectiveness against contemporary armored threats, ensuring it remains a credible deterrent in contested border areas.

Pakistan Air Force Prefers Saab GlobalEye Over Chinese KJ-500

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The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) is shifting its preference from the Chinese KJ-500 AEW&C aircraft to the Swedish Saab GlobalEye, citing positive experiences with Saab's technology and concerns over the KJ-500's reliability. This pivot follows significant losses during India's Operation Sindoor, where two Saab 2000 Erieye aircraft were destroyed, exposing vulnerabilities in PAF's aerial capabilities. While the KJ-500 boasts advanced features like AESA radar, skepticism remains regarding its effectiveness against India's sophisticated air defense systems, including the S-400. Ultimately, this decision reflects Pakistan's search for more dependable and advanced defense solutions amid growing regional tensions.

India and Armenia Discuss Astra Mk1 Missile for Su-30SM Jets

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Armenia and India are in discussions to integrate India's Astra Mk1 Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) into Armenia's Su-30SM fighter jets, enhancing Armenia's air combat capabilities by replacing the Russian-made R-77 missile. The Astra Mk1, with a range of 110 km, offers significant improvements over the R-77, while Armenia is also considering the yet-to-be-produced Astra MkII. This potential defense collaboration reflects India's growing

role as a reliable supplier of advanced weaponry, signaling confidence in its indigenous technology. However, the financial implications of upgrading the existing flight control systems for compatibility remain a critical consideration for Armenia amidst its strategic needs in a volatile region.

TAS Unveils WhAP 88 at DEFEA 25, Gains Greek Military Interest



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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) showcased its Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 88 and loitering munitions at DEFEA 2025 in Greece, attracting significant interest from the Greek military. The WhAP 88, an indigenous amphibious infantry combat vehicle, boasts versatility and advanced protective features, making it suitable for diverse terrains and missions. TASL also highlighted the battle-tested ALS-50 and the long-range ALS-250 loitering munitions, which demonstrate India's growing capabilities in defense manufacturing and its strategic focus on expanding in the European market. This event underscores India's commitment to enhancing its defense industry under the Make in India initiative while addressing global security needs.

Tejas Mk2 on track for 2026 launch as HAL adopts digital manufacturing.



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is making significant strides in the development of the Tejas Mk2, aiming for its first prototype rollout by early 2026. This next-generation multirole fighter, designed to enhance the Indian Air Force's capabilities, is being produced using advanced digital manufacturing techniques that improve precision and efficiency. HAL anticipates an order from New Delhi for at least eight squadrons, reinforcing the IAF's reliance on indigenous platforms and reducing dependence on foreign imports. The Tejas Mk2, with improved range and avionics, is set to phase out older aircraft, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Pakistan Air Force Chief in Washington to Seek AIM-120D Missiles



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The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Chief's visit to Washington aims to revitalize defense ties and secure AIM-120D missiles for its F-16 fleet following underperformance of Chinese PL-15E missiles during the recent India-Pakistan conflict. The U.S. hesitates to approve such sales due to concerns over China's potential access to

sensitive technology, reflecting ongoing tensions regarding Pakistan's strategic alignment with Beijing. This situation underscores Pakistan's vulnerabilities and highlights India's military successes in recent conflicts, emphasizing the necessity for robust defense capabilities in the region as the IAF demonstrated effective use of advanced weaponry against Pakistani forces.

Artemon Aerospace's Loitering UAV System Passes Indian Army Trials



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Pune-based Artemon Aerospace has successfully completed trials of its Canister-Launched Loitering UAV System with the Indian Army, advancing India's indigenous defense capabilities under the iDEX initiative. This medium-class UAV, designed for rapid deployment, excels in ISR and precision strike missions, demonstrating impressive performance metrics such as vertical takeoff, a mission radius over 50 km, and a total range exceeding 170 km. The UAV's low radar detectability and versatile deployment options enhance its efficacy on modern battlefields. This achievement highlights Artemon's pivotal role in strengthening the Indian defense ecosystem, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology.

HAL Resolves Supply Chain Issues for Su-30 MKI Amid Russian Stabilization



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully addressed supply chain challenges for the Su-30 MKI fighter fleet amid previous disruptions from Russian suppliers due to their domestic focus. HAL's proactive engagement has ensured a steady supply of critical components, vital for maintaining the Indian Air Force's operational readiness. This stabilization underscores the resilience of India-Russia defense cooperation and HAL's pivotal role in supporting India's strategic objectives. Furthermore, HAL's initiatives to enhance in-house production capabilities align with India's Make in India initiative, promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing while simultaneously working on advanced projects like the Tejas Mk2 and AMCA to modernize air combat capabilities.

TEDBF Development Faces Delays, 2026 First Flight at Risk



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India's development of the indigenous Twin Engine Deck-Based Fighter (TEDBF) is facing significant setbacks, with delays in design reviews and funding

uncertainties pushing its first flight goal of 2026 into jeopardy. Designed to enhance the Indian Navy's carrier capabilities, the TEDBF program has yet to clear the Preliminary Design Review, with essential approvals potentially extending the timeline to 2028 or beyond. This situation risks reliance on the aging MiG-29K fleet, which has faced operational issues. To regain momentum, analysts suggest that the Ministry of Defence should streamline approvals and prioritize funding, leveraging lessons from the Tejas program to expedite development and ensure strategic maritime readiness.

HAL-GE F-414 Engine Deal Faces Delays, Deadline Set for March 2026



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The co-production deal for GE's F-414 jet engines, vital for India's military modernization, faces delays, with a final agreement expected by March 2026. This deal, featuring an unprecedented 80% Transfer of Technology, aims to enhance India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing, particularly for the Tejas Mk2 and Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programs. Prolonged negotiations on commercial aspects and technology transfer specifics have hindered progress, impacting critical timelines that could affect India's strategic aviation capabilities. The successful finalization is essential for establishing a robust domestic aerospace industry and reducing import dependency, positioning India as a significant player in the global defense supply chain.

India's ITCM Cruise Missile to Add Advanced Flare Decoys for Defense



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India is enhancing the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) with advanced flare decoys to protect against MANPADS and heat-seeking missiles, improving its survivability during missions. Developed by DRDO, the ITCM has a range of 1,500 kilometers and employs a low-altitude flight profile to evade radar detection. The integration of flare technology, which diverts incoming threats by emitting hotter signals, reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense and the need for resilient systems in modern warfare. This upgrade aligns with India's strategy to develop a robust Integrated Rocket Force, capable of operating advanced missile systems across its Army, Air Force, and Navy.

Indian Army Seeks Stealth Helicopters for Special Forces Missions



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The Indian Army is advocating for a new generation of stealth medium-lift helicopters specifically designed for its special forces to enhance operational capabilities during deep penetration missions behind enemy lines. As the Ministry of Defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited advance the indigenous Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) program, the Army emphasizes that standard transport helicopters lack the necessary stealth features and speed required to evade modern air defence systems. This dual-track approach aims to modernize the Army's rotary-wing capabilities, balancing the need for general operational support with specialized platforms that ensure mission success and the safety of elite units in high-risk environments.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

China's Proxy Warfare in Operation Sindoor Against India



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China's "borrowed knife" strategy in Operation Sindoor, which unfolded in May 2025 following a terrorist attack in Kashmir, saw it utilizing Pakistan as a proxy to confront India while maintaining distance from direct conflict. With 81% of Pakistan's military hardware originating from China and Turkey supplying advanced drones, the operation highlighted a coordinated multi-front threat. India faced significant intelligence vulnerabilities, as real-time data from Chinese sources allowed Pakistan to effectively respond to Indian military actions. The conflict emphasized the need for India to enhance its air defense and indigenous military capabilities in an increasingly sophisticated threat environment.

PM Modi's Argentina visit to boost defense, agriculture, energy ties



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a significant two-day visit to Argentina, marking the first Indian prime ministerial visit to the country in 57 years. His discussions with President Javier Milei will focus on enhancing cooperation in key sectors such as defense, agriculture, mining, and renewable energy, especially considering Argentina's vast reserves of critical minerals like lithium, crucial for India's clean energy ambitions. The visit aims to deepen the

multifaceted strategic partnership between India and Argentina, emphasizing economic collaboration and energy security, while also strengthening people-to-people ties. Modi's engagements include paying homage to Argentine independence hero General Jose de San Martin and exploring new avenues for partnership, reflecting a commitment to bolster India's outreach in Latin America and the Global South. The bilateral discussions are timely, as Argentina undergoes significant economic reforms that present opportunities for Indian firms, particularly in lithium exploration and potential energy imports. Modi's visit not only aims to solidify these ties but also to reinforce India's position ahead of the upcoming BRICS Summit in Brazil, showcasing India's proactive role in fostering international cooperation and economic development with strategic partners.

Zelensky and Trump discuss boosting Ukraine's air defense.



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky recently discussed enhancing Ukraine's air defense capabilities with U.S. President Donald Trump, emphasizing the need for Patriot missiles amid escalating Russian airstrikes. Trump expressed frustration with Russian President Vladimir Putin's unwillingness to pursue a ceasefire, reiterating the importance of providing Ukraine with advanced weaponry for its defense. Both leaders agreed on increasing cooperation, including potential joint defense production and procurement initiatives, to bolster Ukraine's military capabilities. Moreover, concerns about the U.S. halting shipments of key weapons to Ukraine were voiced, as Zelensky warned that this could weaken Ukraine's defenses against ongoing Russian aggression. The call highlighted a renewed commitment from the U.S. to support Ukraine in its struggle, illustrating a complex geopolitical landscape where military support, defense collaboration, and diplomatic dialogues are pivotal. As tensions rise with continued Russian attacks, the collaboration between Ukraine and the U.S. is crucial for adequate defense strategies, showcasing Ukraine's resilience and the international community's support in facing aggression. Ultimately, the situation underscores the critical nature of international partnerships in ensuring security against external threats.

Former CIA Officer Claims U.S. General Commands Pakistan's Nukes



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Former CIA officer John Kiriakou has claimed that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is under the command of a U.S. general, raising concerns about regional security dynamics between India and Pakistan. This assertion, reportedly based on disclosures from a senior Pakistani general, suggests that U.S. oversight could have influenced India's military strategies and reduced the risk of escalation following recent operations near Pakistan's nuclear facilities. Kiriakou's comments challenge the perception of centralized control within Pakistan and indicate that U.S. involvement may enhance the security of nuclear weapons, addressing India's long-standing concerns regarding their safety amid Pakistan's political instability and extremist threats.

Indian envoy and Japanese Defence Minister discuss security ties



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India's Ambassador to Japan, Sibi George, met with Japanese Defence Minister General Nakatani to discuss strengthening defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. Both ministers emphasized the growing importance of their partnership, particularly in light of increasing regional security threats, including terrorism. They agreed to enhance collaboration under the Japan-India Defence Cooperation framework to promote peace and stability. Minister Nakatani expressed solidarity with India following a recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming Japan's commitment to counter-terrorism efforts alongside India. The discussions highlight the deepening strategic ties between India and Japan, crucial for maintaining regional security.

Bilawal claims Pakistan can't locate JeM chief Azhar, may be in Afghanistan.



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Pakistan People's Party chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari claimed that Pakistan is unaware of the whereabouts of UN-designated terrorist Masood Azhar, suggesting he may be in Afghanistan, and asserted Pakistan would arrest him if India provided evidence. Despite past demands from India for the extradition of Azhar and Hafiz Saeed, Islamabad continues to show ignorance about their presence. Bhutto's comments follow India's Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror infrastructure in retaliation for a deadly attack in Pahalgam. He

emphasized the need for counterterrorism cooperation, yet underscored the complexities of addressing threats in Afghanistan, which poses challenges even for established military powers.

Trinidad & Tobago backs India's UNSC permanent seat bid. SHARE

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India and Trinidad and Tobago have strengthened bilateral ties through six agreements encompassing defense, healthcare, and digital transformation, following Prime Minister Modi's visit. The Caribbean nation expressed full support for India's bid for a permanent UN Security Council seat, while India pledged to back Trinidad and Tobago's non-permanent candidacy. Modi emphasized the deep-rooted connections between the nations, particularly among the Indian diaspora, and both leaders committed to collaborative efforts against terrorism and global challenges like climate change. This visit marks a significant step in enhancing India-CARICOM relations and reflects India's growing influence in international diplomacy.

Hamis ready for immediate ceasefire talks amid ongoing Gaza conflict SHARE

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Hamis has responded positively to a U.S.-mediated 60-day ceasefire proposal in Gaza and said it is prepared to begin immediate talks on its implementation. The plan, backed by the U.S., Egypt, and Qatar, would involve staggered releases of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, Israeli military withdrawal to pre-March positions, and an expanded role for UN-led humanitarian aid delivery. Although Hamis has voiced reservations—seeking stronger guarantees of a permanent ceasefire, full troop withdrawal, and UN control over aid—Israel is still reviewing the proposal. Prime Minister Netanyahu is due in Washington to discuss the next steps with President Trump. With the humanitarian crisis in Gaza intensifying and deep distrust between the parties, diplomats say any lasting agreement will require overcoming significant obstacles.

Trump: Iran refuses nuclear inspections, continues enrichment. SHARE

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U.S. President Donald Trump stated that Iran has not agreed to inspections of its nuclear program or to cease uranium enrichment, claiming its nuclear ambitions have been permanently set back by U.S. and

Israeli strikes. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has withdrawn its inspectors amid escalating tensions, with Iran's parliament suspending cooperation with the IAEA until safety assurances are provided. While the U.S. and Israel maintain that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons, Tehran argues its program is for peaceful purposes. The situation remains precarious as the potential for Iran to resume its nuclear activities, likely at different undisclosed locations, looms large.

Trump optimistic about potential Gaza ceasefire next week SHARE

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US President Donald Trump expressed optimism about a potential ceasefire deal in Gaza, suggesting that an agreement could emerge as early as next week, although he acknowledged the situation remains fluid. He noted that Hamas had shown positive signs towards proposed truce talks, underscoring the urgency to resolve the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Trump's remarks reflect a commitment to diplomatic efforts in the region, highlighting the importance of stability for broader geopolitical dynamics. This development may influence India's strategic perspective on regional security, especially in relation to its own interests in counter-terrorism and fostering peace in South Asia.

Pakistan Denies J-35A Deal with China Amid South Asia Tensions SHARE

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The recent denial by Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif regarding the supposed acquisition of J-35A stealth fighters from China underscores the ongoing tensions in South Asia and the arms race between India and Pakistan. Despite speculation of a deal to modernize Pakistan's air force, Asif's comments suggest economic constraints could hinder such ambitions. This denial, while momentarily alleviating concerns, does not eliminate Pakistan's interest in advanced military capabilities, particularly as India enhances its own air power. The strategic balance in the region remains precarious, emphasizing the importance of India's responses, including the acceleration of its own stealth aircraft program.

India Engages US on 500% Tariff Proposal for Russian Oil Imports SHARE

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India is actively engaging with the United States regarding a proposed Bill that would impose a 500 percent tariff on countries, including India, that import Russian oil. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has

expressed concerns about the potential impacts on India's energy security and has communicated these to U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, emphasizing that India's oil trade with Russia is legal. If enacted, the Bill may not only disrupt India's oil imports but could also impose significant tariffs on Indian exports in pharmaceuticals and textiles. This situation highlights the delicate balance India must maintain in its foreign relations while safeguarding its economic interests amidst geopolitical tensions.

SIPRI Highlights Nuclear Escalation Risks in India-Pakistan Conflict

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The SIPRI report highlights the risks of nuclear escalation stemming from India's Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, launched in response to a terrorist attack, wherein the IAF targeted multiple Pakistani military facilities and successfully neutralized significant assets, raising concerns about the proximity of strikes to nuclear infrastructure. The operation demonstrated India's growing military capabilities while exposing vulnerabilities in Pakistan's defense systems. The role of disinformation exacerbated tensions, with exaggerated claims about casualties and counterstrikes. SIPRI warns that both nations are modernizing their arsenals amidst a global nuclear arms race, emphasizing the precarious nature of nuclear stability in South Asia and the potential for conflict escalation.

Military Operations

Naxalism Reduced to Five Districts, Says Defence Minister

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The recent addresses by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlight the Indian government's firm stance on eradicating Naxalism and terrorism, emphasizing that Naxalism is now limited to just five or six districts, with a goal to eliminate it completely by March 31 of the following year. Singh praised the Indian armed forces for their role in Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan while adhering to ethical standards, and he invoked the legendary figure of Lord Hanuman to symbolize India's measured yet firm response to external threats. He also paid tribute to Alluri Sitarama Raju, recognizing his fearless resistance against oppression and urging for his legacy to inspire future generations. Singh's remarks stressed the importance of tribal development and cultural heritage,

asserting that a developed India must remain rooted in its values while promoting economic growth and educational advancements in formerly Naxal-affected areas. The Defence Minister's commitment to a Naxal-free India reflects a broader strategy of national security, stability, and empowerment of marginalized communities, thereby reinforcing the government's dedication to both military and socio-economic progress.

Operation Sindoor reveals challenges in India's military strategy

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China's active involvement during Operation Sindoor in May 2025 emphasized the strategic depth of the trilateral threat facing India from Pakistan, China, and Turkey. Deputy Army Chief Lt Gen Rahul R Singh revealed that during DGMO-level talks, China provided Pakistan with real-time satellite and signals intelligence, alerting them to a planned BrahMos-armed Su-30MKI strike on the Kamra Aeronautical Complex. This complex, managed directly by the Pakistan Air Force, serves as the hub for JF-17 assembly, avionics integration, radar systems, and missile manufacturing. On Pakistan's request, the IAF reportedly stood down from striking Kamra, illustrating how Chinese ISR capabilities directly shaped India's operational decisions. The PAC facility in Kamra remains deeply entwined with Chinese defense infrastructure—it co-produces JF-17 fighters with China's Chengdu Aircraft Corporation and integrates systems like AESA radar, aircraft avionics, UAVs, and cruise missiles, reinforcing Islamabad's reliance on Beijing. Turkey's contribution through Bayraktar drones and trained personnel adds further complexity. While Operation Sindoor showcased India's enhanced tri-services integration and precision strike capability, these developments revealed vulnerabilities in Indian air defense, ISR resilience, and indigenous arms production. Lt Gen Singh stressed that India must urgently accelerate its electronic warfare, missile defense, surveillance, and manufacturing capabilities to counter the growing sophistication of this adversarial nexus and reinforce deterrence in future two-front contingencies.

Security forces in Manipur seize 203 weapons and 160 ammo types.

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Security forces in Manipur carried out intelligence-driven raids between the night of July 3 and the morning of July 4 across the hill districts of Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi, Chandel, and Churachandpur. During the

operation, joint teams from Manipur Police, Assam Rifles, the Indian Army, CRPF, BSF, and ITBP seized 203 weapons and 160 items of different kinds of ammunition and explosives. The arsenal included INSAS rifles, AK-series rifles, self-loading rifles, sniper rifles, carbines, .303 rifles, mortars, grenade launchers, pump-action guns, muzzle-loaded rifles, and various pistols. The ammunition and ordnance haul comprised rounds of 5.56mm and 7.62mm bullets, 30 improvised explosive devices (IEDs), 10 hand grenades, nine Pompi shells, and two Lathode grenades. Officials described the operation as a significant setback to insurgent groups stockpiling weaponry to destabilize the region. They emphasized the importance of ongoing joint efforts and renewed appeals for public vigilance in reporting suspicious activity, underscoring a sustained push to restore peace and safeguard citizens amid persistent unrest.

Russia's largest missile and drone strike on Kyiv since war began

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Russia launched its largest missile and drone assault on Kyiv since the war began, causing casualties and significant damage. This attack coincided with discussions between Ukrainian President Zelenskyy and US President Trump about strengthening Ukraine's air defenses and enhancing bilateral defense industry cooperation. Despite ongoing bombardments and a renewed Russian military push, Zelenskyy emphasized the need for immediate and efficient responses to these escalated threats. The situation highlights the ongoing conflict's intensity, the challenges in peace negotiations, and the necessity for Ukraine to bolster its defense capabilities amidst increasing Russian aggression.

Maoist Killed in Bijapur Encounter as Operations Against Insurgents Continue

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A Maoist was killed during an encounter with security forces in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, following intelligence about senior cadres in the area. The operation, involving the District Reserve Guard, Special Task Force, and CRPF, reflects ongoing efforts to combat Maoist insurgency, with over 300 neutralized since early 2024. This offensive comes after a significant strike in June, where seven Maoists, including key commanders, were eliminated. The government is also enhancing infrastructure and connectivity in these remote regions to reduce insurgent influence and improve civilian

outreach, highlighting the complex challenges faced in dismantling entrenched Maoist networks.

Indian Navy Decommissions INS Sindhughosh, Ending Kilo-Class Era

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On July 5, 2025, the Indian Navy officially announced the decommissioning of INS Sindhughosh—the lead vessel of its Kilo-class submarines—concluding nearly four decades of service since her commissioning on April 30, 1986. As the first of ten Soviet-built diesel-electric submarines procured between 1986 and 2000, this retirement marks the ultimate phase-out of the aging platform, following earlier decommissions of INS Sindhurakshak (after a 2013 accident) and INS Sindhudhvaj in July 2022. The move aligns with India's strategic shift toward a modern, domestically built submarine fleet under Project 75I, complemented by nuclear-powered attack and ballistic missile submarines. These next-generation vessels—boasting superior stealth, endurance, and offensive capabilities—are designed to meet the evolving maritime challenges posed by an increasingly assertive naval presence in the Indo-Pacific, reaffirming India's commitment to securing strategic dominance beneath the waves.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Day 3 of Kishtwar Terrorist Search; Cordon Enhanced

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The security forces in Jammu & Kashmir are engaged in a rigorous search operation in the Kanzal Mandu area of Kishtwar, backed by intelligence indicating the presence of 2-3 terrorists. Initiated on Wednesday, the operation has seen the deployment of additional troops and modern surveillance technologies, including drones and helicopters, to track the militants effectively. This action follows a recent incident where a terrorist from Jaish-e-Mohammed was killed, highlighting the ongoing challenges faced by security agencies in the region's forested terrains. The commitment to neutralizing threats underscores the Indian security forces' resolve to maintain stability and protect local populations from militant activities.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

PIB Refutes Fake Quotes Attributed to Deputy Army Chief on Pakistan-China Military Tech SHARE

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The Press Information Bureau (PIB) has dismissed fabricated claims that Lt Gen Rahul R. Singh, India's Deputy Chief of Army Staff, admitted to being outmatched by Pakistan's electronic warfare capabilities supported by Chinese technology. PIB's fact-checking division emphasized that such misinformation campaigns, often propagated by Pakistani social media, distort the actual statements made by Indian officials. Lt Gen Singh noted the increasing reliance of Pakistan on Chinese military hardware. The PIB urged vigilance among the public to scrutinize online content related to the Indian Armed Forces, especially during tense geopolitical situations, and provided contact details for reporting dubious information.

ICC Contained New Cybersecurity Incident Amid Rising Threats SHARE

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The International Criminal Court (ICC) recently announced the containment of a new, sophisticated cybersecurity incident, marking the second such attack in recent years. This follows a significant breach in 2023 that severely impacted the court's operations. The ICC has faced increased scrutiny, especially after issuing arrest warrants against leaders like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin for alleged war crimes. Both nations, not being ICC members, reject the court's jurisdiction, highlighting ongoing geopolitical tensions and the challenges faced by international legal institutions in enforcing accountability amidst rising cyber threats.

South Korea directs SK Telecom to bolster data security after breach. SHARE

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The South Korean authorities have mandated SK Telecom to enhance its data security measures following a significant cyberattack that led to the leak of 26.96 million user data pieces. The Ministry of Science and ICT has imposed a fine and required quarterly security enforcement, CEO oversight of data

governance, and increased investments in cybersecurity. In response, SK Telecom is offering free USIM replacements to its affected users, with approximately 9.39 million already having done so. This incident underscores the critical need for robust data protection measures in telecommunications, reflecting broader concerns about cybersecurity in the digital age.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Sub Lt Aastha Poonia becomes first woman in Indian Navy fighter stream. SHARE

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Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia has created history by becoming the first woman to join the Fighter stream of Indian Navy aviation. She was awarded the prestigious Wings of Gold during the Winging Ceremony held at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam, alongside Lieutenant Atul Kumar Dhull, after successfully completing advanced jet training on the Hawk aircraft. Her induction marks a significant step towards greater gender inclusivity in the Indian Navy, following the Indian Air Force's example of integrating women into fighter roles. Poonia will now proceed to train on MiG-29K fighter jets, including carrier operations, highlighting the Navy's commitment to expanding opportunities for women and enhancing operational capabilities in frontline combat aviation.

Delhi High Court rejects 300 petitions against soldiers' disability pensions. SHARE

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The Delhi High Court has upheld the Armed Forces Tribunal's decisions by dismissing around 300 petitions from the Central government that sought to deny disability pensions to veterans, emphasizing that such pensions are a rightful acknowledgment of the sacrifices made by armed forces personnel. The court articulated that disability pensions are essential for ensuring financial security and dignity for those who sustain injuries or disabilities during military service, countering the government's argument that the disabilities in question were not attributable to service conditions. The ruling highlights the inherent stress and health risks faced by military personnel, both in active service and at peace stations, where the psychological burden is significant. The Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, noted that revisions to disability pension rules aim to protect genuine cases while preventing misuse, yet the legal battle reveals a contradiction with previous directives aimed at

minimizing litigation. The case underscores the responsibility of the state towards its soldiers, reinforcing the notion that a soldier's service-related disabilities deserve recognition and support, ensuring their welfare post-service. This ruling is a significant affirmation of the rights of veterans and reflects a broader commitment to ensuring justice for those who serve the nation.

Former IAF Sergeant Arrested for 100 Crore Investment Fraud SHARE

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A former Indian Air Force sergeant, Anil Kumar Tiwari, was arrested in Lucknow for his role in a multi-state investment fraud scheme that duped numerous investors, primarily farmers and small business owners, out of crores of rupees. Operating under the guise of M/s Uni Pay to You Marketing Pvt Ltd, Tiwari leveraged his military background to build trust, promising high returns on investments before the company abruptly ceased operations. The investigation, which began in 2013, has resulted in multiple arrests, though the alleged mastermind, a Malaysian national, remains at large. This incident highlights the vulnerabilities in investor awareness and the importance of stringent oversight in investment schemes.

Defence Ministry Hosts Job Fair in Chennai for Veterans SHARE

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The Indian Ministry of Defence recently organized an employment fair at the Air Force Station in Tambaram, Chennai, aimed at facilitating the transition of veterans into civilian roles. The event saw participation from 580 former servicemen and 52 corporate employers, highlighting the government's commitment to integrate retired military personnel into the private sector workforce. This initiative underscores the recognition of veterans as disciplined and skilled individuals who can effectively meet corporate demands, thereby enhancing their economic contributions and supporting national socio-economic development. Such efforts are crucial for leveraging the unique skills of ex-servicemen in a competitive job market.

Miscellaneous

Indian Navy INCET 2025 Registration Now Open for 1,104 Positions SHARE

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The Indian Navy has commenced registration for the Indian Navy Civilian Entrance Test (INCET) 2025, aiming to fill over 1,104 positions in Group B (NG) and Group C civilian categories. Candidates aged 18 to 25, with necessary educational qualifications, can apply online until July 18, 2025. The selection process includes a computer-based test followed by document verification and medical tests. This recruitment drive is a significant step in enhancing the operational capacity of the Navy by strengthening its civilian workforce, which is crucial for supporting various naval operations and contributing to national defense. Candidates are encouraged to regularly check the official website for updates.

OPEC+ Plans Major August Oil Production Increase to Regain Market Share SHARE

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OPEC+, led by Saudi Arabia and Russia, is set to approve a significant production increase of approximately 550,000 barrels per day (bpd) for August, a departure from the previously anticipated 411,000 bpd hike, as it aims to reclaim market share. This marks a strategic pivot from output restraint to aggressive production revival amidst a potential global oversupply, driven by rising supplies from the U.S. and other producers, alongside a cooling demand outlook. Analysts have expressed concerns that this increased output could lead to an oversupply situation, resulting in falling prices, potentially impacting global oil inventories which have been accumulating rapidly. While the OPEC strategy aims to capitalize on peak summer demand, it also seeks to punish over-producing members and regain market volume lost to U.S. shale drillers. Notably, the increased production comes as Saudi Arabia grapples with a soaring budget deficit and economic pressures exacerbated by geopolitical factors, including Russia's economic challenges stemming from its ongoing conflict with Ukraine. Overall, while OPEC+ seems poised for a robust output strategy to leverage current demand, the long-term implications of such an increase could lead to instability in oil prices and market dynamics.

India Stands Firm on Dalai Lama's Succession Process



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India has reiterated its position on the succession of the Dalai Lama amidst concerns over China's claims to oversee the process. The Ministry of External Affairs stated that India does not intervene in matters of faith, emphasizing its commitment to religious freedom. This response comes after the Dalai Lama announced that only he and the Gaden Phodrang Trust would determine his successor, asserting that the next reincarnation would occur outside of China. Indian Minister Kiren Rijiju supported this stance, asserting that no external party, including China, has the right to interfere in determining the successor to the Dalai Lama. China's foreign ministry reacted by warning India against interfering in its domestic affairs, labeling the Dalai Lama as a separatist figure. The situation highlights the growing tensions between India and China, especially following a 2020 border clash that strained relations. The Dalai Lama's presence in India not only symbolizes the country's support for Tibetan Buddhism but also serves as a strategic leverage point for New Delhi in its dealings with Beijing. This incident underscores the broader geopolitical complexities surrounding religious leadership and national sovereignty in the region.

Delhi Court Declares UK Arms Consultant Sanjay Bhandari a Fugitive



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A Delhi court has declared UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari a fugitive economic offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, following a plea from the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Bhandari has been absconding since 2016, and India's extradition request was recently rejected by a UK court. The ED's actions stem from a money laundering case initiated in 2017, linked to an Income Tax charge sheet against him under India's anti-black money law. This development underscores the Indian government's commitment to combating economic offenses and reinforces the importance of international cooperation in tackling financial crime, particularly in the defense sector, where integrity is crucial for national security.

Three Indians abducted in Mali; MEA seeks their safe return.



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Three Indians, including a young man from Odisha, were reportedly abducted by armed assailants in Mali while working at a cement factory. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has condemned this violent act

and is coordinating with the Indian Embassy in Mali for their safe return. Concerned relatives are calling for immediate government intervention, fearing for the safety of the hostages amid escalating violence in the region. The incident highlights the risks faced by Indian nationals abroad and emphasizes the government's commitment to safeguarding its citizens and ensuring their security through diplomatic channels.

IAF airlifts over 200 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants for deportation.



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Over 200 alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh were airlifted from Vadodara on a special Indian Air Force (IAF) flight, following a Gujarat Police operation to identify undocumented nationals. The deportation was conducted under strict protocols and involved collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF), which will manage their return to Bangladesh. The operation highlights India's commitment to border security and its strategic use of military assets for internal law enforcement. By efficiently utilizing IAF resources and coordination with state authorities, India demonstrates its robust approach to managing immigration and enhancing national security.

Amarnath Yatra sees strong turnout amid heightened security and faith.



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The Amarnath Yatra this year unfolds amidst heightened security following a terror attack that claimed 26 lives, leading to increased precautions, including RFID tags and extensive frisking by security forces. Despite the grim backdrop, many pilgrims express a determination to proceed, viewing participation as an act of defiance against fear, bolstered by faith in the Indian Army's presence. Initial expectations of low turnout proved incorrect, with thousands showing up, indicating a strong desire among devotees to fulfill their spiritual journey. This resilience underscores the pilgrims' commitment to their faith, reflecting a broader sentiment of unity and courage within the community amidst challenges.

Two arrested for forging police certificates to access Navy jobs



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Two individuals from Aakash Infratech were arrested in Mumbai for allegedly forging police clearance certificates to secure jobs in high-security naval zones, raising significant national security concerns. The investigation, initiated after suspicions arose from a

naval intelligence officer, revealed that the fake certificates bore false seals and signatures from the Mumbai Police's Special Branch. This incident underscores the urgent need to enhance verification protocols for private contractors within the defense ecosystem to prevent such lapses. The arrests highlight the potential ramifications of inadequate background checks on personnel accessing sensitive defense areas, emphasizing the importance of stringent security measures in safeguarding national interests.

Piyush Goyal: India Will Not Rush Trade Deal Under Pressure



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Indian Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal affirmed that India will not rush into a trade deal with the US under external pressure, emphasizing that national interest is paramount. He stated that ongoing negotiations focus on achieving a mutually beneficial agreement, particularly concerning unresolved issues in agriculture and the auto sector. Goyal highlighted India's desire for relief from the hefty US tariffs and improved market access while resisting pressure to compromise on sensitive areas like dairy. He confirmed that no Indian delegation plans to visit Washington for further discussions, reiterating that any trade pact will only proceed if it aligns with India's strategic interests.

India to Build Second Largest Space Port in Gujarat, ISRO Confirms



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India is set to establish its second-largest space port in Gujarat, as confirmed by ISRO SAC Director Nilesh Desai. The strategically chosen location near the equator will enhance launch efficiency for rockets like LVM3, SSLV, and PSLV. This initiative aligns with Gujarat's Space Mission Policy, aimed at bolstering the local space sector and attracting investments. ISRO is also advancing a 52-satellite surveillance constellation, with a target completion date of 2029, while focusing on significant missions such as Chandrayaan-5 and the

Gaganyaan crewed mission by 2026. This development marks a significant leap for India in both space technology and its global standing in the space community.

India to Launch First Homegrown Semiconductor Chip by Mid-2025



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India is set to launch its first indigenously produced semiconductor chips by mid-2025, marking a significant leap in its technological capabilities, as confirmed by Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The chips, built on 28nm and 90nm process nodes, will be manufactured entirely on Indian soil, enhancing national security and reducing import dependence. This initiative is supported by substantial government incentives under the India Semiconductor Mission and aims to establish India as a key player in the global semiconductor market, while also promoting job creation and attracting global investments. Ultimately, this development symbolizes India's shift towards digital autonomy and a robust manufacturing ecosystem.

Dalai Lama Hopes to Live 30-40 More Years Amid Successor Talks



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The Dalai Lama expressed his hope to live for another 30-40 years during a long life prayer ceremony in McLeodganj, aimed at serving people, amidst rumors of his successor. He emphasized the blessings of Avalokiteshvara guiding him and noted the significant impact he has had on the Tibetan community in exile in India, particularly in Dharamshala. His message reflects resilience and commitment to the Tibetan cause despite the loss of their homeland. This reaffirms the Dalai Lama's enduring role as a spiritual leader and advocate for Tibetan rights, highlighting the importance of India's support in providing a platform for Tibetan culture and dialogue.

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