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## Defense Business and Industry

### HAL Collaborates with GE to Boost F-404 Engine Production for 180 Tejas by 2032



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is actively engaging with General Electric (GE) to boost production of the F-404 engines, crucial for the Tejas Mk1A fighter jets, after the Ministry of Defence approved an order for 97 additional aircraft. This collaboration aims to enhance India's defense self-reliance while addressing the Indian Air Force's modernization needs, particularly to replace aging MiG-21s. HAL plans to ramp up engine production to 30 units annually by 2028, ensuring timely delivery of the jets by 2032. The initiative underscores the growing synergy between Indian and international defense sectors, facilitating technology transfer and strengthening India's aerospace capabilities.

### Tejas Mk-1A to undergo critical trials with advanced weapon systems



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India's Tejas Mk-1A is entering a decisive phase with weapon integration and firing trials in September for Astra BVRAAM, ASRAAM, and the French-origin Hammer, aligning the indigenous fighter with frontline IAF needs while prioritizing locally developed missiles like Astra to reduce dependence on imports. Despite headwinds from GE Aerospace's delayed F404-IN20 engine supplies—including a missed August batch—HAL expects to hand over the first two improved jets in October 2025 after trials conclude, a timeline echoed by senior defence sources and recent reports, underscoring production resilience amid supply chain turbulence. The private sector's role is visibly expanding: Hyderabad-based VEM Technologies handed over the first Mk-1A centre fuselage on May 30, 2025, followed by a second unit on September 4, enabling HAL to scale assembly through an additional

de facto production line supporting Make in India. With Mk-1A enhancements like AESA radar and electronic warfare suites progressing alongside deliveries planned through FY2026 under a stabilized engine pipeline, the program is poised to narrow the IAF's squadron gap on Indian terms.

### GST reforms to boost India's defense capabilities: Gen Dwivedi



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India's Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi, warmly welcomed the sweeping GST reforms unveiled by the 56th GST Council, which will take effect on September 22, 2025. The overhaul streamlines the tax structure into two main slabs—5 percent and 18 percent—abolishing multiple previous rates and ushering in the "GST 2.0" regime. Crucially for defence, a broad range of military items—including C-130 and C-295 transport aircraft, ejection seats, ship-launched missiles, underwater vessels, GSAT systems, flight-motion and target-motion simulators, deep-submergence rescue vessels, RPA/UAVs for military use, high-performance batteries, sonobuoys, artillery-related spares, communication devices like software-defined radios, rockets over 100 mm, and testing equipment—will be exempted from GST. Other equipment—tanks, armoured vehicles, walkie-talkies, and software-powered radios—will now attract just 5 percent GST, down from 12–28 percent. General Dwivedi emphasized that these changes will significantly bolster defence corridors, enabling enhanced investments, and provide MSMEs and startups with more resources for modernization, training, and R&D—a vital boost for military procurement and integrated theatre operations in future wars.

### U.S. and Europe Boost Defense Spending to Enhance Military Procurement



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The global defense sector is witnessing significant growth, particularly in Europe and the U.S., driven by increased defense spending amidst geopolitical uncertainties. Europe's defense budget is projected to

reach €326 billion by 2024, emphasizing a shift toward strategic autonomy with initiatives like the €800 billion ReArm Europe plan, which mandates local procurement. Meanwhile, the U.S. defense budget seeks modernization with a focus on technological superiority, highlighted by a \$849.8 billion request for 2025. Collaborative efforts between U.S. and European firms aim to address interoperability challenges, despite the European market's fragmentation, revealing both opportunities and structural weaknesses in defense capabilities.

## IAF Highlights Technological Advancements and Self-Reliance at Show



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The Indian Air Force highlighted its focus on self-reliance and technological upgrades at the Defence & Technology Show – Edition 3.0 in Chennai from September 4–6, underscoring an Atmanirbhar Bharat push across maintenance, repair, overhaul and life-extension for aircraft, engines, avionics and weapon systems. The IAF's pavilion combined indigenous innovations and indigenized spares with interactive displays and a career segment engaging students and youth, reflecting a broader effort to build a skilled aerospace workforce aligned with India's defence-industrial priorities. The Chennai showcase comes amid a national tempo of aerospace exhibitions and policy emphasis—seen at Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru (February 10–14), framed by the Defence Minister as a platform for resilience and self-reliance, and by official releases as a runway for global partnerships and domestic manufacturing. Contextualizing the push, the IAF's maintenance command has previously reported deep indigenization in spares, translating into substantial cost savings and supply assurance for critical fleets, reinforcing operational availability and strategic autonomy.

## China's Type B UCAV Challenges India; Urgent Response Needed for FUFA



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China's unveiling of the Type B supersonic unmanned combat air vehicle (UCAV) at the Zhuhai Airshow poses a significant challenge for India, emphasizing the urgency for the Indian Air Force (IAF) to expedite the development of its Future Unmanned Fighter Aircraft (FUFA). The Type B's advanced stealth, long-range capabilities, and potential for manned-unmanned teaming could disrupt India's air superiority. In response, FUFA aims to incorporate advanced stealth

features, improve missile ranges, and enhance network-centric operations, aligning with India's self-reliance goals and strategic deterrence across the Indo-Pacific. This development underscores the critical need for India to maintain technological parity and bolster its defense capabilities against emerging threats.

## Additional Scorpene Submarines Procurement Delayed Amid P-75I Issues



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The proposal to procure three additional Scorpene-class submarines for the Indian Navy is in limbo, complicating the already delayed Project-75I program aimed at building six next-generation submarines. Although cost negotiations between Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and the French Naval Group were completed, the contract remains unsigned due to initial inflated bids and indecision from both parties. This stagnation is particularly concerning for the Indian Navy, which faces increasing underwater threats from Pakistan and China, highlighting the urgent need for timely submarine induction to enhance maritime security in the region. The delays emphasize the importance of effective collaboration and adherence to budgetary constraints in defense procurement processes.

## Bharat Forge's KSSL Launches Advanced Light Tank to Boost India's Defense



06-Sep-25

Kalyani Strategic Systems Ltd (KSSL), a defense arm of Bharat Forge Limited, has unveiled an advanced light tank that enhances India's armored warfare capabilities. This innovative tank features a glass cockpit for improved situational awareness, automated ammunition handling for operational efficiency, and integrated sensors with AI diagnostics for real-time monitoring. Weighing 25-30 tons, it is designed for mobility across diverse terrains, making it suitable for rapid deployment in contested areas like the Line of Actual Control with China. This development positions India as a significant player in indigenous defense manufacturing, addressing the evolving demands of modern warfare and further strengthening the Indian Army's operational readiness.

## India Approves 87 MALE Drones, Plans 350 Units Total SHARE

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India's Defence Acquisition Council has approved a significant deal for 87 Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones, valued at ₹30,000 crore, marking an important step in bolstering national security. This procurement emphasizes indigenous manufacturing, with at least 60% local content, and aims for a total requirement of 350 units across the tri-services. The drones, designed for high-altitude operations and extended flight durations, will enhance India's reconnaissance, electronic warfare, and precision strike capabilities. Key Indian firms will participate in the production, supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and positioning India as a self-reliant defense powerhouse in the UAV sector.

## Dassault Aviation to Acquire 51% Stake in DRAL for Majority Control SHARE

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Dassault Aviation plans to increase its stake in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) from 49% to 51%, gaining majority control in this joint venture aimed at enhancing India's aerospace manufacturing capabilities. Established in 2017, DRAL produces components for the Rafale fighter jet and Falcon business jets. This strategic move aligns with India's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, signaling Dassault's commitment to the Indian defense sector. By taking majority ownership, Dassault is expected to enhance localization efforts, attract more investment, and position DRAL as a central hub for future aerospace projects, ultimately strengthening India's defense manufacturing ecosystem.

## Bhairav Robotics Launches Rakshak: India's Next-Gen Autonomous Weapon SHARE

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Bhairav Robotics has launched the Rakshak, an advanced autonomous weapon station that enhances the Indian Armed Forces' capabilities through long-range stereo vision and AI. This innovative system autonomously detects and engages targets, addressing limitations of traditional Laser Range Finders and enabling operations in challenging environments. The Rakshak is modular, compatible with various firearms, and aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, promoting self-reliance in defense technology. With its ability to adapt in real-time, Rakshak signifies a transformative step in unmanned defense solutions,

reducing operator fatigue and improving battlefield efficiency, ultimately strengthening India's defense landscape.

## Indian Army to Acquire 3,000 Vehicle-Mounted Mortar Systems SHARE

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The Indian Army plans to procure 3,000 Vehicle-Mounted Infantry Mortar Systems (VMIMS) to enhance rapid-response firepower, addressing evolving battlefield requirements against threats from Pakistan and China. These systems, capable of deploying in under three minutes, will improve mobility and effectiveness in artillery operations, crucial for countering modern threats like drones and missiles. The initiative aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing indigenous production, with local firms expected to compete for contracts. The Army's approach reflects a commitment to modernizing its capabilities while fostering domestic defense manufacturing, showcased by the successful initial acquisition of 50 VMIMS units from Mahindra Defence Systems.

## IAF to Acquire Over 50 High-Altitude Pseudo Satellites for ISR SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is planning to procure over 50 High-Altitude Pseudo Satellites (HAPS), which will enhance its Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities across sensitive borders with China and Pakistan. These solar-powered platforms will operate at altitudes of 16 to 20 kilometers, providing persistent surveillance and acting as communication nodes while integrating with the IAF's command systems. HAPS are expected to significantly improve India's aerial monitoring, resilience against threats, and bolster its technological self-reliance through indigenous manufacturing. This strategic acquisition represents a transformative leap in India's defense capabilities, addressing current intelligence gaps while enhancing deterrence along critical frontiers.

## OFB Reorganisation into DPSUs Achieves Significant Profit Growth SHARE

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The Indian government's reorganisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) into seven Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) has yielded remarkable results, with the DPSUs reporting a net profit of ₹1,625 crore for FY25, a significant turnaround

from the ₹2,844 crore loss in 2019-20. This shift to independent entities has fostered financial discipline, modern management practices, and strategic clarity, aligning with the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative for self-reliance in defence manufacturing. The reform not only enhances the efficiency of defence production but also positions India as a competitive player in the global defence market, paving the way for collaboration between public and private sectors and bolstering India's defence export potential.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### CDS: China border dispute is India's top security challenge

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Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, speaking on 5 September 2025 in Gorakhpur, said India's unresolved boundary dispute with China is the country's foremost national-security challenge, with Pakistan's sustained "proxy war" strategy as the second major threat; he warned that India must prepare for a multi-domain future battlefield where space, cyber and electronic-warfare will be integral, and stressed the need to adapt doctrine and technology to counter nuclear coercion, disinformation and hybrid tactics. Chauhan highlighted Operation Sindoor as an example of India exercising clear operational freedom and inter-service cohesion to counter cross-border terrorism, describing the strikes as a calibrated response that drew a firm red line after the Pahalgam attack and demonstrating how conventional, aerial and precision capabilities will shape future deterrence. His remarks underscored the imperative for strategic readiness, indigenous technological modernization, resilient command-and-control across domains, and sustained attention to both state-level and non-state threats in a rapidly evolving geopolitical environment.

### Trump Reaffirms Strong India-US Ties Amid Trade Challenges

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Recent statements from former President Trump highlight a complex yet resilient India-US relationship amid trade tensions and geopolitical shifts. While Trump expressed disappointment over India's continued oil imports from Russia and imposed significant tariffs, he reaffirmed his personal rapport with Prime Minister Modi and the importance of bilateral ties. India's Ministry of External Affairs emphasized the autonomy of its foreign policy and

ongoing engagement with the US to address trade issues. This situation reflects broader strategic cooperation despite friction points, asserting India's commitment to maintaining a balanced diplomatic approach while navigating pressure from the US on energy trade with Moscow.

### India rejects Navarro's misleading comments on oil imports.

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India has firmly rejected comments made by White House Trade adviser Peter Navarro, describing them as inaccurate and misleading, particularly regarding India's procurement of Russian crude oil. Navarro accused India of strategic freeloading while criticizing its military ties with Russia, particularly amidst a downturn in US-India relations following increased tariffs on Indian goods. India defended its oil purchases as driven by national interests, noting a significant rise in Russian oil imports from 1.7% in 2019-20 to 35.1% in 2024-25, emphasizing the unjust nature of tariffs imposed selectively on India while China, a larger importer, faced no penalties. This situation highlights the complexities of geopolitical alliances and energy security for India.

### Nvidia's Record Earnings Highlight AI Success Amid Geopolitical Risks

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Nvidia's Q2 2026 earnings report reveals a record revenue of \$46.7 billion, driven primarily by its Data Center segment, which now constitutes 88% of total revenue. However, the company faces significant risks, including geopolitical tensions, particularly in China, and rising competition from domestic firms and in-house silicon initiatives by hyperscalers. Despite heavy investments in R&D and diversification into AI software and robotics, Nvidia's reliance on a few major clients and potential market saturation raise concerns about its long-term sustainability. While Nvidia is currently a leader in the AI sector, it must navigate these challenges to maintain its growth trajectory.

### India Advocates for Swift Resolution of Ukraine Conflict

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India has reiterated its support for an early resolution to the Ukraine conflict, emphasizing the need for enduring peace, as stated by the Ministry of External Affairs. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar engaged in discussions with his Ukrainian counterpart, who acknowledged India's influential role in promoting peace efforts. Prime Minister Modi also conveyed this

message to Russian President Putin, highlighting the importance of dialogue over military solutions. India consistently advocates for a diplomatic resolution to the conflict, reflecting its commitment to global peace and stability while maintaining a balanced diplomatic stance amidst complex geopolitical dynamics.

## India Aims to Join Malacca Strait Patrols for Maritime Security SHARE

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India is seeking to join the Malacca Strait Patrols (MSP), emphasizing its strategic position via the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which are crucial for monitoring maritime traffic in this vital waterway. The MSP, a collaborative security initiative among Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand, aims to enhance maritime security amid rising piracy and geopolitical tensions. India's inclusion is supported by Singapore but faces resistance from Indonesia, highlighting regional sovereignty concerns. This move aligns with India's broader Indo-Pacific strategy to counter China's naval presence, leveraging its geographic advantages to secure vital sea lanes and enhance its role in regional maritime security.

## India's Rising Global Influence: US, China, and Russia Strengthen Ties SHARE

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Former Indian Ambassador Deepak Vohra highlighted India's rising global stature as a diplomatic win, noting the growing interest from the US, China, and Russia in strengthening ties with India under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. Vohra emphasized that India's mature diplomacy allows it to maintain independent relationships without compromising its stance, even in the face of criticism from the US regarding oil purchases from Russia. He asserted that mutual respect and dignity are key to strengthening India-US relations, while Modi's leadership has positioned India as a significant global player. Vohra's insights reflect a positive trajectory for India's international relations amid changing geopolitical dynamics.

## US Defense Funding Cuts Raise Concerns Among Eastern European NATO Allies SHARE

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Multiple outlets report that the Trump administration plans to halt or phase out U.S. security assistance programs for European countries bordering Russia, including ending requests for the Baltic Security Initiative—roughly \$220 million annually for Estonia,

Latvia, and Lithuania—and reevaluating Section 333 training and equipping authorities, alarming NATO allies and U.S. lawmakers amid the war in Ukraine. The Financial Times first reported the shift on Sept. 4, 2025; officials said European diplomats were informed last week, though many defense leaders and members of Congress said they had not received formal notification, adding to confusion noted in follow-up reporting by AP and Reuters on Sept. 4–6. The White House frames the move as coordinated and consistent with pushing Europe to shoulder more defense costs, echoing a broader reprioritization and concurrent NATO commitments at the June 2025 Hague summit to increase spending, even as critics warn of reduced deterrence credibility against Moscow. Republican lawmakers, including Rep. Don Bacon, called the cuts “disastrous,” while analysts note Congress could still attempt to restore funds in appropriations debates.

## Putin: Xi's 'Elephant-Dragon' Symbolizes India-China Ties SHARE

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Russian President Vladimir Putin remarked on the symbolic representation of India-China ties as “Elephant-Dragon,” humorously suggesting Russia could be represented by the Siberian tiger instead of the traditional bear. This commentary came during the recent SCO summit, highlighting the strengthening cooperation among Russia, India, and China under the RIC format, which aims to enhance coordination on global issues. The evolving dynamics suggest a cooling of US-India relations amid concerns over their alignment with China, while India and Russia solidify their strategic engagements, indicating a shift towards a multipolar world order that diminishes Western dominance in favor of non-Western alliances.

## MEA Denies Xi Jinping's 'Secret Letter' Amid Improved Ties SHARE

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The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has refuted reports of a 'secret letter' from Chinese President Xi Jinping signaling a thaw in India-China relations, emphasizing the need for responsible media reporting. Recent diplomatic engagements, including a meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi at the SCO, indicate a positive shift, with both leaders agreeing to view each other as development partners rather than rivals. Concurrently, U.S. President Trump has praised Modi, despite ongoing trade tensions, underscoring the complexities in India's strategic partnerships amidst rising tariffs and geopolitical

challenges. This highlights India's balanced diplomatic approach, aiming to enhance ties with both China and the U.S. while addressing economic concerns.

## Afghan Foreign Minister Muttaqi's India visit delayed by UN sanctions SHARE

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A planned visit to India by Afghan foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi was postponed due to existing UN Security Council sanctions preventing his travel. This visit would have been significant as it marked the first ministerial contact between Kabul and New Delhi since the Taliban's takeover in August 2021. While India has not recognized the Taliban government, it continues to emphasize its support for the Afghan people's aspirations and developmental needs, advocating for an inclusive government in Kabul. Furthermore, India insists that Afghan territory must not be used for terrorism, reaffirming its commitment to regional security.

## India Engages US on Trade Amidst Rising Tensions, MEA Affirms SHARE

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The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reaffirmed its commitment to dialogue with the United States amidst rising trade tensions, including a 50% tariff imposed on Indian goods. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasized India's robust partnership with the US, highlighting ongoing talks across various sectors and the upcoming Quad Summit. The MEA rejected criticisms of India's economic policies and maintained a balanced stance on the Ukraine conflict, advocating for peace and constructive engagement. India's approach underscores its resilience in safeguarding national interests while fostering strategic ties with global powers, reinforcing its independent foreign policy amid geopolitical complexities.

## US President's Comments on India Create Uncertainty, Expert Says SHARE

06-Sep-25

US President Donald Trump's claim on September 5, 2025 that the US has "lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China" has been challenged by South Asia analyst Michael Kugelman, who argues India has not aligned with China and that the outburst reflects Trump's frustration over stalled trade talks and New Delhi denying him credit for the India-Pakistan ceasefire, a stance that complicates ties and inadvertently advances Beijing's narrative of a new order after the SCO summit in Tianjin where PM

Narendra Modi met Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin earlier in the week. Trump has simultaneously escalated pressure on India with new 50% tariffs—framing the trade relationship as a "disaster"—while signaling warmer overtures toward China, a divergence that unsettles the Indo-Pacific's strategic balance and strains traditional alignments vital to India's interests. New Delhi, which maintains strategic autonomy, continues measured efforts to manage the China border standoff without conceding geopolitical space, even as Trump later insisted there was "nothing to worry about" in the US-India relationship, underscoring the administration's mixed messaging that injects uncertainty into bilateral planning and regional security calculations.

## Military Operations

### Army Chief Dwivedi: Theaterisation is essential, timing varies. SHARE

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Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi emphasized the necessity of theaterisation, which integrates Army, Navy, and Air Force capabilities under unified command for effective coordination during warfare. This approach addresses the challenges posed by various agencies involved in national defense, promoting jointness and streamlined operations. While some military leaders express concerns about resource allocation and air power division, the Army maintains that theaterisation is essential for enhancing India's crisis response and offensive abilities. The ongoing debate highlights the need for a tailored Indian model rather than adopting foreign structures, ensuring a robust military capable of addressing regional challenges effectively.

### Gen Dwivedi: Operation Sindoor's Impact Extended Beyond May 10 SHARE

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Indian Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi recently launched a book titled "Operation Sindoor: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan," which details India's military response following the Pahalgam terror attack. He emphasized that the conflict didn't end on May 10, but continued with critical decision-making regarding strategy and execution. Gen Dwivedi praised the Army's calibrated actions during Operation Sindoor, describing their synchronized efforts as a "rhythmic wave." The book also addresses the importance of inter-agency cooperation, intelligence gathering, and

the adaptation of strategies in modern warfare, underscoring India's new normal in countering cross-border terrorism.

## **OTA Chennai Passing Out Parade: 155 Officers Commissioned as Air Chief Hails 'Operation Sindoor' Precision and Jointness**



06-Sep-25

Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh commended Operation Sindoor as a shining testament to India's military prowess during the Passing Out Parade at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai, where 155 officer cadets, including 25 women, were commissioned into the Indian Army. He emphasized the operation's demonstration of exceptional coordination among the three services and the integration of armed forces and other agencies, highlighting the importance of teamwork in modern warfare. Furthermore, 21 foreign cadets from nine friendly countries also completed their training, fostering international camaraderie. The ceremony featured notable achievements, including the presentation of the Sword of Honour and medals to outstanding cadets, epitomizing the commitment to selfless service and excellence in the military. Among the newly commissioned officers was Lieutenant Parul Dhadwal, who made history as the first woman officer from a five-generation military family, showcasing the enduring legacy and dedication to serving the nation. The overarching narrative underscores India's readiness and capability in defense, reflecting a strong resolve to respond effectively in conflict situations while promoting international military cooperation.

## **60 Years Since India's Bold Strike in the 1965 Indo-Pak War**



06-Sep-25

Sixty years ago, on September 6, 1965, India's 1965 Lahore offensive began just after midnight on September 6, when troops crossed the International Border to threaten Lahore and seize positions along the Ichhogil (BRB) Canal, compelling Pakistan to divert forces from its Akhnoor thrust and rushing reinforcements to the sector amid initial Indian gains up to Batapur and Wagah checkpoints. The move followed Pakistan's Operation Grand Slam launched on September 1 near Akhnoor, prompting New Delhi to widen the war to Punjab with the stated aim of occupying ground for bargaining and neutralizing Lahore's defenses anchored on the canal. In the south, Pakistan's armoured push that had captured Khem

Karan was checked at the Battle of Asal Uttar from September 8–10, where Indian forces, aided by terrain and tactics, repulsed Patton-led formations with heavy losses, marking a turning point in the conflict. On September 7, Flt Lt Philip Rajkumar of No. 1 Squadron joined a daylight strike on Sargodha, bombing the ATC and targets amid intense defenses; accounts note multiple aircraft losses claimed, with Pakistan acknowledging limited losses, and Rajkumar later rose to Air Marshal and chronicled the mission. The Sargodha raid on September 7, 1965, involved a morning wave followed by a late-morning return, striking Pakistan's most protected airbase in broad daylight under heavy AAA and fighter response.

## **Search operation launched in Samba after suspected Pak drone sighting**



06-Sep-25

A search operation was initiated in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district following the sighting of a suspected Pakistani drone hovering near vital military installations. The drone was observed at an altitude exceeding 700 meters, prompting immediate alerts and the activation of quick reaction teams from the Army. The police collaborated in conducting joint operations to prevent potential airdropping of weapons or narcotics. This incident underscores ongoing security challenges posed by cross-border drone activities, highlighting the need for heightened vigilance and enhanced surveillance capabilities by Indian defense forces to safeguard national interests effectively.

## **Israeli military advises Gaza City residents to evacuate south.**



06-Sep-25

The Israeli military has urged residents of Gaza City to evacuate south as they intensify their offensive aimed at capturing the city, a reported Hamas stronghold. Prime Minister Netanyahu insists the operation is vital to dismantle Hamas following its attack on Israel in October 2023. The military claims significant territorial control but faces international criticism for the humanitarian crisis unfolding due to heavy casualties and displacement. Amid growing calls for a diplomatic resolution, including hostage negotiations, Israeli officials maintain that operations will escalate until Hamas agrees to Israel's terms for ending the conflict, including disarmament and the release of hostages.

## Chhattisgarh to open 30 new bases for intensified anti-Naxal operations.



06-Sep-25

Security forces in Chhattisgarh are set to open over 30 new forward bases to intensify anti-Naxal operations, targeting Maoist leaders in alignment with the goal of eradicating Naxalism by March 2026. A recent high-level meeting emphasized the deployment of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and its CoBRA battalion into deep Naxal territory, building on recent successes that have seen over 230 Naxalites eliminated this year. The establishment of these bases aims to enhance operational effectiveness and coordination among security agencies, showcasing India's commitment to restoring peace in the region while honoring the sacrifices of personnel who fought against extremism.

## INS Kadmatt Leads Multinational Fleet Review for PNG Independence



06-Sep-25

INS Kadmatt, an indigenously designed Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, successfully led a multinational mobile Fleet Review during Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day on September 4, 2025. The event showcased the Indian Navy's capabilities in operating alongside vessels from five other countries, demonstrating precision and professionalism in naval maneuvers. This exercise not only highlights India's growing reputation as a preferred security partner in the Indo-Pacific but also underscores the increasing interoperability among like-minded navies in the region. Such engagements strengthen maritime partnerships and reinforce India's strategic influence in fostering regional stability and cooperation.

underscores the NIA's commitment to dismantling terror networks and highlights the ongoing challenges of countering transnational terrorism, reflecting the need for enhanced cooperation and vigilance in safeguarding national security.

## Noida man arrested for hoax threat of Mumbai blast to frame rival



06-Sep-25

A Noida resident, Ashwani Kumar, was arrested for sending a hoax threat to Mumbai Police, claiming that 14 terrorists had infiltrated the city with 400 kg of RDX, intending to frame a foe as revenge for a personal vendetta. The message, which raised alarms ahead of Anant Chaturthi celebrations, was traced back to Kumar, who admitted to fabricating the threat using a friend's name. This incident underscores the importance of vigilance within security agencies, especially during high-profile events, and highlights the swift response of law enforcement in addressing potential threats to public safety.

## Khalistani extremists in Canada receive financial backing: report



06-Sep-25

A recent Canadian government report indicates that Khalistani extremist groups, specifically Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation, are receiving financial support from Canada, posing a national security threat. This report highlights the involvement of politically motivated violent extremism (PMVE) and the misuse of charitable organizations for fundraising. It underscores India's long-standing concerns regarding pro-Khalistani elements operating with impunity in Canada, which not only challenge India's territorial integrity but also highlight the vulnerabilities in Canada's counter-terrorism measures. This development reaffirms India's position that external support for separatist movements significantly undermines security in the region.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## NIA arrests key suspect in 2025 Amritsar temple grenade attack



06-Sep-25

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Sharanjit Kumar, a key accused in the March 2025 grenade attack at an Amritsar temple, from Gaya, Bihar. Sharanjit, who played a pivotal role in the operation by supplying grenades, had evaded capture for months, often disguising himself to avoid detection. The NIA's investigation reveals a transnational terror network operating from Europe, the US, and Canada, providing logistical support to operatives in India. This arrest

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

## CERT-In Warns Android Users to Update for Critical Security Risks



06-Sep-25

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a high-severity alert regarding multiple vulnerabilities in Android operating systems,

specifically affecting versions 13, 14, 15, and 16. These flaws could allow attackers to gain elevated privileges, access sensitive data, or execute denial-of-service attacks. CERT-In advises all Android users and manufacturers to promptly apply the latest security patches provided by Google to mitigate risks. The widespread nature of these vulnerabilities highlights the importance of timely updates and proactive security measures, particularly given Android's global dominance, making it a prime target for cybercriminals. Ensuring device security is crucial to prevent potential data theft and service disruptions.

## AI Advancements in National Security: Cyber Warfare Implications



06-Sep-25

Anthropic's announcement of custom AI tools for the US military, named "Claude Gov," underscores a significant trend in leveraging advanced technology for national security, enhancing capabilities in intelligence analysis and cybersecurity. This follows OpenAI's tailored ChatGPT Gov for government use and Meta's collaboration with Anduril Industries on augmented reality gear for soldiers, promising improved battlefield awareness. These developments reflect a shift towards integrating AI and wearable technology into defense strategies, positioning the US at the forefront of military innovation. Such initiatives highlight the growing importance of advanced technologies in maintaining national security and readiness in an evolving geopolitical landscape, reinforcing the need for similar advancements in India's defense sector.

## Europe Faces Record Ransomware Threats, Impacting Defense Supply Chains



06-Sep-25

A recent study by TicTac Cyber Security indicates that Europe is facing a potential record year for ransomware attacks in 2025, with an 80% increase from 2024, particularly affecting critical manufacturing sectors. This surge poses risks to global defense supply chains, including those involving India, heightening the need for robust cybersecurity measures. The report highlights the importance of vendor risk management and emphasizes proactive monitoring to mitigate disruptions caused by ransomware. With attackers utilizing sophisticated tactics to infiltrate networks, India's defense manufacturing partnerships must adapt to ensure resilience in the face of these escalating threats.

## Miscellaneous

### Cargo Shipments from India Remain Steady Despite US Tariff



06-Sep-25

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal affirmed that cargo shipments from India remain unaffected by the recent 50% US tariff on Indian products, highlighting a 21.64% increase in exports to the US during April-July. Despite ongoing trade negotiations, which have been disrupted by the tariff imposition, India views the US's actions as unfair. Sonowal also inaugurated a green hydrogen pilot project at VOC Port, positioning it as a hub for green energy and alternative fuels, crucial for India's economic ambitions. This development underscores India's resilience in trade and commitment to sustainable growth, critical for achieving a USD 5 trillion economy by 2027.

### Pakistan Urges India for Detailed Flood Data under Indus Treaty



06-Sep-25

Pakistan's Foreign Office has urged India to adhere fully to the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), noting that while India has shared some flood information diplomatically, it lacks detail compared to past communications. India emphasizes its humanitarian approach in sharing high flood data through its High Commission in Islamabad. Meanwhile, Pakistan expresses interest in joining the BRICS grouping, supported by Russia, while highlighting concerns over terrorism emanating from Afghanistan as a significant issue impacting regional relations. This situation reflects the complex interplay of bilateral relations amid ongoing security challenges and humanitarian considerations in the region.

### Geopolitics reshape global mining, with few firms dominating.



06-Sep-25

The global mining landscape is increasingly shaped by geopolitical dynamics, with a small group of companies, particularly from China, asserting dominance over critical minerals essential for the energy transition. Companies like CMOC and Zijin Mining have gained significant market shares in cobalt and copper, respectively, while Western firms struggle to compete due to aggressive pricing strategies from their Chinese counterparts. This consolidation in the mining sector raises concerns about resource nationalism and the sustainability of supply chains.

amid rising global demand for electric vehicles and renewable energy technologies. As nations seek to reduce dependence on China, there may be opportunities for new entrants to develop critical mineral projects, fostering a more balanced global mining framework.

## IAF airlifts two critically ill patients from remote Udhampur village. SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully airlifted two critically ill patients from a remote area in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, after road access was compromised due to heavy rains and landslides. Coordinated by the district administration, the operation exemplifies the IAF's commitment to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, ensuring timely medical interventions for those in need. One patient was transferred to the Military Hospital, while the other was admitted to Government Medical College. This operation highlights the essential role of the IAF in

providing critical support during natural disasters, reinforcing India's capability to respond effectively to emergencies in challenging terrains.

## Army and locals unite to protect Ferozepur from flooding. SHARE

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The Indian Army, alongside local residents, is actively engaged in a cooperative effort to reinforce the Left Marginal Bundh (LMB) in Ferozepur, which is under threat from flooding due to heavy rains and increased water release from Harike. The operation showcases remarkable unity, with soldiers of the Madras Regiment and locals working together, emphasizing the strong collaboration between the Army and civil administration. Senior officials, including the General Officer Commanding, are overseeing the situation, which highlights the Army's rapid response in crisis management. This collective endeavor not only aims to protect the city but also exemplifies the spirit of national integrity amid adversity.

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