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AVANTEL	181.43	160.43	+13.09%
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KRISHNADEF	942.75	837.15	+12.61%
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AZAD	1753.6	1816.3	-3.45%
CFF	613.0	625.9	-2.06%
ZENTEC	2193.0	2229.6	-1.64%
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Defense Business and Industry

India's Fighter Jet Dilemma: Su-57E vs. F-35 and Strategic Autonomy

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India's fighter jet dilemma involves choosing between the Russian Su-57E, the American F-35, and accelerating its indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program. The Su-57E offers advantages like access to source codes and local production, aligning with India's Make in India initiative, but concerns exist over its stealth capabilities and reliance on Chinese components. The F-35 boasts superior stealth and advanced avionics but comes with high costs and limited technology transfer, potentially impacting India's strategic autonomy. Meanwhile, India has approved the AMCA program, aiming to develop a fifth-generation stealth fighter with a prototype expected by 2028 and induction by 2035. The AMCA project, involving public-private partnerships, seeks to bolster India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing. As regional adversaries like China and Pakistan advance their air capabilities, India must balance immediate operational needs with long-term goals of technological independence and defense sovereignty.

DRDO's 155 mm Ramjet Shell and ATAGS Propel India's Defense Self-Reliance

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Responding to Pakistan's deployment of Chinese SH-15 Howitzers during Operation Sindoor, DRDO unveiled a 155 mm ramjet-powered artillery projectile for the indigenous Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), developed in collaboration with Bharat Forge Limited, Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited, Tata Advanced Systems Limited, and Reliance Infrastructure. Leveraging missile-like propulsion that draws atmospheric oxygen to sustain combustion, this round can reach targets up to 80 km—nearly double the previous 45 km range. Complementing four other next-generation 155 mm munitions built under the "Make in India" and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, the ramjet shell underscores India's drive for self-reliance. The ATAGS itself, featuring a 25 liter chamber, automatic loading, and rapid-fire capability—six rounds in 30 seconds and five successive shots in short order—is slated for large-scale induction, with 307 units expected by March 2025. These innovations are projected to save billions in import costs, bolster export potential, and reinforce deterrence. In parallel, upgrades to the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile—including lighter BrahMos-NG variants and integration with Tejas fighters—further cement India's strategic autonomy and emergence as a leading defense exporter.

Pakistan Eyes Chinese HQ-19 Air Defense After Indian Strikes

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Pakistan plans to acquire China's HQ-19 Air Defence System following significant vulnerabilities exposed during a recent conflict against India, where Indian precision airstrikes utilized cruise missiles like BrahMos. The HQ-19 features advanced interception capabilities and aims to complement Pakistan's existing air defence systems and planned J-35A stealth fighters. This procurement signals a strengthening of China-Pakistan defense ties and could escalate regional arms dynamics as India continues to bolster its own missile defense capabilities with systems like the S-400. However, experts note potential challenges

in the integration and training of this new system for Pakistan's forces.

HAL Denies False Claims on GE414 Engine Deal, Confirms Progress SHARE

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HAL has refuted claims of stalled negotiations with General Electric (GE) regarding the GE414 engine for the TEJAS MK-2 program, labeling such reports as fake news. The official statement emphasizes that discussions are progressing well and that HAL is not engaged with any other engine manufacturers. The partnership, established through a Memorandum of Understanding during Prime Minister Modi's visit to the U.S. in June 2023, is vital for advancing India's defense self-reliance by localizing up to 80% of engine technology. This collaboration not only supports the TEJAS MK-2 but also underpins India's broader ambitions for indigenous fighter programs, showcasing HAL's commitment to accurate communication in the defense sector.

HAL's Stealth HALE UAV Set for Approval to Enhance IAF Capabilities SHARE

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India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is on the verge of receiving government approval for its stealth High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAV, which promises to enhance the Indian Air Force's (IAF) strategic surveillance and precision strike capabilities. The UAV, designed for high-altitude operations, features stealth characteristics including an internal weapons bay and S-shaped engine exhaust, making it less detectable by enemy radar. The program aims to bolster India's defense self-sufficiency, with prototypes expected within five years. The successful development of this UAV and its armed variant will significantly strengthen India's military posture, enabling effective monitoring and targeted strikes against potential threats along its borders.

India Eyes Russian R-37M Hypersonic Missile to Strengthen Air Defense SHARE

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India is considering an offer from Russia to supply the R-37M hypersonic long-range air-to-air missile for its Su-30MKI fleet, which could significantly boost the Indian Air Force's air defense capabilities against the Pakistan-China nexus. With a striking range of 300-400 kilometers and the ability to travel at Mach 6, the R-37M can engage critical aerial assets while keeping the launching aircraft out of enemy reach. This proposal aligns with India's "Make in India" initiative, potentially enhancing self-reliance in defense production while addressing past capability gaps highlighted during the 2019 Balakot incident. Integrating the R-37M will require radar upgrades, emphasizing both strategic necessity and technological advancement.

Tata and Dassault Team Up to Build Rafale Fuselages in India SHARE

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Dassault Aviation has partnered with Tata Advanced Systems Limited to manufacture Rafale fighter aircraft fuselages in India, marking a significant advancement in the country's aerospace capabilities and reinforcing global supply chains. The Hyderabad facility will produce critical fuselage components, with the first sections expected by FY2028 and a capacity of up to two complete fuselages monthly. This collaboration underscores the commitment to India's Make in India and AtmaNirbhar initiatives, enhancing India's role in the global aerospace sector and showcasing Tata's growing capabilities in high-precision manufacturing. Overall, this partnership not only promotes economic self-reliance but also strengthens India's strategic defense manufacturing ecosystem.

India's 120 kN Engine for AMCA Nears Pre-Sanction, Boosting Self-Reliance SHARE

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India is making significant strides towards developing a 120 kN thrust engine for its Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), nearing the pre-sanction phase, which is crucial for achieving self-sufficiency in military aerospace technology. This project, backed by collaborative efforts among key Indian entities like GTRE and the Indian Air Force, aims to leverage past experiences from the Kaveri engine program. Engaging with global OEMs has facilitated the alignment of India's capabilities with international standards. If approved, this initiative could fortify India's defense capabilities by reducing dependence on foreign suppliers for advanced fighter aircraft engines, thus representing a vital step in enhancing national security and technological independence.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

India Aims to Boost Defence Spending to 2.5% of GDP by FY30

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The Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has indicated that India is on track to increase its defence spending to 2.5% of GDP by FY30, up from the current 1.9%. This projection follows improved budget utilization and contract signings by the Ministry of Defence, along with a robust domestic defence industrial base. The call for increased spending comes in light of recent military engagements, underscoring the government's commitment to national security and its new doctrine that classifies cross-border terror attacks as acts of war. This strategic shift reflects a proactive approach to defense in an increasingly volatile regional security environment.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Ukraine's Drone Strikes Reveal Key Vulnerabilities for the West

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Ukraine's recent "Operation Spiderweb," executed on June 1, 2025, showcased how 117 low-cost, AI-guided quadcopter drones—smuggled into Russia in inconspicuous wooden containers and operated via dead-reckoning to evade jamming—struck five strategic airbases across five time zones, hitting over 40 long-range aircraft (including irreplaceable Tu-95 and Tu-22M3 bombers and a vital A-50 AEW&C), causing as much as $7 billion in damage. This unprecedented deep-strike operation not only underscored how seemingly secure airfields can be compromised by inexpensive drones but also exposed critical weaknesses in current defense postures—namely, grounded high-value assets vulnerable to swarming attacks, insufficient hardened shelters, and gaps in short-range counter-drone systems. In response, NATO forces from Finland to Poland have begun overhauling training and base defenses, integrating counter-drone drills and dispersal tactics, while major initiatives like the UK's 2025 Strategic Defence Review and the Alliance's DIANA accelerator and €1 billion Innovation Fund are fast-tracking AI-enabled autonomous systems. Exercises such as Baltic Sky 2025 have demonstrated seamless data sharing between Eurodrone MALE platforms and NATO's AGS RQ-4D drones, highlighting how integrated ISR can bolster drone defenses. Meanwhile, adversaries remain on the offensive: Russia now aims to produce up to 100,000 UAVs per month, supported by 48 national R&D centers and a newly formed Unmanned Systems Forces branch, and China is fielding tens of thousands of stealthy, AI-coordinated swarm drones that already rival Western capabilities. For India, these developments signal that conventional air defense must be supplemented with agile, networked AI systems, electronic warfare suites, and rapid procurement frameworks to counter hybrid drone threats and preserve strategic autonomy in a rapidly evolving battlespace.

Hegseth optimistic NATO will back Trump's 5% defense spending goal

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U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth expressed confidence that NATO allies will agree to President Trump's proposal for defense spending to increase to 5% of GDP by the upcoming summit in The Hague. NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte emphasized the need for a substantial investment to ensure U.S. commitment to European security and proposed a phased approach to reach this goal by 2032. The alliance is also expected to agree on new capability targets to enhance defense contributions among member nations. This focus on increased spending reflects a broader recognition of the evolving security landscape and the necessity for NATO to present a united and formidable front.

Germany to bolster military by 60,000 troops to meet NATO goals.

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Germany plans to add up to 60,000 troops to its military in response to new NATO targets aimed at countering perceived threats from Russia, according to Defence Minister Boris Pistorius. This increase will necessitate significant investment in military capabilities, including air defense and long-range missiles, amid challenges in recruitment and staffing. Currently, the Bundeswehr is short approximately 20,000 troops and may need to reconsider conscription to meet these demands. This move highlights NATO's shift towards greater military readiness and the necessity for member states like Germany to bolster their defense infrastructure in a changing geopolitical landscape.

150 Trucks from Afghanistan: India's Strategic Shift Towards Taliban SHARE

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The recent re-opening of the India-Pakistan checkpoint for 150 trucks from Afghanistan symbolizes India's strategic shift towards the Taliban, reflecting a normalization of relations despite historical resentments. With the reinstatement of visas for Afghan nationals and high-level diplomatic discussions, India aims to strengthen cultural and economic ties while countering Pakistan's influence in Afghanistan. This move underscores the importance of regional stability, as enhanced India-Afghanistan relations may prevent Chinese dominance in the area. While navigating the complexities of engaging with the Taliban, India seeks to maintain its identity associated with democracy, prioritizing people-to-people connections over security-oriented ties.

China Accuses EU of Provoking Tensions in South China Sea SHARE

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The Chinese embassy in the Philippines has criticized the EU for allegedly "provoking trouble" regarding the South China Sea dispute, urging Manila not to rely on external forces for resolution. This statement follows EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas's visit to the Philippines, where she expressed concerns over China's assertive actions in the region. The Chinese spokesperson emphasized that the EU is not a party to the dispute and thus has no right to interfere. This exchange highlights the escalating tensions in the South China Sea, where China's expansive claims clash with those of Southeast Asian nations, underscoring the delicate balance of regional geopolitics.

Rajnath Singh and Australian counterpart strengthen defense ties amid security challenges. SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with his Australian counterpart, focusing on enhancing defence cooperation amid regional security challenges, particularly the recent Pahalgam terror attack. Both ministers reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism, reviewed the India-Australia defence partnership, and announced plans to intensify industry collaboration and technological cooperation ahead of the upcoming 2+2 ministerial meeting. The discussions underscored the growing strategic convergence between India and Australia, emphasizing a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific, while highlighting Australia's support for India's response to terrorism. This meeting reflects the robust nature of their evolving defence ties aimed at ensuring regional stability and security.

India Opposes ADB's $800 Million Aid to Pakistan Over Security Risks SHARE

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India has voiced strong opposition to an $800 million aid package from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to Pakistan, citing concerns over the military's extensive control over Pakistan's economic policies, which may divert funds to military spending rather than development. India's apprehension is heightened by Pakistan's poor record in implementing economic reforms and its ongoing support for cross-border terrorism. The repeated need for international bailouts and failures to meet Financial Action Task Force requirements further underscore these concerns. Thus, India argues that the ADB's aid could exacerbate regional security issues rather than contribute to sustainable economic growth in Pakistan.

Pakistani FM: Renewed Conflict with India Unlikely Amid Dialogue SHARE

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The Pakistani Foreign Minister stated the chances of renewed conflict with India are "remote," emphasizing Pakistan's readiness for comprehensive dialogue on key issues, including terrorism and the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). He claimed Pakistan's military response to recent escalations, following the Pahalgam terror attack, was measured and acknowledged international support for Islamabad's position. While reiterating readiness for talks, he maintained that Pakistan is not desperate for negotiations and called for a neutral investigation into the incident that heightened tensions. Despite the fragile nature of India-Pakistan relations, ongoing diplomatic efforts and adherence to ceasefire agreements indicate a lower risk of immediate conflict, underscoring India's strong military posture and effective diplomatic outreach.

Pakistan PM Seeks Trump's Help for Dialogue, India Rejects Mediation SHARE

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has sought U.S. involvement, particularly from Donald Trump, to facilitate dialogue with India, citing Trump's past role in de-escalating tensions. However, India firmly rejects third-party mediation, insisting that talks can only happen if Pakistan halts its support for terrorism and addresses the longstanding Kashmir issue. Indian

leaders, including Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, emphasize that meaningful dialogue cannot occur under the threat of terrorism, challenging Pakistan's narrative as a victim. The U.S. has largely echoed India's stance, indicating a solidification of the U.S.-India partnership amidst Pakistan's diplomatic outreach.

Military Operations

BSF Jawan Abducted by Bangladeshi Nationals, Rescued After Meet

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A BSF jawan, Shri Ganesh, was abducted by Bangladeshi nationals near the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal while trying to prevent an infiltration attempt. The soldier was held captive in Bangladesh for a brief period but was freed after a flag meeting between the BSF and the Border Guard Bangladesh. The BSF confirmed that the jawan was unharmed, emphasizing the need for a review of security protocols along the border. This incident highlights vulnerabilities in border security and the importance of robust cross-border cooperation to prevent such breaches, underscoring India's commitment to safeguarding its territorial integrity.

China Acknowledges HQ-9B/HQ-16 Systems Can't Counter BrahMos, Frustrating Pakistan

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Pakistan's reliance on Chinese-supplied HQ-9B and HQ-16 air defense systems faced a significant setback during India's Operation Sindoor in May 2025. The operation, launched in response to a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, saw India executing precision strikes using BrahMos and SCALP missiles, targeting terrorist infrastructure and military assets within Pakistan. Notably, a Pakistani Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft was destroyed, and a Chinese-made HQ-9 missile defense unit near Lahore was neutralized. These events underscored the limitations of Pakistan's air defense capabilities, particularly against low-flying, supersonic missiles like the BrahMos, which the HQ-9B and HQ-16 systems struggled to detect and intercept. Chinese media acknowledged that these systems are not designed to counter such advanced threats, leading to dissatisfaction among Pakistani officials. The failure of these defense systems has raised concerns about the efficacy of Chinese military technology, potentially impacting China's reputation in the global arms market. Pakistan's heavy dependence on Chinese defense equipment, accounting for approximately 81% of its arms imports, may prompt Islamabad to reconsider its procurement strategies and explore alternative suppliers to bolster its national security

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Unmasking Madam N: ISI's Plot to Recruit Indian Influencers

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Noshaba Shehzad Masud, a Pakistani businesswoman known as “Madam N,” has been identified as an alleged ISI operative at the center of a recent Indian espionage investigation. Based in Lahore, Shehzad runs Jaiyana Travel and Tourism (a firm that organizes Hindu and Sikh pilgrimages to Pakistan) and is said to have used that cover to recruit Indian social-media personalities as spies. Intelligence sources allege she leveraged her contacts at the Pakistani High Commission in Delhi (including visa officers like Ehsan-ur-Rehman, later expelled by India) to secure visas quickly for Indians, and she reportedly charged inflated fees on pilgrimage tours, diverting the surplus to anti-India propaganda. Through these tours and events (even sponsoring travel bloggers on guided visits to religious and tourist sites in Pakistan), she allegedly built the groundwork for a “sleeper” network of up to 500 operatives inside India. Investigators say she targeted Indian Hindus and Sikhs (including diaspora communities), introduced influencers such as Haryana travel vlogger Jyoti Malhotra (aka Jyoti Rani) to Pakistani handlers, and groomed them to pass information. Malhotra, who ran a popular YouTube channel, was arrested in mid-May 2025 after multiple trips to Pakistan; police reported that her digital devices and 12 terabytes of recovered data showed extensive communications and financial transactions with Pakistani agents, and that her travel expenses greatly exceeded her known income. Shortly after, Punjab police detained Jasbir Singh, another YouTuber tied to Malhotra and to Pakistan’s network. In all, a dozen or more suspects – including a defense engineer, a student and a security guard – have been arrested in several states under India’s Official Secrets Act and related laws (an operation the authorities have termed “Operation Sindoor”). Indian officials have publicly cited national security inputs as the basis for the crackdown and have expelled the implicated Pakistani diplomat for espionage, while no official Pakistani response has been issued. Taken together, investigators describe these events as a far-reaching

ISI-backed scheme, with a Lahore travel company and a network of agents in India used to funnel Indians to Pakistan, recruit influencers, manipulate visa processes, and channel funds, thus crafting a sophisticated cross-border spy ring under the guise of tourism and cultural exchange.

NIA Raids 32 Locations in J&K to Disrupt Pak Terror Networks SHARE

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On June 5, 2025, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) executed coordinated raids at 32 locations across Jammu and Kashmir, targeting a terror conspiracy orchestrated by Pakistan-based outfits. The operations focused on residences of hybrid terrorists and overground workers linked to groups like The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, and the People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), all affiliated with proscribed organizations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Al-Badr. The raids, conducted in districts including Pulwama, Kulgam, Shopian, Baramulla, and Kupwara, aimed to dismantle networks involved in facilitating terrorism through the distribution of explosives, arms, narcotics, and funds. Significant evidence, including digital devices and weapons, was seized. Investigations revealed that these groups, backed by their leadership in Pakistan, have been radicalizing local youth and utilizing social media platforms and drones to promote terror activities and disrupt peace in the region. This proactive approach underscores India's commitment to combating terrorism and maintaining stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

US Lawmakers Affirm India's Right to Counter Terrorism SHARE

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A recent meeting between an Indian delegation and U.S. lawmakers resulted in strong bipartisan support for India's right to defend itself against terrorism, particularly following the Pahalgam attacks. Key figures like Chairman Brian Mast emphasized the necessity for a decisive response to such threats, while Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove and Congressman Gregory Meeks highlighted the shared democratic values and strategic partnership between the U.S. and India. The Indian delegation, led by Shashi Tharoor, expressed gratitude for the unwavering support and addressed broader issues like trade and technology, reinforcing the multifaceted nature of the U.S.-India relationship. This diplomatic engagement underscores a collective commitment to counterterrorism and strengthening bilateral ties.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

China Offers Bounty on Hackers, Blames Taiwan for Cyberattacks SHARE

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China's Guangzhou public security bureau has announced a bounty for over 20 individuals allegedly linked to cyberattacks, accusing Taiwan of orchestrating these threats against critical sectors in China, including military and government. Taiwanese officials dismissed the claims as fabrications to distract from China's own hacking activities, emphasizing that Beijing is the real global cyber threat. The tensions underscore Taiwan's complex relationship with the U.S. in defense and intelligence matters, as China sees Taiwan's actions as part of a broader strategy for independence. This situation highlights ongoing geopolitical struggles in the region, with implications for cybersecurity and international relations.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

President Awards 92 Distinguished Service Medals to Forces SHARE

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President Droupadi Murmu awarded Distinguished Service Awards to 92 armed forces personnel at the Defence Investiture Ceremony-II in Rashtrapati Bhavan. The honors included 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM), the highest peace-time award, and five Uttam Yudh Seva Medals (UYSM) for distinguished service during conflict. Notable recipients included senior officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, highlighting the significant contributions of military leaders to national security and operational effectiveness. This recognition underscores the government's commitment to honoring exemplary service in the armed forces, which is crucial for maintaining a robust defense posture in a complex geopolitical environment.

Ojit Singh Becomes India's First Command Subedar Major to Advise Northern Command SHARE

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Subedar Major Ojit Singh has been appointed as the first Command Subedar Major (Comd SM) of the Indian Army, a role aimed at enhancing communication between senior leadership and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs). This position, inspired by Western military structures, will focus on advisory responsibilities regarding personnel matters, operational reviews, and policy recommendations to improve morale and training standards. The initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment to strengthening trust and coordination within its ranks, particularly in strategically important areas like the Northern Command, reflecting a progressive approach to modern military governance.

Historic Graduation of Female Cadets Boosts Gender Equality in Armed Forces SHARE

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The recent graduation of 17 female cadets from the National Defence Academy marks a significant advancement towards gender equality in the Indian Armed Forces, as they join their male counterparts in service for the first time. This historic moment follows a Supreme Court directive that facilitated women's entry into the NDA, challenging outdated assumptions about their capabilities. The inclusion of women in the military, particularly in leadership roles, enhances the armed forces' effectiveness, reflecting a necessary evolution in response to modern warfare's demands for technical expertise and resilience. This development heralds a more inclusive future for the Indian military, reinforcing the notion that women are equally capable as their male peers.

Indian Army's Kumaon Quest: Promoting Agnipath and Women Empowerment SHARE

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The Indian Army has launched the "Kumaon Quest," a motorcycle expedition led by Lt Col Aditi Misra, to promote the Agnipath scheme and empower women while engaging with the youth in the Kumaon Hills. Over nine days, the expedition will host interactive sessions with NCC cadets for career guidance, honor Veer Naris and war veterans, and promote border and adventure tourism to support economic development in remote areas. This initiative not only highlights the Army's commitment to inclusivity and youth engagement but also reinforces its role in fostering local economies and community resilience in border regions.

Miscellaneous

Tharoor's US Visit Reaffirms India's Stance on Pakistan and Terrorism SHARE

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The recent remarks by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor during his visit to the US have underscored India's firm stance on its bilateral relationship with Pakistan, particularly in the context of counter-terrorism and military actions. Tharoor emphasized that India has never sought third-party mediation, including from the United States, regarding its conflicts with Pakistan, and reiterated India's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. He clarified that Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack, was a necessary military response rather than an initiation of war. The cessation of hostilities on May 10, as Tharoor noted, arose from Pakistan's acknowledgment of the significant damage inflicted by Indian strikes, not from external persuasion. Tharoor further illustrated India's position that dialogue with Pakistan is contingent upon the cessation of cross-border terrorism, using the analogy of not negotiating with a neighbor who threatens with attack dogs. The Indian delegation's visit aimed to clarify its position on international platforms, garner support for its actions against terrorism, and reinforce the narrative of India as a responsible actor seeking peace, while simultaneously underscoring its readiness to defend itself against aggression. This assertive diplomatic outreach comes as Pakistan faces scrutiny for its historical support of terrorist groups and a growing isolation on the global stage regarding its counter-terrorism policies. Ultimately, Tharoor's comments reflect India's determination to maintain sovereignty in its diplomatic engagements while advocating for a strong international understanding of its security concerns and rights to self-defense.

63 Rescued by Helicopters in North Sikkim Landslide; 64 Awaiting SHARE

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A significant rescue operation is underway in north Sikkim, where numerous tourists have been stranded due to severe landslides triggered by relentless rains. A total of 63 individuals were evacuated by helicopters,

primarily MI-17 and Cheetah models, from Chaten, a town near Lachen, and efforts to rescue another 64 tourists were impacted by adverse weather conditions. Following improvements in weather, 59 of the 109 stranded tourists were airlifted back to Gangtok, including two foreigners, with additional support provided by the Sikkim Nationalised Transport to facilitate their journey to Siliguri. The ongoing rescue operations have faced challenges, including the loss of three army personnel and the reported disappearance of six others following the landslide that affected a military camp. Furthermore, the destruction of key bridges hindered access, complicating the search and relief efforts. The coordinated response by the armed forces and local administration highlights India's commitment to safeguarding lives in crisis situations. This operation not only underscores the capabilities of the Indian defense forces in disaster management but also reflects the importance of robust infrastructure and rapid response mechanisms in disaster-prone regions like Sikkim.

Floods Devastate Manipur: 1.65 Lakh Affected, Rescue Underway SHARE

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The flood situation in Manipur has seen significant fluctuation, with over 1.65 lakh people affected due to relentless rainfall and overflowing rivers, leading to extensive damage to homes and agriculture. Initial reports indicated that 35,143 houses were damaged, while later updates noted this number had risen to 35,242, with approximately 115.59 hectares of crops also impacted. Rescue efforts, spearheaded by the Assam Rifles and the Army under Operation Jalrahat-II, have resulted in 4,097 people being evacuated to relief camps, although the crisis has also seen the tragic loss of life with one confirmed death. While the rain intensity has decreased, the aftermath continues to disrupt public utilities, including power and water supply, particularly in the Imphal East district. The efficacy of the security forces in response operations underscores India's capability to mobilize military resources for humanitarian efforts, demonstrating a commitment to public safety and resilience in the face of natural disasters. Overall, while the immediate threat appears to be abating, the long-term impacts on infrastructure and livelihoods will require sustained attention and recovery efforts.

Court rejects Rahul Gandhi's plea in Indian Army defamation case. SHARE

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The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea against a summons in a defamation case linked to derogatory remarks about the Indian Army made during his Bharat Jodo Yatra. The court found sufficient prima facie evidence to suggest that Gandhi's comments, related to a military face-off with China, were defamatory. The complaint was filed by Uday Shanker Srivastava, a former Director of the Border Roads Organisation, underscoring the seriousness of the allegations. This ruling reinforces the principle that freedom of expression is subject to legal standards, especially when it concerns the integrity of the Indian Army.

Indian Armed Forces' All-Women Team Completes Historic Sailing Voyage SHARE

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The Indian Armed Forces' all-woman tri-services sailing expedition team successfully completed a historic 1,800-nautical-mile journey from Mumbai to Seychelles and back, showcasing their exceptional endurance against challenging maritime conditions. Flagged-in by Lieutenant General AK Ramesh, the mission highlights India's commitment to gender inclusivity within its defense forces, drawing inspiration from legendary warrior queens. Comprising 11 officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, this expedition not only empowers women in the military but also symbolizes India's expanding maritime capabilities and strategic vision. Their remarkable achievement underlines the growing role of women as vital contributors to operational excellence in the Indian armed forces.

Another YouTuber Arrested for Espionage Ties to Pakistan's ISI SHARE

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Punjab Police's State Special Operation Cell has arrested YouTuber Jasbir Singh for espionage, linked to Pakistan's ISI, revealing a significant threat to national security. The 41-year-old influencer, with over 1.1 million subscribers, was found to have connections with Pakistani operatives, having attended events in Pakistan and shared sensitive military information. Investigations revealed he attempted to erase communication records after the arrest of another YouTuber, Jyoti Malhotra. The case underscores the ongoing challenges posed by espionage networks and the effectiveness of India's intelligence operations in

countering such threats, aiming to dismantle broader networks and protect national interests.

DGCA flags Turkish Airlines for serious safety violations in India SHARE

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has identified multiple safety violations by Turkish Airlines during inspections at major Indian airports, including issues with dangerous cargo, lack of proper authorizations for ground operations, and absence of a Service Level Agreement with the ground handling agent. The DGCA emphasized the importance of adherence to international standards and Indian regulations, mandating Turkish Airlines to address these deficiencies swiftly. The regulator's commitment to safety in Indian airspace underscores the need for strict compliance from all foreign airlines, ensuring passenger safety and operational integrity in the aviation sector. Follow-up inspections will verify ongoing compliance to reinforce safety protocols.

Landslide disrupts NH-37, prompting community-built bypass efforts SHARE

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A recent landslide has severely impacted the Imphal-Jiribam section of NH-37, halting vehicular movement and stranding numerous goods-laden trucks, exacerbating supply issues in flood-affected Manipur. Despite efforts by authorities to clear the debris, continuous rainfall has hindered progress. In response, local drivers' bodies are constructing a 25 km bypass road to alleviate the logistical crisis, accusing officials of inaction since May 31. The proactive measures taken by the Manipur Drivers Association highlight community resilience and the urgent need for improved infrastructure to ensure the supply of essential commodities in the region.

Army Officer Missing After Morning Walk in Madhya Pradesh SHARE

05-Jun-25

An Army officer, Lieutenant Colonel Pradeep Kumar Nigam, has gone missing in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, after leaving for a morning walk on Monday. His family reported him missing after he failed to return, prompting the Army to initiate a search before police became involved. An FIR has been filed, and ongoing efforts include scanning CCTV footage and questioning family members. This incident raises concerns about the safety of military personnel even in routine situations, highlighting the need for heightened security measures. Prompt action from the Army and local authorities reflects their commitment to resolving the matter and ensuring the well-being of service members.

Indian Astronaut Exudes Confidence Ahead of 2025 Space Mission SHARE

05-Jun-25

India's Group Captain Shukla is confidently preparing for the country’s upcoming space mission, set to launch on June 10, 2025. Despite facing several delays attributed to weather conditions and final vehicle processing by NASA, Shukla highlighted the extensive training his team has undergone, which includes theoretical studies and emergency preparedness. His optimism reflects a broader commitment to enhancing India's capabilities in space exploration, showcasing the nation's growing prowess in this critical field. This mission signifies a pivotal moment for India, reinforcing its position as a significant player in global space initiatives.

India Appreciates Iran's Swift Rescue of Kidnapped Nationals SHARE

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India expressed gratitude to Iran for the successful rescue of three Indian nationals who had been kidnapped in south Tehran. The operation, carried out by Iranian police in Varamin, highlights the strong ties between the two nations, as noted by the Indian Embassy in Iran. The three men, identified as Amritpal, Husanpreet Singh, and Jaspal Singh from Punjab, were reportedly misled by travel agents with promises of jobs in Australia. The swift action by the Iranian authorities not only underscores their commitment to bilateral relations but also reinforces India's diplomatic engagement in ensuring the safety of its citizens abroad.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SIKA	1180.0	1350.35	1166.0	1350.35	520794	20.0	90.05	846.38	563.11
AVANTEL	165.0	184.61	164.0	181.43	22852041	13.09	79.35	134.57	146.43
COCHINSHIP	2108.0	2380.0	2041.3	2350.8	23864711	12.66	78.23	1883.55	1571.45
KRISHNADEF	850.5	955.0	840.0	942.75	243250	12.61	65.73	837.36	708.46
DATAPATTNS	3003.0	3209.9	2974.0	3171.3	2898002	6.23	77.98	2755.21	2281.72
PARAS	1633.0	1740.0	1616.1	1724.7	2345331	6.23	70.22	1590.58	1109.08
DCXINDIA	309.6	329.0	308.85	326.5	2349086	5.78	58.48	321.51	309.36
MTARTECH	1698.1	1798.8	1696.1	1763.4	989969	4.83	75.2	1612.92	1588.57
IDEAFORGE	591.0	622.0	581.05	615.55	1643624	4.73	75.18	537.58	540.65
MIDHANI	425.0	442.6	423.8	434.55	2173814	2.96	70.88	400.17	339.67
ASTRAMICRO	1150.5	1195.9	1141.5	1178.6	1123287	2.67	73.25	1061.55	800.09
HAL	5000.0	5099.0	4990.0	5071.6	2465458	2.25	64.53	4912.21	4255.02
PREMEXPLN	601.7	611.95	595.0	608.1	1433929	2.0	66.82	539.99	467.08
TANEJAERO	395.35	395.35	395.35	395.35	16841	2.0	72.97	357.23	402.33
GRSE	3393.0	3532.2	3310.0	3405.5	5836616	1.46	82.66	2639.02	1718.27
APOLLO	204.6	208.0	196.03	205.98	12094583	1.45	81.85	158.19	115.58
BEML	4397.5	4488.0	4340.0	4435.3	832596	1.41	78.99	3846.91	3589.0
SOLARINDS	16890.0	17049.0	16810.0	17023.0	118708	1.27	83.35	15035.5	10945.84
BDL	1963.0	1982.9	1926.4	1968.8	3067139	1.1	68.58	1862.05	1264.44
BEL	393.7	394.7	389.5	393.5	20746844	0.74	80.42	370.01	295.44
ADANIENT	2495.0	2530.1	2487.5	2504.4	673209	0.6	54.57	2493.59	2577.22
MAZDOCK	3433.2	3464.0	3379.1	3430.2	3774706	0.51	57.21	3374.93	2402.57
HBLPOWER	610.2	627.0	607.65	610.35	1508086	0.49	67.23	568.38	563.18
LT	3629.9	3677.4	3612.0	3642.6	1466416	0.44	62.78	3608.06	3513.35
WALCHANNAG	238.55	245.01	236.15	237.68	1021256	0.26	65.19	214.41	247.35
BHARATFORG	1277.1	1278.7	1257.0	1269.6	1340532	-0.09	65.03	1241.79	1293.16
LMW	16748.0	16748.0	16401.0	16496.0	1881	-0.33	44.4	17168.35	16125.22
PTC	174.0	175.0	172.44	172.93	862931	-0.53	42.19	180.99	172.89
MARINE	224.9	224.9	216.1	218.01	662535	-0.58	61.0	207.69	219.73
HIGHENE	732.0	739.7	705.0	716.05	8002	-0.6	69.0	673.2	597.03
NIBE	1714.2	1719.0	1655.0	1681.0	15093	-0.64	58.43	1602.98	1555.36
DYNAMATECH	6905.5	6980.0	6781.5	6851.5	22760	-0.78	53.6	6881.43	7205.33
ROSSELLIND	68.27	69.0	67.15	67.53	24916	-1.08	38.77	72.77	140.87
ZENTEC	2268.0	2268.0	2182.0	2193.0	593893	-1.64	79.83	1888.24	1742.46
CFF	650.0	654.8	605.0	613.0	45000	-2.06	75.04	559.48	591.77
AZAD	1819.0	1839.6	1745.0	1753.6	367195	-3.45	54.61	1776.82	1555.88
LOKESHMACH	0.0	161.67	157.0	161.67	15294	-14.13	46.85	168.14	297.41