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Navy Chief Admiral Tripathi commissions INS Aravali tech hub



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The Indian Navy, under Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, has commissioned the new tech hub INS Aravali in Gurugram to enhance maritime domain awareness and information dominance. This facility will support various information and communication centres crucial for India's maritime security, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of "Mahasagar" for collaborative security across the Indian Ocean Region. With a focus on innovation and integration, INS Aravali aims to bolster real-time information sharing and defense capabilities, solidifying India's role as the preferred security partner in the region. This initiative reflects India's commitment to safeguarding its expanding maritime interests in a complex security landscape.

GRSE Delivers Second ASW SWC to Enhance Navy's Anti-Submarine Capability



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Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) successfully delivered INS Androth, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) to the Indian Navy on September 13, 2025. This follows the delivery of the first ship Arnala in May 2025, which was commissioned in June 2025. Androth, named after an island in Lakshadweep, carries nearly 88% indigenous content, underscoring India's push for self-reliance in defense. The vessel is equipped with an indigenous 30 mm Naval Surface Gun and advanced sonar systems, designed for comprehensive subsurface surveillance, search, and coordinated anti-submarine operations with aircraft. These warships carry lightweight torpedoes, ASW rockets, and other armaments, playing a crucial role in coastal maritime security. GRSE is producing a total of eight such ASW SWCs for the Indian Navy, part of an overall order of sixteen vessels shared with another Indian shipyard.

This project is a significant milestone for the Make in India initiative and strengthens India's maritime defense capabilities, with GRSE simultaneously engaged in building other advanced warships and patrol vessels, highlighting the expanding indigenous shipbuilding prowess.

India Proposes 114 Rafale Jets with 60% Local Production



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India is set to enhance its air defense capabilities with a proposed acquisition of 114 Made in India Rafale fighter jets, valued at over Rs 2 lakh crore, in collaboration with Dassault Aviation. Emphasizing self-reliance, over 60% of the jets' components will be locally produced under the Make in India initiative. This deal, the largest in Indian defense history, follows the previous procurement of 36 Rafale jets and aims to bolster the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities while promoting domestic defense manufacturing, job creation, and technological advancements. The proposal is currently under review by the Defence Ministry and will undergo further deliberations before final approval.

Launch of DSC A22, Third Diving Support Craft for Indian Navy



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The Indian Navy marked a significant milestone with the launch of DSC A22, the third Diving Support Craft (DSC), built by Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd in Kolkata on September 12, 2025. The ceremony, presided over by Vice Admiral Suraj Berry, highlighted India's commitment to indigenization and the Make in India initiative, as these catamaran hull ships are equipped with advanced diving technology and conform to international naval standards. The project, initiated in February 2021, underscores the strategic importance of enhancing coastal operational capabilities for the Indian Navy, reinforcing its objective of self-reliance in defense production. This development reflects a robust advancement in India's maritime defense infrastructure.

L3Harris Highlights Electronic Warfare Advancements at DSEI

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L3Harris recently showcased its Distributed Spectrum Collaboration and Operations (DiSCO) technology at DSEI in London, emphasizing the evolution of electronic warfare into a central aspect of modern military strategy. This technology integrates communications and radar data into a unified operating picture, drastically reducing the time needed for signal identification from months to minutes. By distributing capabilities across various platforms, DiSCO enhances resilience against concentrated strikes, allowing NATO forces to improve decision-making speed in complex electronic warfare scenarios. This advancement underscores the need for modern forces like India's to enhance their electronic warfare capabilities to maintain strategic superiority in evolving conflict landscapes.

STAR Missile Enhances India's Defense Against Cruise Missile Threats

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India's indigenous supersonic target missile, STAR, is revolutionizing military training by providing the armed forces with a realistic, high-speed simulation of modern cruise missile threats. With speeds of Mach 1.8 to 2.5 and versatile flight profiles, STAR enhances combat readiness and reduces dependence on costly imported systems, aligning with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Its dual variants—air-launched and ground-launched—allow for extensive joint-force exercises, while its advanced propulsion system sets the stage for evolving into a tactical weapon. STAR exemplifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense production, demonstrating a significant leap in indigenous missile technology and operational capabilities.

Australia to invest \$8 billion in nuclear submarine facilities

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Australia is set to invest A\$12 billion (\$8 billion) in establishing defense facilities in Western Australia as part of the AUKUS nuclear submarine pact with the U.S. and Britain, aimed at countering China's influence in the Indo-Pacific. This investment will enhance shipbuilding capabilities and create around 10,000 jobs while supporting the construction of nuclear-powered submarines and other naval assets. The Australian government is committed to increasing defense spending to bolster national security, reflecting a

strategic pivot in response to regional threats. The AUKUS deal, valued in the hundreds of billions, indicates strong bipartisan support in the U.S. for enhancing defense collaborations in the Indo-Pacific.

India aims for a 200+ ship blue-water navy by 2035.

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India is advancing its naval capabilities with a goal to develop a blue-water navy of over 200 ships by 2035 to safeguard maritime interests and address regional threats from China and Pakistan. Currently operating 140 warships, the Indian Navy plans to enhance its fleet and air capabilities, including signing a significant deal for Rafale marine fighters. The expansion will include 55 warships under construction and a focus on indigenous submarine development, with negotiations for new diesel-electric submarines underway. This strategic build-up is essential for maintaining dominance in critical sea lanes, crucial for India's trade, and ensuring national security against growing regional naval power.

Godrej Enterprises Partners with Safran to Manufacture LEAP Engine Parts

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Godrej Enterprises' aerospace division has secured a five-year contract with Safran Aircraft Engines to manufacture critical components for LEAP engines, vital for modern aircraft like the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX. This deal underscores India's growing proficiency in high-precision aerospace manufacturing and aligns with the Make-in-India initiative, positioning the country as a global aerospace hub. The collaboration not only enhances Godrej's manufacturing capabilities but also strengthens India's role in international aviation supply chains, reflecting a strategic endorsement of the country's aerospace ecosystem and its potential in powering next-generation civil aviation through technological advancement and international cooperation.

L&T to Enhance Project-76 Submarines Using Indigenous Design

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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is set to enhance India's submarine-building capabilities through collaboration with the Indian Navy's Submarine Design Group (SDG) for the Project-76 SSK submarines, which will leverage the indigenous SOV-500 midget submarine design. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance and modernization of its naval forces, aiming

to produce six advanced submarines within ten years. The focus on high local content will not only reduce dependence on foreign suppliers but also drive job creation and technological innovation in the defense sector. The Project-76 submarines are expected to feature cutting-edge technologies, strengthening India's strategic deterrence in a challenging regional security environment.

TASL Showcases DRDO-TASL Advanced Armoured Platform at DSEI 2025

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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) showcased the DRDO-TASL Advanced Armoured Platform-Wheeled (AAP-Wh) at the DSEI 2025 exhibition, highlighting India's commitment to indigenous armored vehicle technology. The AAP-Wh, an evolution of the Wheeled Armoured Amphibious Platform, features a robust design for diverse operational environments, promising superior mobility and protection. Its modular armor and advanced weapon systems cater to the Indian Army's needs, especially following the rejection of foreign options like the U.S. Stryker. This development positions India competitively in the global defense market, enhancing its export potential and reinforcing self-reliance in defense manufacturing while supporting operational requirements along the Line of Actual Control.

IRDE Seeks Vendors for Software Verification of EO Payloads

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The Instruments Research and Development Establishment (IRDE) of India's DRDO is seeking qualified service providers for Software Verification and Validation (V&V) to support the certification of advanced airborne electro-optical (EO) payload systems. These systems, designed for military applications, include a Conformal Dome EO Payload for surveillance and a Retraction Mechanism EO Payload for operational flexibility. The adherence to DO-178C (Level C) standards is crucial for ensuring the safety and reliability of these software systems, which will significantly enhance India's defense capabilities, particularly in real-time surveillance and reconnaissance missions. This initiative underscores India's commitment to maintaining high standards in defense technology development.

India's Ambition to Become a Major Global Arms Exporter

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India is advancing its defense capabilities, aiming to become a significant global weapons exporter through its Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Key to this ambition is the production and export of complete big-ticket systems, such as fighter jets and naval vessels, which would enhance its competitive edge against established global players. Successful exports like the BrahMos missile and the Tejas fighter indicate potential, but challenges like production capacity and technology gaps must be addressed. Streamlining export processes and fostering collaborations will be essential for India to secure a larger share of the \$100 billion global arms market and strengthen its geopolitical influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Indian Navy Chooses TEDBF Over N-AMCA for Operational Needs

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The Indian Navy's preference for the Twin-Engine Deck-Based Fighter (TEDBF) over the navalized Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (N-AMCA) stems from operational and environmental considerations. The TEDBF is specifically designed for harsh marine conditions, ensuring higher availability and reduced maintenance challenges compared to the stealth-focused N-AMCA, which would struggle in such environments. The Navy aims to replace its aging MiG-29K fleet with 80 TEDBF units by the late 2030s while planning for a future CATOBAR AMCA variant for larger carriers. This dual approach allows the Navy to balance immediate operational needs with long-term strategic capabilities, particularly against evolving threats like China's J-35.

Indian Navy to Develop Indigenous CIWS with AAA Guns and VSHORAD

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The Indian Navy is advancing plans to develop an indigenous Close-In Weapon System (CIWS) that integrates anti-aircraft artillery with Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) missiles to enhance ship defense against modern threats like drones and sea-skimming missiles. This hybrid system, aimed at reducing import dependencies, will feature advanced radar and sensors and is part of the Navy's 15-year technology roadmap. With an estimated procurement cost of ₹5,000-7,000 crore for over 30 units, initial clearance is expected by late 2025, and prototypes are set for trials by 2027, aligning with India's Atmanirbhar

Bharat initiative and enhancing self-reliance in naval capabilities.

Indian Navy's TEDBF to Feature Advanced AESA Radar Technology SHARE

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The Indian Navy's upcoming Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF) will feature an advanced airborne AESA radar with a swash plate mechanism, providing a 100-degree field of view. This enhancement positions the TEDBF's radar capabilities in line with leading global systems, improving its detection and tracking efficiency. Incorporating GaN-based modules, the radar will enhance power efficiency and target detection, crucial for naval operations such as fleet air defense and interception. This development signifies India's progress in next-generation radar technology, bolstering the Navy's capabilities against modern aerial threats and ensuring a competitive edge in maritime defense.

HAL and Private Firms Clash Over AMCA Production Fairness SHARE

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The contest for manufacturing India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) has intensified, with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) challenging the Aeronautical Development Agency's (ADA) selection criteria as allegedly biased in favor of private companies. With ADA having issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) in June 2025, both public and private firms are vying to participate as developmental partners, and the deadline for applications has been extended to September 30, 2025 to encourage broader participation. HAL contends that parameters such as the revenue-to-order book ratio penalize its large government-backed backlog, while private companies argue that HAL's historic dominance and infrastructure create an uneven playing field, limiting opportunities for innovation and private sector growth. The government, determined to accelerate indigenous fighter jet production and meet the Indian Air Force's urgent modernization needs amid regional threats, seeks to balance HAL's expertise with a new competitive industrial ecosystem under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. The outcome will shape whether India pursues a HAL-led consortium or opts for joint ventures and partnerships to ensure the AMCA program is robust, timely, and strategically advantageous for both public and private sectors.

ADA to Double LR-LACM Range to 2,000 km for Enhanced Strike Capability SHARE

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The Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) is advancing India's Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LR-LACM) program, planning to enhance its range from 1,000 km to 2,000 km in phased upgrades. The recent successful test of the missile showcases its operational flexibility using a truck-based mobile launcher. This indigenous missile, powered by the "Manik" Small Turbo Fan Engine and equipped with an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) seeker, significantly bolsters India's strike capabilities and aligns with the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative. Analysts emphasize that this development strengthens India's strategic deterrence, allowing for precision strikes on high-value targets without exposing launch platforms, thereby enhancing national security.

HAL to Convert HJT-36 Trainer into Light-Attack Fighter Jet SHARE

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State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is poised to transform the HJT-36 Sitara trainer into a light-attack fighter jet to enhance its export potential and meet the Indian Air Force's operational needs. This strategic initiative capitalizes on the aircraft's existing design capabilities and aims to attract international buyers amid a growing demand for cost-effective military platforms. With successful munitions trials and the aircraft nearing Initial Operational Clearance, HAL plans to leverage its experience from the Tejas Mk1A to integrate advanced weapons systems. This move not only bolsters India's indigenous defense capabilities but also positions the Sitara as a versatile solution for modern combat roles, reflecting a proactive approach to defense modernization.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

India-US military ties unaffected by trade tensions, says Defence Sec SHARE

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India's Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh stated that ongoing trade tensions with the U.S. do not affect military cooperation, which remains on schedule. He emphasized that high-level dialogues and supply chains, including the timely delivery of GE 404 engines for the Tejas Mark-1A and newly inducted Apache helicopters, are on track. Highlighting the recent

Operation Sindoor, Singh acknowledged identified capability gaps, particularly in electronic warfare and drone defense, while stressing India's need to enhance its air defense systems to protect critical infrastructure. The evolving geopolitical landscape necessitates a stronger focus on defense and military capability development.

Politics

Trump Urges Stronger U.S. Action Against Russia Amid Ukraine Tensions

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Former President Trump expressed frustration over the lack of progress in resolving the Ukraine conflict, warning that the U.S. may need to adopt a stronger stance against Russia, particularly in light of recent drone incursions into Polish airspace. Poland's invocation of NATO's Article 4 signifies rising tensions, as it perceives a direct threat from Moscow. French President Macron's deployment of Rafale jets to bolster Poland's air defenses underscores a united NATO response to these provocations. This situation marks a critical juncture, as Russia's aggressive actions are increasingly seen as a direct challenge to NATO's eastern borders, raising the stakes for potential miscalculations and broader confrontations.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India and EU Enhance Security and Defense Cooperation

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India and the European Union (EU) have strengthened their security and defense cooperation during the first-ever visit of the EU's Political and Security Committee (PSC) to Asia, led by Delphine Pronk. The discussions highlighted the commitment to finalize a Security and Defence Partnership and a Security of Information Agreement, enhancing collaboration in crucial areas such as maritime security and counter-terrorism. The visit also marked a significant interest in defense industry cooperation, aligning with India's Make in India initiative. This growing partnership reflects both parties' strategic priorities in the Indo-Pacific region, reinforcing mutual trust and paving the way for a comprehensive economic and security alliance.

Myanmar Army Chief's Visit Boosts India-Myanmar Defense Ties

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Lieutenant General Ko Ko Oo of the Myanmar Army visited India as part of the 7th Army-to-Army Staff Talks, strengthening defense ties between India and Myanmar. During his tour, he commended the Indian Army's professionalism and discussed enhancing defense cooperation, particularly in advanced technology and digital training capabilities for Myanmar's military. The meeting at Eastern Command underscored India's commitment to modernizing Myanmar's defense infrastructure and fostering a strong bilateral relationship, which is crucial for regional peace and stability. This collaboration reflects India's strategic vision of promoting security in the Indo-Pacific region by supporting friendly nations like Myanmar.

Trump's indifference to Poland's drone crisis raises NATO concerns

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Recent drone incursions from Russia into Polish airspace have heightened tensions within NATO, marking a significant moment as Poland, with allied support, shot down 19 drones. U.S. President Trump's muted response has sparked unease among European allies, raising questions about U.S. commitment to NATO's collective security. While some European officials view this incident as a wake-up call to bolster defense capabilities against aerial threats, the broader implications for U.S.-European relations and NATO's cohesion remain critical, especially as Trump appears to favor a more hands-off approach, urging Europe to take greater responsibility for its security amid rising Russian provocations.

India and Norway Initiate Maritime Security and Disarmament Talks

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India and Norway have launched their first-ever dialogue on maritime security and disarmament in Oslo, focusing on enhancing cooperation in maritime safety, arms control, and sustainable shipping practices. The discussions highlighted the importance of maintaining a secure maritime environment and addressing challenges such as illicit activities and critical infrastructure protection. India's ambitions for maritime modernization align with its broader security objectives, reinforcing its role in the Indo-Pacific and advocating for global disarmament norms. The dialogue reflects both nations' commitment to fostering strategic ties and advancing sustainable maritime practices, with

plans for continued engagement, including a future meeting in New Delhi.

Jaishankar Urges Peace in Ukraine During Talk with Poland's FM SHARE

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke with Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski, emphasizing India's call for an early end to the Ukraine conflict and a durable peace. The conversation was prompted by Poland's concerns over drone incursions allegedly linked to Russia, which Polish leaders termed a significant provocation. India's consistent position, articulated by PM Modi, advocates for peaceful resolutions and regional stability, reflecting New Delhi's commitment to international diplomacy. This stance aligns with India's broader strategic interests in fostering stability in Eastern Europe while maintaining robust relations with both Poland and Russia amidst ongoing tensions.

Parrikar's Vision: Expanding India's Submarine Fleet to 50 SHARE

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Former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar's 2016 vision called for expanding India's submarine fleet from 24 to 50 vessels to counter China's growing naval assertiveness in the Indian Ocean Region. Highlighting the need for indigenization and skill retention, he emphasized the strategic imperative of bolstering India's underwater capabilities in light of China's increasing submarine numbers and Pakistan's acquisitions. His proposal aimed to enhance deterrence through a diverse mix of conventional and nuclear submarines, aligning with the Make in India initiative. Nearly a decade later, India's naval modernization efforts continue, with a target of over 200 warships and submarines by 2035, marking significant progress towards realizing Parrikar's ambitious vision.

Russia to Invite India to Join Il-100 Transport Aircraft Program SHARE

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Russia is reportedly preparing to invite India to participate in the Il-100 Slon super-heavy military transport aircraft program, a move that could enhance the Indian Air Force's (IAF) capabilities amid challenges posed by its aging Il-76 fleet. The Il-100, designed for versatility and capable of operating from short runways, offers a significant increase in payload capacity and range compared to existing aircraft. This collaboration could deepen India-Russia defense ties, providing a

strategic avenue for India to modernize its airlift capabilities, although it is essential to weigh the benefits of co-development against long timelines and reliance on a single foreign supplier.

PM Modi Congratulates Sushila Karki as Nepal's Interim PM SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sushila Karki on her appointment as Nepal's first woman Prime Minister, following her oath amidst political turmoil after the resignation of K.P. Sharma Oli. Karki's selection, while praised for her integrity and constitutional commitment, raises concerns due to her lack of eligibility under Nepali law, appointed instead under a principle of necessity. Analysts stress the importance of her temporary leadership and the need for fresh elections. Amidst ongoing protests demanding accountability for violence, Karki's government faces the challenge of restoring stability and addressing the youth's grievances regarding governance and corruption.

Pakistan to Host 2027 SCO Summit, Focus on Infrastructure and Relations SHARE

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Pakistan will host the next Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in 2027, announced Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, emphasizing infrastructure and accommodations for international delegations. This follows the recent Tianjin summit where terrorism was condemned, with India and Pakistan both aligning against double standards in counterterrorism. The summit could become a platform to address the contentious Indus Waters Treaty, particularly given the strained India-Pakistan relations post-Pahalgam attack. Pakistan aims to bolster its international profile while positioning itself as a regional hub amidst ongoing domestic challenges, highlighting its commitment to multilateral cooperation despite geopolitical tensions with India.

Sushila Karki Becomes Nepal's First Female Prime Minister SHARE

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Sushila Karki has made history as Nepal's first female Prime Minister, emerging from a unique Gen Z-led protest movement that ousted former PM KP Sharma Oli. Karki, a highly respected figure with extensive legal experience and a commitment to judicial independence, aims to restore stability and guide the country toward credible elections while fostering development. Her

leadership signals a rare consensus between youth activism and traditional political forces, embodying integrity and democratic ideals. While some express concerns about her austere approach, many view her as a guardian figure capable of navigating Nepal's turbulent political landscape, making her appointment a significant milestone in the nation's democratic evolution.

US Envoy Nominee Highlights Strong Modi-Trump Relationship SHARE

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Sergio Gor, the nominee for US Ambassador to India, emphasized the strong bond between Prime Minister Modi and former President Trump, highlighting India's pivotal role in regional stability and prosperity amid US-India trade tensions. Gor, if confirmed, plans to prioritize deepening defense and security cooperation, aligning with key remarks from US officials that signal India's importance in global geopolitics. Despite recent tariff disputes related to India's Russian oil purchases, Gor reiterated the necessity of robust ties, reflecting a commitment to strategic endurance and personal diplomacy. This nomination reinforces the significance of US-India relations in shaping the Indo-Pacific region's future.

Trump: 50% Tariffs on India Strain US-India Relations SHARE

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In a recent Fox News interview, Trump acknowledged that imposing a 50% tariff on Indian goods due to its oil imports from Russia has strained US-India relations, igniting anti-US sentiment in India. Despite the economic pressure, India maintains its stance on energy security while pursuing defense ties with the US. The tariff escalation underscores the complexities of India's balancing act between its defense partnerships with Washington and longstanding ties with Moscow. While Trump expressed willingness to engage with Modi for a resolution, the rift over Russia's role is likely to complicate future negotiations, as India seeks to protect its significant trade interests.

India supports UNGA resolution for two-state solution in Palestine SHARE

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India recently voted in favor of a UN General Assembly resolution supporting the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, alongside 141 other nations. The resolution calls for Israel to end violence and settlement activities in Palestinian territories while

reaffirming the right to Palestinian self-determination. This stance reflects India's commitment to a peaceful resolution and regional stability, emphasizing the need for collective action to resolve the crisis in Gaza. India's support aligns with its broader foreign policy objectives of promoting peace and stability in conflict zones, thereby reinforcing its role as a responsible global actor in international diplomacy.

No Cricket or Trade with Pakistan Until Relations Improve SHARE

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Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh emphasized that cricket and trade between India and Pakistan should not proceed until relations improve, especially following the Pahalgam terror attack earlier this year. He supports the Indian government's stance on limiting bilateral sporting ties while respecting multilateral competitions. Harbhajan praised the current Indian cricket team for their strength despite the retirements of key players, expressing confidence in their ability to perform well in Dubai. Additionally, he urged support for flood-affected Punjab, highlighting the resilience and communal spirit of its people amidst adversity.

Military Operations

India's Missiles Unintercepted in Operation Sindoor: Lt Gen Dhillon SHARE

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In a recent discussion on Operation Sindoor, Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (Retd) emphasized India's decisive military success against Pakistan, noting that not a single Indian missile was intercepted during the operation targeting 11 airbases. He criticized Pakistan's army chief, Asim Munir, for hiding in a bunker and elevating himself to field marshal amid the conflict. Dhillon also argued that the narrative surrounding the operation was shaped by a weapons lobby, aiming to undermine India's victory to favor competing defense manufacturers. He asserted that Pakistan's plea for a ceasefire and reliance on third-party mediation underscored India's strategic triumph in the conflict.

Indian Army Exhibits Combat Readiness in 'Dibang Shakti' Exercise SHARE

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The Indian Army's Spear Corps recently showcased its combat readiness through the high-intensity exercise 'Dibang Shakti' in Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley.

This exercise tested asymmetric warfare capabilities and rapid-response readiness in challenging environments, focusing on jungle warfare and survival techniques. The successful drill emphasized inter-arm coordination and cutting-edge technologies, reinforcing the Army's commitment to swift responses against evolving threats. It not only boosted troop morale but also highlighted the ongoing emphasis on innovation and operational excellence, inspiring confidence among citizens while safeguarding India's sovereignty along its eastern borders.

Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Completes Bilateral Drills

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The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS), comprising INS Tir, ICGS Sarathi, and INS Shardul, recently conducted bilateral engagements at La Reunion and Port Louis, emphasizing maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. Key activities included joint training exercises with the French Navy and Mauritius National Coast Guard, focusing on diving operations, firefighting drills, and EEZ surveillance. The engagements also promoted cultural exchange through community outreach and sports activities. This initiative underscores India's commitment to strengthening regional security and enhancing interoperability with partner nations, thus reinforcing its strategic influence in maritime affairs and fostering enduring friendships with neighboring navies.

Punjab: Major arms seizure at Indo-Pak border; two smugglers arrested

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In a significant operation along the Indo-Pak border, the Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police successfully seized a large cache of arms, including 43 pistols, 92 magazines, and nearly 2,300 rounds of ammunition, arresting two smugglers. This intelligence-driven initiative thwarted a potential narco-terror plot sourced from Pakistan, aimed at supplying criminal gangs in Punjab. The operations in Fazilka highlight the effective collaboration between local law enforcement and border security, strengthening national security and showcasing India's commitment to countering cross-border smuggling and terrorism. These actions underscore the ongoing vigilance required to address threats from hostile elements across the border.

Drone Found Near LoC in Jammu; Investigation Underway

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A drone was recovered near the Line of Control in Jammu's Akhnoor sector, prompting an investigation into its origin, whether it was sent from Pakistan or locally used. Drones have previously been utilized by terrorists to transport arms and drugs into Jammu and Kashmir, with overground workers assisting in retrieval. To combat this, the Border Security Force has deployed special anti-drone equipment along the International Border, leading to a significant reduction in drone activity. The Army and BSF continue to protect the area, highlighting ongoing challenges related to cross-border terrorism and the effectiveness of India's defensive strategies.

Indian Naval Ship Trikanth Departs Alexandria After Exercise Bright Star 2025

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Indian Naval Ship Trikanth, a stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, successfully completed its port call at Alexandria, Egypt, as part of Exercise Bright Star 2025, which fosters regional security and cooperation among participating nations. The exercise involved military forces from the USA, Egypt, and other countries, enhancing interoperability in maritime combat scenarios. During its stay, Trikanth engaged in discussions with military officials and participated in cultural exchanges, reflecting India's commitment to strengthening bilateral and multilateral ties. The ship's commendable performance during the exercise highlights India's growing role in ensuring maritime security against both traditional and non-traditional threats in the Mediterranean region.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Two Naxalites with Rs 16 lakh bounty killed in Bijapur encounter

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Two Naxalites, Hidma Podiyam and Munna Madkam, with a combined bounty of Rs 16 lakh, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district. The operation, conducted by the District Reserve Guard, resulted in the recovery of weapons and materials associated with Maoist activities. This incident underscores the ongoing efforts of Indian security forces in combating Naxalism, with 243

Naxalites neutralized in the state this year alone. Such operations highlight the commitment of Indian defense forces in restoring peace and stability in areas affected by Maoist insurgency, reflecting a strategic emphasis on eliminating threats to national security.

UN Lawyer Calls Pakistan a State Sponsor of Terrorism SHARE

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During a UN Human Rights Council session, human rights lawyer Neuer labeled Pakistan as a "state sponsor of terror," igniting a strong reaction from the Pakistani delegate. Neuer criticized perceived double standards within the UN, contrasting Pakistan's harboring of terrorists with the U.S. killing of Osama bin Laden, which he framed as justice against terrorism. This confrontation, which highlighted Pakistan's alleged role in global terrorism, underscored ongoing geopolitical tensions and persistent divisions within the UN regarding accountability in international terrorism. Neuer's remarks not only embarrassed Pakistan on the international stage but also reflected broader concerns over state complicity in terrorist activities.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

FBI Alerts on Cybercriminals UNC6040 and UNC6395 Targeting Salesforce SHARE

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The FBI has issued a warning about two cybercriminal groups, UNC6040 and UNC6395, targeting Salesforce platforms for data theft and extortion. UNC6395 exploited compromised OAuth tokens from a breached GitHub account, while UNC6040 employed vishing campaigns to hijack Salesforce instances. Both groups are tied to extensive data exfiltration and extortion efforts, with indications of an evolving collaboration among various cybercriminal factions. Despite recent claims of shutting down operations, experts caution that such groups often re-emerge under new identities, highlighting the need for organizations to maintain vigilance against potential threats.

US Senator Calls for FTC Probe into Microsoft's Cybersecurity Issues SHARE

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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has called for an FTC investigation into Microsoft, citing serious cybersecurity negligence linked to ransomware attacks, particularly following a breach at Ascension Healthcare.

Wyden's concerns stem from a contractor's inadvertent click on a malicious link leading to vulnerabilities in Microsoft's software, specifically outdated encryption standards like RC4. He argues that Microsoft's monopolization of operating systems exacerbates national security risks, as the company has not yet issued necessary updates or warnings about these vulnerabilities. While Microsoft acknowledges these concerns, it emphasizes a gradual approach to phasing out outdated standards to avoid disrupting customer systems.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Indian Army Holds Successful Recruitment Rally for Northeast Youth SHARE

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The Indian Army successfully conducted a recruitment rally at Narangi Cantonment in Assam from September 10 to 13, aimed at empowering youth from the Northeast, including entries for Women Military Police. The event saw enthusiastic participation from candidates across all seven Northeastern states, showcasing their determination through rigorous physical and medical assessments. This initiative not only promotes inclusion and national integration but also reflects the Army's commitment to transparency and fairness in the recruitment process. The support from local civil and police administration was crucial for the smooth execution of this significant outreach effort, emphasizing the Army's dedication to connecting with the region's youth.

Miscellaneous

PM Modi Highlights Strategic Importance of Great Nicobar Project SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the significance of the Great Nicobar Island Project, asserting its strategic, defense, and national importance in enhancing maritime and air connectivity in the Indian Ocean Region. The ambitious plan, which includes an international container terminal, a greenfield airport, and a power plant, has faced criticism from Congress over ecological concerns and potential threats to indigenous communities. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav countered these claims, emphasizing the project's comprehensive development

approach, which aligns economic growth with ecological preservation. The government remains committed to addressing ecological impacts while fostering regional connectivity and security, showcasing India's proactive stance in strengthening its strategic foothold in the Indian Ocean.

Eighth US-India Conference to focus on AI and global collaboration

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The eighth US-India Conference, themed "US India: Normalization or Reset?", is set to explore the evolving relationship between the two nations, focusing on AI, global dynamics, and biomedical advancements amidst recent geopolitical shifts. Co-hosted by the All India Management Association and UC Santa Cruz, the conference aims to address mutual interests while emphasizing the necessity of robust US-India collaboration to tackle global challenges. Key discussions will revolve around AI governance, global conflict dynamics, and the transformative potential of technological innovations. This conference represents a crucial platform for stakeholders from both countries to engage in dialogue and foster cooperation for a more balanced global order.

India targets two public sector banks in global top 20 by 2047.

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India aims to have at least two public sector banks (PSBs) among the world's top 20 by 2047, as part of the Viksit Bharat vision, with the State Bank of India and HDFC Bank currently in the top 100 global lenders. Key discussions at the PSB Manthan conclave focus on enhancing corporate governance, improving customer experience, and adopting modern technologies like AI while addressing issues such as cybersecurity and credit growth in priority sectors. With state-run banks significantly improving their financial performance and reducing NPAs, the government is emphasizing resilience and collaboration among banks to ensure robust growth and stability amidst global uncertainties.

Russian Deputy PM Patrushev to Visit India for Fertiliser and Shrimp Trade Expansion

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Russian Deputy Prime Minister Patrushev's upcoming visit to India focuses on enhancing fertiliser exports and expanding trade in the shrimp sector, crucial for India's agriculture and export earnings. As India seeks alternatives to US markets due to increased tariffs,

Russia is emerging as a key partner to stabilize supply chains and support food security. The visit aims to establish regulatory frameworks for shrimp exports and solidify agricultural cooperation, reflecting a broader strategy to deepen India-Russia economic ties amid shifting geopolitical landscapes. This collaboration signifies India's proactive approach to diversify its trade partnerships and secure essential resources while also mitigating the impacts of Western sanctions on Russia.

India's Nuclear Ambitions Hindered by New Regulatory Framework

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India's nuclear power ambitions face significant challenges due to a new 90-page rulebook that has deepened mistrust between state-owned NPCIL and private firms like Reliance and Adani. This framework, perceived as favoring state control, restricts private investors' operational autonomy and creates barriers to their participation, hindering the potential for nuclear energy expansion amid a push for clean energy. The government's intent to incorporate private capital into nuclear projects is thwarted by historical concerns over safety and sovereignty, which complicates the establishment of a truly collaborative environment. Without significant regulatory reform, India's nuclear vision risks stagnation, potentially driving investment towards more accessible energy sectors.

Hyderabad police deport Pakistani national for illegal entry.

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Hyderabad police, in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, successfully deported a Pakistani national, Muhammad Usman, after he illegally entered India in 2011. Usman faced multiple legal issues, including domestic violence, and was previously convicted for blackmailing. His deportation follows the recent expulsion of 20 Bangladeshi nationals involved in illegal activities. This operation highlights India's commitment to maintaining national security through stringent immigration control and cooperation among different governmental departments, ensuring that individuals participating in criminal activities are effectively processed and repatriated. Such measures reinforce India's stance on illegal immigration and uphold legal integrity within its borders.

India plans \$3.4 billion railway expansion near China border.



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India plans to invest \$3.4 billion in railway infrastructure along its northeastern border to enhance military readiness and logistics amid fluctuating relations with China. The initiative will extend 500 kilometers of rail lines and complements the extensive road network developed over the past decade, aimed at improving civilian access and reducing military mobilization times. While ties with China show signs of improvement, this infrastructure strategy reflects India's commitment to contingency planning. Additionally, India is reactivating airside infrastructure in the region, emphasizing its proactive stance in bolstering defense capabilities against potential threats from China's rapid infrastructure development.

Indian Navy Launches Car Rally to Boost National Outreach



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The Indian Navy, under the leadership of Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, launched a significant car rally on September 13, 2025, from New Delhi, aimed at enhancing its connection with citizens, particularly in Uttar Pradesh. This 1700-kilometre journey, involving 34 participants

including naval personnel, focuses on five objectives: engaging with naval veterans, supporting NGOs, promoting naval awareness among youth, showcasing contributions to skill development, and honoring India's cultural heritage. The rally underscores the Navy's commitment to national integration and its role as a unifying force within India, highlighting the importance of maritime consciousness and community welfare in strengthening the nation's fabric.

India to Host 5th Coast Guard Global Summit in 2027 in Chennai



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India will host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in Chennai in 2027, aligning with the Indian Coast Guard's Golden Jubilee. This three-day event will feature an International Coast Guard Fleet Review and a World Coast Guard Seminar, providing a platform for addressing maritime challenges and enhancing global cooperation. The decision, made at the 4th CGGS in Rome, emphasizes India's leadership in maritime security, with discussions on enhancing collaboration in areas such as Maritime Search and Rescue, environmental protection, and combating maritime crimes. This initiative highlights the importance of international partnerships in ensuring maritime safety and security amidst increasing global challenges.

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