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Bangladesh to Acquire 20 Chinese J-10CE Fighter Jets in \$2.2 Billion Deal



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Bangladesh has received in-principle approval to spend \$2.2 billion on acquiring up to 20 Chinese-made Chengdu J-10CE multirole fighter jets, aiming for delivery by 2027. The acquisition marks the largest aviation upgrade in Bangladesh's history and is part of its Forces Goal 2030 modernization plan. The deal includes not only the fighter jets but also training, maintenance, support equipment, and infrastructure, with payments spread over a decade until 2035-36. The procurement replaces aging F-7 fighters, which have raised safety concerns following a fatal crash in mid-2025. An 11-member inter-ministerial committee led by Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan is currently negotiating final terms with China. The J-10CE, known as the "Vigorous Dragon," is a 4.5-generation aircraft enhancing Bangladesh's air defense capabilities and operational readiness. This strategic move deepens Dhaka's defense ties with Beijing, as reflected in other recent Chinese military acquisitions. Deliveries and payments will be phased through the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, bolstering the Bangladesh Air Force's transition into a modern networked air force by 2040.

China Deploys Advanced Stealth GJ-11 "Sharp Sword" UCAVs to Tibet Airbase Near Indian Border



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China has deployed its advanced stealth unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs), the GJ-11 "Sharp Sword," to the strategically important Shigatse Air Base in Tibet near the Indian border. Satellite images from August to September 2025 confirm the presence of multiple GJ-11 drones at this high-altitude base, signaling a significant operational milestone beyond

previous test facilities. Developed over a decade, the flying-wing design combines stealth, penetrating strike capability, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) functions. The deployment at 3,782 meters altitude demonstrates China's confidence in the GJ-11's engine performance and reliability in harsh plateau conditions. The drones can operate in concert with manned fighters like the J-20, serving both air-to-surface strike roles and electronic warfare functions. This move marks a notable escalation in China's high-altitude combat capabilities along the Himalayan frontier, emphasizing a push for air dominance through intelligent, autonomous systems. The GJ-11 also reflects China's lead in developing stealth combat drones capable of integration into networked warfare, potentially challenging India's air defense outlook in the border region. This deployment adds to broader Chinese military modernization efforts seen in recent years.

India and Rolls-Royce collaborate on first electric warship project.



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In a progressive move towards advancing its maritime capabilities, India is set to collaborate with Rolls-Royce to develop the nation's first electric warship, a significant step aligned with the Indian Navy's modernization and sustainability goals amid escalating geopolitical tensions in the Indo-Pacific region. This initiative follows the recent visit of the UK's Carrier Strike Group, including the HMS Prince of Wales, which showcased Rolls-Royce's advanced propulsion systems, underscoring the deepening defense ties between India and the UK. Commodore James Blackmore emphasized the mutual commitment to developing electric propulsion systems during the 4th India-UK Electric Propulsion Capability Partnership Working Group meeting in Goa, highlighting the shared understanding and innovation between the two nations. The proposed electric propulsion systems promise to enhance operational efficiency and capability, allowing the Indian Navy to transition from conventional drives to more sustainable and stealthy architectures, which could revolutionize future projects across various

classes of naval vessels. This collaboration not only reflects India's dedication to achieving self-reliance in defense but also positions it strategically within the broader context of global maritime security efforts, reinforcing its naval presence in an increasingly contested Indo-Pacific environment.

Max Aerospace and Bell Textron team up for India's 200-helicopter RSH bid. [SHARE](#)

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Max AeroSpace and Bell Textron have partnered to bid for India's 200-helicopter Reconnaissance and Surveillance Helicopter (RSH) programme, aimed at modernizing the armed forces' aging fleet. The collaboration will involve assembling Bell 407GX helicopters at a new facility in Nagpur, in line with the Make in India initiative. This project is expected to create approximately 2,000 jobs and foster technology transfer, marking a significant step for Maharashtra's aerospace industry. Competing against Airbus H125 helicopters, the RSH tender could catalyze private sector involvement in defense procurement, reflecting a broader trend toward enhancing indigenous capabilities and reducing reliance on foreign military assets.

Qunnect Secures U.S. Air Force Contract to Advance Quantum Networking Over Conventional Fiber [SHARE](#)

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The U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) has awarded New York-based Qunnect an 18-month contract in May 2025 to advance its quantum networking technology for defense applications, marking a strategic shift in American military investment toward secure, next-generation communication systems. This development underscores growing global competition in quantum technologies, with over \$55 billion invested worldwide, as the U.S. seeks to counter rapid advancements by strategic rivals. Qunnect's "second-generation" approach uniquely enables entanglement-based quantum networks to operate over existing commercial fiber optic infrastructure at room temperature, eliminating the need for specialized cryogenic equipment and significantly enhancing deployment feasibility. The technology leverages quantum entanglement and the observer effect to create tamper-evident communications, where any interception attempt disrupts the signal and alerts the sender, offering a physics-based security layer far superior to conventional encryption. Validated in real-world deployments across New York City, Berlin, and

Montana, Qunnect's Carina system has demonstrated high fidelity and uptime, positioning it as a critical component for future defense-grade secure networks and the foundational infrastructure for a global quantum internet.

Sikorsky Unveils Nomad: Scalable VTOL Drones Redefining Autonomous Long-Endurance Missions [SHARE](#)

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Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, unveiled its Nomad family of scalable vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) drones in early October 2025, marking a significant leap in autonomous, long-endurance drone technology. The Nomad family features a distinctive twin prop rotor "rotor-blown wing" design that allows the drones to take off, hover, and land like helicopters, then transition to efficient, high-speed, fixed-wing flight for extended missions. These drones operate with Sikorsky's MATRIX autonomy system and are powered primarily by hybrid-electric propulsion, with larger models employing conventional drivetrains. The Nomad series ranges from smaller Group 3 drones, like the 10.3-foot wingspan Nomad 50 that completed extended flight tests earlier this year, to larger variants akin to the size of an S-70 Black Hawk helicopter. Designed for reconnaissance, light attack, and contested logistics, these runway-independent drones support diverse naval and land operations. Sikorsky emphasized the Nomad's strategic value in contested environments, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, complementing manned helicopters like the Black Hawk to maintain India's and allied forces' operational advantages, signaling new defense capabilities relevant to India's evolving military landscape. The Nomad 100, the next Group 3 model with an 18-foot wingspan, is set for its maiden flight soon.

FN America Delivers Advanced 6.5mm LICC Prototype Guns for U.S. Military Testing [SHARE](#)

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FN America has delivered prototype firearms chambered in 6.5mm Lightweight Intermediate Caliber Cartridge (LICC) to the U.S. Department of Defense for evaluation by the Irregular Warfare Technical Support Directorate, marking a significant advancement in American small arms modernization. The delivery, confirmed on October 8, 2025, includes the LICC-Individual Weapon System (LICC-IWS) and LICC-Assault Machine Gun (LICC-AMG), both designed to offer superior range, accuracy, and lethality over existing

5.56mm platforms while maintaining manageable recoil and logistical simplicity. The 6.5x43mm steel-cased ammunition is approximately 20% lighter than traditional brass, enhancing soldier mobility. This development occurs as India intensifies its own small arms indigenization, with DRDO's 6.8x43mm rifle prototype emerging as a strategic response, aiming to balance firepower and portability for high-altitude warfare along the LAC, reducing reliance on imported systems like the SIG716 and addressing delays in the AK-203 program.

Anduril and General Dynamics Land Systems Partner to Integrate Advanced Spark Radar for Enhanced Armored Vehicle Defense



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Anduril Industries has partnered with General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) to integrate its advanced Spark Radar onto armored vehicles and ground platforms, a collaboration announced in early October 2025. This partnership aims to enhance maneuver force protection against emerging battlefield threats such as drones, loitering munitions, and autonomous swarms, which can attack from multiple directions with little warning. Unlike previous practices of retrofitting radar systems after vehicle production, this integration will be built into GDLS vehicle designs from the outset, enabling tighter synchronization between sensors, radars, and command nodes across military formations. The Spark Radar offers class-leading range, speed, and fidelity, and uses Anduril's Lattice command-and-control software to share real-time threat data between vehicles and command posts. GDLS brings its deep expertise in combat vehicle manufacturing, including the Abrams tank and Stryker vehicle, while Anduril contributes cutting-edge battle management technologies. The collaboration reflects a strategic move toward coordinated, multi-vehicle defense systems, with future plans to extend integration to command posts, missile launchers, and fire elements, underscoring a significant step in ground force survivability and battlefield awareness for allied armies including India. Financial terms have not been disclosed.

Germany Approves \$4.4 Billion Deal for 20 Eurofighter Typhoon Tranche 5 Jets



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Germany's budget committee approved a €3.75 billion (\$4.4 billion) deal for 20 advanced Eurofighter Typhoon

fighter jets of the Tranche 5 standard, with deliveries scheduled from 2031 to 2034. This acquisition aims to replace the aging Tornado fleet, enhancing Germany's electronic warfare and reconnaissance capabilities and fulfilling NATO commitments. The aircraft will feature next-generation E-scan AESA radars and upgraded avionics to improve sensor management and pilot workload. The deal also includes €412 million for flight and tactical simulators and €1.13 billion for electronic warfare upgrades focused on suppression of enemy air defenses. Announced following Chancellor Olaf Scholz's 2024 pledge, this procurement marks a key investment in Germany's military modernization and European defense industry resilience. The Eurofighter consortium includes Germany, the UK, Italy, and Spain.

Thales Anti-Drone Rockets Deployed in Ukraine to Combat Russian Drone Threats



12-Oct-2025

A European-made 70mm laser-guided rocket from Thales Belgium, equipped with a purpose-built FZ123 airburst warhead, is now in use in Ukraine to counter Russia's Shahed-series long-range attack drones. This rocket disperses thousands of steel pellets over an 80-foot diameter upon detonation, effectively neutralizing drones at ranges up to 10,000 feet. Deliveries to Ukraine began in 2025, with production ramped up at Thales' Herstal plant, aiming for 3,500 units by year-end and scaling to 10,000 annually by 2026, responding to escalating drone attacks in the conflict. The rockets are also integrated with U.S.-supplied VAMPIRE counter-drone systems mounted on Humvees. The weapon provides a cost-effective alternative to expensive surface-to-air missiles, with demand from Ukraine outstripping supply and growing interest from European NATO countries amid rising drone threats. Thales is also developing ground-based multi-tube launchers to expand deployment options.

Japan Arms Submarines with Long-Range Cruise Missiles, Boosting Maritime Strike Power



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Japan is advancing its maritime strike capabilities by arming its submarines with newly developed long-range cruise missiles. On October 7, 2025, Japan's Ministry of Defense awarded mass-production contracts to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for an upgraded ship-launched Type 12 anti-ship missile and a torpedo-tube-launched cruise missile designed for submarine deployment. The submarine-launched missiles will

significantly enhance the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's (JMSDF) ability to strike land and maritime targets from a considerable distance, exceeding 620 miles, far surpassing the range of current UGM-84L Harpoon missiles. This new capability is a critical component of Japan's broader efforts to strengthen standoff defense measures against growing threats from China and North Korea, including ballistic missile and nuclear facilities on the Korean Peninsula. The new missiles are part of Japan's defense modernization to intercept invading forces early and at long range, supporting a shift toward more proactive regional defense posture. The JMSDF's submarines, including the advanced Taigei class, will benefit from this enhanced stealthy strike power as Japan accelerates domestic missile production aiming for deployment within this decade. Additionally, Japan is supplementing these efforts with U.S.-supplied Tomahawk cruise missiles for surface warships, underscoring a comprehensive offensive upgrade across naval platforms.

Russia initiates flight trials for upgraded Yak-130M light combat aircraft.



12-Oct-25

Russia has commenced flight trials for the upgraded Yak-130M, designed to serve as an all-weather light combat aircraft while retaining its role as an advanced trainer. The Yak-130M features enhanced avionics, including a pulse-Doppler radar and electro-optical targeting systems, enabling precision strike capabilities. This modernization positions it as a cost-effective platform for nations seeking affordable combat solutions without the burden of full-scale fighter fleets. With trials set to assess its operational capabilities, the Yak-130M could strengthen Russia's position in the competitive global defense market, appealing particularly to budget-sensitive air forces in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. This development underscores the strategic importance of versatile light combat platforms amid increasing global defense demands.

US Ambassador Gor and Modi discuss defense, trade, and technology in New Delhi meeting.



12-Oct-25

During a significant meeting in New Delhi, US Ambassador Sergio Gor engaged with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss enhancing bilateral cooperation in defense, trade, technology, and critical minerals, reflecting the evolving India-US relationship.

Gor underscored the strategic importance of critical minerals amid global supply constraints and China's export restrictions, emphasizing the leaders' intent to deepen ties despite current trade tensions. Modi expressed confidence that Gor's tenure would strengthen the comprehensive strategic partnership between the nations. This dialogue not only highlights shared priorities but also signals ongoing efforts to navigate trade challenges and expand collaborative initiatives, reinforcing the commitment to mutual prosperity and regional stability in a time of geopolitical complexity.

DAC Approves ₹5,150 Cr Dharashakti EW System for Army Modernization



12-Oct-25

The Defence Acquisition Council has approved a ₹5,150 crore procurement for the indigenously developed Dharashakti Integrated Electronic Warfare system to strengthen Army operations in desert and plain sectors, particularly sensitive border belts. Dharashakti is a dual-segment ground-based EW suite with separate communication (COM) and non-communication (Non-COM) modules designed for wideband radio-frequency interception, electronic support measures, and active countermeasures including signal jamming and deception. Field reports and industry descriptions attribute advanced features such as AESA/DRFM-class jamming capability to record, alter and replay radar signatures, wideband electronic support/attack (ESM/ECM) functionality to detect and classify emitters, and high-resolution electro-optical sensors for battlefield surveillance. The system is reported capable of degrading airborne early warning and control systems, fighter radars, SAR imaging and encrypted comms, and includes anti-UAV and navigation/GPS disruption effects for tactical denial. Procured under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) route, the order underscores a push for self-reliant EW capability and forward deployable electronic dominance to protect manoeuvre forces and critical nodes across contested plains and desert theatres.

HAL to Adapt HTSE-1200 Engine for HTT-40, Boosting Self-Reliance



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is exploring the adaptation of its HTSE-1200 turboshaft engine into a turboprop variant for the HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft, aiming to bolster India's aerospace self-reliance. This strategic move seeks to reduce dependence on the foreign Honeywell TPE331-12B engine, which has faced

supply chain issues, while also aligning with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. By modifying the HTSE-1200 with minimal additional R&D, HAL could meet increasing training demands and capitalize on a global market for trainers. This development underscores India's commitment to enhancing indigenous capabilities amid geopolitical challenges, empowering HAL to maintain operational integrity and pursue export opportunities.

ARDE develops Dhruvastra missile with advanced warhead options. SHARE

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The Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune is reportedly developing the Dhruvastra air-to-surface missile, designed to carry Penetration-Cum-Blast (PCB) and thermobaric warheads. This initiative reflects India's strategic focus on enhancing its airborne munitions, allowing for flexible targeting capabilities against armoured vehicles, fortifications, and soft targets. While details about the missile's specific application—whether for rotary or fixed-wing platforms—remain unclear, the project indicates a significant advancement in India's defense technology, potentially offering a cost-effective precision strike option. The development not only strengthens India's military capabilities but may also position it for future defense exports, enhancing its geopolitical standing in the region.

IAF Extends Mi-17 Helicopter Lifespan to 40 Years, Enhances Performance SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully upgraded its Mi-17 medium-lift helicopter fleet's Total Technical Life (TTL) from 35 to 40 years through three Life Extension studies, ensuring operational reliability for essential airlift and rescue missions. These efforts, in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Russian partners, aim for a further extension to 45 years, highlighting India's commitment to self-reliant defense capabilities amid global supply chain concerns. Enhancements to Time Between Overhaul (TBO) intervals for the Mi-17 V5 and 1V variants have also been realized, increasing availability and performance. This strategic initiative not only defers significant replacement costs but also strengthens the IAF's operational readiness until next-generation platforms are introduced, reflecting a robust approach to sustainment within the evolving geopolitical landscape.

OneWeb Launches 9kg Portable Antenna to Boost Indian Army Communication SHARE

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OneWeb has launched a 9kg man-portable satellite antenna terminal specifically for the Indian Army to enhance battlefield communication. This backpack-sized device features a foldable tripod base allowing 360-degree sky orientation for instant satellite alignment. It operates in the Ku-band, supporting download speeds up to 195 Mbps and upload speeds up to 32 Mbps via OneWeb's low Earth orbit satellite constellation. Designed by InstaAsia Group, it is rugged, meets military standards, and can operate in GPS-denied environments with an external GNSS input. The terminal supports multiple power sources including mains, batteries, solar, and vehicle power, and offers Wi-Fi connectivity with a range of up to 100 meters. This portable and resilient antenna reduces dependence on bulky equipment, improving operational efficiency and real-time intelligence sharing in difficult terrains for the Indian Armed Forces. The backing constellation consists of around 648 LEO satellites ensuring global, low-latency coverage.

MBDA Invites India to Collaborate on Next-Gen Cruise Missile Development SHARE

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MBDA has invited India to participate in the multinational Future Cruise/Anti-Ship Weapon (FC/ASW) program, aligning with India's ambitions for indigenous defense capabilities. This collaboration aims to develop the STRATUS missile families, enhancing India's expertise alongside European partners in countering modern air and maritime threats. While the initiative presents opportunities for technology transfer and local production, concerns exist regarding India's commitment, given existing projects like Nirbhay and BrahMos-II. Analysts note the missile's conservative design may sacrifice stealth for reliability, raising questions about its effectiveness against advanced air defenses. Overall, this engagement reflects India's growing role in global defense partnerships and the potential for bolstering its military capabilities amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

Indian Navy and L&T Accelerate Submarine Development Using SOV-500

Design.  [SHARE](#)

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In a significant advancement for the Indian Navy, the Warship Design Bureau has partnered with Larsen & Toubro to expedite the development of the Project-76 advanced conventional submarine program, reducing the timeline from 7-10 years to just four. This initiative, grounded in the internationally certified SOV-500 design, aims to produce six next-generation diesel-electric submarines featuring air-independent propulsion and enhanced stealth capabilities. The collaboration addresses the Navy's manpower constraints while ensuring alignment with indigenous requirements under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The rapid development of these submarines is critical for strengthening India's maritime security and enhancing its strategic deterrence in the region amidst rising tensions.

INDO-MIM and Thales Australia partner for advanced small arms components in India. [SHARE](#)

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INDO-MIM Metal Injection Molding Pvt Ltd has announced a strategic partnership with Thales Australia to manufacture precision components for small arms, enhancing India's defense manufacturing capabilities in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This collaboration will utilize INDO-MIM's advanced MIM technology to produce high-complexity parts for Thales' small arms portfolio, including the F90 and EF88 rifles. The partnership aims to facilitate technology transfer, create skilled jobs in Bengaluru, and open export opportunities while reinforcing the role of the private sector in India's defense modernization efforts. As India focuses on increasing indigenous content in defense procurements, this alliance could pave the way for future contracts, particularly in upgrading the Indian Army's small arms inventory.

HTT-40 Ejection Seat Delays Challenge IAF's Trainer Aircraft Needs [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is facing a critical shortage of basic trainer aircraft as delays in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) HTT-40 program continue, primarily due to ejection seat supply issues with a British supplier. This setback exacerbates the IAF's pilot training challenges amid its expansion to 42 squadrons.

While HAL considers repurposing surplus ejection seats from the unsuccessful Intermediate Jet Trainer program, compatibility concerns remain. Despite ongoing flight testing for the HTT-40, the maiden flight of the production variant has been delayed, disrupting the training pipeline that is essential for integrating advanced platforms like the Tejas Mk1A. This situation underscores the urgency for self-reliance in India's defense aviation sector, as reliance on outdated trainers may hinder operational readiness.

Indian startups launch \$400 FPV drones, enhancing Army's capabilities. [SHARE](#)

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In a significant advancement for India's defense sector, domestic drone startups have introduced indigenous first-person-view (FPV) kamikaze drones priced at just \$400 each, outpacing global competitors including Ukraine. Developed under the Buy (Indian) initiative, these drones enhance the Indian Army's tactical capabilities and promote self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Companies like InsideFPV Ventures and Maharshi Industries have successfully met the stringent military standards, positioning India as a potential global hub for affordable high-quality drone manufacturing. The introduction of these cost-effective systems supports rapid military deployment and operational flexibility, reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and addressing supply chain vulnerabilities. This development underscores India's commitment to modernizing its armed forces and adapting to contemporary warfare challenges, especially in border conflicts and counterinsurgency operations.

Politics

Opposition condemns Afghan FM presser's exclusion of women journalists. [SHARE](#)

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The absence of female journalists from a press conference held by Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in New Delhi has sparked widespread condemnation from opposition leaders and media advocates in India. Critics, including Congress leaders, argued that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government failed to uphold women's rights, especially given the Taliban's notorious record on gender discrimination. The Indian Women's Press Corps urged the government to address this exclusion with the Afghan Embassy, emphasizing the need for gender equality in media representations. This incident

highlights the tension between diplomatic engagements and India's commitment to gender justice, raising concerns about the implications for India's global image as a champion of democracy and women's rights.

Mehbooba Mufti criticizes BJP for its Taliban policy, marginalizing Muslims.



12-Oct-25

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti criticized the BJP-led government for its approach to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan while allegedly marginalizing Indian Muslims. Amidst India's efforts to strengthen relations with Afghanistan, including providing educational scholarships, Mufti highlighted the contradictions in the government's domestic policies, such as the withdrawal of scholarships for Muslim students and the closure of madrasas. She emphasized the importance of fostering trust and equality within India's diverse society, particularly towards its minority communities. This issue underscores the broader challenge of balancing international diplomacy with domestic social cohesion, reflecting the complex dynamics facing the Indian government as it navigates these intertwined concerns.

Chidambaram Sparks Congress Row by Calling Operation Blue Star a 'Mistake' and also Blames to Armed Forces, Intelligence and Bureaucracy



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In a recent discussion at the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival, former Home Minister P. Chidambaram expressed his views on Operation Blue Star, stating that the military operation in June 1984 to remove militants from the Golden Temple was a misguided approach that ultimately led to the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He emphasized that while her decision was crucial, the responsibility lay with a collective failure involving the Army, intelligence, police, and civil defense. Chidambaram's remarks highlight the complexities of military operations and the long-lasting implications of state actions on national politics, reflecting the need for strategic reassessment in handling insurgencies. This historical reflection is significant as it prompts a reevaluation of military tactics in contemporary security challenges faced by India.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Indian Army to Host UN Troop Contributing Countries Conclave in 2025



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The Indian Army is set to host the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave in New Delhi from October 14 to 16, 2025, convening senior military leaders from 32 nations, emphasizing India's significant role in global peacekeeping efforts. With China and Pakistan notably absent from the event, India aims to enhance the collective voice of troop-contributing nations within the UN's peacekeeping framework, which has increasingly been influenced by countries contributing fewer troops. The conclave will address operational challenges, interoperability, technology, and training practices essential for effective peacekeeping missions, showcasing India's commitment to multilateral collaboration and stability. Participating nations will include Algeria, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Brazil, and others, with sessions designed to feed into broader UN deliberations on adapting peacekeeping strategies to emerging security threats. This initiative not only reinforces India's status as one of the largest contributors to UN missions but also reflects its evolving defense diplomacy and dedication to fostering international partnerships for peace and security.

Indian Army contingent departs for Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 in Australia.



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An Indian Army contingent of 120 personnel has departed for Irwin Barracks in Perth, Australia, to participate in the fourth edition of Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025, scheduled from October 13 to 26, 2025. Led by a Battalion of Gorkha Rifles, the contingent aims to enhance military cooperation and interoperability between the Indian and Australian armies, focusing on sub-conventional warfare tactics in urban and semi-urban environments. This exercise will facilitate joint company-level operations and enhance operational capabilities through the integration of emerging technologies. Participation in AUSTRAHIND 2025 is pivotal for reinforcing defense ties and fostering camaraderie, thereby strengthening mutual trust and collaboration between the two nations, which

is increasingly significant in the context of evolving regional security dynamics.

NATO Reports Sharp Decline in Russia's Mediterranean Naval Presence Amid Strategic Setbacks



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NATO officials have reported a significant decline in Russia's naval presence in the Mediterranean Sea in 2025, primarily due to operational readiness challenges and Moscow's strategic shift focusing on the Baltic Sea and High North regions. The longstanding Russian naval base at Tartus in Syria, essential for replenishment and repairs since 1971, was lost in January 2025 following the new Syrian government's termination of Russia's access agreement after Bashar al-Assad's regime fell in late 2024. This loss has severely constrained Russia's operational capability in the Mediterranean, forcing naval assets to endure longer transit from distant bases in the Baltic or Black Sea. Russian naval forces in the Mediterranean have dwindled from a robust fleet, including multiple submarines and surface ships during the 2018 Syria crisis, to only a few units, including the Kilo-class submarine Novorossiysk which experienced technical issues near the Strait of Gibraltar recently. Additionally, Russia's attempt to expand footholds such as Port Sudan has faced setbacks. Meanwhile, NATO and allied naval forces maintain strong presence and surveillance in the region, underscoring a growing disparity in maritime power. The situation marks a clear erosion of Russia's maritime influence in the Mediterranean, signaling strategic and logistical challenges restricting its power projection from an Indian geopolitical perspective.

China Intercepts Japanese Surveillance Planes Close to Carrier Exercise, Raising Regional Tensions



12-Oct-2025

In June 2025, Chinese Shenyang J-15 fighter jets intercepted Japanese Kawasaki P-3C Orion surveillance aircraft multiple times while monitoring the movements of China's Liaoning and Shandong aircraft carriers during their unprecedented joint deployment beyond the First Island Chain. The encounters, occurring in international airspace over the Pacific, saw Chinese fighters approach within 45 meters of the Japanese patrol planes, with some maneuvers crossing directly in front of the slower aircraft, raising concerns of midair collision. These actions coincided with heightened Chinese military activity near contested zones,

including the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands, and were part of broader drills simulating interception of U.S. carrier strike groups. Japan's Ministry of Defense recorded over 1,000 takeoffs and landings from the Chinese carriers between May 25 and late June, using the surveillance data to publish a detailed report on their movements. While China accused Japan of conducting dangerous reconnaissance near its fleet, Tokyo maintained its operations were lawful and essential for regional security, emphasizing the need for transparency amid rising tensions in the Indo-Pacific.

Sweden Joins NATO's Steadfast Noon Nuclear Drill with Gripen Fighters in Historic First



12-Oct-2025

Sweden is participating for the first time in NATO's annual Steadfast Noon nuclear deterrence exercise, marking a historic shift since joining the Alliance in March 2024. Starting October 13, 2025, the two-week drill, led from the Netherlands, involves 71 aircraft from 14 NATO allies, including Sweden's JAS 39 Gripen fighters and Armed Forces personnel. While no live nuclear weapons are used, Sweden's Gripens play a key role in conventional support within NATO's nuclear deterrence strategy, enhancing Baltic and northern European security amid rising regional tensions. Sweden's Gripen aircraft, designed for rapid deployment and austere basing, bring valuable capabilities in contested airspace, electronic warfare, and air defense integration. This participation deepens NATO's operational depth and resilience against modern threats such as drones and electronic attacks. Sweden's involvement aligns with NATO's strategy of agile conventional forces supporting nuclear missions and reinforces the Alliance's deterrence posture in Northern Europe. This move signals Sweden's commitment to collective security, strengthening NATO's northern flank and signaling a credible, unified stance against potential adversaries.

US Sends 200 Troops to Israel to Monitor Gaza Ceasefire and Aid Coordination



12-Oct-2025

On October 9, 2025, the United States announced the deployment of approximately 200 troops to Israel to help support and monitor the recently agreed ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas concerning Gaza. These troops, who are already stationed across the Middle East, were relocated specifically to establish a civil-military coordination center in Israel, tasked with

overseeing the ceasefire's implementation and facilitating humanitarian aid logistics and security. This multinational effort is expected to include personnel from Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, and the UAE, under the command of US Central Command led by Admiral Brad Cooper. Importantly, no American troops will enter Gaza itself, as their role primarily involves coordination, planning, and support from Israel. The ceasefire, approved by the Israeli government on October 10, 2025, marks the first phase of a broader peace plan that includes the release of hostages and partial Israeli troop withdrawal. Displaced Palestinians began returning to northern Gaza as the ceasefire took effect, while the international community closely watches the situation, with India maintaining a keen interest in stability in the region. This US-led initiative reflects an unprecedented level of American involvement in overseeing Middle East peace efforts.

New US Ambassador promotes stronger US-India ties under Modi and Trump.



12-Oct-25

Sergio Gor, the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to India, has initiated a vigorous diplomatic outreach, reflecting a renewed commitment to strengthening the U.S.-India relationship under the leadership of President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His visit included significant discussions with key Indian officials, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, focusing on vital areas such as defense, trade, technology, and the strategic importance of critical minerals. Gor emphasized the U.S. administration's high regard for India, noting Trump's personal friendship with Modi, which is expected to foster further collaboration. Despite recent tensions stemming from tariff impositions affecting bilateral trade, the positive tone set by recent communications between the two leaders has reignited optimism for future cooperation. Gor's youth and diplomatic agility may enable him to navigate existing challenges and facilitate progress on pressing issues, such as supply chain resilience and geopolitical stability amid growing concerns over China's assertiveness. This development underscores the potential for a revitalized India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, crucial for regional security and economic prosperity.

Zelensky urges Macron for increased air defense amid Russian attacks.



12-Oct-25

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has actively engaged in discussions with both French President Emmanuel Macron and former U.S. President Donald Trump, emphasizing Ukraine's urgent need for enhanced air defense systems amidst intensified Russian assaults. In his conversations, Zelensky underscored that Russia is exploiting global distractions to strengthen its military actions against Ukraine, particularly targeting the country's energy infrastructure as winter approaches. With France being a key military supporter of Ukraine, Zelensky's appeal for air defense missiles is a critical part of maintaining resilience in the face of ongoing hostilities. Additionally, Trump indicated his cautious stance on the potential provision of Tomahawk missiles, seeking clarity on Ukraine's intended use to avoid further escalation of the conflict. This series of dialogues highlights the pressing challenges Ukraine faces in securing adequate military support, not only to safeguard its sovereignty but also to mitigate the risks posed by Russian aggression. The broader significance of this situation lies in the international community's response to such aggressions and the strategic arms support that could decisively influence the outcome of the conflict, emphasizing the importance of global solidarity with Ukraine in its struggle for independence and territorial integrity.

Indian Navy to Convene Experts for Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue from Oct 28.



12-Oct-25

The Indian Navy is set to host the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025 from October 28-30, focusing on enhancing maritime security and strategic coordination in the Indo-Pacific region. This three-day event will gather global maritime experts, naval leaders, and policymakers to address challenges such as climate change and supply-chain disruptions, emphasizing the need for innovative strategies and partnerships. Concurrently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to Australia's naval facility underscores the growing bilateral defense relationship, exemplified by the inaugural Australia-India Defence Ministers Dialogue, aimed at bolstering cooperation and joint maritime awareness. These developments reflect India's commitment to sustaining a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

Kremlin warns U.S. missile supplies to Ukraine could escalate conflict.



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The Kremlin has expressed serious concerns over the potential U.S. supply of Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine, warning that this development marks a dramatic escalation in the ongoing conflict. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov emphasized the threat posed by these missiles, particularly their capability to carry nuclear warheads, which could provoke a severe response from Russia. President Vladimir Putin suggested that supplying such weapons to Ukraine would necessitate direct U.S. military involvement, leading to a new phase of escalation. This situation underscores the heightened tensions between Russia and the West, reminiscent of historical confrontations, with significant implications for regional security and the geopolitical balance in Eastern Europe.

China's Tibet-Lhasa railway raises security concerns for India near LAC.



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China is advancing the construction of a strategic railway linking Tibet to Lhasa, which runs near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India, raising significant security concerns among experts. This project, expected to enhance Chinese military logistics and resource mobilization in the region, is part of a broader initiative to develop a 5,000-km railway network that may further facilitate China's military dominance and natural resource exploitation in Tibet. Analysts argue that such infrastructure developments can tilt the balance of power in the Himalayas, especially amid ongoing territorial disputes. As India also plans its own border rail projects, the situation underscores the escalating strategic competition between the two nations in this sensitive region.

Pakistan shuts border with Afghanistan after recent military clashes.



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Pakistan has closed its primary border crossings with Afghanistan, including Torkham and Chaman, following recent violent exchanges between their respective forces. Reports indicate that Afghan troops initiated fire on Pakistani positions, prompting a strong retaliation from Pakistan using artillery and gunfire, resulting in the destruction of several Afghan border posts. This escalation highlights ongoing tensions between the two nations, raising concerns over regional stability and security. The border closures are significant as they not only disrupt trade and movement but also underscore

the fragile state of bilateral relations, which have been fraught with conflict. India's strategic interests in the region may be further influenced by these developments, as stability along the Indo-Afghan border remains crucial for security dynamics in South Asia.

Taiwan detects 16 Chinese aircraft and 8 vessels near its shores.



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Taiwan's defense ministry has reported the detection of 16 Chinese military aircraft and 8 vessels, along with one ship operating near its shores, amid escalating tensions in the region. A prominent Taiwanese defense analyst has refuted claims suggesting that China could successfully blockade Taiwan using a limited number of submarines, arguing that such a strategy would face significant logistical and operational challenges. This development underscores Taiwan's preparedness to respond to potential threats, reflecting its commitment to national security. The situation highlights the ongoing military assertiveness of China in the Taiwan Strait and raises concerns over regional stability, emphasizing the need for vigilant defense strategies among neighboring countries, including India, which closely monitors security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region.

Chinese coast guard collides with Philippine vessel, heightening tensions.



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On October 12, 2025, tensions escalated sharply in the South China Sea when a Chinese coast guard vessel rammed and damaged the Philippine government ship BRP Datu Pagbuaya near Thitu Island, a territory claimed by the Philippines but contested by China. The Philippine coast guard reported that the Chinese vessel used a powerful water cannon against the anchored Filipino ship, followed by a deliberate collision causing minor structural damage without injuring any crew members. This incident occurred during a Philippine government operation to protect local fishermen in the disputed Spratly Islands region. Manila condemned the aggressive act as a clear provocation and reiterated its unwavering resolve to defend its sovereign waters, refusing to surrender any territory. China denied wrongdoing, accusing the Philippine vessels of illegally entering Chinese-claimed waters and placing full responsibility on the Philippines for the collision. The episode highlights ongoing instability in the strategically vital South China Sea, a crucial maritime route with competing sovereignty claims, and drew

support for the Philippines from allies like the United States, reflecting broader geopolitical concerns in the Indo-Pacific region.

Afghan Foreign Minister Muttaqi's Agra visit unexpectedly cancelled, impacting regional diplomacy. SHARE

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The visit of Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to Agra, scheduled for Sunday to view the Taj Mahal, has been unexpectedly cancelled, as confirmed by official sources. While specific reasons for the cancellation remain undisclosed, such developments often point to the intricate and evolving diplomatic relations in the region. This incident highlights the sensitive nature of Afghanistan's international engagements, particularly in light of its current political climate and India's strategic interests in fostering stability in Afghanistan. The cancellation may reflect broader geopolitical dynamics, emphasizing the importance of continued dialogue and cooperation between India and Afghanistan.

Military Operations

Tensions rise as Taliban clashes with Pakistani military escalate border conflict. SHARE

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Recent clashes between Afghan Taliban forces and Pakistani military personnel have escalated tensions along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, resulting in significant military engagements. Following a series of Pakistani airstrikes purportedly targeting Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants in Kabul, Taliban forces retaliated with attacks on Pakistani border posts, claiming to have inflicted heavy casualties on the Pakistani side. The Taliban's Defense Ministry stated that its operations resulted in the deaths of 58 Pakistani soldiers, a claim refuted by Islamabad, which insisted that its forces were responding to unprovoked assaults from the Afghan side. In a rapid escalation, reports indicated that Pakistan seized 19 Afghan military posts, amid accusations from Afghan officials that Pakistan's military actions were violations of their sovereignty. The Afghan Foreign Minister warned that Kabul had alternative options if peace efforts at the border failed, suggesting a deteriorating diplomatic relationship between the two nations. The ongoing conflict highlights the persistent security challenges in

the region, particularly the influence of the TTP and the broader geopolitical dynamics at play, with significant implications for regional stability, counterterrorism efforts, and the complex relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Army chief affirms righteous war principles in Operation Sindoor. SHARE

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General Upendra Dwivedi, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), emphasized the Indian armed forces' commitment to the principles of "dharma yuddh," or righteous war, during Operation Sindoor, which focused exclusively on targeting terrorist hideouts while avoiding civilian and conventional military sites. Speaking at the centenary celebrations of Rashtriya Military School (RMS) Chail in Himachal Pradesh, he praised the school's legacy of producing distinguished defense personnel, encouraging cadets to uphold this tradition. The event was marked by the inauguration of a Centenary Gate at the historic cricket ground and the release of commemorative material highlighting RMS Chail's century-long service. General Dwivedi's remarks included a resolute message indicating that the Indian forces would not hesitate to take decisive action if necessary, particularly in the context of relations with Pakistan. This reinforces India's strategic posture of precision engagement in counter-terrorism operations, underscoring its commitment to minimizing collateral damage while remaining steadfast in preserving national security interests. The broader significance of his statements lies in their reflection of India's ethical approach to warfare and its resolve to combat terrorism, reinforcing the credibility of its defense forces on both domestic and international fronts.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Two charged in Taiwan for leaking military intel to China. SHARE

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Taipei prosecutors have charged two individuals under Taiwan's National Security Act for allegedly leaking military intelligence to a Chinese agent. The accused include a former private, surnamed Lin, and an active-duty member of the Navy's Haifeng missile force, surnamed Tsai, who allegedly shared operational materials for the Hsiung Feng II missile system. Lin, previously dismissed from the Navy, reportedly engaged with a Chinese intelligence officer online, soliciting classified information from Tsai, who

accepted bribes totaling approximately NT\$38,000 (US\$1,235). While the Navy clarified that the materials were not classified, the incident underscores serious concerns about national security and the potential vulnerabilities within military ranks, reflecting broader geopolitical tensions in the region.

Pakistan's ISKP and LeT join forces, raising regional security concerns. SHARE

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Recent reports indicate a concerning amalgamation of terrorist groups in Pakistan, specifically linking the Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP) with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), facilitated by the Pakistani military's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI). This unprecedented alliance is seen as a strategy to address the Pakistan army's failures in managing regional terrorism, particularly following the Taliban's rise in Afghanistan. Analysts suggest that while the ISKP and LeT have differing ideologies, their collaboration appears to serve Pakistan's interests in countering anti-state forces in Balochistan. This situation raises alarms for India, emphasizing the enduring threat posed by these groups, which could destabilize the region further and undermine counter-terrorism efforts.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

NSE withstands 170 million daily cyberattacks with dedicated 'cyber warriors'. SHARE

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The National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India faces approximately 170 million cyberattacks daily, highlighting the critical need for its dedicated cybersecurity team, referred to as "cyber warriors." During a heightened security exercise named 'Operation Sindoor,' the NSE successfully withstood a staggering 400 million cyberattacks in a single day, demonstrating its robust cybersecurity measures. The exchange mandates regular cybersecurity audits for trading members and employs advanced technology, including a self-activated backup system, to ensure operational integrity. This situation underscores the growing threat of cyberattacks on essential financial infrastructures, emphasizing the importance of resilient cybersecurity frameworks in maintaining market stability amid increasing global cyber vulnerabilities.

Apple boosts security bounty to \$2 million, with potential \$5 million rewards. SHARE

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Apple has announced a significant increase in its security bounty program, doubling the highest reward to \$2 million, with potential bonuses raising total payouts to over \$5 million for uncovering vulnerabilities. This initiative, revealed at Hexacon 2025, positions Apple as a leader in corporate bug bounty offerings, aimed at incentivizing security researchers to identify exploits, particularly those related to sophisticated spyware. Other tech companies like AMD, Intel, Microsoft, Meta, and Google also operate bug bounty programs, underscoring a growing industry trend prioritizing cybersecurity. This strategic move reflects a crucial recognition of the importance of proactive security measures in an era where cyber threats can have serious implications for personal and corporate safety, thereby enhancing the overall security landscape.

BK Technologies reports cyber intrusion; employee data potentially compromised. SHARE

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BK Technologies, a supplier of mission-critical radios to U.S. police, fire services, and military customers, has reported a cyber intrusion detected around September 20. The company has taken measures to isolate affected systems and engaged incident-response teams, maintaining that core operations continue unaffected. However, BK Technologies acknowledged the breach may have resulted in the theft of non-public employee information, prompting cooperation with law enforcement and notifications to potentially affected individuals and regulators. This incident highlights the critical vulnerabilities in the supply chain and the risks faced by organizations that rely on specialized communications equipment, emphasizing the need for heightened cybersecurity measures across all sectors, including defense and emergency services.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

J&K L-G honors soldiers' sacrifices in counter-terror operation avalanche. SHARE

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In a poignant tribute to two brave soldiers, Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujoy Ghosh, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj

Sinha, laid a wreath to honor their supreme sacrifice during a counter-terror operation in the Kishtwar Range of Anantnag. The para commandos were part of a crucial operation launched ahead of heavy snowfall to combat terrorist threats in remote hilly areas. Tragically, they were caught in an avalanche on October 6, leading to their loss after communication with their team was severed. Both soldiers displayed exemplary valor and dedication, facing extreme weather conditions while protecting the nation. The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, expressed her condolences, recognizing their sacrifices and reaffirming the commitment to support their families. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Indian security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, where they work tirelessly to dismantle terrorist networks amidst harsh environmental conditions. The sacrifices of soldiers like Ghosh and Ghosh not only exemplify bravery but also highlight the complex security dynamics in the region, reinforcing the importance of sustained military vigilance in counter-terrorism efforts.

BSF Air Wing Welcomes First Woman Flight Engineer, Bhawna Chaudhary

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The Border Security Force (BSF) air wing has achieved a historic milestone by training its first woman flight engineer, Inspector Bhawna Chaudhary, marking a significant advancement in gender representation within the paramilitary forces. Following a two-month in-house training program, Chaudhary and four male officers were awarded their flying badges by BSF director general Daljit Singh Chawdhary. This initiative addresses the critical shortage of flight engineers in the BSF's Mi-17 helicopter fleet, ensuring the air wing can effectively support operational needs, including recent flood relief efforts. The development underscores the importance of enhancing operational capabilities and promoting inclusivity within the Indian defense forces, reinforcing the BSF's commitment to internal security and border protection.

Assam Rifles engages veterans and families in welfare initiatives in Ukhrul.

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The Assam Rifles, under the banner of #SpearCorps, recently organized an interactive session in Ukhrul, Manipur, aimed at engaging veterans and their families. The event brought together over 140 attendees, focusing on welfare, health, and community engagement. Participants received updates on welfare initiatives, on-the-spot grievance redressal, and access

to free medical aid, enhancing the support system for veterans. Additionally, the introduction of the Sampark Setu initiative enables veterans to connect with various government welfare schemes, underscoring Assam Rifles' commitment to veteran welfare and strengthening civil-military relations in remote regions. This initiative not only supports the well-being of veterans but also fosters community ties, reflecting the defense forces' dedication to societal integration and support.

Indian Army's Guwahati Rally Celebrates Veterans and Their Families

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The Indian Army hosted the Veterans Swabhiman Rally 2025 at Narangi Military Station in Guwahati on 12 October, gathering over 2,500 veterans from Assam and neighboring states, one of the largest such congregations in recent history. Chief Guest Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya praised the sacrifices of veterans and Veer Naris, reinforcing the nation's gratitude toward them. The event provided welfare support, including financial assistance and medical aids for differently-abled veterans, alongside stalls offering medical and financial advisory services. This rally emphasizes the Indian Army's commitment to the welfare of its veteran community, highlighting the importance of honoring their contributions to national security and fostering a spirit of pride and solidarity among service members and their families.

Indian Army supports girls' health with sanitary kits in Manipur.

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On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child 2025, the Indian Army's Red Shield Division distributed sanitary kits to 300 schoolgirls in Imphal East, promoting menstrual hygiene and adolescent health. This initiative, conducted in collaboration with the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, aims to empower young girls through education and personal development. Principal Rani Rose praised the Army's ongoing commitment to community growth, while a lecture by retired Major Memthoi KH highlighted career opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces and the importance of mental wellness. This program underscores the Army's role beyond defense, fostering confidence and resilience among future generations, which is crucial for societal progress and gender equality.

Miscellaneous

India and Canada aim to enhance economic relations amid tensions. SHARE

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India and Canada are actively seeking to revitalize their economic ties, as highlighted by a recent meeting between Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu. This dialogue emphasizes the need for a mutually beneficial partnership grounded in principles of trust and respect, particularly in emerging sectors such as clean technology, artificial intelligence, and agriculture. The discussions come against the backdrop of stalled free trade agreement negotiations, which were paused in 2023 due to diplomatic tensions following allegations from former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding Indian involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar—claims India firmly dismissed. Despite these tensions, trade figures show resilience, with Indian exports to Canada increasing by 9.8% to \$4.22 billion in 2024-25, while imports declined slightly. The upcoming visit of Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand to India marks a potential thaw in relations, as both nations aim to rebuild trust through trade diplomacy and possibly advance the Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA). This renewed engagement signals a pragmatic approach to overcoming past disputes, highlighting the importance of economic collaboration in fostering bilateral relations and regional stability.

General Naravane discusses memoir delays; awaits MoD and publisher's action. SHARE

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Former Chief of Army Staff General M M Naravane (ret'd) recently commented on the delay of his memoir, "Four Stars of Destiny," which has been pending for over a year for approval from the Ministry of Defence (MoD). He emphasized that the responsibility for securing permission lies with the publisher, Penguin Random House, while the MoD conducts a review due to sensitive content regarding military operations, including discussions with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the 2020 India-China border tensions. The

memoir's revelations, particularly on the Agnipath recruitment scheme, challenge the government's narrative and have sparked significant scrutiny. This situation underscores the delicate balance between transparency and national security, reflecting broader implications for military-civilian relations in India.

ICGS Sachet delivers 20 tons of aid to Mozambique, enhancing ties. SHARE

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The Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Sachet has arrived in Mozambique carrying 20 metric tons of humanitarian aid, reinforcing India's commitment to regional stability under the SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision. This initiative includes not only the delivery of medical supplies but also extensive professional engagements with Mozambique's maritime agencies, focusing on areas such as Marine Pollution Response and Maritime Law Enforcement. The crew's activities will include onboard training exercises and community outreach initiatives, aligning with India's Puneet Sagar Abhiyan for environmental conservation. This deployment symbolizes India's role as a responsible maritime partner, promoting humanitarian assistance, professional cooperation, and sustainable coastal practices, thereby enhancing Indo-Mozambican ties and regional maritime security.

India and Afghanistan to enhance trade ties amid regional shifts. SHARE

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India is set to strengthen trade relations with Afghanistan as Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi visits New Delhi, seeking cooperation in sectors like dry fruits, pharmaceuticals, and mining. Over two dozen Afghan traders are expected to engage with Indian officials, highlighting a concerted effort to expand commercial ties despite Pakistan's restrictive stance on direct trade routes. The meeting comes amid deteriorating Pakistan-Taliban relations, underscored by recent cross-border operations targeting TTP camps in Kabul. These developments underscore India's strategic interest in Afghanistan's vast mineral resources and reflect a potential shift in regional dynamics as India positions itself as a key player in Afghan trade and investment.

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