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Tata Advanced Systems Plans Indigenous MALE UAV with Rear Engine



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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has announced its plans to develop an indigenous Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), which will feature a rear-mounted engine for improved efficiency and reduced noise, catering to the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force's increasing demand for long-endurance drones. This initiative aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing self-reliance in defense production to reduce reliance on foreign UAVs like the Israeli Heron series. Concurrently, Dr. Samir V. Kamat from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) acknowledged a critical bottleneck in India's MALE and High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAV programs due to the need for effective turboprop propulsion systems, which are crucial for meeting the altitude and endurance requirements of such platforms. While India has made progress in developing UAVs, the lack of suitable indigenous engines poses a significant challenge, necessitating urgent action to enhance aerial surveillance and combat capabilities. The developments from TASL and DRDO highlight the need for accelerated innovation in UAV technology to strengthen India's defense posture amid regional rival advancements, ensuring the country remains competitive in unmanned systems.

MBDA Unveils Advanced Defense Solutions at Paris Air Show 2025



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The Paris Air Show 2025 sees MBDA showcasing advanced European defense solutions to enhance operational capabilities against emerging threats. Their innovative One Way Effector and a range of Remotely Controlled Ammunitions highlight the focus on mass production and precision for high-intensity conflicts.

The new SMART missile family aims to address gaps in suppression of enemy air defenses while the multi-layered air defense systems demonstrate readiness against various aerial threats, including hypersonic missiles. Additionally, MBDA emphasizes the importance of space defense, showcasing the SPLINTER satellite, marking a strategic pivot to protect interests beyond traditional domains, thus reinforcing European military sovereignty and capability.

ASELSAN Expands Defense Partnerships in Indonesia at INDODEFENCE



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ASELSAN, Turkey's leading defense company, has significantly expanded its presence in Southeast Asia by signing five agreements at INDODEFENCE in Jakarta, Indonesia, focusing on joint development and production in various defense sectors. These collaborations include technology transfer with PT LEN Industri and joint weapon system development with PT PINDAD, enhancing ASELSAN's strategic influence in the region. The newly opened Jakarta office will facilitate direct engagement and long-term partnerships, underscoring the importance of such international cooperation in bolstering regional defense capabilities. This move reflects a growing trend of countries in Southeast Asia strengthening defense ties, which is pivotal for regional stability and security dynamics.

DRDO to Develop Three Kusha Air Defence System Variants by 2030



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing the Kusha Air Defence System, which consists of three variants—Kusha-M1, Kusha-M2, and Kusha-M3—designed for intercepting various aerial threats with expected induction by 2030. Kusha-M1 targets short-range threats, Kusha-M2 addresses medium-range, while Kusha-M3 aims for long-range interception beyond 400 km, highlighting India's push towards self-reliance in defense technologies. Positioned as a response to Russia's advanced

systems, Kushi is set to enhance India's air defense capabilities, especially alongside the ongoing acquisition of S-400 systems. This initiative underscores India's commitment to strategic autonomy in critical defense sectors and the successful integration of indigenous technologies.

BrahMos-NG Set for Flight Tests in 2026, Production by 2027



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The BrahMos-NG missile program is advancing towards its first flight test in 2026, with production slated to begin between 2027 and 2028. This next-generation missile boasts reduced size and weight while maintaining a range of 290 kilometers, potentially extending to 450 kilometers. It incorporates advanced stealth features and is compatible with various platforms, including submarines and fighter jets. With growing international interest and preliminary inquiries from multiple countries, the BrahMos-NG positions India as a key player in the global defense market, enhancing its strategic capabilities while offering potential export opportunities for its defense industry.

Strengthening India's Submarine Manufacturing: MDL-HSL Partnership



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India's strategic partnership between Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) marks a significant advancement in its submarine manufacturing capabilities, addressing capacity constraints while enhancing indigenisation. The collaborative framework aims to construct a diverse submarine fleet, fulfilling the Indian Navy's target of 24 operational submarines, and bolstering deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region. Notably, the dual-coast production model optimizes resource allocation, ensuring operational flexibility and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers. Emphasizing self-reliance, this partnership underlines India's commitment to strengthening its defense industry and maintaining maritime security amid rising regional threats. Success hinges on effective execution of complex projects and continued investment in indigenous technologies.

GTRE Seeks IAF's IL-76 for Testing Kaveri and AMCA Engines



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India's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) is seeking an Ilyushin IL-76 aircraft from the Indian Air Force (IAF) to create a dedicated flying test bed for

developing the Kaveri Derivative Engine and the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) engine. This initiative aims to enhance indigenous testing capabilities, reducing dependency on foreign facilities and accelerating the development timeline, which has faced delays due to reliance on Russian testing sites. With the Kaveri program revitalized, this step is pivotal for achieving self-reliance in aerospace technology, amidst increasing regional security challenges, while addressing previous hurdles in developing high-thrust engines critical for modern fighter aircraft.

L&T Unveils Consortium Model to Boost AMCA Fighter Jet Production



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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Defence has proposed a "National Consortium" model for the manufacturing of India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), aiming to enhance military aviation capabilities and meet production goals by 2035. This approach encourages collaboration between public and private sectors, addressing the Indian Air Force's current shortfall and the urgency for advanced air superiority fighters post recent conflicts. The government has shifted from a sole reliance on Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to a competitive bidding process, allowing industry leaders like L&T and Tata to contribute. This consortium model is intended to streamline production, mitigate risks, and ensure timely delivery of this crucial defense asset.

Indian Rafales to Get Advanced Weapons for Enhanced Capabilities



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India is set to enhance its military capabilities by equipping its Rafale fighter jets with three indigenously developed weapon systems: the Rudram-I anti-radiation missile, Astra Mk1 BVRAAM, and Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW). This initiative supports the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" goal, reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and promoting a robust defense manufacturing ecosystem. The integration of these advanced weapons marks a significant milestone, allowing for improved air superiority and interoperability across India's diverse fighter fleets. Despite technical challenges in software integration with the Rafale platform, collaborative efforts with Dassault Aviation aim to ensure India's technological autonomy and operational efficiency in defense.

BrahMos Missile Upgrade to Near-Hypersonic Speeds Enhances Defense



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India's BrahMos missile is being upgraded with a new ramjet engine to achieve near-hypersonic speeds of over Mach 4.5, significantly enhancing its lethality and speed. This development aims to counter advanced air defense systems, such as China's HQ-9 and Russia's S-400, making it harder for adversaries to intercept. The missile's kinetic energy upon impact will be substantially increased, improving its effectiveness against fortified targets. The initiative underscores India's commitment to maintaining a technological edge in defense, leveraging a robust collaboration between DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya, thereby strengthening its strategic deterrence capabilities across multiple warfare domains.

L&T Launches TEER: India's Advanced Aerial Target System



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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has introduced TEER, a next-generation Aerial Target System designed to replace the Banshee, enhancing India's defense capabilities and supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. TEER features advanced technology for realistic training scenarios and is poised to reduce dependency on foreign systems due to its indigenous development. L&T's commitment to innovation, underpinned by India's Defense Industrial Corridors, ensures greater control over production and customization. With the potential to export TEER, India could strengthen its position in the global defense market while advancing its strategic self-reliance in military technology.

Armenia Considers Upgraded MArG 45 Howitzers from India



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Armenia is enhancing its artillery capabilities through significant engagement with India's defense sector, notably acquiring 72 MArG 155mm/39 howitzers for \$155.5 million. Following successful tests, Armenia is now considering the upgraded MArG 45 variant, which offers increased range and firepower, as well as options for truck-mounted ATAGS systems. This collaboration not only underscores India's growing role as a defense supplier but also reflects Armenia's strategy to diversify its arms sources, which may indirectly challenge Pakistan's regional defense posture. The MArG series' mobile, lightweight design is particularly suited for

Armenia's mountainous terrain, illustrating India's commitment to meet customer needs effectively.

Tejas Mk-II to Boost AI Capabilities from AMCA for Enhanced Combat



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India's Tejas Mk-II fighter jet, set for rollout in 2025 and production by 2029, will integrate advanced AI capabilities from the AMCA program to enhance pilot efficiency and situational awareness. This collaboration will improve operational synergy between the two aircraft, allowing for networked combat operations against regional threats. The Tejas Mk-II will feature improved payload capacity and weapon systems, while the AMCA will bring stealth and advanced sensors to the table. This strategic approach ensures that both platforms complement each other, optimizing the IAF's capabilities in complex combat scenarios, reinforcing India's position in aerospace technology innovation.

L&T Enhances Naval Shipbuilding with Strategic Collaborations



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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is enhancing its naval shipbuilding capabilities through collaborative strategies with state-owned shipyards and direct contract pursuits, aiming to support India's naval modernization and export potential. With a defense order book exceeding ₹3,000 crore, L&T is addressing demand for naval vessels and alleviating capacity constraints faced by public sector yards. The company's competitive bidding success underscores its expertise in shipbuilding, positioning it well amid global demand for naval platforms. However, challenges include aligning with state-owned timelines and maintaining cost competitiveness, essential for scaling up to meet both domestic and international standards. L&T's efforts align with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, enhancing its role in the defense sector.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Ex-IAF Chief Calls for Eastern India Defense Corridor to Boost Autonomy



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Former Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha emphasized the urgent need for a defense corridor in eastern India, highlighting its untapped potential and advocating for collaboration between

regional governments and the central government to enhance defense manufacturing. Speaking at a forum on MSMEs in defense, he pointed out the critical requirement for indigenously produced jet engines to reduce dependency on foreign technology, which compromises India's strategic autonomy. Raha also praised the operational success of the Indian armed forces, particularly noting Operation Sindoor, which showcased India's capability to conduct precision strikes against terror targets in Pakistan, underscoring advancements in missile technology developed by DRDO. He stressed the importance of creating a self-sustaining defense ecosystem that leverages public and private sector collaboration to foster employment and enhance export revenues. Ultimately, Raha's remarks reflect a broader vision for India's defense strategy, emphasizing indigenization, operational readiness, and the need to build robust local supply chains to support the country's long-term security objectives.

Pakistan's Defense Misstep: Stealth Fighters Over Missile Defense



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A recent critique by former Pentagon official Dave Des Roches highlights a significant flaw in Pakistan's defense strategy, emphasizing its prioritization of advanced stealth fighters over necessary missile defense systems against India's superior capabilities. Des Roches argues that Pakistan's densely populated areas are highly vulnerable to air and missile strikes, necessitating a strong missile defense network. Instead, Pakistan's focus appears to be on acquiring prestige offensive platforms, which may not address its core defense needs. This miscalculation could leave Pakistan exposed to devastating early strikes, underscoring the critical importance of strategic depth in its military planning against India.

India's Shift to Indigenous Fighter Jets Signals F-35, Su-57E Exit



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India's strategic shift towards self-reliance in defense is steering the Indian Air Force (IAF) away from foreign fighter jets like the F-35 and Su-57E, focusing instead on indigenous programs such as the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). Analyst Mumin Chen emphasizes that the AMCA, expected to debut by 2028, aims to enhance India's aerospace capabilities while maintaining strategic autonomy. As the IAF's current fleet, including Rafale and upgraded Sukhoi jets, suffices until the AMCA's operational debut, the move

underscores a commitment to building a self-reliant defense ecosystem, reducing dependence on foreign technology and fostering long-term capability development.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India and France Strengthen Strategic Defense and Space Ties



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India and France are significantly deepening their strategic partnership, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and French counterpart Jean-Noel Barrot discussing extensive cooperation in defense, security, space, and civilian nuclear energy. The talks emphasized mutual trust and shared values, underlining France's strong condemnation of terrorism and support for India's right to self-defense, especially following a recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Both ministers explored emerging opportunities in technology, including artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, while also addressing global challenges such as the situations in the Indian subcontinent, Ukraine, and the Indo-Pacific. They affirmed their commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, enhancing trilateral cooperation with partners like the UAE and Australia, and set the stage for the upcoming India-France Year of Innovation in 2026. This multifaceted dialogue reflects India's proactive approach to strengthening ties with Europe, leveraging shared interests to foster innovation and address global challenges. The emphasis on cultural exchanges and educational ties further illustrates the dynamic nature of the India-France relationship, positioning it as a model of strategic partnership in contemporary geopolitics. Overall, the discussions reveal a strong commitment to collaborative efforts that not only enhance defense capabilities but also promote broader socio-economic ties between the two nations.

Iran Launches 150 Missiles at Israel Amid Escalating Conflict



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Recent escalations between Israel and Iran have led to significant military confrontations, with Iran firing approximately 150 ballistic missiles at Israel, resulting in at least one death and over 40 injuries, alongside considerable damage in central Tel Aviv. In retaliation, Israel conducted airstrikes targeting key Iranian nuclear facilities and military leadership, reportedly resulting in the deaths of several senior Iranian officials and

scientists. Israel's multi-layered air defense systems, such as the Arrow and Iron Dome, reportedly intercepted the majority of incoming missiles, though some did reach their targets, indicating a testing of Israel's defense capabilities amid sustained attacks from various fronts including Gaza and Lebanon. Both sides have signaled readiness for prolonged military engagement, with Israel's Defense Minister vowing consequences for Iran's actions, while Iranian leadership framed their missile barrage as retribution for Israeli strikes perceived as direct threats to their national security. This situation underscores the complexity of the regional security landscape, as ongoing hostilities threaten not only Israel and Iran but also the broader geopolitical stability in the Middle East, drawing international concern and involvement, notably from the United States. The continuous cycle of attack and retaliation highlights the urgent need for diplomatic interventions to avert a more extensive conflict, especially with ongoing nuclear talks potentially disrupted by these hostilities.

Modi Urges Urgent Peace Restoration in Call with Israel's Netanyahu SHARE

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Prime Minister Modi and Israeli PM Netanyahu discussed the escalating security situation, with Modi expressing deep concern and advocating for urgent peace restoration in the region. He reiterated India's commitment to dialogue and diplomacy while maintaining balanced relations with both Israel and Iran, emphasizing the importance of stability. As tensions rise following Israel's Operation Rising Lion and Iran's retaliatory drone attacks, India's diplomatic engagement underscores its strategic interests in West Asia, including protecting its diaspora and economic stakes. This approach highlights India's role as a stabilizing force, actively promoting peace amidst a complex geopolitical landscape.

Sri Lanka Army Chief's Jaipur Visit Strengthens Defense Ties SHARE

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Lieutenant General BKG M Lasantha Rodrigo of the Sri Lanka Army visited Jaipur for two days, engaging in talks with officials from the Indian Army's South Western Command. The discussions focused on enhancing military cooperation, regional security, and joint training initiatives, showcasing India's commitment to fostering strong defense ties with Sri Lanka. A highlight included a live demonstration of India's counter-terrorism capabilities. This visit signifies

a deep-rooted partnership aimed at promoting regional stability and collaborative responses to security challenges, reflecting the ongoing commitment to mutual respect and capability enhancement between the two neighboring armies.

India Abstains on UNGA Resolution, Advocates Dialogue for Gaza Peace SHARE

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India has once again abstained from a UN General Assembly resolution critical of Israel, advocating for dialogue and diplomacy as the path to resolving the Gaza conflict. India's Permanent Representative, P. Harish, emphasized the necessity of humanitarian aid and a Two-State Solution while reiterating India's commitment to peace. The resolution condemned Israel's actions while also criticizing Hamas's terrorism. India's stance reflects its longstanding position in favor of humanitarian support and a balanced approach to the Israel-Palestine conflict, highlighting its role as a peace promoter on the international stage.

Israeli envoy highlights India's potential to ease Israel-Iran tensions SHARE

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Israel's Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, expressed optimism about India's potential role in mediating tensions between Israel and Iran, following a conversation between Prime Ministers Modi and Netanyahu. Azar highlighted India's legitimate concerns regarding Iran's nuclear ambitions and ballistic missile program, emphasizing that Israel's actions are defensive against an existential threat posed by Iran. He revealed Iran's plans for a significant increase in its missile arsenal, portraying Israel's operations as necessary to neutralize this threat. This situation underscores the strategic importance of India's diplomatic relations in regional security, allowing India to play a pivotal role in de-escalating conflicts in West Asia.

Arunachal Cabinet Discusses Strategic Importance of SUMP Project SHARE

14-Jun-25

The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet recently reviewed the strategic and national security significance of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), aimed at harnessing the state's substantial hydropower potential. The government is committed to fair rehabilitation and compensation for affected families and is engaging with communities to address concerns. Plans include a decade-long initiative to

develop nearly 19 GW of hydropower projects, projected to generate significant revenue, enhancing the state's energy security and socio-economic development. The establishment of an escrow account for power revenues aims to ensure transparent financial planning to support sustainable growth in Arunachal Pradesh.

Israel Strikes, Eliminating Nine Key Iranian Nuclear Scientists SHARE

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The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) have reported the elimination of nine key Iranian nuclear scientists in airstrikes targeting Iran's nuclear program, marking a significant escalation in their military operations against Tehran's nuclear ambitions. The IDF emphasized that these individuals possessed critical expertise in nuclear weapons development, with many considered successors to the late Mohsen Fakhrazadeh. This operation follows years of clandestine intelligence work aimed at dismantling Iran's nuclear capabilities. The IDF's actions are portrayed as necessary for regional security, highlighting Israel's commitment to countering perceived threats from Iran, a stance that resonates with broader geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

Geopolitical Tensions Impact Global Economy and Market Stability SHARE

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Global financial markets are facing renewed volatility as geopolitical tensions escalate, particularly following Israel's recent military strikes against Iran. The conflict has triggered a surge in oil and gold prices, disrupted vital shipping lanes like the Strait of Hormuz—through which nearly 20% of the world's crude oil flows—and intensified inflationary pressures across key economies. At the same time, persistent trade tensions between the United States and China continue to strain sectors such as technology, metals, and clean energy, with tariffs and export controls contributing to global supply chain fragmentation. Central banks, including the U.S. Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, are now expected to delay interest rate cuts as they struggle to balance inflation control with sustaining economic growth. In response to rising uncertainty, investors are turning to traditional safe havens like gold, U.S. Treasuries, and the dollar, further destabilizing currency markets and capital flows. The convergence of military conflict in the Middle East and deepening trade disputes is creating a precarious global economic landscape, prompting heightened

caution among policymakers, businesses, and financial institutions.

Rajnath Singh to visit China for crucial defense talks June 24-25. SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to visit China on June 24-25, marking the first high-level Indian ministerial visit since the 2020 border standoff in Eastern Ladakh. His participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation defence ministers meeting indicates a renewed momentum in India-China relations, following discussions between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi Jinping aimed at improving ties. Singh's visit reflects both countries' intent to stabilize relations, as evidenced by recent diplomatic engagements, including talks between Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong. This visit is a significant step toward rebuilding trust and fostering bilateral cooperation.

Israel Warns Iran: 'Tehran Will Burn' If Missile Attacks Continue SHARE

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Israel's defense minister, Israel Katz, issued a stark warning to Iran, stating that "Tehran will burn" if missile attacks on Israel persist, following deadly missile strikes that resulted in casualties. This statement came after Israeli airstrikes targeting Iranian nuclear and military infrastructure. Iranian reports indicated heightened air defenses in several cities, suggesting potential further Israeli military action. This escalating tension underscores the precarious security dynamics in the region, with Israel prepared to retaliate decisively against threats to its sovereignty. Such developments highlight the importance of a robust defense strategy for nations like India, which faces its own regional challenges and must remain vigilant.

Israeli Strikes Inflict Heavy Damage on Iran's Nuclear Sites SHARE

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Israeli military officials reported significant damage to Iran's Esfahan and Natanz nuclear sites due to extensive airstrikes, which targeted over 150 locations and resulted in the deaths of nine Iranian nuclear scientists. The officials indicated that the repair of these sites would take weeks, while noting that Iran retaliated with hundreds of drones and missiles, most of which were intercepted by Israeli defenses. This escalation highlights the ongoing tensions in the region,

underscoring Israel's commitment to neutralizing nuclear threats from Iran and the broader implications for regional security dynamics, particularly in the context of India's defense strategies that prioritize proactive deterrence.

Israeli Strikes in Gaza Kill 16 Amid Escalating Conflict with Iran SHARE

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Israeli airstrikes in Gaza have reportedly killed at least 16 Palestinians amidst ongoing conflict with Hamas and a new front involving Iran, which has seen retaliatory attacks. While Israel claims it targets militants, the humanitarian situation is dire, with reports of significant civilian casualties and widespread displacement. The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation indicates that the military's operations have severely restricted access to food for the population. Amid this turmoil, the situation underscores the complex interplay between local violence and broader geopolitical tensions, particularly with Iran's involvement, highlighting the need for a comprehensive resolution to ensure stability and humanitarian access in the region.

India Maintains Neutral Stance Amid SCO's Israel-Iran Criticism SHARE

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India has distanced itself from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) condemnation of Israel's military strikes on Iran, opting to maintain a neutral diplomatic stance. While the SCO criticized Israel for violating international law and escalating regional tensions, India clarified its call for dialogue and de-escalation, reflecting its strategic balancing act between its defense partnership with Israel and longstanding relations with Iran. This decision underscores India's commitment to navigating complex geopolitical dynamics without being drawn into bloc politics, emphasizing peace and stability in the region while preserving its credibility within the SCO.

Iran Calls US Talks "Meaningless" After Israeli Strike, Debates Attendance SHARE

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Iran has deemed its ongoing nuclear talks with the U.S. "meaningless" following a significant Israeli military strike, suggesting that Washington's support for Israel undermines diplomatic efforts. Iranian officials are uncertain about attending the upcoming talks, asserting that the U.S. is complicit in Israeli actions. Despite these tensions, the U.S. continues to advocate for negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear program. This

situation underscores the complex interplay of U.S.-Iran relations, where Israeli actions significantly influence diplomatic channels, and highlights the challenges in reaching a nuclear accord amidst escalating regional hostilities.

China Condemns Israel's Strikes on Iran, Advocates for Dialogue SHARE

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China has strongly condemned Israel's recent airstrikes on Iran, calling them a violation of Iran's sovereignty and a serious threat to regional stability. The Chinese Foreign Ministry and its UN envoy urged immediate de-escalation, warning of dangerous consequences if the conflict continues. China also issued safety advisories to its citizens in both countries amid rising tensions. These strikes, which reportedly killed senior Iranian officials and damaged key nuclear facilities, have heightened the risk of broader conflict. China emphasized its willingness to mediate, reflecting its strategic interests in the region, particularly its energy ties and economic partnership with Iran. With global oil prices surging and international concern growing, Beijing's response highlights its desire to preserve regional peace and safeguard its long-term interests, while positioning itself as a key diplomatic actor in resolving escalating Middle East tensions.

Jaishankar Engages with Israel Amid Rising Iran-Israel Tensions SHARE

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India is navigating a complex diplomatic landscape amid escalating tensions between Israel and Iran following Israel's Operation Rising Lion, which targeted Iranian nuclear and missile facilities. The operation has prompted strong condemnation from Iran, raising concerns of broader conflict. India has expressed deep concern over the hostilities, emphasizing its commitment to diplomacy and regional stability while maintaining friendly relations with both nations. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar is actively engaging with counterparts in both Israel and Iran, advocating for restraint and dialogue to peacefully resolve disputes, reflecting India's strategic interests in regional stability and the safety of its diaspora.

Jaishankar Calls France India's Most Trusted European Partner SHARE

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EAM Jaishankar highlighted the importance of trust in international partnerships, particularly emphasizing that France is India's most trusted partner in Europe. He

noted that this deep trust is a result of shared experiences, especially in security cooperation, and is crucial for resilient supply chains. Progress in Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the EU was also mentioned, with half of the chapters completed amid a growing urgency due to changing global dynamics. Jaishankar predicted that Europe's pursuit of strategic autonomy will further enhance India-Europe ties, reflecting a mutual commitment to addressing shared regional and global challenges.

China and India Show Cautious Progress in Bilateral Talks SHARE

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Recent high-level talks between China and India indicate cautious progress in their bilateral relations, focusing on enhancing political mutual trust and cooperation across various sectors. Both nations are committed to managing disagreements constructively while preparing for the upcoming 24th Special Representatives' Meeting on the boundary question. India has expressed support for China's leadership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and both sides aim to strengthen cultural ties through exchanges and commemorative activities for their 75th diplomatic anniversary. This diplomatic engagement reflects a shared interest in ensuring regional stability and prosperity, showcasing India's proactive approach to fostering a stable relationship with China amidst ongoing complexities.

Congress Urges PM to Debate Post-Pahalgam Security Concerns SHARE

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The Congress party has questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the possibility of a full parliamentary debate on India's security and foreign policy following recent terrorism incidents, including the Pahalgam attack. They seek clarity on India's strategic approach towards China and Pakistan, especially after the Prime Minister's engagements with parliamentary delegations abroad. Furthermore, Congress has called for an expert review, akin to the Kargil Review Committee, to analyze Operation Sindoor's implications on future warfare and military technology. This reflects an ongoing need for bipartisan dialogue on national security in a complex geopolitical landscape, emphasizing unity against terrorism and strategic threats.

Jaishankar: Third-Party Mediation in Bilateral Issues Impractical SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the unlikelihood of third-party involvement in bilateral issues during a recent discussion, asserting that resolution ultimately lies with the involved nations. He pointed out India's strong relations with both Israel and Iran while advocating for the IMEEC (India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor) as a crucial diplomatic initiative that would enhance connectivity between these regions. The minister's remarks highlight India's diplomatic stance that respects the autonomy of nations in conflict resolution and underscores the strategic significance of enhancing regional connectivity as a pathway to broader economic cooperation.

India Emerges as Strategic Beneficiary of Chagos Deal, Outpacing China SHARE

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The recent UK-Mauritius agreement transferring sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago, while maintaining US-UK military access to Diego Garcia, positions India as a strategic beneficiary amid its rivalry with China. With strong historical ties and influence over Mauritius, India can enhance its maritime capabilities and monitor Chinese activities in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The deal strengthens US-India relations, allowing for greater intelligence sharing to counter China's expanding footprint, while India's existing military infrastructure on Agalega Island complements these efforts. Despite potential political uncertainties in Mauritius, India's diplomatic ties and role in facilitating the agreement highlight its commitment to regional stability and a rules-based order in the IOR.

Military Operations

IAF's Combined Graduation Parade Celebrates New Officers and Operation Sindoor SHARE

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The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) at the Air Force Academy in Dundigal, Hyderabad, marked the induction of 254 new officers, including 36 women, into the Indian Air Force (IAF), with Air Chief Marshal AP Singh highlighting the significance of Operation Sindoor as a testament to the IAF's combat capability and

operational synergy. He emphasized that the operation showcased the IAF's precision and preparedness, reflecting exceptional coordination among the armed forces and underscoring the evolving complexities of modern warfare. The ceremony included the conferral of the President's Commission and recognition of outstanding cadets, such as Flying Officer Rohan Krishnamurthy, who received the Chief of the Air Staff Sword of Honour. The CAS urged the new officers to embrace teamwork and collective spirit in their roles, reinforcing the IAF's commitment as the first responder in national crises. The event concluded with an impressive aerial display by the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team, which captivated the audience. This parade not only celebrated the cadets' achievements but also reinforced the IAF's pivotal role in safeguarding India's sovereignty, showcasing the force's readiness to meet contemporary challenges with professionalism and innovation.

U.S. Military Parade Sparks Controversy Over Pakistan Invite



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Recent reports highlight the unusual military activity in Washington, D.C., where convoys of U.S. military vehicles are preparing for a significant parade on June 14 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, coinciding with former President Donald Trump's 79th birthday. This event is expected to draw around 200,000 attendees, amplifying traffic disruptions in the city. Amid these celebrations, tensions have arisen regarding alleged invitations to foreign military leaders, particularly from Pakistan. The White House has firmly denied claims that Pakistan's Army Chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, was invited to the parade, refuting concerns that such an invitation would represent a diplomatic setback for India, especially considering Munir's controversial statements regarding India. Indian opposition party Congress has criticized the potential invitation and labeled it as a troubling sign of the U.S. administration's stance on regional security dynamics. The broader context of this event includes ongoing domestic unrest in the U.S., marked by protests against federal immigration policies, which have escalated tensions in various cities. The juxtaposition of a celebratory military parade with civil unrest illustrates complex national sentiments and geopolitical nuances. The situation underscores the delicate balance the U.S. must maintain in its foreign relations, particularly with India, given the historically fraught relationship between India and Pakistan.

Manipur Security Forces Seize 328 Weapons in Major Operations



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Security forces in Manipur have made significant strides in restoring stability by recovering 328 firearms, including SLR and Insas rifles, along with explosives during coordinated operations across five valley districts. These intelligence-led raids, conducted by joint teams of Manipur Police, CAPE, and the Army, indicate a strong commitment to curbing violence and ensuring public safety. The operations also led to the apprehension of 23 individuals affiliated with armed groups and the recovery of various warlike stores, showcasing the effectiveness of collaborative security efforts. Such decisive actions are vital for maintaining order and reinforcing the state's commitment to safeguarding its citizens amidst ongoing unrest.

Indian Forces Achieve Key Milestone in Cargo Ship Fire Control



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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Indian Navy have successfully executed a complex operation to control a fire on the Singapore-flagged cargo vessel MV Wan Hai 503, which has been ablaze since June 9, 2025, off the coast of Kerala. Amid challenging weather conditions, the Indian Navy facilitated the aerial insertion of a salvage team to connect the vessel to salvage tugs, thereby initiating towing operations that aim to prevent environmental hazards from hazardous cargo and fuel aboard the ship. The ICG reported that 18 of the 22 crew members were rescued, highlighting the collaborative efforts of multiple agencies and the Navy's critical role in ensuring maritime safety. This operation not only underscores India's maritime capabilities but also its commitment to protecting the marine environment and regional shipping routes amidst emergencies. The successful coordination between the ICG and the Indian Navy demonstrates India's readiness and resolve in addressing maritime challenges, reflecting a proactive defense strategy that prioritizes both humanitarian efforts and environmental protection. The incident showcases India's growing prowess in disaster response operations in the maritime domain, further solidifying its regional maritime security leadership.

Indian Army Honors Kargil Heroes with Tololing Expedition



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In a poignant tribute to the soldiers of the Kargil War, the Indian Army's 'Forever in Operations Division'

commemorated the 26th anniversary of Operation Vijay with an expedition to Tololing Peak, where 30 soldiers from various units hoisted the Tricolour. This expedition, supported by the Indian Air Force, underscores the spirit of synergy and showcases the valor and patriotism that characterize the Indian Armed Forces. The Battle of Tololing was a pivotal moment in the conflict, and such commemorative initiatives serve to honor the sacrifices made and to reinforce national pride and solidarity among the forces and the public.

Zelenskiy: Ukrainian Forces Halt Russian Advance in Sumy Region



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Ukrainian forces have successfully halted the advance of Russian troops in the northeastern Sumy region, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. He noted that approximately 53,000 Russian troops are concentrated in this area, while Ukrainian defenses have been maintained along over 1,000 kilometers of the frontline. Despite ongoing assaults, including drone attacks by Ukraine within Russia, Zelenskiy acknowledged the difficulty of regaining all lost territory through military means and called for intensified sanctions against Russia to facilitate negotiations. The ongoing conflict, now in its fourth year, has seen both sides engaged in limited prisoner of war exchanges without significant progress towards a ceasefire.

Discontent in Pakistan Army as Field Marshal Munir faces criticism and eyes Kargil-like incursion, analysts warn.



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Recent tensions within the Pakistani military highlight dissatisfaction following a conflict with India, where the Pakistan Air Force overshadowed the Army's contributions, leading to speculation of a potential Kargil-like incursion to internationalize the Kashmir issue. General Asim Munir's promotion to Field Marshal, amid criticisms of the Army's performance, reflects internal discord within Pakistan's military structure. Analysts warn that Munir's hardline stance may provoke India, especially given the latter's recent military assertiveness through Operation Sindoor. However, escalating conflicts may backfire, as international fatigue with Indo-Pakistani tensions limits external mediation, while India's robust diplomatic efforts challenge Pakistan's narrative.

IAF Apache Fleet Faces Heat-Related Challenges with Emergency Landings



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The Indian Air Force's Apache fleet faces operational challenges due to heat-related malfunctions, leading to multiple emergency landings in 2025, including two incidents within a week. Despite being one of the world's most advanced helicopters, the AH-64E Apache has shown vulnerability to extreme temperatures and high-altitude conditions, impacting its reliability during critical operations along India's borders with Pakistan and China. The recent pattern of emergency landings raises concerns about its performance, especially with the 451 Aviation Squadron awaiting delayed deliveries. While the Apaches play a vital role in strategic operations, these reliability issues necessitate urgent attention to ensure operational readiness for future missions.

Indian Forces Boost Long-Range Munitions After Successful Strikes



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The Indian Ministry of Defence has authorized the armed forces to replenish their inventory with long-range loitering munitions, kamikaze drones, and beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles, following the success of Operation Sindoor, which effectively neutralized critical Pakistani military assets, including Chinese-supplied missile systems. This strategic move highlights India's commitment to modernizing its military capabilities and emphasizes the efficacy of unmanned warfare in achieving precision strikes without risking manned aircraft. The replenishment aims to reinforce India's superiority over Pakistan's air defense, especially in light of vulnerabilities exposed during recent operations, ensuring a decisive edge in the increasingly volatile South Asian region.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

China Defends Anti-Terror Stance Amid Tensions with India



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China has rejected accusations of double standards in its fight against terrorism, emphasizing that combating terrorism is a global responsibility. This response follows Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's remarks about China's support for Pakistan amid recent terror attacks in India. Lin Jian, a Chinese Foreign

Ministry spokesperson, urged India to collaborate on improving bilateral relations, highlighting a mutual interest in resuming direct flights. The context suggests ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan and underscores India's proactive stance against terrorism, which aligns with its broader defense strategy to ensure national security and regional stability amidst complex geopolitical dynamics.

India and Canada to forge intelligence deal against terrorism and crime



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India and Canada are poised to establish a new intelligence-sharing agreement focused on combating terrorism and cross-border crime, reflecting efforts to rebuild relations after a diplomatic rift. This arrangement, involving law enforcement from both nations, aims to enhance cooperation against transnational crime and investigate extra-judicial killings. While details of this accord are still being finalized, its potential announcement at the upcoming G7 summit, where Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, highlights a significant step towards strengthening bilateral ties. This development underscores India's commitment to international collaboration in ensuring regional security and countering extremist threats effectively.

CRPF Jawan Killed in IED Blast During Odisha Anti-Naxal Mission



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A CRPF jawan, ASI Satwan Singh, was martyred in an IED blast during an anti-Naxal operation in Odisha's Saranda forest, highlighting the ongoing challenge posed by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in India. Despite progress in counter-insurgency efforts, pockets of Naxal activity remain problematic, as evidenced by recent arrests of two Maoist cadres. The Union Home Ministry is intensifying operations to dismantle logistical support for Naxals, with Home Minister Amit Shah expressing confidence in eradicating Naxalism by March 31, 2026. This incident underscores the need for continued vigilance and operational success in the fight against extremism in India.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Sri Lankan Army Chief: True Leadership Shines in Conflict



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Sri Lankan Army Commander Lieutenant General BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo addressed the passing out parade at the Indian Military Academy, emphasizing that true leadership is tested in conflict rather than peace. He inspired 451 cadets, including 32 from friendly nations, to prioritize their men's safety, embody the spirit of military service, and serve as ambassadors of the IMA's legacy. Rodrigo highlighted the importance of continuous learning and evolving as leaders, quoting Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw on the qualities of truthfulness, honesty, and fearlessness. His remarks reinforce the values of military leadership and the commitment to national duty, showcasing India's role in training leaders for regional stability.

HAL Faces Urgent Manpower Shortage: Recruitment and Reforms Needed



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is facing a critical manpower shortage, with its workforce reduced to half, jeopardizing its capacity to handle increasing project demands, including advanced fighter jets and helicopters. Former Executive Director G. Syam Nath emphasizes the urgent need for aggressive recruitment and employee-centric reforms, such as flexible work policies, to enhance morale and productivity. Financially, recruiting more personnel is manageable and essential for HAL's sustainability, especially as it strives for self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Addressing these staffing challenges is vital to prevent delays and maintain operational effectiveness in key defense projects.

Miscellaneous

Manipur Restores Mobile Internet as Situation Stabilizes



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The Manipur government has restored mobile internet services in five Imphal valley districts, citing an improvement in law and order following violent protests triggered by the arrest of a radical outfit leader. The indefinite curfew, initially imposed to control the unrest,

was relaxed as central and state forces effectively managed the situation. The group, Arambai Tenggol, has also softened its stance on a shutdown call while committing to continue protests in a democratic manner. This development reflects a significant step towards normalcy in Manipur, showcasing the government's responsive measures to ensure public safety and communication while addressing community grievances.

Axiom-4 mission with Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla set for June 19 launch.



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The Axiom-4 commercial mission, which includes Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, is now set for a June 19, 2025, launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, following delays due to a fuel leak in SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket and a pressure anomaly on the ISS. The mission signifies India's return to human spaceflight, alongside Poland and Hungary, with Shukla serving as the pilot under Axiom's director Peggy Whitson. This mission not only highlights India's growing capabilities in space but also underscores international collaboration in advancing human space exploration, reflecting India's strategic interest in enhancing its stature in the global space community.

Israeli Military Apologizes for Misrepresenting India's Map



14-Jun-25

The Israeli military recently apologized for posting a map that inaccurately depicted Jammu and Kashmir as

part of Pakistan, following backlash from Indian social media users. The map was originally shared to illustrate the range of Iranian missiles but drew significant criticism, prompting the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) to clarify its inaccuracies. The Israeli Ambassador to India characterized the map as a "bad unintended infographic" and confirmed efforts to rectify it. This incident underscores India's longstanding position that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the nation, highlighting the importance of accurate representations in international diplomacy.

PM Modi's Pivotal Visit to Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia (June 2025)



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a significant official visit to Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia from June 15-19, 2025, marking the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus and Croatia in over two decades. In Cyprus, he will engage in discussions with President Christodoulides and business leaders, aiming to enhance bilateral ties and India's presence in the Mediterranean and EU. The Prime Minister's participation in the G-7 Summit in Canada will focus on global challenges such as energy security and technological innovation. Lastly, the visit to Croatia will further solidify India's relationships within the EU, highlighting its commitment to deepening international cooperation.

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