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Indian Navy inaugurates Trinetra facility in Visakhapatnam to boost self-reliance in weapon testing.

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The Indian Navy has inaugurated the state-of-the-art Static Firing Facility, Trinetra, at Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam, on October 8, 2023. Commissioned by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharka, this indigenous facility marks a significant step towards self-reliance in weapon system testing, reducing reliance on foreign manufacturers. Trinetra will enhance the operational capabilities and lifespan of naval armaments by providing precise performance assessments for rockets and missiles, thereby improving their reliability in combat scenarios. This development underscores India's commitment to Aatmanirbharta and boosts the Navy's readiness and mission capability, reinforcing its strategic posture in the region.

ADA Releases RFP for Iron Bird Facilities in AMCA Program Development

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of Iron Bird test facilities crucial for the Fly-By-Wire (FBW) Flight Control System of India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program. This initiative, aligned with the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, aims to enhance indigenous capabilities in defense aerospace by inviting experienced Indian vendors to complete the project in 26 months at ADA's Iblur Test Facility in Bangalore. The RFP emphasizes the importance of rigorous ground testing to ensure the reliability of the AMCA's advanced avionics, which is projected for prototype rollout by 2028-29. This development not only strengthens India's defense readiness amid regional challenges but also promotes

private sector participation, fostering innovation and job creation in the defense industry.

DRDO advances FUFA program with finalized design and wind tunnel tests.

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made significant advancements in its Futuristic Unmanned Fighter Aircraft (FUFA) program, finalizing the aircraft's configuration and successfully completing its Preliminary Design Review (PDR). The stealthy twin-engine UCAV is designed for autonomous operations in contested environments, featuring a tailless flying-wing design and advanced capabilities for deep-strike missions and air-to-air engagements. Wind tunnel testing has commenced at the National Aerospace Laboratories, focusing on optimizing performance and stealth. This initiative, aimed at achieving over 80% indigenous content, underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and enhances the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities in the Indo-Pacific, positioning FUFA as a pivotal player in modern air warfare.

Rolls-Royce showcases advanced propulsion tech during UK Carrier Strike Group's India visit.

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Rolls-Royce has expressed pride in showcasing its advanced MT30 marine gas turbine technology during the UK Carrier Strike Group's visit to Mumbai, emphasizing its role in enhancing naval propulsion efficiency. The HMS Prince of Wales, equipped with two MT30 gas turbine alternators generating 36 MW each, exemplifies this technological advancement, enabling significant operational flexibility and design improvements. With over 1,400 Rolls-Royce engines currently powering various Indian defense platforms, the collaboration aims to bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness and interoperability with international forces. Concurrently, the Indian Navy and Royal Navy are conducting Exercise Konkan-25 to

further strengthen maritime cooperation, underscoring the strategic importance of such partnerships in regional security dynamics.

Indian Air Force Accelerates Mission 42 Squadron Amid Regional Threats



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is aggressively pursuing its goal of achieving a fleet of 42 squadrons amid regional threats from China and Pakistan. The IAF's recent proposal for 114 indigenous Rafale aircraft aims to enhance its capabilities significantly, with over 60% local content, fostering self-reliance in defense. Concurrently, advancements in the LCA Mk1A and Mk2 programs and the development of the fifth-generation AMCA fighter are critical to replacing aging fleets and achieving strategic parity. The urgency in scaling up production and expediting procurement processes reflects India's commitment to bolstering its defense readiness and technological capabilities in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

Vice Admiral Pendharkar Reviews Progress at Hindustan Shipyard's Naval Projects



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Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, visited Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) to review naval projects, praising its modernization and contribution to India's maritime capabilities. He highlighted the shipyard's progress on the Fleet Support Ships (FSS) program, crucial for enhancing the Indian Navy's replenishment and logistics at sea. The Vice Admiral commended HSL's infrastructure upgrades and operational efficiency, which are essential for maintaining fleet readiness and advancing indigenous shipbuilding under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative. This collaboration underscores a significant step towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing and enhances India's strategic maritime posture in the region.

Rolls-Royce strengthens India-UK ties, supporting India's self-reliance and growth ambitions.



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Rolls-Royce has reaffirmed its commitment to bolstering the India-UK partnership during UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's visit to India, emphasizing its role in supporting India's self-reliance and economic growth. CEO Tufan Erginbilgic highlighted the

company's ambition to establish India as a key home market, enhancing local capabilities in aviation, defense, and energy sectors. As part of its strategy, Rolls-Royce aims to double its supply chain sourcing from India by 2030 and has plans for expanding its innovation and engineering centers. This development underscores the strategic alignment of both nations towards fostering innovation, sustainable growth, and enhancing India's defense and technological capabilities, aligning with India's vision of a Viksit Bharat and further solidifying India's position in the global defense landscape.

France celebrates production of its 300th Rafale fighter jet, enhancing military capabilities and strategic readiness.



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France has marked a significant milestone with the completion of its 300th Rafale fighter jet, underscoring the aircraft's strong global performance and competitiveness. The Rafale program, supported by a vast industrial network involving over 400 French firms, has accumulated 533 firm orders, with plans to increase production to four aircraft per month. Looking ahead, the Rafale F5 standard, set for service post-2030, will enhance its capabilities, including the integration of the ASN4G hypersonic nuclear missile by 2035. This investment, particularly in the Luxeuil-les-Bains Air Base, reinforces France's strategic deterrent and positions the Rafale as a cornerstone of its future aerial strike capabilities, thereby enhancing its military readiness and geopolitical standing.

Rudram-3 hypersonic missile trials for Su-30MKI to enhance IAF capabilities.



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to conduct trials for the Rudram-3 hypersonic missile, a significant advancement in multi-role missile technology. Designed for both anti-radiation and precision ground-attack missions, the Rudram-3 features an advanced seeker that utilizes radar-homing and satellite navigation, enabling it to target both active and non-radiating threats from a standoff distance of 550-600 km. With speeds exceeding Mach-5 and a sophisticated propulsion system, this missile enhances the IAF's operational capabilities while ensuring aircraft safety against enemy air defenses. The development of the Rudram-3 underscores India's commitment to bolstering its defense posture, particularly in contested

regions, and reflects the strategic importance of maintaining technological superiority in aerial warfare.

Cummins plans local production of VTA903E-T760 engines for Zorawar Light Tank in India.



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Cummins Inc. is advancing plans to manufacture the VTA903E-T760 engines in India for the DRDO's Zorawar Light Tank, aligning with India's push for self-reliance in defense. This 760 hp turbo-diesel engine, crucial for high-altitude warfare, complements an indigenous 800 hp variant developed by CVRDE and Ashok Leyland, set to replace foreign dependencies. While Cummins aims to deepen localization and generate jobs, the Ministry of Defence's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative emphasizes 70% local value addition, favoring indigenous production. The strategic pivot towards self-sufficiency in defense capabilities is vital amid evolving geopolitical tensions, enhancing India's operational resilience and fostering collaboration within its defense ecosystem.

Anadrone launches ABHAY MRC UAV, enhancing India's tri-services combat versatility.



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Gurgaon-based Anadrone Systems has launched the ABHAY Multi-Role Capability (MRC) UAV, designed for rapid deployment and multi-mission versatility across India's Army, Navy, and Air Force. This indigenous platform, with over 80% local content, features Beyond Line of Sight communications, anti-jamming GPS, and a modular payload bay allowing swift role changes from reconnaissance to strike. The ABHAY supports advanced electronic warfare with active jamming, chaff dispensers, and adaptive radar cross-section modulation, enabling it to deceive and saturate enemy radar systems effectively. Its swarming capability allows coordinated group operations to overwhelm air defenses, while its endurance exceeds one hour with a range of over 500 kilometers and operational ceilings above 30,000 feet. These cutting-edge features enhance India's Suppression of Enemy Air Defence missions and underscore the nation's strides in self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The ABHAY platform strengthens India's tri-service combat versatility and bolsters its position as a UAV exporter in the evolving global defense market.

Netra AWACS integrates SDR, enhancing India's airborne surveillance capabilities.



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully integrated Software Defined Radio (SDR) systems into the Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&C) under Project SIAG, enhancing India's airborne surveillance capabilities. Completed in August 2023, this upgrade enables secure, jam-resistant communication links and interoperability with diverse Indian Air Force assets. The project involved over 50 flight sorties validating the SDR's performance in contested environments, achieving key objectives with a 98% success rate. This advancement positions the Netra platforms to play a critical role in integrated air defense networks, reflecting India's commitment to modernizing its defense technology in response to evolving electronic warfare challenges and improving operational resilience against potential threats.

AVNL to unveil lightweight Bharat tank prototype by 2026 for India's defense.



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Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), a leading Indian tank manufacturer, is set to unveil its fully indigenous Bharat tank prototype by late 2026, reflecting India's commitment to self-reliance in defense. This lightweight tank, designed for high-altitude warfare, aims to enhance operational agility with advanced composite armor and modular weapon systems, ensuring superior firepower and mobility without foreign dependency. AVNL's ongoing R&D and focus on indigenization position it strategically to meet the evolving demands of India's border regions. This development not only underscores India's growing defense manufacturing capabilities but also reinforces its strategic autonomy in armored warfare, aimed at bolstering national security amidst regional complexities.

DRDO partners with private sector for indigenous fighter aircraft ignitors.



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has initiated a project under its Technology Development Fund (TDF) program to create indigenous platinum-rhodium catalytic ignitors for fighter aircraft

afterburners, marking a significant step towards self-reliance in aerospace technology. This initiative aims to reduce India's dependence on costly imported components and enhance the performance and safety of the Indian Air Force's fleet, including the Su-30MKI and Rafale jets. By fostering collaboration with private sector players, the project seeks to address critical supply chain vulnerabilities while ensuring compliance with international aerospace standards. Ultimately, this development not only fortifies India's defense capabilities but also aligns with the larger Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, enhancing national security amidst geopolitical uncertainties.

India, Australia Collaborate on Advanced Undersea Surveillance Sensors



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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Australia's Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) have initiated a landmark three-year project focused on advanced towed array sensors aimed at enhancing undersea surveillance capabilities, critical for maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region. Signed on June 4, 2025, this collaboration underlines the strategic partnership within the Quad framework and aims to improve anti-submarine warfare efficiency through innovative techniques like Towed Array Target Motion Analysis (TATMA). This initiative not only strengthens bilateral defense ties but also positions both nations to reduce dependence on foreign technologies, fostering indigenous defense manufacturing and potentially tapping into a growing global sonar market, thereby reinforcing regional stability amidst increasing submarine activities.

India's S4-class nuclear submarines to enhance second-strike capability by 2027.



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India is set to significantly strengthen its strategic defense with the induction of two advanced S4-class nuclear ballistic missile submarines, INS Aridhaman and its sister ship, by early 2027. Building on the success of earlier Arihant-class submarines, these vessels represent a major leap in India's second-strike nuclear capability, a core pillar of its credible minimum deterrence policy. INS Aridhaman, launched in November 2021, is undergoing final sea trials and is expected to join the Indian Navy by the end of 2025, with its sister vessel slated for commissioning by early 2027. These submarines feature larger 7,000-tonne

hulls, approximately 1,000 tonnes heavier than predecessors, equipped with upgraded 83-megawatt pressurized water reactors enabling extended 90-day patrols without surfacing. Increased missile capacity with up to eight vertical launch tubes enables carriage of longer-range K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missiles with 3,500 km strike range, substantially enhancing India's ability to execute a retaliatory nuclear strike even if under first attack. The vessels are built with around 75% indigenous content, marking India's growing self-reliance in critical defense technology. Together, these submarines will fortify India's deterrence posture amid rising regional security challenges.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Thales urges easier foreign ownership rules for India's defense sector.



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Thales CEO Patrice Caine has urged the Indian government to simplify foreign ownership regulations in the defense sector, advocating a model similar to France and the UK, where full foreign ownership is permitted under strict intellectual property and export control protections. Currently, India allows 100% foreign investment in defense but requires government approval for ownership beyond 74%, causing delays in several proposals. Thales, which partners with Indian companies like Reliance and Adani, has pushed for allowing 100% foreign-owned defense firms under the automatic route to accelerate indigenous capabilities and support initiatives like Make in India. The company's collaborations include manufacturing advanced avionics and precision weapons locally, boosting India's defense innovation and strategic autonomy amid global security challenges. However, the nascent Indian defense industry faces threats from 100% foreign investment, including potential technology dependence, risks to indigenous R&D growth, and challenges for domestic firms competing with foreign giants, raising concerns about safeguarding national security and intellectual property rights. Balancing openness with protective measures remains key to sustaining India's defense industrial growth. The Indian government currently maintains a cautious stance, permitting full ownership selectively and under stringent oversight, as seen in the Saab approval in 2023. Thales' call for easier FDI rules aligns with the broader push for expanding private and foreign

participation to meet ambitious defense export targets by 2029.

IAF seeks 114 Rafale jets, but risks costly dependency on France. SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has formally proposed acquiring 114 Rafale fighter jets in a deal estimated at over Rs 2 lakh crore under the "Make in India" initiative, with Dassault Aviation set to manufacture the jets in India with more than 60% indigenous content. This acquisition, currently under review by the Defence Ministry, would raise India's Rafale fleet to 176 jets, enhancing the IAF's capability amid regional security challenges. Dassault plans to establish Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facilities in India, with Indian partners like Tata playing a key role in production. The proposal follows the Rafale's proven performance in Operation Sindoor, where it outmatched Chinese PL-15 missiles using advanced electronic warfare capabilities. However, experts caution about the risk of costly long-term dependency on France, as the deal may limit India's access to core software and hardware critical for integrating indigenous weapons and systems—recalling delays and cost overruns from the Mirage-2000 upgrade experience. The IAF views the acquisition as essential to maintaining operational readiness as older squadrons retire, with the ultimate goal of expanding squadron strength to meet emerging threats from neighboring countries. The process awaits clearance from the Defence Procurement Board and Defence Acquisition Council for final approval.

IAF considers urgent Su-57E purchase to counter stealth threats until AMCA is operational. SHARE

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India is actively considering an urgent acquisition of the Russian Su-57E stealth fighter jet as a vital stopgap to address immediate air defense challenges until its indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) becomes operational. This development follows mounting regional stealth threats from China and Pakistan, which are advancing their own fifth-generation fighters. India has engaged in sensitive negotiations with Russia, weighing the benefits of the Su-57E's advanced sensors, radar-absorbent materials, and thrust vectoring capabilities, alongside a significant technology transfer offer that includes local production at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Nashik facility. While India continues to pursue the AMCA project, delays have pushed the expected operational date

further into the future, heightening the urgency for a proven platform like the Su-57E. The Indian Air Force's current fighter squadron strength is below sanctioned levels, making this purchase crucial for maintaining air superiority in the Indo-Pacific region. Meanwhile, India remains cautious about alternatives like the US F-35, citing strategic risks around embedded vulnerabilities and vendor control. The Su-57E acquisition aligns with India's strategic goals of bolstering air power quickly while supporting defense self-reliance under the Make In India initiative.

India Expands Private Sector Role in Missile Production for Enhanced Defense Readiness SHARE

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India is advancing its defense capabilities by expanding private sector involvement in missile production, aiming to enhance rapid wartime surge capacity. Following the successful integration of private firms in manufacturing the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher, the Ministry of Defence is poised to authorize private participation in producing sub-sonic cruise missiles and surface-to-air missile systems. This strategic shift towards a collaborative production model is designed to address logistical challenges and production bottlenecks, enabling quick replenishment during conflicts. By bolstering indigenous manufacturing and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers, this initiative is crucial for enhancing India's military readiness amidst a dynamic regional security landscape, positioning private industry as a vital component of national defense.

Politics

Amit Shah defends CAA, addressing demographic shifts and migration concerns. SHARE

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah defended the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) during a tribute to journalist Narendra Mohan, emphasizing its role in providing refuge to persecuted minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh. Shah accused opposition parties of misinformation while highlighting demographic concerns over illegal immigration, particularly in border states and West Bengal, which he linked to historical governance failures and vote bank politics. He proposed a high-powered demographic mission to assess the effects of illegal migration on

India's socio-economic landscape and reiterated the necessity of the Modi government's policy to "Detect, Delete, and Deport" infiltrators. This discourse underscores the government's commitment to national integrity and the protection of India's cultural fabric amidst ongoing political challenges.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India and UK Navies finish Konkan-25, boosting defense partnership for regional stability. SHARE

11-Oct-25

The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom have successfully concluded Exercise Konkan-25, a significant bilateral maritime exercise aimed at enhancing interoperability and strategic cooperation. Commencing on October 5, the exercise featured complex operations involving the Indian Navy's indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and the UK's HMS Prince of Wales, marking the first joint carrier strike group operations between the two nations. Throughout the four-day exercise in the Arabian Sea, both navies engaged in advanced maritime operations, including tactical air warfare, integrated air defense drills, and anti-submarine warfare exercises, showcasing their operational readiness and coordination capabilities. UK Minister of State for Defence Lord Vernon Coaker emphasized the exercise as a testament to the strengthening ties between India and the UK, underscoring the importance of their partnership as global allies. The successful completion of these wargames signifies a critical advancement in the defense engagements between the two countries, contributing to regional maritime stability in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment. The collaboration exemplifies India's growing defense capabilities and its role in fostering international security partnerships, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, as both nations prepare for future challenges in multi-domain warfare scenarios.

Kyrgyzstan Army chief excited for India's UNTCC conclave on peacekeeping. SHARE

11-Oct-25

India will host the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs conclave from October 14 to 16 in New Delhi, gathering over 30 military leaders globally to discuss peacekeeping challenges and strategies. Kyrgyzstan's Chief of the General Staff, Tariel Otonbaev, expressed anticipation for the event,

emphasizing its role in enhancing international cooperation and supporting UN mandates. Notably, Bangladesh's participation may be affected, as its Army Chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, is expected to send a junior officer instead due to strained bilateral relations. This conclave is significant as it underscores India's leadership in global peacekeeping efforts and its commitment to fostering dialogue among nations in addressing contemporary security challenges.

India's soft-power diplomacy strengthens ties with Afghanistan, marginalizing Pakistan's influence. SHARE

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India's soft-power diplomacy has yielded significant strategic gains in its relationship with Afghanistan, particularly as Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's recent visit to New Delhi marks a pivotal moment in bilateral ties. This visit comes amidst Pakistan's frustration over the Taliban's refusal to act as a proxy and its deteriorating relations with Kabul, exacerbated by ongoing tensions over border issues and terrorism. During his discussions with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Muttaqi announced the intention to upgrade India's technical mission in Kabul to a full diplomatic mission and emphasized Afghanistan's commitment to preventing its territory from being used for attacks against other nations. He invited Indian businesses to invest in Afghanistan's mining and energy sectors, underscoring a shift towards greater economic collaboration. The backdrop of this engagement indicates Pakistan's diminishing influence in Afghanistan, as India's strategic partnerships expand in the region, particularly with Iran and Central Asian nations. This evolving dynamic suggests that Afghanistan may emerge as a pivotal player in South Asia's geopolitical landscape, necessitating a recalibration of Pakistan's strategies to address increasing Indian presence and influence.

Russian drone and missile strikes on Kyiv cause extensive blackouts. SHARE

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A massive Russian drone and missile attack on Kyiv early Friday resulted in widespread blackouts and injuries to at least 20 individuals, targeting critical energy infrastructure as winter approaches. Ukraine's air defenses successfully intercepted the majority of the 465 drones and 32 missiles launched in this concentrated assault, which has been described as one of the largest strikes against the country's energy grid. Subsequently, power was restored to over 800,000

residents by Saturday, according to Ukraine's largest private energy provider, DTEK, although localized outages persisted. The Kremlin claimed that these strikes aimed at energy facilities supporting the Ukrainian military, indicating a strategic effort to undermine both military capabilities and civilian morale during the harsh winter months. This escalation in hostilities highlights the ongoing battle for control over essential infrastructure, with international leaders from Britain, France, and Germany expressing solidarity with Ukraine by pledging to leverage frozen Russian assets to bolster Ukrainian defenses. This situation underscores the critical importance of energy security in the broader geopolitical context and poses significant challenges for Ukraine as it prepares for an arduous winter while contending with continued Russian aggression.

Israel enacts ceasefire for hostage release and Palestinian return.



11-Oct-25

A ceasefire agreement has been enacted, allowing for the release of hostages held by Hamas and the return of displaced Palestinians to their homes in Gaza. Israel has halted military operations as part of this initiative, with a 72-hour deadline for Hamas to release 47 remaining hostages, while Israel is set to release 250 Palestinian prisoners. The ceasefire has led to a mixed emotional response among returning civilians, highlighting both relief and concern over their homes. This development, framed as a significant moment for national unity in Israel, signals a potential shift towards broader Middle East peace discussions, as international leaders urge the UN Security Council to endorse the Trump-brokered plan aimed at resolving the ongoing conflict.

Russian analysts question reliability of Ukraine's reported soldier casualties.



11-Oct-25

Independent Russian analysts, including Mediazona and the Conflict Intelligence Team (CIT), have cast doubt on the reliability of leaked Ukrainian military intelligence suggesting nearly 87,000 Russian soldiers were killed in the first eight months of 2025. CIT employed forensic statistical methods to identify anomalies in the data, concluding that the chance of the reported figures occurring randomly is extremely low, indicating potential manipulation. Concerns were raised regarding missing figures on desertions and the lack of clear documentation surrounding the leaked

records, suggesting bureaucratic inconsistencies. The broader significance lies in the implications of manipulated casualty figures on public perception and military accountability within Russia, emphasizing the complexities in assessing the true costs of the ongoing conflict.

UK and NATO conduct 12-hour mission near Russia, enhancing deterrence.



11-Oct-25

The United Kingdom recently conducted a significant 12-hour mission with U.S. and NATO forces near the Russian border, reflecting heightened tensions following a series of Russian drone and aircraft incursions into NATO airspace. British Defence Minister John Healey described the operation as a substantial joint effort, underscoring the importance of allied cooperation in ensuring regional security. This mission not only demonstrates NATO's commitment to collective defense but also signals a robust deterrence strategy against potential threats from Russia. As geopolitical dynamics evolve, such collaborative military exercises are crucial for maintaining stability in Eastern Europe and safeguarding the interests of member nations in the face of increasing aggression.

Zelenskiy and Trump discuss enhancing Ukraine's air defense amidst Russian strikes.



11-Oct-25

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy reported a "positive and productive" conversation with U.S. President Donald Trump, focusing on the ongoing Russian strikes on Ukraine's energy infrastructure. During the call, they discussed enhancing Ukraine's air defense capabilities and explored concrete agreements aimed at strengthening these systems. Zelenskiy emphasized the presence of promising options and solid ideas to bolster Ukraine's defenses amid escalating threats. This dialogue underscores the critical nature of international support in Ukraine's defense strategy against Russian aggression, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts to ensure national security and resilience in face of ongoing conflicts.

India and Afghanistan establish trade committee for economic collaboration.



11-Oct-25

India and Afghanistan have agreed to establish a trade committee aimed at enhancing economic collaboration,

particularly in mineral resources, energy development, and infrastructure. During a meeting between Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Muttaqi and India's External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, India reaffirmed its commitment to Afghanistan's development by upgrading its technical mission in Kabul to a full embassy and facilitating trade through an enhanced air corridor. This engagement marks a significant diplomatic stride following the Taliban's rise to power, indicating a strategic shift towards rebuilding relations focused on pragmatic cooperation. It underscores India's intent to maintain influence in Afghanistan while providing much-needed humanitarian assistance, thus contributing to regional stability amidst ongoing challenges.

Afghan FM warns Pakistan, emphasizes ties with India amid tensions.



11-Oct-25

Afghan Foreign Minister Muttaqi, during his visit to New Delhi, warned Pakistan against underestimating Afghanistan's resolve and condemned recent violence in Kabul, which some speculate was orchestrated by Islamabad. He emphasized Afghanistan's commitment to stability and urged for improved bilateral relations with India, particularly through trade and infrastructure partnerships like the Chabahar Port. Highlighting Afghanistan's historical ties with India, he announced plans for educational exchanges and expressed optimism about the return of Afghan diplomats to India. The backdrop of rising tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan, especially regarding militant groups, underscores the ongoing geopolitical complexities of South Asia, with Afghanistan asserting its sovereignty amidst external pressures.

India and Canada seek strategic cooperation framework during Anand's visit.



11-Oct-25

During Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand's visit to New Delhi, India and Canada are set to establish a framework for strategic cooperation in trade, energy, and security. This visit follows extensive discussions between India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and his Canadian counterpart, emphasizing a renewed commitment to bilateral ties after a period of tension stemming from allegations regarding the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. With both nations now working to revive diplomatic mechanisms, Anand's agenda includes meetings with Indian and Canadian firms in Mumbai to promote economic collaboration. This

engagement is pivotal, as it signals an opportunity for India and Canada to strengthen their partnership amidst a complex global landscape, marking a significant step toward enhanced mutual cooperation.

Taliban Foreign Minister's India visit includes historic Deoband stop.



11-Oct-25

Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Foreign Minister of the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan, is on a seven-day visit to India, which includes a significant stop at the historic Darul Uloom Deoband in Uttar Pradesh. This marks the first visit by a senior Taliban leader to the seminary since the regime change in Afghanistan. Muttaqi's itinerary also features meetings with Indian business leaders and a visit to the Taj Mahal, following a recent exemption from the UN Security Council travel ban. This visit underscores India's complex diplomatic engagement with the Taliban, reflecting both historical ties and contemporary geopolitical considerations, as India seeks to navigate its interests in Afghanistan amid evolving regional dynamics.

Myanmar assures India of no Chinese presence on Coco Islands amid inspection concerns.



11-Oct-25

Myanmar has assured India that no Chinese nationals are present on the strategically significant Coco Islands, amidst India's concerns over Chinese military expansion in the region. This reassurance was communicated during the recent India-Myanmar defense dialogue; however, Myanmar has yet to grant permission for an Indian Navy inspection of the islands, raising suspicions about its transparency. The Coco Islands' proximity to crucial Indian military assets amplifies their strategic importance, as India enhances its naval posture in the Indo-Pacific. This situation underscores the persistent trust deficit in India-Myanmar relations and reflects broader geopolitical tensions, particularly as China continues to increase its influence in the region through initiatives like the String of Pearls strategy, potentially encircling India.

ICGS Sachet visits Maputo, enhancing India-Mozambique maritime ties.



11-Oct-25

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet made a significant port call at Maputo, Mozambique on October 11, 2025, reinforcing India's commitment to maritime cooperation and regional stability under the SAGAR initiative. The vessel is delivering 20 metric tonnes of

humanitarian assistance, aimed at bolstering Mozambique's public health and disaster management capabilities. During its stay, the crew will engage with local maritime agencies in professional exchanges focused on marine pollution response and maritime law enforcement, enhancing interoperability between the two nations. Additionally, community initiatives such as beach clean-ups and marine awareness programs signify India's dedication to environmental conservation and collaborative efforts with Mozambique, underscoring the strategic importance of regional partnerships in addressing shared maritime challenges and fostering goodwill.

US denies AMRAAM sale to Pakistan; Congress warns of future threats.



11-Oct-25

The United States has denied reports of approving the sale of AIM-120 air-to-air missiles to Pakistan, prompting concerns from Indian Congress leader Rashid Alvi about potential future military support for Islamabad. He criticized the Indian government's response to U.S. foreign policy shifts, alleging that Prime Minister Modi is overly submissive to American interests. Alvi's statements reflect broader anxieties regarding India's security environment, particularly in the wake of Pakistan's evolving military capabilities. This incident underscores the ongoing geopolitical tensions in South Asia and the implications of U.S. arms sales policies on regional security dynamics, highlighting the need for India to remain vigilant and proactive in its defense strategies.

India Condemns Pakistan's False Kashmir Claims at UN, Highlights Its Democratic Achievements.



11-Oct-25

India has firmly rebuked Pakistan for disseminating misinformation regarding Kashmir during discussions at the UN General Assembly, emphasizing the need for accurate representation of human rights issues. Indian MP Chaudhary highlighted Pakistan's internal challenges, including electoral manipulation and oppression of dissent, while showcasing India's democratic and developmental achievements, such as the lifting of over 250 million citizens from multidimensional poverty and advancements in women's empowerment, marked by the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023. This exchange underscores India's commitment to human rights, governance, and gender equity in stark contrast to Pakistan's governance failures, reinforcing India's position as a stable,

democratic force in the region amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions.

US establishes joint task force to combat drug trafficking in Latin America.



11-Oct-25

The Pentagon has announced the establishment of a new counter-narcotics joint task force in Latin America, led by the II Marine Expeditionary Force. This initiative aims to enhance military operations against drug trafficking, with a focus on maritime interdictions and intelligence sharing. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth emphasized the goal of dismantling drug cartels to safeguard U.S. communities. However, the legality of these military actions has raised concerns among legal experts and lawmakers regarding the use of lethal force and the potential expansion of presidential powers. This development highlights the ongoing complexities of U.S. military involvement in drug enforcement and its implications for international norms and domestic law.

Israel negotiates release of 48 hostages taken by Hamas during October 7 attacks.



11-Oct-25

Israel is currently negotiating the release of 48 hostages taken by Hamas during the October 7, 2023 attack, as a ceasefire initiates a potential prisoner exchange involving 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. Among the hostages are civilians, soldiers, and even a Nepali student, Bipin Joshi, highlighting the diverse backgrounds of those affected. Families of the hostages have been vocal in their pleas for their loved ones' return, often participating in protests against the Israeli government. The ongoing situation emphasizes the emotional toll and complex human narratives entwined with the broader geopolitical conflict, underscoring the urgent need for a resolution to ensure the safety and freedom of these individuals amidst the larger hostilities.

Trump Implements 100% Tariff on All Chinese Imports Amid Trade Tensions



11-Oct-25

President Trump has announced a sweeping 100% tariff on all Chinese goods, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing U.S.-China trade conflict, which has intensified following China's recent export restrictions on rare earth elements critical for defense and technology industries. The U.S. will also impose export controls on vital software, aiming to curb China's

technological advancements amid accusations of aggressive trade practices. Analysts view these developments as a shift towards a more confrontational stance, potentially fracturing global supply chains into rival blocs. This situation not only threatens to destabilize international trade but also compels nations, including India, to consider domestic production strategies to mitigate reliance on Chinese imports, particularly in defense and high-tech sectors.

India enhances humanitarian aid to Afghanistan during Muttaqi's visit.



11-Oct-25

India continues to strengthen its humanitarian support for Afghanistan, delivering additional food supplies in response to the recent earthquake that affected many lives. During a meeting in New Delhi with Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized India's commitment to aid Afghanistan's development, announcing the handover of five ambulances and upcoming projects, including medical equipment and vaccine supplies. Muttaqi reaffirmed Afghanistan's desire for strong bilateral relations, ensuring that its territory will not be used against other nations. This engagement underscores India's role as a key partner in Afghanistan's recovery and reflects its broader strategy of regional stability and goodwill through humanitarian assistance.

Military Operations

Army Chief Affirms Indian Forces' Commitment to Dharmayudh Principles in Operation Sindoor.



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During the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Military School (RMS) in Himachal Pradesh, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi emphasized the Indian Defence Forces' strict adherence to the principles of Dharmayudh during Operation Sindoor, targeting only terrorist hideouts while avoiding civilian harm. He praised the school's legacy of producing distinguished officers and encouraged current cadets to carry forward its values. The event featured the inauguration of the Centenary Gate, the release of commemorative materials, and a plantation drive to honor the school's 100 years of service. This commitment to ethical military conduct and the development of future leaders

reflects India's dedication to responsible defense practices amid evolving geopolitical challenges.

Search operations launched in J&K's Samba after Pakistani drones spotted.



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Security forces have initiated a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district following the sighting of two Pakistani drones over forward villages along the International Border. The drones were reportedly seen over Challiyari and Chamliyal villages late Friday night. In response, the Border Security Force (BSF) has cordoned off the areas and is conducting thorough searches with local police to prevent potential airdropping of weapons or narcotics. This operation underscores the ongoing security challenges along the India-Pakistan border, highlighting the vigilance required to counteract threats posed by drone surveillance and smuggling activities, which can destabilize regional security and undermine law enforcement efforts in border areas.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

CRPF jawan dies in IED blast during Jharkhand anti-Naxal operation.



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A CRPF jawan, Head Constable Mahendra Laskar, aged 45, tragically lost his life due to injuries sustained in an IED blast during an anti-Naxal operation in the Babudera-Samta area of Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district. The incident occurred as the paramilitary force engaged in efforts to combat Naxal violence. Laskar, from Assam and a member of the 60th battalion, was evacuated to a Rourkela hospital but succumbed to his injuries shortly after. This loss underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Indian security forces in their operations against insurgency and highlights the sacrifices made by personnel in ensuring national security, emphasizing the need for continued support and strategic measures in counter-insurgency operations.

BSF Enhances Winter Strategy to Counter Pakistan-Based Terrorist Infiltration



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The Border Security Force (BSF) has implemented an enhanced winter strategy to counter infiltration attempts by Pakistan-based terrorist groups,

particularly Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). Intelligence reports indicate these groups are regrouping after significant losses sustained during Operation Sindoor in May 2025, when India launched precise strikes against terrorist camps in Pakistan following a deadly attack in Pahalgam. BSF Inspector General Shashank Anand said that despite the challenges posed by heavy fog in winter, the force is on high alert, using advanced surveillance technologies including night-vision systems and drone-mounted radars along the International Border and Line of Control. The BSF maintains close coordination with other agencies, sharing intelligence to thwart infiltration. Although the ceasefire between India and Pakistan remains in effect since May, the BSF is prepared for immediate retaliation against any provocation under a government-sanctioned response policy. This robust posture reflects India's commitment to regional security and modernized defense capabilities. The BSF also plans community engagement events to bolster border area resilience during the winter months.

Pakistani forces eliminate 30 militants after deadly ambush on soldiers.

11-Oct-25

Pakistani security forces conducted multiple raids in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, resulting in the elimination of 30 militants following a deadly ambush that killed 11 soldiers. The military attributed the attacks to the Pakistani Taliban and accused India of supporting these insurgents, referring to them as "Khwarij." In the aftermath, a police training center in Dera Ismail Khan was also targeted by the Pakistani Taliban, highlighting the ongoing militant violence in the region. This escalation underscores the increasing challenges Pakistan faces from domestic terrorism and its complex relationship with India and Afghanistan, as Islamabad calls for cooperation to prevent cross-border insurgent activities. The situation reflects a critical security dilemma for Pakistan, emphasizing the need for regional stability and effective counter-terrorism strategies.

Rajasthan: Spy arrested for leaking defense information to ISI.

11-Oct-25

Rajasthan Intelligence has apprehended Mangat Singh in Alwar for allegedly espionage for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), marking a significant development amid ongoing surveillance operations in sensitive regions of the state. His contact with a

Pakistani handler, reportedly through social media, involved sharing sensitive information about the Alwar cantonment area for monetary gain. The arrest is part of Operation Sindoor, which has also led to the detainment of other suspects linked to ISI, including individuals from Jaisalmer leaking defense-related information. This situation underlines the persistent threat of espionage in India, emphasizing the critical need for robust intelligence-gathering efforts to safeguard national security against foreign intelligence agencies.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

National unity essential to combat rising cybersecurity threats, says Home Secretary.

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Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan emphasized the need for national unity in combating escalating cybersecurity threats during the inauguration of COCON 2025, an annual cybersecurity conference organized by the Kerala Police. He highlighted the rising incidence of cybercrime globally, urging both investigation agencies and the public to remain vigilant. The conference serves as a platform for discussions on information security, data protection, and privacy, involving various stakeholders from corporate, government, and academic sectors. The release of the "National Strategy Against Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse" booklet underscores the conference's focus on safeguarding digital vulnerabilities. This initiative is significant as it aligns with India's broader strategy to enhance cybersecurity resilience amid increasing digital threats.

PIB refutes deepfake claims about Rafale losses and missing pilot.

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A deepfake video falsely depicting Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh has been circulating on social media, claiming that India suffered significant losses during Operation Sindoor, including the loss of four Rafale jets and the disappearance of Lieutenant Shivangi Singh. The Press Information Bureau (PIB) has categorically debunked these claims, labeling the video as Pakistani propaganda aimed at creating panic and misinformation among the public. The PIB emphasized that the original footage of Air Chief Marshal Singh, released on the Indian Air Force Day, showcased his commendations for the Air Force's role in national security and contained none of the alarming assertions

made in the manipulated video. Furthermore, it was highlighted that Lieutenant Shivangi Singh recently received the Qualified Flying Instructor badge, underscoring her accomplishments instead of any supposed disappearance. This incident underscores the vulnerability of public perceptions to misinformation, particularly from adversarial sources, and highlights the importance of timely fact-checking to maintain public trust in the armed forces and government. The rapid spread of such disinformation could undermine morale and security perceptions, thus necessitating robust counter-narratives from official channels to safeguard national interests.

Indian Army Terrier Cyber Quest 2025 celebrates cybersecurity innovation and winners announced. SHARE

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The Indian Army Terrier Cyber Quest 2025 concluded with a grand finale on October 8, celebrating India's commitment to enhancing its cybersecurity landscape. Hosted by the Territorial Army and supported by various esteemed institutions, the competition attracted nearly 10,000 participants, culminating in the recognition of 75 finalists who showcased innovative solutions in cybersecurity challenges. Winning projects included advancements in bug hunting, drone flight anomaly detection, and AI threat detection, each earning cash prizes. This initiative underscores the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in building a Cyber Secure Bharat, aligning with India's strategic focus on integrating advanced technology and innovation into national security frameworks, thereby fortifying its cyber resilience against emerging threats.

New Stealit malware targets Windows via Node.js extensions, enhancing cyber threats. SHARE

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Security researchers have identified a new variant of the Stealit malware that exploits Node.js extensions to target Windows systems. This malware uses the Single Executable Application functionality to distribute malicious payloads, marking a shift from previous versions that relied on the Electron framework. Distributed through file-sharing platforms and disguised as game installers, Stealit operates as a sophisticated Malware-as-a-Service, offering extensive capabilities like remote access, real-time surveillance, and data theft from popular applications. Its use of advanced evasion techniques makes detection challenging, underscoring the growing threat of cybercrime that is

increasingly commercialized and adaptable, posing significant risks to cybersecurity across multiple sectors.

Experts warn of escalating cyber threats and online fraud at c0c0n 2025 conference. SHARE

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At the c0c0n 2025 International Cyber Security and Hacking Conference in Kochi, experts underscored the escalating risks of cyber crimes, specifically child exploitation and online financial fraud. Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan emphasized the necessity for collective efforts to enhance the nation's cyber security. Notable discussions included advanced topics such as adversarial testing of large language models and emerging security frameworks for autonomous agents, showcasing innovations in cyber defense through collaborative intelligence. A key outcome of the conference was the development of new solutions aimed at aiding law enforcement in combating child sexual abuse. This focus on cyber threats highlights the urgent need for robust security measures as the digital landscape continues to evolve, marking a significant move towards safeguarding national interests in cyberspace.

DoT Enhances Telecom Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection Initiatives SHARE

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in India is ramping up efforts to enhance cybersecurity and consumer protection amid rising cyber fraud cases, which reportedly amounted to around ₹2,500 crore last year. Anand Khare, Advisor (Operations) at DoT, announced initiatives like the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator, designed to warn consumers of potential fraud when making transactions. Additionally, the Sanchar Saarthi app has been launched to allow users to report scams directly to the DoT. These measures underscore the government's commitment to safeguarding telecom users and building a more resilient infrastructure, reflecting a proactive stance against increasing cyber threats which pose significant challenges to consumer safety and trust in digital transactions.

ITAT: Cybersecurity Software Sales Exempt from Tax as FTS SHARE

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The Delhi Bench of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) ruled that payments made by Indian distributors

for the sale of cybersecurity software from Forcepoint International Technology Limited, an Ireland-based firm, are not taxable as Fees for Technical Services (FTS) under Indian law or the India-Ireland Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA). The Tribunal noted that the transactions involved no human interface or technical services, as the software is sold on a principal-to-principal basis without any rights to modification or personal technical input. This decision reinforces the distinction between software sales and technical services, significantly impacting cross-border software transactions and clarifying tax liabilities for international software firms operating in India.

Hackers misuse Velociraptor DFIR tool for LockBit ransomware attacks.



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Hackers are reportedly exploiting the Velociraptor digital forensics and incident response (DFIR) tool in ransomware attacks linked to the Storm-2603 group, also known as Gold Salem, which has been associated with the Warlock and LockBit ransomware variants. This adaptation of legitimate security utilities allows attackers to conduct stealthy data thefts and maintain persistence within compromised systems. Cybersecurity analysts caution organizations to audit the use of such tools and be vigilant for unusual behavior patterns indicative of potential breaches. The incident underscores a growing trend in cyberattacks, where attackers leverage legitimate tools for malicious purposes, highlighting the need for enhanced defensive measures in cybersecurity protocols to protect sensitive data.

Poland reports rising cyberattacks on infrastructure, points to Russia.



11-Oct-25

Poland is experiencing a significant rise in cyberattacks on its critical infrastructure, primarily attributed to Russian military intelligence, according to Deputy Prime Minister Krzysztof Gawkowski. In the first three quarters of 2025 alone, approximately 170,000 cyber incidents were detected, with daily attacks ranging from 2,000 to 4,000. Officials noted a concerning trend of coordinated kinetic and cyber operations targeting essential sectors, including energy, indicating a strategic shift by state-backed actors. This escalation underscores the broader geopolitical implications of cyber warfare, as nations increasingly recognize the vulnerabilities of digital infrastructure and the necessity for enhanced cybersecurity measures to safeguard national interests.

Indian Army's Southern Command hosts seminar on strategic communication for narrative dominance.



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The Southern Command of the Indian Army hosted a two-day seminar on Strategic Communication, titled ASCEND 2025, in Pune on October 10 and 11, focusing on achieving narrative dominance in the information age. The event featured a keynote address by Southern Army Commander Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth and was attended by Alok Joshi, former chief of the Research and Analysis Wing and current Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board. This initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment to enhancing its strategic communication capabilities, which are critical in shaping public perception and countering misinformation. The seminar's insights could significantly influence India's defense narratives and bolster its position in regional and global security dynamics.

India's education sector suffers 7,095 weekly cyberattacks, highlighting urgent cybersecurity needs.



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India's education sector is under severe cyber threat, facing an alarming average of 7,095 weekly cyberattacks, according to Check Point Software Technologies' latest report. Following education, government and consumer goods sectors are also heavily targeted, indicating a widespread vulnerability across industries. The rise in attacks is attributed to factors such as expanded digital presence, limited cybersecurity budgets, and the high value of institutional data. Infostealers have emerged as a primary tool for cybercriminals, exploiting vulnerabilities in hybrid learning environments. This situation underscores the urgent need for educational institutions to adopt stronger cybersecurity measures, emphasizing resilience and proactive strategies to safeguard sensitive data and ensure academic continuity, thus highlighting India's critical role in the global cybersecurity landscape.

Chinese EW force misled foreign spy plane in South China Sea.



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A recent report from the September 2025 issue of the Chinese military magazine Ordnance Industry Science Technology provided additional insights into an incident where China's electronic warfare (EW) force

successfully misled a foreign spy plane in the South China Sea. The deception was carried out using a vehicle-mounted jamming system capable of generating false radar signatures that simulated the presence of large naval vessels such as aircraft carriers or amphibious landing ships at distances up to 300 kilometers. Although the report did not specify the exact timing or nationality of the aircraft involved, the event marks a rare public admission of a successful real-world EW operation by China. Analysts suggest the foreign surveillance aircraft was possibly redirected to pursue a non-existent target, impacting its mission effectiveness. This incident highlights China's increasing investment in sophisticated EW technology as part of its broader strategy to exert control over contested maritime areas like the South China Sea, where it has also established advanced radar and jamming networks on artificial islands. The development underscores the growing significance of electronic warfare in China's military modernization and the intensifying security dynamics in the region.

Microsoft resolves Windows 11 shutdown bug affecting update processes and user experience. SHARE

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Microsoft has addressed a persistent glitch in Windows 11 that misled users into believing their systems were shutting down while updates were pending, causing unexpected restarts. The issue, which has affected many users since the OS's launch in 2021, particularly on older hardware, led to frustrations as machines disrupted sleep cycles and workflows. In its latest preview builds, Microsoft confirmed a fix that ensures requested shutdowns are honored despite pending updates, enhancing reliability in the update process. This update is crucial for users relying on scheduled shutdowns and reflects Microsoft's commitment to improving user experience as it faces competition from other operating systems, with a stable rollout expected by late 2025.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

IAF's Shivangi Singh earns QFI badge, countering Pakistani propaganda. SHARE

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Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's pioneering woman Rafale pilot, has made history by becoming the Indian Air Force's first woman Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI). She earned this prestigious badge after

completing the rigorous 159th Qualified Flying Instructor Course at the Flying Instructors School, Air Force Station Tambaram, Tamil Nadu, with the valedictory ceremony held on October 9, 2025. This milestone came just a day after the IAF celebrated its 93rd anniversary. Singh's achievement comes amid persistent Pakistani propaganda falsely claiming she was captured after her aircraft was shot down near Sialkot during Operation Sindoor in early May 2025. The Indian Air Force decisively debunked these disinformation campaigns by publicly releasing her official photograph and confirming her active service. Awarded alongside 59 officers from the IAF, sister services, and friendly foreign nations, the QFI badge authorizes Singh to train and mentor rookie fighter pilots, bolstering India's aerial combat capabilities. Her success stands as a proud testament to Indian resilience and excellence, inspiring women and underscoring India's strategic edge in the region.

CDS General Chauhan emphasizes veterans' wellness and inspires youth to honor their legacy. SHARE

11-Oct-25

Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, addressed over 5,000 veterans at the "Devbhoomi Mega Veterans Rally" in Dehradun, emphasizing the importance of veterans in shaping the narrative around the Indian Armed Forces on social media. He announced initiatives aimed at enhancing veterans' welfare, including an Integrated Veterans Wellness and Seva Kendra and new ECHS polyclinics to improve healthcare access. General Chauhan called on the youth to draw inspiration from the legacy of veterans while highlighting an economic initiative to empower local cooperatives for sourcing dairy and agricultural products. This rally underscores the commitment of both Central and State Governments to support the veterans' community and strengthen the ties between military heritage and local development.

High Court rules vision impairment affects military induction standards. SHARE

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The Delhi High Court has ruled against Uma Maheshwara Sastry Durbaka, who sought admission to the NDA and Naval Academy Examination, citing his vision deformity as a potential threat to national security. Despite passing the written exam and interview, he was deemed medically unfit for both the Navy and Army due to central nebular corneal opacity in his right eye, as confirmed by multiple medical boards.

The court emphasized the importance of strict medical standards for military induction, arguing that any vision impairment could compromise operational effectiveness. This ruling underscores the crucial balance between individual aspirations and the imperative of maintaining a robust defense force.

territories and brought to areas under Kyiv's control, according to Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. This operation is part of the "Bring Kids Back UA" initiative aimed at returning children forcibly displaced to Russia or confined in occupied areas. Yermak highlighted that among the rescued were siblings who resisted attending Russian schools, facing intimidation from occupying authorities. Ukraine claims over 19,500 children have been illegally deported by Russia, with some estimates suggesting the figure may reach 35,000. This humanitarian crisis underscores the severe implications of the ongoing conflict and the urgent need for international attention and action to protect vulnerable populations.

Miscellaneous

Governor flags off motorcycle expedition honoring 63rd Walong Day and promoting community ties. SHARE

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Governor KT Parnaik recently flagged off a motorcycle expedition commemorating the 63rd Walong Day, which honors the heroes of the 1962 war, from the Raj Bhavan in Itanagar. This initiative, organized by the 3 Corps and involving 21 riders, including 11 from the Indian Army and 10 civilians, aims to strengthen community ties and promote military careers among local youth. The governor emphasized the significance of such joint efforts in fostering patriotism, encouraging social awareness, and addressing public health issues. This expedition not only commemorates a pivotal moment in India's military history but also serves as a platform for community engagement and national pride, reinforcing the bond between the armed forces and the local populace.

Twenty-three Ukrainian children rescued from Russian-occupied areas SHARE

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Twenty-three Ukrainian children and adolescents have been successfully rescued from Russian-occupied

Leh bans fake news on social media, restores mobile internet services. SHARE

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The Leh district administration has taken decisive action to combat the spread of misinformation on social media, implementing a ban on fake news for two months following violent unrest on September 24, which resulted in four fatalities. Mobile internet services were also restored after a two-week suspension aimed at re-establishing order. District Magistrate Romil Singh Donk emphasized that the spread of rumors could disrupt public peace, leading to this legal intervention under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. Administrators of social media groups have been mandated to monitor and control content, ensuring that misinformation is promptly removed. This initiative underscores the importance of maintaining social stability in sensitive regions like Leh, highlighting the challenges posed by digital misinformation in a rapidly evolving information landscape.

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