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## Defense Business and Industry

### NIBE Partners with DRDO to Produce Indigenous Modular Bridges



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NIBE Limited has signed a licensing agreement with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to manufacture an indigenous Modular Bridging System, a mechanically launched mobile bridge designed for the Indian Armed Forces. This initiative aligns with the Indian government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat programs, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing national security capabilities. While NIBE's financial performance showed a decline in Q4 FY25, investor sentiment improved following the DRDO deal, indicating confidence in the company's future prospects in the defense sector. The collaboration highlights a significant shift for NIBE, emphasizing its role in supporting India's defense infrastructure and technological advancement.

### QuBeats Secures \$3M Grant to Develop Quantum Navigation for Navy



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QuBeats, an Indian quantum deeptech startup, has secured a \$3 million grant from the Ministry of Defence under the ADITI 2.0 Defence Challenge to develop a Quantum Positioning System for the Indian Navy. This indigenous technology aims to provide accurate navigation in GPS-denied environments, a critical need for modern military operations. By leveraging quantum magnetometer technology, QuBeats is set to redefine navigation capabilities, which could bolster India's strategic technological edge. The project not only emphasizes India's commitment to innovation in defense but also opens up significant market potential in the quantum sensing domain, reinforcing the nation's aspirations for self-reliance in critical technologies.

### DRDO Chief: Project Kusha Matches S-500, Outperforms S-400



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Dr. Samir V. Kamat, Chairman of DRDO, confirmed that India's indigenous Project Kusha air defense system is equivalent to the Russian S-500, surpassing the S-400's capabilities. Designed as a long-range missile defense system with interceptors ranging from 150 km to 400 km, Kusha aims to enhance India's airspace protection against multiple aerial threats, including ballistic missiles. The project, a critical component of India's layered ballistic missile defense architecture, demonstrates DRDO's technological advancements and strategic intent for autonomous defense capabilities, with prototypes expected in 12-18 months and full induction planned by 2028-2029. This development underscores India's commitment to bolster its defense against evolving aerial threats.

### ADA to Select Production Partner for AMCA in Six Months



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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program is set to finalize a production partner within six months, emphasizing self-reliance in aerospace amid regional threats from China and Pakistan. The ₹15,000 crore project, which aims to develop a fifth-generation stealth fighter, is crucial for the Indian Air Force and Navy, with prototypes expected by 2026 and induction by 2034. The shift to a public-private partnership model, moving away from HAL's traditional dominance, aims to enhance efficiency and mitigate past delays, while HAL continues to contribute to the program's structural design. The AMCA is strategically vital, especially against growing Chinese air capabilities.

### DRDO Chief Reveals Induction Timelines for Pinaka Mk-III and IV



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In a significant advancement for India's artillery capabilities, DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat announced the induction timelines for the next-

generation Pinaka Mk-III and Mk-IV multi-barrel rocket launcher systems. The Mk-III, with a range of 120 km, is set for induction within three years, while the Mk-IV, boasting a range of 300 km, is expected by 2028. These systems aim to enhance precision strike capabilities and operational flexibility against regional threats, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The integration of advanced guidance systems and modular capabilities positions India competitively against adversaries, reinforcing its defense posture in a complex geopolitical environment.

## **Astra Mk-III Gandiva: India's Next-Gen BVRAAM Enters Trials**

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India's Astra Mk-III Gandiva, a state-of-the-art beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) with a range of 300-350 km, is progressing towards live-fire and extreme envelope trials, showcasing India's growing indigenous defense capabilities. Utilizing a Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion system, it offers enhanced performance against advanced adversary aircraft, far exceeding the reach of China's PL-15 and Pakistan's AIM-120C. The missile's testing on the Su-30MKI and integration with other platforms, including HAL Tejas, reflects India's strategic ambition to bolster air superiority and ensure national security through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing self-reliance in defense technology.

## **Russia Grants India Full Control Over Su-57 Fighters, Boosting Localisation**

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Russia has offered India unprecedented autonomy over the Su-57 fighter jets, including full source code transfer, which would significantly enhance India's operational capabilities and align with its defense indigenisation goals. This move, part of a broader co-production and technology transfer initiative, enables India to integrate indigenous systems and weapons, bolstering its aerospace industry and strengthening the Make in India initiative. With the first export customer confirmed and production set to ramp up, India stands to accelerate its fifth-generation capabilities while navigating geopolitical tensions with the U.S., which restricts operational autonomy of its military exports. This partnership represents a strategic deepening of Indo-Russian defense cooperation, positioning India as a key player in global aerospace.

## **Bangladesh Negotiates for Six Jang Bogo-Class Submarines from South**

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Bangladesh is in advanced negotiations with South Korea to acquire six Improved Jang Bogo-class submarines, significantly enhancing its naval capabilities in the Bay of Bengal amid rising regional tensions, particularly with India's expanding submarine fleet. These submarines will be stationed at a new base near Cox's Bazar, facilitating improved operational readiness and surveillance. The deal includes technology transfer and local production, potentially bolstering Bangladesh's defense industry. This acquisition not only strengthens Bangladesh's maritime posture to protect its Exclusive Economic Zone but also positions it as a more credible regional power, demonstrating its strategic response to increasing naval competition in the Indo-Pacific.

## **Russia's Orbital Station to Utilize Drones for Launch and Maintenance**

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Russia is advancing its space ambitions with the development of the Russian Orbital Station (ROS), featuring patented drone technology for automatic spacecraft launch and robotic maintenance. Slated for initial testing by 2027 and expected to be operational by 2030, the ROS aims to establish Russia's independent presence in low Earth orbit as the International Space Station phases out. This initiative not only enhances operational efficiency and safety but also supports future lunar exploration, positioning Russia as a leader in automated orbital infrastructure. By integrating these technologies, Russia is setting a strategic course for its space endeavors in an increasingly competitive global environment.

## **India's DRDO Unveils Advanced High-Power Microwave DEW System**

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a high-power microwave (HPM) directed energy weapon system designed to disrupt electronics in multiple drones simultaneously, enhancing India's anti-drone capabilities significantly. The 1GW HPM DEW comprises two major subsystems and is expected to be inducted into service within the next 18 months. This advancement addresses the increasing threat of drone swarms in modern warfare, which can challenge conventional air defense systems. By deploying this cutting-edge technology, India will not

only strengthen its defensive posture but also establish itself as a leader in directed energy weapon technologies, showcasing its commitment to innovative defense solutions.

## ADA Launches Fast-Track Development of TEDBF Cockpit Mockup [SHARE](#)

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has initiated the development of a full-scale cockpit mockup for the Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF), a crucial next-generation aircraft for the Indian Navy, designed to replace the MiG-29K fleet. The project, structured in two stages, aims to finalize the cockpit's layout and controls within five months, enhancing India's indigenous military aviation capabilities. The first stage focuses on establishing foundational controls, while the second stage will integrate advanced instrumentation and displays. This rapid development underscores India's commitment to boosting its defense capabilities and fostering self-reliance in military technology.

## Pakistan Seeks U.S. Air Defense to Counter Indian Military Strength [SHARE](#)

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A high-level Pakistani delegation is lobbying the U.S. for advanced air defense systems after the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted Operation Sindoor, exposing critical weaknesses in Pakistan's predominantly Chinese air defenses during retaliatory strikes following a terror attack. The IAF's precision strikes destroyed significant assets, highlighting the inadequacy of Pakistan's multilayered defense network. In response, Pakistan seeks upgrades like the American Patriot system, indicating a potential shift from its reliance on Chinese military technology. This situation complicates U.S.-India relations, as any arms deal could affect the strategic partnership, while also underscoring India's military superiority in the region.

## Indian Army Enhances Military Trucks with Anti-Drone Cope Cages [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army is enhancing the protection of its Ashok Leyland Stallion military trucks by integrating 16 ft x 9 ft anti-drone wire mesh cope cages to counter the rising threat of drones, particularly in contested border regions. This upgrade reflects the Army's proactive stance in modernizing its defense capabilities, following the successful track record of the Stallion trucks in various terrains and operations. The cope

cages, designed to disrupt drone flight paths and neutralize explosive payloads, align with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, showcasing India's commitment to indigenous defense solutions amidst global concerns over drone warfare proliferation. This strategic move highlights the importance of adapting to evolving threats in asymmetric warfare.

## Tejas MkII Prototype to Debut in 2025, 120 Units by 2034 [SHARE](#)

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India's Tejas MkII, a 4.5-generation multirole fighter, is set for its prototype rollout by late 2025, with production starting by 2029 and a goal of delivering 120 units to the Indian Air Force by 2034. This aircraft, featuring advanced capabilities like an AESA radar and reduced radar cross-section, underlines India's commitment to self-reliance in defense amidst regional security challenges. With significant indigenous content and a phased production strategy involving both state-owned HAL and private players, the Tejas MkII program is crucial for modernizing the IAF's fleet and may strengthen India's position as a potential exporter in the defense market.

## West Bengal speeds up land transfer to BSF for enhanced border security. [SHARE](#)

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The West Bengal government is expediting the handover of 356 acres of land to the Border Security Force (BSF) to enhance border security amid rising illegal infiltration from Bangladesh. This move follows a directive from the state secretary after a meeting with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, aiming to facilitate the installation of barbed fencing in vulnerable areas. Out of a total of 680 acres earmarked for BSF, 324 acres have already been transferred. The urgency is heightened by intelligence reports indicating infiltration attempts by extremist groups seeking to establish sleeper cells, underscoring the critical need for fortified border security in West Bengal.

## Indian ATAGS Howitzers Debut in Armenia, Strengthening Ties [SHARE](#)

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A recent image confirms India's Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) has been deployed in Armenia, highlighting the strengthening defense ties between the two nations. Armenia's acquisition of ATAGS, part of its military modernization amid ongoing tensions with Azerbaijan, includes six units ordered in 2023 and negotiations for an additional 78. The ATAGS

showcases advanced features, such as a 48 km firing range and rapid deployment capabilities, enhancing Armenia's artillery effectiveness against its obsolete Soviet-era systems. This shift indicates Armenia's strategic move to diversify its defense sources, reducing reliance on Russian arms while bolstering its military capabilities with Indian technologies.

## DRDO Unveils Rudram-4: India's Next Hypersonic Missile for IAF

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing its defense capabilities by developing the Rudram-4, a hypersonic air-to-surface missile expected to exceed 300 km range and Mach 5 speeds. This missile enhances the Indian Air Force's (IAF) strike capabilities against sophisticated air defenses of adversaries like China and Pakistan. The Rudram series, designed for Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses, will allow IAF aircraft to operate freely in contested airspace, targeting critical infrastructure while mitigating interception risks. By developing such advanced missile technology, India aims to maintain strategic parity and bolster its deterrent capabilities amid rising regional tensions.

## Pakistan Shifts Air Defense Focus to Turkey Amid Financial Strains

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Pakistan's military setbacks during May's Operation Sindoor, where Indian forces reportedly bypassed and neutralized Pakistani air defenses—including Chinese-made HQ-9 systems—have triggered a strategic rethink in Islamabad. Facing financial strain and doubts over its existing Chinese equipment, Pakistan is now exploring Turkish air defense options, particularly the long-range Siper system, which offers over 100km interception capability. This shift aligns with broader Pakistan-Turkey defense cooperation, including MoUs on electronic warfare integration, MILGEM corvettes, attack helicopters, drones, and joint efforts on next-gen fighters. However, adopting Siper alongside retained Chinese infrastructure raises concerns over interoperability, logistics, and doctrine. With Pakistan's budget squeezed, a hybrid procurement involving both Turkey's Siper and China's HQ-19 (a export variant of HQ-9) seems plausible—though this option carries performance uncertainties and integration challenges. Deepening ties with Turkey provide technological diversity and potential cost efficiencies, while pivoting away from reliance on Chinese systems—whose battlefield performance has been questioned—signals

Islamabad's response to evolving regional threats and fiscal realities. Ensuring a coherent multi-layered air defense in the face of India's advanced capabilities will require careful alignment of these partnerships.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### U.S. Warns of Russia's Imminent Multi-Strike Response to Ukraine

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The United States is closely monitoring Russia's anticipated multi-pronged retaliation against Ukraine following a recent drone attack that reportedly damaged multiple Russian warplanes. U.S. officials believe this response may include a range of air capabilities and target critical Ukrainian infrastructure, reflecting Moscow's strategy for asymmetric warfare. Ukraine's successful drone strike has raised alarms in the U.S. military community, highlighting vulnerabilities in American airbases that could be similarly targeted by inexpensive drone tactics. Experts warn that the rapid technological advancements in drone warfare could disrupt established military power dynamics, posing significant risks to U.S. national security. As Russia and Ukraine continue to escalate their conflict, the urgency for the U.S. to address its drone defense capabilities and protect its assets becomes increasingly apparent, with calls from defense leaders for prioritizing funding to better shield high-value military installations. This evolving landscape underscores a critical shift in modern warfare, where low-cost drone technology can inflict extensive damage, potentially altering the strategic calculus for major powers including the U.S. and Russia. The situation serves as a reminder of the need for robust defense measures in an era where traditional military strengths are being challenged by innovative tactics.

### India Strengthens Ties with France Amid Rafale Misinformation

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India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar plans to visit France to reinforce the strategic partnership amid misinformation campaigns from Pakistan and China, which claim India's Rafale fighters are inferior to Chinese J-10s. Despite allegations of lost Rafale jets during conflicts, credible reports suggest only one may have been downed, with no evidence supporting Pakistan's claims. The partnership is further solidified through a recent agreement for local Rafale production, enhancing India's defense manufacturing capabilities.



This disinformation strategy aims to undermine India's defense credibility, necessitating a strong diplomatic response to counteract the narrative and promote the reliability of the Rafale in the face of Chinese competition.

## **EAM Jaishankar's European visit to enhance strategic partnerships** **SHARE**

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a visit to France, the EU, and Belgium from June 8 to 14, aiming to bolster India's strategic partnerships and cooperation across various sectors. Notably, discussions will include topics like trade, green energy, and technology, further enhancing India-EU ties following the historic visit of the EU College of Commissioners earlier this year. The visit highlights the deep trust and commitment shared with France, marking 25 years of strategic partnership, and aims to reaffirm India's engagement with European partners, including the diaspora in Belgium. This initiative is poised to strengthen India's geopolitical footprint in Europe.

## **Russia Blames Ukraine for Delaying POW Swap Amid Attacks** **SHARE**

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Russia has accused Ukraine of delaying a significant exchange of prisoners of war (POWs) amid renewed missile attacks on Ukrainian cities, particularly Kharkiv, which resulted in casualties. Both nations had previously agreed to a swap involving over 1,000 soldiers each, but Russia's negotiator claimed Ukraine postponed the exchange and the acceptance of deceased soldiers. This situation underscores the ongoing tensions and complexities in the conflict, with Russia reiterating its readiness for the exchange while Kyiv's response remains uncommunicated. The stalemate illustrates the challenges in establishing trust and adherence to agreements amidst continuous hostilities.

## **India Gains Strategic Edge in Indian Ocean Amidst China's Expansion** **SHARE**

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The recent UK-Mauritius agreement to cede sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago enhances India's strategic position in the Indian Ocean, allowing greater influence over maritime security and countering China's expanding presence. With a strong diplomatic and cultural relationship, India has supported Mauritius's claims and invested significantly in its development. The handover presents opportunities for India to bolster

its maritime capabilities, particularly as China increases its foothold through the Belt and Road Initiative. However, India must navigate potential tensions with China and address local sensitivities surrounding the Chagossian population, ensuring its involvement is diplomatically sound and development-focused.

## **PM Modi: Strengthening India-Central Asia Ties in Defense and Trade** **SHARE**

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India's relationship with Central Asia is increasingly robust, anchored in defense cooperation, cultural exchange, and trade. Notable military collaborations include joint exercises and training programs, highlighting a shared commitment to regional security against terrorism and cyber threats. Trade has seen growth, although challenges like connectivity persist, prompting India to invest in initiatives like the INSTC and Chabahar Port. Cultural diplomacy thrives through educational exchanges and a vibrant Indian diaspora. The recent India-Central Asia Dialogue further cements this partnership, emphasizing sustainable and sovereignty-respecting collaborations, positioning India as a pivotal ally in Eurasia amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

## **UK Foreign Secretary's Visit Strengthens India-UK Strategic Ties** **SHARE**

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UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy's recent visit to India reinforced the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations, following the India-UK Free Trade Agreement and the Double Contribution Convention. Prime Minister Modi and Lammy discussed enhancing cooperation in various sectors, including defense and technology, highlighting mutual progress and shared objectives, particularly in countering terrorism. The launch of the Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue indicates a commitment to deepening collaboration in critical technologies. This visit marks a significant step towards a new era in India-UK relations, with both sides expressing optimism for future engagements and economic opportunities stemming from their strategic partnership.

## **China's Defense Export Reputation Plummet After India-Pak Conflict** **SHARE**

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Recent failures of Chinese military equipment during a brief India-Pakistan conflict have severely impacted China's reputation as a reliable defense exporter.

Pakistan, heavily reliant on Chinese arms, is reconsidering its procurement strategy after key systems like the J-10CE fighter jets and HQ-9 air defense systems were largely ineffective, leading to successful Indian strikes. This decline in confidence is not isolated, as various nations, including Jordan, have voiced similar concerns about the reliability of Chinese military hardware. As a result, Pakistan is now turning to more expensive alternatives from Turkey, highlighting the hidden costs of cheap military technology amid operational failures on the battlefield.

## Canadian PM Carney: India Essential for G7 Talks on Supply Chains SHARE

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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney emphasized India's crucial role in global supply chains and advocated for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation in the upcoming G7 summit despite recent tensions over allegations related to a pro-Khalistani separatist's killing. Carney stated that discussions at the summit will cover vital topics like energy security and infrastructure partnerships, highlighting India's significance as the fifth largest economy. Following strained relations under former Prime Minister Trudeau, there is hope for renewal as security officials from both nations reestablish communication. The invitation reflects a strategic move to include India in global dialogues, signifying a potential thaw in bilateral ties based on mutual interests and cooperation.

## India Takes Time on High Seas Treaty Amid French Urgency SHARE

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India is not rushing to ratify the High Seas Treaty, despite France's push for early implementation ahead of the UN Ocean Conference. While over 100 countries signed the treaty, only 32 have ratified it so far. India aims to ensure that the treaty aligns with its existing laws before parliamentary approval, as it would require establishing institutions for effective implementation. The treaty, essential for protecting marine biodiversity and enhancing strategic presence in international waters, aligns with global targets of conserving 30% of oceans by 2030. India's cautious approach reflects its commitment to thorough consideration of domestic legal frameworks.

## Military Operations

### Indian Army Airlifts 28 Civilians and 20 Personnel from Sikkim Landslide SHARE

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On Sunday, the Indian Army successfully airlifted 28 stranded civilians and 20 personnel from Chaten in north Sikkim due to severe landslides triggered by heavy rainfall, which disrupted road connectivity. The MI-17 helicopter not only facilitated the evacuation but also delivered vital supplies to the stationed troops. This operation underscores the state's commitment to disaster management and citizen safety, particularly following earlier incidents where three soldiers were killed and others went missing in similar calamities. Overall, the swift response highlights the Indian defense forces' critical role in emergency situations, ensuring timely relief amidst challenging conditions.

### Soldier succumbs to injuries from Operation Sindoor, death toll rises. SHARE

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A soldier, Havildar Sunil Kumar Singh, succumbed to injuries sustained during Operation Sindoor amidst the Indo-Pak conflict, marking a poignant loss for the Indian Army. His death raises the toll from recent Pakistani shelling to 27, including eight security personnel. In a show of valor, the Border Security Force (BSF) recognized four personnel who bravely engaged the enemy, despite sustaining serious injuries, highlighting their commitment to duty. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Indian forces along the border and their unwavering resolve to defend the nation, reinforcing the importance of solidarity and honor for fallen soldiers and injured personnel in the face of adversity.

### India and Mongolia conduct 'Nomadic Elephant 2025' military drill in Ulaanbaatar. SHARE

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The joint military exercise "Nomadic Elephant 2025" between India and Mongolia is currently taking place in Ulaanbaatar, focusing on non-conventional operations in mountainous terrain under a UN mandate. This iteration, which runs until June 13, 2025, aims to enhance counter-terrorism capabilities and operational interoperability between the two nations' forces. With 45 Indian personnel, primarily from the Arunachal

Scouts, and a similar contingent from Mongolia, the exercise includes various tactical training scenarios relevant to peacekeeping operations. The collaboration highlights the strengthening of defense ties and mutual understanding essential for addressing contemporary security challenges in the region.

## IAF Apache helicopter safely lands in Saharanpur due to technical issue. SHARE

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An Indian Air Force Apache helicopter made a precautionary landing in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, due to a technical issue during a routine sortie. Fortunately, both the pilot and co-pilot were unharmed, and after conducting necessary checks, the helicopter was rendered serviceable and flown back to the Sarsawa airbase. This incident underscores the IAF's commitment to safety and operational readiness, as timely decision-making ensured no casualties. Such procedural diligence reflects the high standards maintained within the Indian defense forces, reinforcing their capacity to handle technical challenges effectively while safeguarding personnel and equipment.

## Samba Residents Rebuild Lives After Successful Op Sindoor SHARE

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Residents in Samba have expressed renewed confidence in the Indian Army following Operation Sindoor, which has restored peace in the region. With the neutralization of drones, locals are returning to work and engaging in development, while Prime Minister Modi emphasized the operation's success in demonstrating India's military strength and self-reliance through the Make in India initiative. He announced financial assistance for families affected by cross-border shelling, reinforcing the government's commitment to the welfare of those impacted. The sentiments reflect a growing faith in India's defense capabilities and the proactive steps taken to enhance security and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Russia Escalates Offensive in Dnipropetrovsk Region of Ukraine SHARE

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Russia has intensified its military offensive into Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, marking a significant territorial escalation in its three-year campaign. This region, crucial for Ukraine's mining and industry, could severely impact Kyiv's military and economic stability. Moscow's demands during peace talks include acknowledging the annexation of territories it claimed

in 2022, which Ukraine has firmly rejected. The advance is viewed as a strategic setback for Ukraine, with Russia previously seizing Crimea in 2014. This ongoing conflict underscores the complexities of negotiations and the dire humanitarian toll, as both sides continue to struggle over military and diplomatic ground.

## Discovery of Militant War Rooms Beneath Gaza Hospital, tactic also utilised by Pak SHARE

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A troubling pattern has emerged in which both Palestinian militants and the Pakistani military exploit civilian infrastructure and populations to shield military operations and manipulate adversary responses. In Gaza, the recent uncovering of war rooms, weapons caches and command centers dug beneath a hospital in Khan Yunis starkly reveals how militants embed their capabilities in non-combatant sites—knowing that attacks risk widespread civilian harm and global censure. Similarly, during the May 2025 India–Pakistan skirmish, Pakistan reportedly used commercial flight corridors to cloak air force sorties, drone and missile attacks and deployed heavy artillery within border villages around Poonch, Kupwara and Uri, turning schools and homes into de facto fortresses. Driven by a ruthless calculus—embedding forces among civilians to complicate targeting decisions, constrain enemy action, and harvest any resulting civilian toll for propaganda—these tactics are enabled by permissive or complicit leadership on both cases. With international humanitarian law struggling to address such blurred lines, there is an urgent need for advanced intelligence gathering, precise targeting protocols and robust accountability mechanisms to protect innocent lives while countering asymmetric threats.

## Asim Munir Inspects LoC Post India's Precision Strikes SHARE

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General Asim Munir's recent visit to forward positions along the Line of Control (LoC) follows a series of tensions after India's precision strikes against terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Munir praised his troops for their dedication amid challenges, emphasizing their operational readiness to deter Indian aggression. He reaffirmed Pakistan's stance on Kashmir, invoking UN resolutions while highlighting the sacrifices made by Pakistani soldiers. This visit serves as a clear message of resilience and military preparedness from Pakistan in the face of recent escalations, particularly following India's effective

response to terrorism, reinforcing India's strategic position regarding Jammu and Kashmir as integral parts of the nation.

## Injured BSF soldiers vow to retaliate firmly against Pakistan.



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The Border Security Force (BSF) has reaffirmed its readiness to retaliate against any misadventure from Pakistan following recent injuries sustained during Operation Sindoor. BSF DIG Prabhakar Joshi reported that injured personnel have returned with high morale and are prepared to deliver a formidable response. He emphasized that the BSF is maintaining strong defensive positions along the border, ensuring safety through vigilant patrolling. Notably, soldiers like Sub-Inspector Vyas Dev and Constable Bhupendra Vajpayee, despite their injuries, expressed unwavering commitment to defend the nation and reiterated their readiness to take decisive action against Pakistan, highlighting the resilience and bravery of India's security forces.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### 41st Operation Bluestar Anniversary Sees Pro-Khalistan Slogans in Amritsar



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The 41st anniversary of Operation Bluestar saw pro-Khalistan slogans raised by radical Sikh outfits in Amritsar, leading to a peaceful bandh around the Golden Temple. Officiating Jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj refrained from delivering a traditional address to avoid controversy, emphasizing unity and peace within the Sikh community. The event highlighted divisions among Sikh leaders regarding the recent appointment of Gargaj and sparked concerns over radical elements attempting to sow discord. Gargaj's message underscored the importance of compassion and unity within the Khalsa Panth amidst rising tensions, reflecting the community's ongoing struggle for harmony and identity in a complex geopolitical context.

### Tharoor: Pakistan Rewards Terrorism, Punishes Truth-Tellers



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Congress leader Shashi Tharoor criticized Pakistan for its treatment of Dr. Shakil Afridi, who assisted the US in locating Osama bin Laden but remains imprisoned in

Pakistan. Tharoor highlighted that Pakistan rewards terrorism while punishing those who expose it, emphasizing the hypocrisy of a nation that sheltered a terrorist leader. During an All-Party Parliamentary Delegation's visit to the US, Tharoor also discussed terrorism in India with US officials, including Vice President J.D. Vance, and paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi, reinforcing India's commitment to peace and human rights amidst ongoing regional security challenges.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Chinese Hackers Exploit Smartphone Vulnerabilities, Threatening Security



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Recent cybersecurity investigations reveal a sophisticated campaign by Chinese hackers targeting smartphones of individuals in influential sectors, exposing vulnerabilities in mobile security. These attacks, which allow hackers to infiltrate devices without user interaction, pose significant threats to American national security, particularly given the sensitive information contained in government officials' phones. The US government is increasingly wary of Chinese telecommunications companies, which could exploit their global presence for espionage. Experts emphasize the importance of user security practices and stringent measures to protect critical infrastructure from such cyber threats, indicating a pressing need for enhanced cybersecurity protocols to safeguard against these evolving challenges.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### IAF Airlifts Critically Ill Soldier from Kargil in Challenging Mission



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A critically-ill army personnel was airlifted from Kargil to Command Hospital, Chandimandir, using an IAF An-32 aircraft, a challenging operation due to Kargil's high altitude and extreme temperatures. The mission was executed at first light, showcasing the IAF's capability to perform under tough conditions, pushing the aircraft to the edge of its performance envelope. This operation underscores the Indian Air Force's commitment to ensuring timely medical support for personnel in remote and difficult terrains, reflecting the strategic



importance of rapid response capabilities in safeguarding the health and readiness of the armed forces.

and a Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035. This mission symbolizes India's ascent in the global space arena, carrying the hopes and dreams of its population into the cosmos.

## Miscellaneous

### Former Army Chief Gen VP Malik Launches Book on Kashmir Insurgency

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Former Army chief General V P Malik released a book titled "Unmasking the Kashmir Insurgency: Deconstructing the State Response - Revisiting 1989-90" by retired Colonel Yoginder Kandhari at the Chandigarh Press Club. The book, which details firsthand experiences and counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir, highlights the failures and lapses during the insurgency that led to the displacement of Kashmiri Pandits. General Malik emphasized the book's relevance for understanding current challenges in Jammu and Kashmir, while Colonel Daljeet Singh Cheema attributed the insurgency's origins to Pakistan's rejection of the Partition and its subsequent military strategies against India, underscoring the long-term impact of external aggression on regional stability.

### ISRO to Launch 7 Microgravity Experiments in Axiom-4 Mission

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The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to conduct seven microgravity research experiments during the Axiom-4 mission, scheduled for June 10, 2023, marking India's significant return to human spaceflight after 41 years. Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will pilot the mission, which aims to dock at the International Space Station (ISS) after a 28-hour journey aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. The experiments focus on various fields, including human health, biotechnology, and nutrition, with an emphasis on food-related studies relevant for long-duration space travel. Shukla's participation not only enables unique scientific research but also positions him for future contributions to India's planned Gaganyaan mission, enhancing the nation's capabilities in space exploration. The collaboration between ISRO, NASA, and other institutions underscores India's commitment to advancing its space technology and fostering international partnerships. By nurturing a microgravity research ecosystem, ISRO aims to lay the groundwork for future advancements in space science and exploration, thereby aligning with its vision of establishing an Indian crewed lunar mission by 2040

### Italian Firms Commit Huge Investments in India After Talks with Minister

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Italian business leaders have announced significant investments in India, particularly in commercial refrigeration, aerospace, defense, and technical gases, following high-level talks with Commerce Minister Goyal. Companies like EPTA Group and Poggipolini S.p.A. are set to establish partnerships and transfer technology to strengthen India's domestic supply chains. The Indian government is supporting these initiatives by proposing industrial enclaves for Italian businesses, enhancing collaboration in strategic sectors. This investment wave signifies India's growing role in global supply chains, promising job creation and access to advanced technologies while aligning with the India-Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan for sustainable growth.

### India's Quest for Rare Earth Independence from China

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India is actively pursuing independence from China's dominance in rare earth elements through a comprehensive strategy involving government funding for local manufacturing, notably with Midwest Advanced Materials, which aims to significantly enhance neodymium production. The Ministry of Heavy Industries plans fiscal incentives to foster competitive local production and reduce the reliance on imports. While India possesses substantial rare earth reserves, challenges in mining and processing infrastructure persist. To mitigate these, India is ramping up exploration and seeking international partnerships with countries like Vietnam and the U.S. This strategic approach reflects India's commitment to securing its critical industries and establishing a resilient supply chain against geopolitical uncertainties.

### CBI Arrests Arambai Tenggol Member Amid Manipur Violence

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Kanan Singh, a member of the radical Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol, was arrested by the CBI in connection with the ongoing violence in Manipur, leading to protests and unrest in several districts. Following his arrest, clashes erupted, injuring multiple individuals,

including a journalist, prompting the state government to impose a curfew and ban mobile internet to restore order. Arambai Tenggol has called for a 10-day shutdown in response, signaling the heightened tensions in the region. The situation underscores the challenges faced by authorities in managing local unrest while addressing criminal activities linked to violent factions in Manipur.

## ATR Optimistic About India's Aviation Growth, Engages Airlines



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European aircraft maker ATR is optimistic about India's aviation market and is actively negotiating with various

airlines to sell its turboprop aircraft, anticipating a demand for 300 additional turboprops in the next decade. With India's civil aviation sector rapidly expanding and efforts underway to establish 50 more airports, ATR sees significant growth potential. The company aims to provide cost-effective aircraft suitable for India's numerous thin routes, emphasizing the operational efficiency of its platform. ATR's commitment to exploring partnerships, including with educational institutions, further reflects its investment in India's aviation future, aligning with the country's ambitions for enhanced regional connectivity.

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