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## Defense Business and Industry

### INS Arnala: India's First Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft to Launch

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The Indian Navy is set to commission its first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, INS Arnala, on June 18, 2025, in Visakhapatnam, marking a significant advancement in India's maritime capabilities. Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers in collaboration with L&T Shipbuilders, Arnala boasts over 80% indigenous content and involves contributions from various Indian defense firms and MSMEs, promoting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This 77.6 m long vessel enhances India's coastal defense and fortifies its position as a self-reliant maritime power in the crucial Indian Ocean Region, reflecting both technological prowess and a commitment to national security.

### China's KJ-500 AEW&C for Pakistan Raises Strategic Concerns

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China has offered Pakistan advanced military capabilities, including 40 J-35 stealth fighter jets, KJ-500 airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) aircraft, and the HQ-19 air defense system, as part of a deepening defense relationship amid shifting regional security dynamics. The KJ-500, which is intended to replace the retired ZDK-03, claims notable upgrades such as a fixed AESA radar with 360-degree coverage, yet concerns remain about its operational reliability due to shared lineage with older Soviet-era designs. While the J-35 could enhance Pakistan's air superiority, it must be acknowledged that India operates advanced platforms including the Rafale and is developing its own fifth-generation aircraft, the AMCA. Additionally, the HQ-19 system is designed to counter a variety of aerial threats, which may complicate India's strategic calculations. The combined acquisition of these advanced systems could potentially alter the balance of power in South Asia, presenting India with new

challenges in maintaining its aerial dominance and deterrence capabilities. This evolving military landscape underscores the importance of India continuing to modernize its own defense assets to ensure its strategic interests are safeguarded in the face of these developments.

### PM Modi Aims for India to Be a Top Global Defense Exporter

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Prime Minister Modi emphasized India's ambition to become a leading global defense exporter, highlighting the success of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, which propelled defense exports from ₹686 crore in FY 2013-14 to ₹23,622 crore in FY 2024-25. He set a target of ₹50,000 crore by 2029 and aims for India to be the world's largest defense exporter by 2047. The recent Operation Sindoor demonstrated indigenous military capabilities, enhancing the credibility of Indian defense products globally. Modi called for collective participation in this mission, focusing on innovation, technological advancement, and domestic manufacturing to strengthen both national security and economic growth.

### DRDO Developing Advanced Layered Air Defense Systems Like Iron Dome

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India's defense innovation is witnessing significant advancements, with DRDO Chief Dr. Kamat highlighting the ongoing development of layered defense systems akin to the Iron Dome. Current assets like the Akash missile and the emerging Kusha missile promise to enhance India's air defense, particularly after their effective use during recent conflicts, thwarting enemy attacks. The integration of advanced radar technologies and various missile systems, including the BrahMos and Astra variants, showcases India's commitment to indigenous manufacturing and strategic capabilities. This multi-layered approach is expected to bolster the operational strength of the Indian armed forces, securing national airspace against evolving threats.

## Taiwan Seeks India's D4 Anti-Drone System Amid Chinese Threats SHARE

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Taiwan is keen to acquire India's advanced D4 anti-drone system, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited. This system's proven capabilities against drone threats, particularly in the context of Chinese military aggression, highlight its strategic importance for Taiwan's national security. The dual-layered approach of the D4, which includes electronic jamming and laser-based weapons, makes it adaptable for urban and remote environments. This potential deal signifies a strengthening of defense ties between India and Taiwan, reflecting a broader trend of nations enhancing their anti-drone capabilities to counter evolving threats, while positioning India as a key player in the Indo-Pacific defense market.

## India and Australia Launch Joint Project for Advanced Sonar Systems SHARE

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India and Australia have signed a Joint Research Project to develop advanced towed array sonar systems, enhancing their maritime defense collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region. This initiative leverages India's expertise in sonar technology and Australia's established sonar industry to create systems that improve underwater surveillance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities. The joint project aims to produce lightweight, high-performance sonar arrays incorporating AI and machine learning, responding to rising geopolitical tensions and increasing submarine activity. While the collaboration presents opportunities for regional security and defense manufacturing, challenges such as development costs and integration complexities remain. This partnership positions both nations strategically within a growing global market for advanced ASW systems.

## Indian Rafale Jets to Integrate Indigenous Rudram-I and Astra Weapons SHARE

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The Indian Navy's Rafale-M and the IAF's Rafale jets will be equipped with indigenous weapons Rudram-I, Astra Mk1, and SAAW, enhancing their operational capabilities and aligning with India's defense indigenization goals. This integration follows a \$7 billion contract with France and is part of the Make in India initiative, focusing on self-reliance. The move not only improves the Rafale fleet's readiness but also promotes India as a potential advanced weaponry

exporter. However, concerns over access to proprietary source codes for system modifications from Dassault Aviation remain a hurdle in achieving complete operational autonomy, necessitating strategic negotiations to balance integration needs with intellectual property considerations.

## BrahMos Tests Upgraded Ramjet Engine for Mach 4.5 Speeds SHARE

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BrahMos Aerospace is advancing its capabilities by testing an upgraded ramjet engine aimed at achieving speeds over Mach 4.5 for its supersonic cruise missile, currently operating at Mach 3. This enhancement, currently undergoing ground trials, will significantly improve the missile's performance, making it more challenging for adversaries' air defense systems to intercept. With a range of up to 600 km, the faster BrahMos would bolster India's precision-strike capabilities, complicating enemy defensive strategies and reinforcing deterrence against nations like Pakistan and China. Overcoming engineering hurdles, the initiative aligns with India's strategic goal of maintaining a technological edge in regional security dynamics.

## DRDO Prepares for Hypersonic Cruise Missile Test Under Project ET-LDHCM SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing preparations for the flight testing of the Extended Trajectory – Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile (ET-LDHCM), a significant step in India's defense capabilities. The missile is designed for multi-domain deployment, capable of launch from air, land, and sea platforms. It features a scramjet engine that combusts fuel using atmospheric oxygen, allowing sustained hypersonic flight. With speeds exceeding Mach 8 (around 11,000 km/h) and a range surpassing 1,500 kilometers, it can carry payloads weighing between 1,000 to 2,000 kilograms, including both conventional and nuclear warheads. The missile's low-altitude, high-speed trajectory enhances its ability to evade radar detection, making it a formidable asset for precision strikes against critical targets. This development underscores India's growing expertise in hypersonic technology, placing it among a select group of nations with such advanced capabilities. The successful deployment of the ET-LDHCM will significantly bolster India's strategic defense posture amid evolving global military dynamics.

## Big Bang Boom Solutions Launches Non-Lethal Vessel Tether System [SHARE](#)

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Chennai-based defense startup Big Bang Boom Solutions has launched the CNIDARIA AQUA TETHER, a non-lethal vessel immobilization system designed for maritime security. This innovative technology aims to halt unauthorized vessels without causing harm, addressing challenges such as smuggling and piracy while promoting humane interventions. The system aligns with India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing and enhances the operational capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard and Navy along its extensive coastline. However, the effectiveness of such non-lethal technologies in real-world scenarios remains to be tested, and their use in complex geopolitical waters necessitates careful regulation to prevent misuse.

## AerPace Industries Launches aerShield: A New Era in Unmanned Warfare [SHARE](#)

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Mumbai-based AerPace Industries has launched aerShield, an AI-driven unmanned combat ecosystem poised to redefine modern warfare while prioritizing human safety. Unveiled on May 15, 2025, this innovative system integrates advanced drones for intelligence, surveillance, and precision strike capabilities, allowing for rapid response to threats without risking personnel. Key features include advanced UAVs like the aerRecon series, optimized for high-endurance intelligence missions, providing real-time thermal and electro-optical/infrared feeds. The ecosystem also encompasses the aerReaper series for tactical engagement and the aerStriker series for high-impact strike missions. At its core is aerOS, an indigenous AI-based autonomous drone control platform enabling real-time flight navigation, mission execution, obstacle avoidance, and precise targeting. This collaborative operational model ensures drones work cohesively, adapting to dynamic battlefield scenarios and minimizing human exposure. aerShield significantly improves India's defense autonomy and showcases the potential of homegrown technology in enhancing national security, with live demonstrations set for Indian and allied defense forces.

## India's STAR Missile: A Game-Changer for Air Defense [SHARE](#)

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India is significantly enhancing its air defense capabilities with the development of the Supersonic

Target Acquisition Rocket (STAR) missile, a long-range Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) designed to neutralize high-value aerial targets like Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). Powered by a Liquid Fuel Ramjet (LFRJ) engine, the STAR missile maintains high supersonic speeds throughout its flight, enabling it to engage distant, high-altitude targets effectively. Its aerodynamic design, featuring a pointed nose cone and stabilizing fins, likely houses an advanced seeker for precise target acquisition. The missile's range is expected to exceed 300 kilometers, although exact specifications remain classified. The STAR missile is anticipated to be integrated with India's frontline fighters, including the Sukhoi Su-30 MKI, Rafale, and the indigenous Tejas, complementing existing BVR missiles like the Astra. An air-launched variant is also under development for platforms such as the LCA Tejas, expanding its utility in both air-to-air and air-to-ground combat roles. Currently in its third phase of development, the STAR missile is undergoing critical full-system integration trials, marking a significant milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance in defense technology. Once operational, it will bolster the Indian Air Force's combat capabilities and position India as a key player in the global defense market.

## DRDO's 10kW Laser Weapon Set for Deployment Against Drone Threats [SHARE](#)

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is on the verge of deploying its 10-kilowatt Directed Energy Weapon (DEW), a mobile laser system engineered to counter aerial threats like drones. This trailer-mounted high-energy laser system has successfully undergone rigorous trials, demonstrating its capacity to detect, track, and destroy fast-moving targets, even under challenging environmental conditions. The DEW offers a cost-effective alternative to traditional missile-based defenses, providing rapid engagement and high precision with minimal collateral damage, making it particularly effective against inexpensive unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drone swarms. Its development, part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, significantly enhances India's self-reliance in defense technology and positions the nation among an exclusive group of global powers possessing high-power laser DEW systems. The DRDO is also advancing more powerful versions, including a 30-kilowatt system already tested, and a 300-kilowatt "Surya" laser planned, further bolstering India's



defensive capabilities against evolving threats in modern warfare.

## DRDO Launches Open Bidding for AMCA Fighter, Aiming for 2029 Flight



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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has initiated an open bidding process for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, inviting private Indian firms to collaborate alongside Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in developing the country's first fifth-generation stealth fighter. This strategic move aligns with the 'Make in India' initiative, aiming to bolster indigenous defense manufacturing capabilities. The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) will oversee the program, allowing companies to bid independently, as joint ventures, or consortia, provided they are Indian entities compliant with national laws. The AMCA is envisioned as a 25-tonne, twin-engine, multirole stealth aircraft featuring advanced technologies such as supercruise capability, internal weapons bays, and extensive use of composites for reduced radar cross-section. The prototype's first flight is targeted for 2028-29, with mass production anticipated by 2035. The Indian Air Force plans to induct seven squadrons, totaling approximately 126 aircraft. The initial two squadrons (Mark-I) will be powered by GE F414 engines, while the subsequent five (Mark-II) are expected to utilize a more powerful 110 kN engine, potentially developed indigenously in collaboration with international partners. This collaborative model aims to enhance project accountability, bring commercial rigor to execution, and facilitate foreign direct investment and technology infusion. By involving private sector firms alongside HAL, the model diversifies the production base, reducing bottlenecks associated with a single manufacturer. Private companies would bring agility, innovation, and financial muscle, which can accelerate manufacturing and delivery timelines. The Ministry of Defence has emphasized reducing timelines, with firms incentivized to optimize costs and timelines to win bids, thereby reducing bureaucratic delays that plagued earlier phases of the AMCA program. The Combined Quality Cum Cost Based System (CQCCBS) model will evaluate bids based on technical and financial merits, ensuring high-quality outcomes. Including private firms would enable access to advanced manufacturing techniques and expertise in composites, avionics, and AI. The collaboration is expected to enhance the AMCA's technological edge, aligning it with global fifth-generation standards. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing

and aims to strengthen the Indian Air Force's capabilities against regional threats.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### PM Modi: India-Central Asia partnership vital against terrorism



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the Foreign Ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan to discuss the India-Central Asia partnership, emphasizing its significance in addressing regional and global challenges, particularly in the context of terrorism. The Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to enhancing economic ties, connectivity, and defense cooperation. The Central Asian ministers condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, expressing solidarity with India in its fight against cross-border terrorism. This dialogue, established in 2019, serves to deepen cooperation and mutual understanding, with an upcoming summit aimed at further solidifying these ties in various sectors including trade and security.

### Modi Invited to G7 Summit as India-Canada Ties Strengthen



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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has invited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the upcoming G7 summit in June 2025, marking a significant step towards mending previously strained bilateral relations. This invitation is seen as a diplomatic reset, with both leaders eager to address shared interests and challenges, particularly regarding extremism and security threats. Prominent Canadian lawmaker Dallas Brodie emphasized the deep ties between India and Canada, especially with the large Indian diaspora in Canada, and highlighted the importance of counter-terrorism discussions, referencing historical incidents like the 1985 Air India bombing. Brodie expressed hope that the issue of Khalistani extremism would be a key agenda item during the summit, advocating for a firm approach to combat this sentiment, which has caused unrest among communities in both nations. Modi has expressed gratitude for the invitation, and both countries are looking to leverage their shared democratic values and economic potential to foster a robust partnership. Overall, the summit is anticipated to focus on global security, economic stability, and counter-terrorism, reinforcing the importance of

collaboration between India and Canada in addressing mutual concerns.

## Pakistan's Plea for Indus Waters Treaty Highlights Water Crisis



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Pakistan's escalating water crisis has led to a series of urgent appeals to India, emphasizing the critical importance of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) for its agricultural and energy needs. Following India's suspension of the treaty in April 2025, citing national security concerns after a terrorist attack in Kashmir, Pakistan dispatched four formal letters urging the reinstatement of the agreement. These communications highlighted the treaty's role in ensuring water flow from the Indus River system, vital for Pakistan's agriculture and hydropower, and warned of severe humanitarian and environmental consequences if the suspension persisted. India, however, maintained that sustained cross-border terrorism from Pakistan impeded its treaty rights and refused to engage in negotiations until such activities ceased. Notably, from 2017 to 2022, during five meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission, Pakistan consistently refused to engage in discussions regarding India's concerns over the Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects. This prolonged intransigence compelled India to issue a formal notice in January 2023, seeking modifications to the treaty to address these unresolved issues. The suspension has intensified tensions, with Pakistan warning that any attempt by India to disrupt water flow could be considered an act of war. This standoff underscores the complexities of Indo-Pak relations, where geopolitical conflicts intersect with critical resource management, and highlights the urgent need for diplomatic engagement to address shared challenges.

## Russia Accuses Ukraine of Delaying POW and Body Exchange



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Russia has accused Ukraine of indefinitely postponing a large-scale prisoner swap and the repatriation of deceased soldiers, following peace talks in Istanbul where both sides had made agreements. Vladimir Medinsky, Russia's chief negotiator, claimed that Ukraine unexpectedly delayed the acceptance of bodies and the exchange of POWs, despite Russia bringing 1,212 bodies to the designated area for exchange. The talks resulted in plans to swap all wounded soldiers and those under 25, but Russia is urging Kyiv to adhere to the agreed timetable. This ongoing tension highlights

the complexity of negotiations in the protracted conflict, with both sides continuing to grapple with their commitments.

## Chinese Skepticism Grows Over J-35A Supply to Pakistan Amid Delays



07-Jun-25

Chinese netizens are expressing skepticism regarding the government's decision to supply the J-35A stealth fighter to Pakistan, as China's own production capabilities remain unproven and the aircraft has not yet been inducted into the PLA. Concerns about Pakistan's financial stability, evidenced by its history of delayed payments for military acquisitions, further complicate the potential deal. This move could escalate the already robust military partnership between China and Pakistan, aimed at countering India's growing air power, particularly following India's successful strikes against Pakistani infrastructure and its deployment of advanced defense systems like the S-400. Overall, the decision raises questions about strategic rationale and resource allocation amidst ongoing Chinese production challenges.

## Pakistan Seeks U.S. Air Defense Systems After IAF Strikes



07-Jun-25

A Pakistani delegation is lobbying the U.S. for advanced air defense systems following substantial strikes by the Indian Air Force (IAF) during Operation Sindoor, which revealed vulnerabilities in Pakistan's air defenses. The IAF's precision attacks destroyed nearly 20% of Pakistan's air force infrastructure, leading to increased urgency in Pakistan's defense strategy. The effectiveness of India's modern military capabilities, particularly against Chinese-supplied systems, has sparked concern in Islamabad. Pakistan's request for U.S. systems like the Patriot missile defense system reflects both its desire to counter India's aerial dominance and the potential complications this could pose for U.S.-India relations amidst rising regional tensions.

## Military Operations

## Two NSCN-K-YA Militants Killed in Arunachal Gunfight



07-Jun-25

Security forces in Arunachal Pradesh successfully neutralized two militants from the National Socialist

Council of Nagalim (NSCN-K-YA) faction during a fierce gunfight in Longding district, which borders Myanmar. The encounter occurred when security forces, on patrol, were ambushed by militants, prompting an effective retaliatory response. Following the firefight, the militants withdrew into Myanmar. This area has been identified as an insurgency hotspot, with militants frequently using it as a transit route for operations across the porous border. Additionally, prior engagements in the region have led to the deaths of more militants and the recovery of significant weapon caches, suggesting an ongoing threat from armed groups. The NSCN-K-YA has been active despite peace negotiations with other factions and has previously issued extortion notices to local businesses. The situation underscores the challenges faced by Indian security forces in maintaining stability along the 1,643-km unfenced border with Myanmar, necessitating ongoing vigilance and coordinated efforts among the Army, Assam Rifles, and local police. The recent incidents highlight the complex security dynamics in this northeastern region, emphasizing the need for robust operational strategies to counter insurgency and safeguard national interests.

## Intensified Russian Attacks on Kharkiv Raise Urgent Concerns

07-Jun-25

A recent large-scale attack by Russian forces targeted Ukraine's eastern city of Kharkiv, resulting in three fatalities and over 21 injuries, marking one of the most intense assaults since the beginning of the full-scale invasion in 2022. The barrage involved 215 missiles and drones, of which Ukrainian air defenses managed to intercept 87 drones and seven missiles. In addition to Kharkiv, other Ukrainian regions, including Donetsk and Odesa, faced similar assaults, causing extensive damage to residential buildings and civilian infrastructure. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha emphasized the need for increased pressure on Moscow to halt its aggression, while U.S. President Donald Trump indicated that Russian President Vladimir Putin is likely to retaliate for Kyiv's recent drone attacks on Russian military airfields, proposing a controversial stance of allowing both nations to continue their conflict before pursuing peace negotiations. This situation underscores the ongoing volatility in the region and highlights the importance of international support for Ukraine, as the conflict appears far from resolution. The continued Russian offensive, coupled with mixed signals from global leaders regarding peace efforts, complicates the geopolitical landscape and raises concerns regarding

the humanitarian impact on civilians caught in the crossfire.

## IAF to Conduct Major Combat Drills Near India-Pak Border

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India's Air Force is set to conduct large-scale combat drills near the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan from June 7 to June 8, with a NOTAM issued for airspace restrictions during the exercise. This operation features advanced aircraft like Rafale and Sukhoi-30 and occurs amid heightened tensions following a terror attack in Pahalgam, which has led to retaliatory military actions and airspace restrictions between the two nations. While the Ministry of Defence has not officially linked the drills to current geopolitical tensions, their timing suggests a firm stance by India in light of frequent ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the Line of Control, highlighting India's commitment to operational readiness and national security.

## 76 Army Personnel Airlifted from Landslide in North Sikkim

07-Jun-25

On June 7, 2025, the Indian Army successfully airlifted 76 personnel from Chaten in north Sikkim following severe landslides triggered by heavy rainfall that disrupted road connectivity. The coordinated evacuation involved MI-17 helicopters and included the prior rescue of over 1,600 stranded tourists. The operation showcased the collaborative efforts of the Indian Army, National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, and local authorities, highlighting India's robust disaster response capabilities. Despite the tragic loss of three soldiers and ongoing efforts to locate missing personnel, the swift action taken underscores the commitment of the Indian defense forces to disaster management and civilian safety.

## Ukraine Downs Russian Su-35 Fighter Amid Heightened Tensions

07-Jun-25

Ukraine's air forces reported the downing of a Russian Su-35 fighter jet during an operation in the Kursk direction, marking a significant achievement amid ongoing tensions. This incident follows a large-scale drone attack by Ukraine's security agency, the SBU, which targeted over 40 Russian military aircraft, resulting in damage to numerous strategic bombers capable of launching long-range missiles. While Russia has yet to comment on the downed jet, these

developments underscore Ukraine's increasing operational capabilities and resilience. This situation highlights the evolving dynamics of aerial warfare and the importance of sustained military readiness in the region, which could have implications for neighboring nations, including India, in shaping their defense strategies.

## Shah Praises Police Leaders for Success in Anti-Naxal Operations

07-Jun-25

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently commended senior police officers for their strategic leadership and effective execution in successful anti-Naxal operations, emphasizing the government's firm commitment to combat Naxalism. He expressed appreciation for the courage and dedication of the security forces involved and plans to visit Chhattisgarh to meet the soldiers who contributed to these operations. This reinforces the Modi government's resolve to eradicate the Naxal threat, demonstrating a proactive approach in ensuring internal security and stability in affected regions, which is vital for fostering development and national integration. The government's efforts in tackling such insurgencies highlight its dedication to maintaining peace and order in India.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Security Forces Eliminate Seven Naxalites in Bijapur Operation

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In a significant anti-Maoist operation in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, security forces have neutralized seven Naxalites, including top leaders Bhaskar and Sudhakar, over three days in the Indravati National Park area. The operation, which commenced on June 4, involved personnel from the state police's Special Task Force (STF), District Reserve Guard (DRG), and the CRPF's specialized CoBRA unit. Bhaskar, carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 45 lakh, was involved in severe criminal activities and had been a critical figure in indoctrinating youth and planning attacks, while Sudhakar had a bounty of Rs 40 lakh and was similarly implicated in Maoist violence. The encounters resulted in the recovery of a substantial cache of weapons and ammunition, including AK-47 rifles. This operation underscores the Indian security forces' relentless commitment to combatting Maoist insurgency, with the objective to eradicate this threat by March 2026, reflecting the government's focus on maintaining

internal security and stability in the region. The continuous successes against high-ranking Maoist leaders signal a strategic momentum in the fight against insurgency, bolstering the operational effectiveness of Indian security forces.

## India-Germany Strengthen Ties Against Terrorism Post-Pahalgam Attack

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The recent diplomatic outreach by India following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack highlights the strengthening strategic partnership between India and Germany in addressing shared security challenges, particularly terrorism. A high-level Indian parliamentary delegation, led by BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, visited Germany and Brussels, emphasizing India's Zero Tolerance for Terrorism and the need for international solidarity against extremism, particularly in light of Pakistan-sponsored terror groups. Former German envoy Bernd Mutzelburg and other German parliamentarians condemned the attack and voiced their commitment to supporting India in counterterrorism efforts. They recognized India's efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region and expressed solidarity in the fight against terrorism, which is crucial for upholding democratic values and global security. The discussions also explored economic partnerships, with Germany being India's largest trading partner in the EU, highlighting mutual interests in infrastructure, energy, and emerging technologies. The Indian government's measured response, particularly through Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror infrastructure resulting in the elimination of over 100 militants, was praised as an example of decisive action against cross-border terrorism. This diplomatic initiative not only underscores India's proactive stance against terrorism but also signifies the growing importance of India-Germany relations in enhancing cooperation to confront shared threats to democratic stability and global security.

## India's Strong Stance on Terrorism: A Call for Global Unity

07-Jun-25

The recent statements from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reaffirm India's unwavering stance on zero tolerance towards cross-border terrorism, particularly in light of ongoing threats from Pakistan. Singh emphasized that India has successfully demonstrated its capability to combat terrorism through decisive actions such as surgical strikes and Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror



camps linked to groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba. He called for a united global effort to eradicate terrorism, highlighting India's historical experiences with state-sponsored terrorism and asserting that any further dialogue with Pakistan must primarily address the issue of terrorism. Singh also advocated for a comprehensive international approach to define and combat terrorism, stressing the need for accountability of states that support such activities. This collective stance is critical as India aims to isolate Pakistan diplomatically and economically while effectively countering threats to its national security. The Indian government's firm position resonates with its broader strategy to assert military readiness and diplomatic pressure against terrorism, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty and regional stability.

### **NIA charges Maoist for the targeted killing of Army soldier in Chhattisgarh.**



07-Jun-25

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against Ashu Korsa, a Maoist cadre, for his role in the targeted killing of Army soldier Motiram Achala in Chhattisgarh. The incident occurred during a local village fair in February 2024, where Achala was shot dead as part of a conspiracy by the CPI (Maoist), a banned terrorist organization. The NIA took over the case from local police and arrested Korsa in December 2024, highlighting the persistent threat posed by Maoist insurgency in the region. This action underscores the Indian government's commitment to combating terrorism and ensuring the safety of its armed forces and civilians.

### **PM Modi Honors Pahalgam Hero, Vows to Combat Terrorism**



07-Jun-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed profound respect for Syed Adil Shah, a pony rider killed during a terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, commending his bravery in trying to protect tourists. Shah's family thanked the Prime Minister for acknowledging their loss, viewing it as a morale booster, while emphasizing their pride in his sacrifice. Modi reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding Jammu and Kashmir from terrorism, ensuring the region's progress will not be hindered. The recognition by the Prime Minister serves to galvanize public support and highlights the resilience of local communities against the scourge of terrorism.

### **Indian Delegation Discusses Pahalgam Attack and Op Sindoor with US Officials**



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An Indian delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor met with US officials, including Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau and Senator Chris Van Hollen, to discuss the recent Pahalgam terror attack and India's response through Operation Sindoor. The meetings emphasized India's commitment to countering cross-border terrorism, with US officials expressing solidarity and support for India's right to self-defense. This diplomatic effort aims to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation and deepen strategic ties between India and the US amid regional security challenges. Such interactions reflect India's proactive approach in garnering international backing against terrorism and reinforcing its strategic partnerships.

### **NIA charges Khalistani terrorist Goldy Brar in Gurugram bombing**



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted five individuals, including Khalistani terrorist Goldy Brar, for a December 2024 bomb attack at two clubs in Gurugram, Haryana. This operation, linked to the banned Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), aimed to incite communal unrest and disrupt peace in the region. The NIA's findings indicate a well-planned conspiracy involving extortion, funding terrorism, and the procurement of explosives, posing a significant threat to India's security and sovereignty. The NIA's actions underline India's commitment to combating terrorism and maintaining national integrity against such transnational threats.

## **Cybersecurity and Information Warfare**

### **China and Pakistan Launch Disinformation Attack on Rafale Jets After Indian Strikes**



07-Jun-25

A recent disinformation campaign orchestrated by China and Pakistan targets India's Rafale jets following successful Indian airstrikes on May 7, which utilized SCALP missiles. This campaign, characterized by fake news and doctored videos, aims to undermine the credibility of the Rafale and the India-France defense partnership while elevating rival platforms like the Chinese J-10. Indian and French officials have robustly



countered these misleading narratives, with fact-checkers debunking claims of Rafale underperformance and loss. The episode highlights the growing significance of information warfare in contemporary conflicts, illustrating how misinformation can shape public perception and strategic narratives amidst geopolitical tensions.

## FBI warns of North Korean-linked ransomware threat to global firms SHARE

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The FBI and CISA have issued a cybersecurity advisory regarding a surge in Play ransomware attacks linked to North Korean group Andariel, affecting over 900 organizations globally. This group employs sophisticated tactics, including using unique German email domains for ransom communication, and has exploited a zero-day vulnerability in Windows systems. Despite mitigation efforts, the campaign continues unabated, prompting the FBI to urge organizations to bolster their defenses. This situation underscores the growing threat posed by state-sponsored cybercriminals and highlights the need for enhanced international cybersecurity collaboration to counter such evolving threats.

## Miscellaneous

## Chenab Bridge Inauguration: India's Infrastructure Triumph Amidst Pakistan's Decline SHARE

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India's inauguration of the Chenab Bridge, a remarkable engineering feat at 359 meters above the Chenab River, is a pivotal moment in enhancing infrastructure through the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL), bolstering economic growth and military logistics in Jammu and Kashmir. The bridge, constructed with 28,000 tonnes of steel and designed to withstand extreme conditions, symbolizes India's commitment to regional integration and development amidst Pakistan's ongoing economic struggles, which have led to the cancellation of numerous development projects. Prime Minister Modi, waving the Indian national flag atop the bridge, emphasized resilience against terrorism following a recent attack in Pahalgam, reinforcing the message of security and progress in the region. The USBRL project aims to provide year-round rail access to the Kashmir Valley, significantly reducing travel times and improving connectivity, which is crucial for tourism and local

livelihoods. By investing in such significant infrastructure while Pakistan grapples with financial constraints and increased military spending, India showcases its dedication to fostering stability and prosperity, positioning itself as a beacon of development in a historically troubled region.

## Tharoor: U.S. Mediation on India-Pakistan Conflict Is Unfeasible SHARE

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Congress MP Shashi Tharoor emphasized that mediation between India and Pakistan, particularly involving the U.S., is untenable due to the lack of equivalence between a democratic nation and a state that harbors terrorism. He criticized U.S. President Trump's claims of having brokered a ceasefire, asserting that the situation is a matter of fundamental differences in geopolitical status and intentions. Tharoor appreciates U.S. engagement but maintains that direct military communication was key in resolving tensions, especially following India's Operation Sindoor aimed at dismantling terror infrastructure. His statements highlight India's position against external mediation in its national security matters, reinforcing a strong stance towards sovereignty and counter-terrorism.

## PM Modi Champions Global Cooperation at Disaster Resilience Conference SHARE

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Prime Minister Modi addressed the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2025, emphasizing the vulnerability of coastal regions to natural disasters and climate change. He highlighted India's past resilience efforts post-cyclones and tsunamis, advocating for a collaborative global approach towards disaster management, including integrating resilience education, creating a digital repository for best practices, and enhancing early warning systems. Modi's call for innovative financing for developing nations underscores India's leadership role in global disaster preparedness. This initiative aligns with India's commitment to supporting Small Island Developing States and reflects a proactive stance on climate resilience, reinforcing India's position as a key player in international disaster management efforts.

## Israel Recovers Body of Thai Hostage from Gaza Conflict SHARE

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Israel has retrieved the body of Thai hostage Nattapong Pinta, kidnapped during the October 7 attack by Hamas, while continuing its military offensive in Gaza, which has reportedly killed over 54,000 Palestinians. The prime minister's office confirmed Pinta's body was recovered in a military operation, highlighting the ongoing conflict that has seen substantial civilian casualties. Israel's defense minister emphasized the military's commitment to dismantling Hamas, stating that operations adhere to international law despite significant collateral damage. The retrieval underscores the tragic fate of hostages and the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, raising critical questions about the balance between military action and civilian safety.

## Bangladesh's Prime Minister Yunus Sets April 2026 for National Elections SHARE

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Bangladesh's interim Prime Minister, Muhammad Yunus, announced that national elections will be held in the first half of April 2026, following a period of interim governance after the ousting of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 2024. Yunus emphasized the necessity of completing electoral and institutional reforms before the elections, including updating the voter list and implementing recommendations from the Electoral Reform Commission. He expressed a goal of achieving near-total voter participation, particularly among first-time voters, to ensure a robust democratic process. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has criticized the April 2026 timeline, advocating for earlier elections and expressing public dissatisfaction with the delay. In contrast, the newly formed National Citizen Party, backed by student leaders from the anti-Hasina protests, has struggled to maintain momentum amid shifting political allegiances. The interim government's focus on comprehensive reforms, including the establishment of a National Constitutional Council, aims to address systemic issues and pave the way for a more inclusive and transparent electoral process. While the military has supported the interim administration, political tensions persist, and the upcoming elections are seen as a critical juncture for Bangladesh's democratic future.

## India-US Trade Talks Accelerate Ahead of Tariff Deadline SHARE

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India and the US are advancing trade talks in Delhi, aiming to finalize an interim agreement before the expiration of a US tariff suspension on July 8, 2025. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal highlighted efforts to enhance market access and reduce tariffs, particularly in sensitive sectors like dairy. This dialogue emerges amidst heightened trade tensions from recent US tariff increases, with India asserting its need to protect national interests. Both nations view this agreement as a strategic opportunity to reshape trade dynamics, emphasizing mutual benefits and resilience in critical sectors, particularly in defense and technology, thereby reinforcing their bilateral relationship.

## US and China to Restart Trade Talks in London Amid Tensions SHARE

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The US and China are set to resume high-stakes trade talks in London on June 9, following a temporary 90-day agreement that saw both nations roll back tariffs. Despite initial optimism, deeper issues remain unresolved, including disputes over rare earth exports and the status of Taiwan. Tensions have increased due to US restrictions on semiconductor software exports to China and visa revocations for certain Chinese students. The talks represent a crucial opportunity to stabilize relations, with both sides eager to avoid a repeat of previous standoffs that risked global economic downturns, yet significant challenges continue to loom over the negotiations.

## PM Modi Celebrates Eid-ul-Adha, Promotes Unity and Peace SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his greetings to the nation on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, emphasizing the importance of harmony and peace within society. In his message, he expressed hopes that this festive occasion would inspire unity and contribute positively to the social fabric of India, wishing everyone good health and prosperity. Such statements reinforce the government's commitment to fostering a peaceful and inclusive environment, recognizing the multicultural essence of India. This approach aligns with broader defense strategies that prioritize internal stability and social cohesion, essential for national security in a diverse country like India.

## UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy meets PM Modi to strengthen ties. SHARE

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UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing satisfaction over the conclusion of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement and underscoring the strengthening of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Both leaders discussed enhancing cooperation in sectors like trade, defense,

and clean energy, while Lammy condemned the recent Pahalgam terror attack and reaffirmed the UK's support for India's fight against cross-border terrorism. Modi emphasized the need for decisive international action against terrorism. This evolving partnership is poised to unlock new economic opportunities, demonstrating mutual commitment to security and innovation in a challenging geopolitical landscape.

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