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DRONACHRYA	57.08	52.27	+9.2%
MARINE	228.75	216.9	+5.46%
SWANDEF	668.0	636.2	+5.0%
MTARTECH	2288.9	2220.2	+3.09%
DATAPATNS	2806.8	2731.7	+2.75%

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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
WALCHANNAG	164.17	172.06	-4.59%
GOODLUCK	1241.6	1294.0	-4.05%
AVANTEL	190.6	198.32	-3.89%
TANEJAERO	357.05	369.35	-3.33%
TECHERA	277.65	286.65	-3.14%

Defense Business and Industry

HAL Conducts Maiden Flight of Tejas Mk-1A from Nashik, Boosting India's Indigenous Fighter Jet Program



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On October 17, 2025, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully conducted the maiden flight of the Tejas Mk-1A fighter jet from its Nashik facility, marking a key milestone in India's indigenous defense manufacturing. The event was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who also inaugurated HAL's third production line for the Tejas Mk-1A and the second production line for the HTT-40 trainer aircraft. The Tejas Mk-1A is a 4.5-generation multi-role combat aircraft featuring advanced technologies such as the latest Uttam AESA radar with enhanced range and tracking, an electronic warfare suite, and a high indigenous content of 64 percent. The Nashik facility adds an initial production capacity of eight aircraft per year, complementing existing lines in Bengaluru, aiming for a total of 24 jets annually and fulfilling an order of 180 aircraft by 2034. The aircraft is designed to replace aging MiG-21 squadrons, boosting the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities. Ongoing trials include weapon integration with Astra beyond-visual-range missiles and precision-guided munitions, with successful firing tests expected soon after software upgrades. HAL's expanded facilities in Nashik have also created approximately 1,000 jobs and increased regional industrial involvement, supporting the government's 'Make in India' initiative and potential future exports. This achievement underscores India's growing

aerospace manufacturing capacity and the strategic push for self-reliance in defense technology.

HAL Reveals First Image of 21st Tejas Mk1A Fighter Jet



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has unveiled the first image of the 21st Tejas Mk1A fighter jet, designated LA-5053, currently under assembly at its Nashik facility. This significant milestone indicates the operational capabilities of HAL's third dedicated assembly line, which aims to produce eight Mk1A jets annually to meet the Indian Air Force's (IAF) requirements. Despite supply chain challenges affecting engine availability, the facility integrates advanced technologies to enhance production efficiency. With upgraded avionics, an AESA radar, and improved electronic warfare systems, the Tejas Mk1A enhances India's indigenous defense capabilities, supporting the IAF's objective to bolster its fleet under a 73-aircraft contract signed in 2021. This development underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates new LCA and HTT-40 production lines, boosting India's defense self-reliance.



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On October 17, 2025, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the third production line of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A and the second line for the Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Nashik facility, marking a significant milestone in India's defense manufacturing capabilities. In his address, Singh emphasized the transformation of India's defense

sector under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, highlighting the shift from 65-70% import dependency to now producing 65% of military hardware domestically. The government's goal is to achieve complete self-reliance by 2029, with an aim to increase defense production from Rs 1.50 lakh crore to Rs 3 lakh crore and exports from Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 50,000 crore. The inauguration symbolizes India's growing technological confidence and industrial strength, with HAL playing a crucial role in the nation's defense ecosystem. The Nashik complex has a rich legacy, having produced over 900 aircraft, and the establishment of these new production lines is set to boost employment and strengthen public-private partnerships in the defense sector. This development underscores India's commitment to indigenous production and innovation, crucial for maintaining strategic autonomy amidst changing global defense dynamics.

Indian Army Signs Rs 130 Crore Deal for 113 Electric Buses SHARE

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In a landmark initiative towards sustainable defense mobility, the Indian Army has signed a contract worth Rs 130.58 crore with JBM Auto Ltd for the procurement of 113 electric buses and 43 fast chargers, marking its first significant venture into electric vehicle technology. This contract, signed on October 17, 2025, aligns with the government's PM E-Drive programme, aimed at promoting environmentally friendly transportation solutions across India. The induction of these electric buses signifies a transformative step for the armed forces, emphasizing a commitment to reducing reliance on fossil fuels while enhancing operational efficiency through modern technology. By categorizing this procurement under the Buy (Indian-IDD) framework, the Army not only supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision but also reinforces its dedication to local defense production. The deployment of electric buses across all three services sets a precedent for the adoption of green technologies within the defense sector, showcasing a proactive approach to environmental responsibility and innovation. This development is significant as it reflects India's determination to achieve net-zero carbon emissions and positions the Indian Army as a leader in integrating sustainable practices within its operations, paving the way for a cleaner, more self-reliant future.

Cochin Shipyard launches three vessels, enhancing Indian Navy's capabilities. SHARE

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Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has marked a significant milestone with the simultaneous launch of three advanced vessels, including three Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Shallow Water Crafts (SWC) for the Indian Navy at its Kochi facility. The vessels, named INS MAHE, INS MALVAN, and INS MANGROL, are part of a series of eight ASW SWC ships aimed at replacing the older Abhay-class corvettes. Designed for robust anti-submarine operations, these crafts feature state-of-the-art sonar technology and can achieve speeds of up to 25 knots. Additionally, CSL is set to launch a hybrid electric methanol-ready Commissioning Service Operation Vessel (CSOV) and the most advanced dredger, DCI Dredge Godavari, enhancing India's maritime operational capabilities. The ASW SWC class will significantly improve India's near-shore anti-submarine warfare proficiency, while the CSOV will support offshore wind turbine operations. This development reflects India's commitment to bolstering its indigenous defense manufacturing capabilities and enhancing maritime security, particularly in a geopolitically sensitive region. The advancements in naval technology not only strengthen the Indian Navy but also signify a crucial step towards self-reliance in defense, aligning with the broader objectives of the "Make in India" initiative.

India Begins BrahMos Missile Manufacturing at New Lucknow Plant SHARE

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In a significant milestone for India's defense manufacturing capabilities, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will flag off the first batch of BrahMos missiles from the new facility in Lucknow, part of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor. This event reflects India's commitment to self-reliance and the Make in India initiative, as the state-of-the-art facility is designed for missile assembly, integration, and testing. The continuous production of BrahMos missiles is expected to generate revenue and employment opportunities, positioning Uttar Pradesh as a key player in the aerospace and defense sector. Moreover, the advancements in missile technology at this facility are set to enhance India's strategic autonomy and strengthen its defense capabilities for both domestic needs and international export opportunities.

UK-India Defence Partnership Advances with Co-Production and Maritime Collaboration



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The UK-India defence partnership has marked a significant milestone as it transitions into an era of co-production, underscored by the recent visit of the UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG25) to the Indo-Pacific. During the visit, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Indian Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth announced two major agreements, including a £350 million deal for Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMMs) to enhance India's military capabilities, demonstrating the collaborative shift from traditional defence trade to joint development. Additionally, a £250 million initiative was launched to create electric propulsion systems for naval vessels, aligning with India's Make in India campaign. The bilateral maritime exercise, Konkan-25, exemplified the operational integration of both nations' navies, with HMS Prince of Wales and INS Vikrant participating in joint operations. The UK High Commissioner to India, Lindy Cameron, emphasized India's status as a top priority partner, highlighting that these efforts not only strengthen military ties but also serve as an economic catalyst for both nations. This evolving partnership is crucial for addressing global security challenges and ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific, reflecting a strategic recalibration that enhances regional stability and mutual trust between the UK and India.

DroneAcharya wins INR 1.09 crore contract for 180 FPV drones.



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DroneAcharya Aerial Innovation has secured a significant contract worth INR 1.09 crore from the Indian Army for the supply of 180 First-Person View (FPV) drones, marking a pivotal milestone in the company's trajectory within the defense sector. The contract, awarded on October 16, 2025, involves a phased delivery plan where the first batch of 60 drones is expected by April 2026, followed by additional deliveries in July and October of the same year. Following the announcement of this order, shares of DroneAcharya experienced a substantial upsurge, rising over 15% on the Bombay Stock Exchange, illustrating market confidence in the company's technological capabilities and potential for future growth. Despite recent financial challenges, including a reported net loss of INR 15.1 crore in H2 FY25, the contract demonstrates a shift towards bolstering domestic defense manufacturing capabilities, aligning with

India's broader strategic initiatives to enhance self-reliance in defense technologies. This development not only signifies a validation of DroneAcharya's innovation in drone technology but also underscores the increasing importance of private sector engagement in India's defense procurement, which could pave the way for more substantial contracts and collaborations in the evolving defense landscape.

Northern Command's high-tech war drill sets standards for future conflicts.



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The Northern Command of the Indian Army recently concluded a high-tech war drill in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, aimed at enhancing preparedness for next-generation conflicts. Spanning four days, the multi-domain exercise involved troops from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces, and private sector participants, emphasizing an integrated approach to address modern security challenges, including cyber and electronic warfare. Lt Gen Pratik Sharma highlighted the need for innovation and a whole-of-nation strategy to protect territorial integrity against adversaries. This exercise signifies India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities and readiness, particularly in light of ongoing tensions with China and Pakistan along critical borders, ultimately reinforcing strategic foresight and operational synergy within the armed forces.

India's LR-AShM hypersonic missile enters production, enhancing naval deterrence.



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India's Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LR-AShM), a state-of-the-art hypersonic weapon system, has advanced into serial production following successful performance benchmarks, as announced by Dr. Anil Kumar of DRDO. With a range exceeding 1,500 kilometers and capable of reaching speeds of Mach 10, the missile enhances India's naval deterrence against adversaries, particularly amid rising maritime tensions in the Indo-Pacific. Its design enables low-altitude gliding to evade radar, significantly improving strike efficacy against moving targets. This development, reflecting India's growing indigenous defense capabilities, is crucial for maintaining strategic balance in the face of evolving threats from regional rivals, including China's expanding naval forces and Pakistan's submarine fleet.

Modi inaugurates night vision factory, enhancing India's defense self-reliance. SHARE

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Prime Minister Modi inaugurated an advanced night vision systems factory in Andhra Pradesh, part of a significant 13,430 crore investment aimed at enhancing India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Established by Bharat Electronics Limited, the state-of-the-art facility will produce advanced electro-optical devices and drone countermeasures for domestic forces and international markets, aligning with India's strategic objectives under the Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. Modi emphasized the factory's potential to elevate India's defense exports and projected that Kurnool will emerge as a hub for drone technology and advanced manufacturing. This development underscores India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense capabilities, reducing dependency on imports, and fostering regional industrial growth, ultimately reinforcing India's position in the global defense landscape.

India's defence exports hit Rs 25,000 crore; targets Rs 50,000 crore by 2029. SHARE

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India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced a historic achievement in defence exports, reaching a record Rs 25,000 crore, with a bold target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029 alongside Rs 3 lakh crore in domestic manufacturing. During his visit to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Nashik, he inaugurated the third production line for the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet and praised HAL's pivotal role in advancing India's self-reliance in defence. The Tejas Mk1A, a 4.5-generation multi-role aircraft, showcases India's growing capabilities in modern military aviation. This development underscores India's commitment to enhancing its defence manufacturing sector and reducing reliance on foreign imports, ultimately strengthening national security and regional stability.

Mahindra, Embraer Join Forces to Bring C-390 Millennium Transport Aircraft to India Under Make in India Push SHARE

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Mahindra and Mahindra signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Brazil's Embraer Defense & Security to introduce the C-390 Millennium military transport aircraft in India. The formalization took place in New Delhi on October 16, 2025, coinciding with the

inauguration of Embraer's national office in Aerocity. This agreement builds on a memorandum of understanding signed in February 2024 and focuses on advancing the Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft program. The collaboration aims to foster local manufacturing, assembly, supply chain development, and maintenance within India's aerospace sector. Both Embraer and Mahindra intend to position India as a regional hub for the C-390 Millennium, catering to domestic and international markets. The aircraft, operational since 2019 with Brazil and since 2023 with Portugal, has a payload capacity of 26 tonnes and versatile capabilities including cargo transport, air-to-air refueling, and humanitarian missions. The partnership supports India's Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives, enhancing defense self-reliance and boosting economic growth and technological advancement. Following the announcement, Mahindra's stock rose 2.14% to Rs 3637.30.

India's Op Sindoor uncovers double PL-15E missiles, revealing Chinese AESA weaknesses. SHARE

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Recent revelations regarding Operation Sindoor, which unfolded in May 2025, indicate that the Indian Air Force (IAF) recovered twice the number of Chinese PL-15E missiles than initially reported, significantly enhancing India's understanding of enemy technology. The operation's aftermath allowed Indian defense scientists access to critical missile systems, particularly their advanced AESA seeker capabilities, which were compromised due to effective Indian electronic warfare tactics. This intelligence boon is expected to inform upgrades for IAF platforms, including Su-30MKIs and Tejas Mk1A, fortifying their threat libraries against future engagements. The broader significance lies in India's capacity to reverse-engineer and counteract Chinese missile technology, thereby bolstering its strategic deterrence in South Asia.

Indian Army's T-90S Bhishma Tank Upgraded with Anti-UAS System SHARE

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The Indian Army's T-90S Bhishma main battle tank has been enhanced with a newly designed anti-unmanned aerial system (anti-UAS) top-attack protection system, marking a significant improvement in its defensive capabilities. This upgrade, observed during recent field exercises, features a sleeker, lower-profile design that integrates seamlessly with the tank's chassis, improving both mobility and aerodynamic efficiency.

With approximately 1,300 units in service, the T-90S Bhishma's modernization reflects India's commitment to indigenous defense innovation amidst rising concerns over drone warfare along its borders with China and Pakistan. This development underscores the Indian Army's proactive approach to counter emerging threats and enhance armored vehicle survivability in contemporary combat scenarios.

L&T's Teevra 40mm Naval Turret Enhances Indian Warship's Indigenous Firepower.



17-Oct-25

Larsen & Toubro's Teevra 40mm Naval Turret System has made its debut on an Indian warship during recent sea trials, marking a significant milestone in India's naval indigenization efforts. This advanced, remotely operated turret, based on the proven Bofors L70 gun, enhances the Indian Navy's capability to counter aerial threats and boasts features like autonomous target tracking and all-weather operational effectiveness. With a cost-effective price point below Rs 50 crore per unit and the ability to fire 76 rounds in quick succession, the Teevra positions itself as a viable alternative to foreign systems amid increasing Indo-Pacific tensions. This development underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense and the modernization of its naval forces as it seeks to strengthen maritime security in the region.

MDL and Naval Group partner to export advanced Scorpene submarines.



17-Oct-25

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has entered into an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with France's Naval Group to jointly market evolved Scorpene-class submarines to friendly nations as part of the Indo-French Horizon 2047 strategic partnership. Signed on October 16 in New Delhi, the MoU aims to enhance bilateral cooperation in the global submarine export market, leveraging MDL's indigenous manufacturing and Naval Group's advanced design capabilities. The upgraded Scorpene submarines will include indigenous enhancements, such as DRDO-developed combat management systems and AIP modules, making them attractive for buyers seeking advanced yet cost-effective platforms. This collaboration highlights India's growing position as a leading exporter in the defense sector and reinforces maritime security ties, particularly with nations like Indonesia, which may be a potential recipient of these submarines.

Sunita Tools expands artillery shell capacity to 360,000 units, boosting India's self-reliance in defense.



17-Oct-25

Sunita Tools Limited has announced a significant expansion of its artillery shell production capacity from 110,000 to 360,000 units annually, backed by a ₹126 crore investment. This move aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing indigenous manufacturing and technology transfer, as well as local sourcing for 99% of equipment. The introduction of new production lines will allow the company to diversify output across various calibers, addressing the Indian Army's growing demand for indigenized ammunition amid geopolitical tensions. With a focus on cost-effective scaling and operational efficiency, Sunita Tools aims to establish itself as a leading low-capex, high-quality provider in a burgeoning global artillery market, ultimately contributing to India's self-reliance in defense production.

L&T's Zorawar Light Tank: Scalable Design for India's Battlefield Needs



17-Oct-25

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has unveiled the Zorawar Light Tank, a 25-ton armored vehicle co-developed with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), tailored for India's diverse operational environments, particularly high-altitude terrains. This tank features a modular design that allows for scalability to 30-35 tons, enhancing its adaptability for various missions, including desert operations. With a robust power-to-weight ratio exceeding 30 hp/tonne, the Zorawar is equipped for agility and combat effectiveness, showcasing its capabilities through successful trials in desert conditions. This development reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense, aiming to counter regional threats, particularly amid ongoing tensions along the Line of Actual Control with China.

VyomIC to launch India's first private GPS constellation, enhancing precision PNT services.



17-Oct-25

Chennai-based startup VyomIC has announced plans to launch India's first private satellite constellation focused on high-precision global positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) services. Founded by IIT-Madras alumni, the venture aims to deploy a low Earth orbit network that provides centimeter-level accuracy

and nanosecond timing precision, enhancing national resilience against disruptions and surpassing conventional GPS capabilities. With a funding round of USD 1.6 million, VyomILC seeks to develop indigenous PNT solutions, promoting synergies with ISRO and bolstering India's geospatial economy, projected to reach \$50 billion by 2030. This initiative aligns with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign, positioning India as a key player in sovereign space capabilities and advanced defense logistics.

Rajnath Singh leads Defence Committee's visit to DRDO's ARDE in Pune.

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On October 16, 2025, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh led the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Defence on a visit to the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune, showcasing advanced defence technologies including the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System and PINAKA Rocket System. Emphasizing the importance of self-reliance in defence, he underscored that India's ambition is not merely to be a user of technology but to emerge as a creator in the global defence innovation landscape. The Raksha Mantri noted that India is now a trusted partner in defence, bolstered by collaboration among DRDO, industry, and academia. This initiative is pivotal for national security and positions India as a leader in cutting-edge technologies amidst evolving warfare dynamics.

Rolls-Royce teams with Bharat Forge to boost Pearl 10X engine parts production in India.

17-Oct-25

British aerospace giant Rolls-Royce has partnered with Bharat Forge to manufacture fan blades for its Pearl 700 and Pearl 10X engines, enhancing India's aerospace capabilities. This agreement, signed at Rolls-Royce's Dahlewitz facility, aims to double supply chain sourcing from India by 2030, aligning with India's "Make in India" initiative. Amit Kalyani of Bharat Forge emphasized their commitment to engineering excellence, while Rolls-Royce's Sashi Mukundan highlighted the importance of developing world-class manufacturing capabilities in India. The Pearl 10X, known for its efficiency and thrust exceeding 18,000 lbs, symbolizes the future of high-performance aviation, showcasing the potential for India to play a crucial role in the global aerospace supply chain. This collaboration signifies a strategic move toward self-reliance and

technological advancement in India's defense and aerospace sectors.

Rajnath Singh lauds indigenous parachute system as a key defense milestone for India.

17-Oct-25

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised the successful development of the indigenous Military Combat Parachute System (MCPS), calling it a significant milestone for India's defense capabilities and self-reliance. The parachute system, which enables combat free-fall jumps from altitudes of 32,000 feet, enhances the operational readiness of Indian special forces in high-altitude environments, particularly the Himalayas. Its integration with India's Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) system ensures secure positioning during operations, reducing reliance on foreign technologies. This achievement underscores India's commitment to developing advanced indigenous defense technologies, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, and ensuring sustained operational capabilities amidst geopolitical challenges.

India to invest \$7.4 billion in fighter jet engine development over the next decade.

17-Oct-25

India plans to invest approximately 654 billion rupees (\$7.4 billion) over the next decade to procure engines for various fighter aircraft under development, according to S. V. Ramana Murthy, director of the Gas Turbine Research Establishment. The country anticipates needing around 1,100 engines, emphasizing the urgency to develop a robust indigenous fighter engine ecosystem, which includes essential infrastructures like high-altitude testing facilities. Additionally, India aims to co-develop an engine with international partners for its first 5th generation stealth fighter, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, with prototypes expected by 2028. This initiative aligns with Prime Minister Modi's vision to enhance India's defense manufacturing capabilities and reduce reliance on foreign technology, thereby bolstering national security and self-sufficiency in defense.

Ukraine seeks US Tomahawk missiles to enhance military capabilities against Russia.

17-Oct-25

Ukraine is seeking to acquire US Tomahawk cruise missiles, which would enable it to strike deep into

Russian territory, thereby enhancing its military capabilities amidst the ongoing conflict. Although the Tomahawk has been a reliable asset for the US military for over four decades, experts caution that it is not a "wonder weapon" that could decisively change the war's outcome. The potential delivery is seen as a significant political gesture by the US, signaling support for Ukraine and escalating tensions with Russia. The supply of Tomahawks, however, raises concerns about a new level of confrontation, as Russia warns against the implications of such military aid, framing it as an escalation in US-Russian relations.

Indian Air Force instructors to train British pilots in Wales.



17-Oct-25

In a historic turn of events, Indian Air Force (IAF) instructors will train British pilots at RAF Valley in Wales, marking a significant shift in defense cooperation between India and the UK. This initiative stems from the RAF's pressing need for qualified flight instructors amid ongoing technical issues with its Hawk T2 trainer jets. The collaboration signifies India's evolution from a trainee to a professional peer within NATO-grade systems, enhancing operational confidence and strategic ties between the nations. As India and the UK deepen their military partnership, this agreement not only addresses immediate training needs but also symbolizes a broader shift towards mutual respect and collaboration in defense capabilities.

IIT Delhi and Indian Navy collaborate on crew-centric warship design.



17-Oct-25

In a significant advancement for India's defense innovation, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, and the Indian Navy have signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance crew-centric warship design. This collaboration aims to foster joint research, promote indigenous technology, and improve the quality of life on naval vessels through scientific design interventions. Rear Admiral Arvind Rawal emphasized the importance of merging combat readiness with crew comfort, while Prof. Rangan Banerjee highlighted the use of advanced design tools. This initiative is crucial for the Navy's efforts to leverage academic expertise, ultimately contributing to operational excellence and reinforcing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities.

Rajnath highlights Operation Sindoor, BrahMos as proof of India's defense self-reliance.



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently highlighted the success of Operation Sindoor and the BrahMos missile integration with the Su-30MKI as pivotal in showcasing India's self-reliance in defense. He noted that the country has transformed from importing 65-70% of military hardware to manufacturing about 65% domestically, with production targets set to reach Rs 3 lakh crore and exports Rs 50,000 crore by 2029. Singh emphasized the importance of technological innovation in next-generation aircraft and unmanned systems, reinforcing India's commitment to maintaining a competitive edge in modern warfare. The operational success of indigenous platforms not only underscores India's growing defense capabilities but also marks a significant shift towards a self-sufficient defense ecosystem, vital for national security and geopolitical resilience.

Ship design workshop boosts India's self-reliance in naval capabilities.



17-Oct-25

The Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in Visakhapatnam hosted a ship design workshop aimed at enhancing India's indigenous ship design capabilities, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The event brought together over 100 stakeholders, including representatives from the Indian Navy, defence public sector undertakings, and academia, to foster collaboration and innovation in naval design, particularly in integrating emerging technologies like AI and sustainable materials. Key discussions centered on establishing a roadmap for joint R&D, focusing on areas such as digital design frameworks and integrated testing infrastructure. This workshop signifies a critical step in strengthening India's maritime self-reliance, reaffirming the commitment of DRDO and the Navy to advance the nation's ship design ecosystem.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Strengthening India's defense industry through public-private collaboration is essential, says Defence Secretary.



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Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, at the Strategic Insight Conference in New Delhi, emphasized the necessity of a structured policy framework to bolster India's domestic industrial base through collaboration between public and private sectors. He reiterated the government's commitment to Aatmanirbharta in defense, focusing on the development of advanced technologies like long-range air-to-air missile systems and electronic warfare capabilities. Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari highlighted the strategic importance of air power, while DRDO's Dr. K Rajalakshmi Menon discussed the transformative potential of UAVs and AI in air operations. This conference, which saw participation from top defense officials and industry leaders, underscores India's determination to achieve technological self-reliance and enhance its aerospace capabilities amidst a competitive regional landscape.

India's FY26 Defense Budget Boost Supports Indigenous Arms Development.



17-Oct-25

In a strategic move to bolster its defense capabilities, the Indian government plans to allocate an additional ₹40,000-45,000 crore to the FY26 defense budget, enhancing domestic procurement to over ₹1.12 lakh crore. This funding will primarily support high-priority projects, including the acquisition of advanced fighter jets and missile systems, emphasizing the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The increased budget aims to address supply chain issues and ensure that over 75% of procurement is reserved for Indian vendors, thus fostering job creation and technological sovereignty. Amidst rising geopolitical tensions, particularly following border skirmishes, this initiative underscores India's commitment to transforming into a self-reliant defense manufacturer, moving towards a defense economy that could rival global leaders.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Indian Army Chief promotes global peace through military cooperation at UN conclave.



17-Oct-25

During the recently concluded United Nations Troop Contributing Countries Chiefs' Conclave (UNTCC) held in New Delhi from October 14 to 16, 2025, Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi engaged in significant discussions with military leaders from various nations, including Ethiopia, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda, and Nepal. These high-level meetings focused on enhancing defence cooperation through joint training initiatives, professional military education, and collaboration in United Nations peacekeeping operations, underscoring a collective commitment to promoting regional and global peace and stability. In his interactions, General Dwivedi emphasized India's dedication to fostering partnerships built on shared values and mutual respect while reinforcing the importance of a rules-based international order. Notably, he reiterated India's ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'—the world is one family—highlighting India's role as a responsible stakeholder in global peacekeeping efforts. The conclave served as a vital forum for addressing contemporary security challenges, enabling nations to share insights and forge stronger military ties under the UN framework. This initiative not only strengthens India's position as a leader in international security matters but also enhances its bilateral relations with participating countries, reinforcing the notion of India as a friend and partner in peace.

MEA denies Trump's claim of Modi's assurance on Russian oil ban.



17-Oct-25

India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has refuted U.S. President Donald Trump's assertion that Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him during a telephone conversation that India would cease buying oil from Russia. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal clarified there has been no such discussion between the leaders. Trump's comments came amidst ongoing U.S.-India trade negotiations, highlighting the complexities of international energy dynamics against the backdrop of the Ukraine conflict. The incident underscores the importance of clear communication between nations, as India navigates its strategic interests in energy procurement while maintaining relations with both

Russia and the United States. This situation reflects India's delicate balancing act in global geopolitics, emphasizing its sovereign decision-making in energy matters.

India plans missile silos on islands to strengthen second defense line. SHARE

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In a strategic enhancement to its Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) capabilities, India is contemplating the establishment of underground missile silos on remote islands, such as those in the Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep archipelagos. This initiative aims to create a resilient second line of defense against potential first strikes from adversaries, notably Pakistan and China, ensuring that India's BMD network remains operational even if mainland installations are compromised. The BMD program, which has evolved since the Kargil War, is crucial for countering ballistic missile threats and maintaining India's no first use nuclear policy. By integrating these island-based systems with existing BMD infrastructure, India seeks to bolster its deterrence strategy and enhance national security in a volatile geopolitical landscape.

Russia affirms energy ties with India align with its national interests. SHARE

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Russia has reaffirmed that its energy ties with India align with New Delhi's national interests, as highlighted by Russian envoy Denis Alipov amidst US President Trump's claims regarding Indian oil purchases from Russia. Alipov emphasized that India prioritizes its consumer interests in a volatile energy market, with External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stating that India's energy sourcing is guided by national interests, including diversification of imports and strengthened ties with the US. Despite Western sanctions, India's continuing procurement of Russian crude oil has sparked tensions with Washington, making this a pivotal issue in India-US relations. This situation underscores India's strategic focus on energy security and its commitment to balancing international pressures while safeguarding its national interests.

India monitors Afghanistan-Pakistan clashes, emphasizing sovereignty and regional stability. SHARE

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India is closely monitoring the escalating tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan, as articulated by External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

He emphasized India's unwavering commitment to Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, while underscoring three critical points: Pakistan's role as a host and sponsor of terrorist organizations, its tendency to deflect blame for internal issues onto neighboring countries, and its displeasure with Afghanistan asserting its sovereignty. This situation is significant as it highlights Pakistan's ongoing struggles with internal stability and its impacts on regional security dynamics, reinforcing India's strategic interests in promoting a stable and independent Afghanistan in the face of Pakistan's contentious actions.

India and Egypt Initiate Strategic Dialogue to Enhance Defense and Economic Cooperation SHARE

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India and Egypt held their inaugural Strategic Dialogue aimed at enhancing cooperation across various sectors, including defense, economy, technology, and regional security. The discussions emphasized the significance of political coordination and expanding trade, particularly in emerging fields such as cyber, AI, and fintech. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to joint military exercises, like the "Bright Star," and highlighted the importance of cultural exchanges reflecting their historical ties. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry underscored their partnership as a stabilizing force amidst global challenges, with a shared vision for empowering the Global South and promoting national sovereignty. This dialogue not only strengthens bilateral ties but also positions both countries as proactive players in a complex international landscape.

Saudi Arabia negotiates defense pact with US during Crown Prince's visit. SHARE

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Saudi Arabia is reportedly in negotiations with the United States to finalize a significant defense pact during Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's upcoming visit to the White House. This deal aims to mirror the recent agreement between the U.S. and Qatar, which includes guarantees to treat any armed attack on Qatar as a direct threat to the U.S. The Saudi initiative reflects its desire for increased security assurances, especially amid its efforts to normalize relations with Israel, following its recent mutual defense agreement with Pakistan. This development underlines the shifting dynamics in Middle Eastern alliances and the strategic importance of U.S. partnerships in the region for regional stability and security.

Trump hesitates to send Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine before Zelenskyy meeting. SHARE

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Ahead of a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, U.S. President Donald Trump indicated reluctance to provide long-range Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine, citing the need to preserve military resources for the U.S. Zelenskyy aims to negotiate energy deals with the U.S. to bolster Ukraine's economy and energy infrastructure amidst ongoing conflict. Despite discussions with Trump and a recent call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, the prospect for direct negotiations remains uncertain, as tensions continue to heighten between the U.S. and Russia. This dynamic underscores the complexities of international diplomacy in the Ukraine conflict and highlights the strategic balancing act the U.S. must navigate in its foreign policy objectives.

Pakistan's Naval chief visits U.S. to enhance maritime defense ties. SHARE

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Pakistan's Naval chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf recently visited the United States to strengthen defense ties, engaging in discussions with senior military officials, including Vice Admiral Yvette Davids and Vice Admiral Thomas G. Allan Jr. The talks focused on enhancing maritime cooperation, regional security dynamics, and professional training initiatives. This visit underscores the evolving relationship between Pakistan and the U.S., particularly following recent tensions with India. Ashraf's addresses to U.S. scholars highlighted regional maritime security challenges, reflecting Pakistan's commitment to collaborative maritime operations. This development signals a strategic shift in regional defense alliances, potentially impacting India's maritime security posture and necessitating an evaluation of its own defense strategies in the face of growing bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and the U.S.

Indian Army honors Capt Salaria, urges UN to reform peacekeeping rules. SHARE

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The Indian Army is honoring Capt Gurbachan Singh Salaria, a Param Vir Chakra recipient, by advocating for a modernization of UN peacekeeping mandates in light of contemporary conflicts. This initiative was highlighted during a recent conclave attended by military leaders from 32 troop-contributing nations, where Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi emphasized

the need for broader operational authority amidst evolving threats from well-armed non-state actors. Capt Salaria's valor, demonstrated during the 1961 Congo conflict, serves as a poignant reminder of the dangers inherent in peacekeeping missions, reinforcing India's position as the largest contributor to such efforts. This call for reform is significant as it seeks to enhance the effectiveness and safety of peacekeeping forces in increasingly complex operational environments.

EAM Jaishankar and Sri Lankan PM discuss cooperation and capacity building. SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya to discuss enhancing cooperation and capacity building, emphasizing India's role in Sri Lanka's developmental and educational initiatives. During her visit, Amarasuriya praised India's digital governance achievements and expressed a desire to adopt similar models to improve transparency and efficiency in her country. The discussions underscored the historical ties and mutual respect between India and Sri Lanka, focusing on democratic values and socio-economic reform. This engagement reflects India's strategic intent to strengthen regional partnerships through developmental diplomacy, positioning itself as a key ally in Sri Lanka's rebuilding efforts amid ongoing challenges.

Israeli Ambassador thanks PM Modi for supporting Israel's self-defense rights. SHARE

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Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for India's steadfast support of Israel's right to self-defense during an event commemorating the victims of the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks. Azar emphasized India's growing diplomatic stature and its potential role in enhancing cooperation in trade and infrastructure with Israel. Following the recent return of the last hostages held by Hamas, the event symbolized hope for peace and healing in Israel, alongside calls for reconciliation in the region. This strengthening partnership reflects shared values of resilience between India and Israel, underscoring a broader geopolitical alignment that may pave the way for stability in West Asia, particularly amid ongoing regional tensions.

Trump warns Hamas of U.S. action if Gaza violence continues. SHARE

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President Donald Trump has issued a stern warning to Hamas, asserting that the U.S. may take decisive action if internal violence in Gaza continues, though he clarified that American troops would not enter the territory. Trump emphasized that local forces could handle the situation, hinting at potential Israeli involvement while expressing impatience with Hamas's actions against rival factions. This comes amid ongoing tensions regarding the ceasefire agreement, which mandates the return of hostages' remains. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has insisted on compliance with the terms, while Hamas claims to be cooperating. The broader implications of these developments underscore the fragile nature of peace in the region and the complexities surrounding international involvement and regional stability.

Pakistan seeks dialogue with Afghanistan under respectful conditions, says PM Sharif. SHARE

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced the country's readiness for talks with Afghanistan, emphasizing that discussions must occur under "legitimate" and "respectful" conditions following recent border clashes. He confirmed Pakistan's agreement to a 48-hour ceasefire at Afghanistan's request and expressed a commitment to resolving issues through mutual dialogue and cooperation. This approach underscores Pakistan's desire for stability in the region, although it also reflects ongoing tensions along the border, which could impact relations with neighboring countries, including India. The significance of this development lies in the potential for improved bilateral relations, which could foster a more stable regional environment amidst broader geopolitical dynamics in South Asia.

Pakistan shuts down 28 Afghan refugee camps amid security concerns. SHARE

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In a significant move, the Pakistani government has closed 28 Afghan refugee camps in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, part of a broader crackdown on illegal foreign residents as security and economic concerns mount. Camps in major districts including Peshawar, Nowshera, and Hangu were affected, with authorities instructed to return all assets to local administrations. Pakistan currently hosts over 1.7 million registered

Afghan refugees, and the recent repatriation initiative is expected to drive many Afghans back home amid intensifying enforcement measures. This development underscores Pakistan's complex relationship with Afghan refugees and highlights the challenges in managing cross-border migration, with implications for regional stability and security in South Asia.

Military Operations

Army Launches Advanced Vehicle Logistics Hub in Leh for High-Altitude Readiness SHARE

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The Indian Army has inaugurated a state-of-the-art new-generation vehicle logistics hub in Leh, enhancing operational readiness in high-altitude areas of Ladakh. Opened by Lieutenant General Hitesh Bhalla, this facility will serve as a central maintenance and support base for military vehicles, addressing challenges posed by extreme weather and rugged terrain. Equipped with advanced automation and a robust supply chain framework, the hub will significantly reduce vehicle downtime during critical missions. Collaborating with six major Indian defense industry players, the initiative reflects India's commitment to modernizing logistics under the Make in India initiative, bolstering the Army's operational capabilities along the Line of Control and Line of Actual Control while reducing reliance on distant maintenance resources. This strategic development underscores India's proactive approach to ensuring high readiness in one of the world's most challenging environments.

Houthi military chief dies from injuries in Israeli airstrike, heightening regional tensions. SHARE

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Maj. Gen. Muhammad Abdul Karim al-Ghamari, chief of staff of Yemen's Houthi military, has succumbed to injuries sustained during an Israeli airstrike, escalating tensions between the Houthis and Israel amid an ongoing Gaza ceasefire. Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, confirmed al-Ghamari's death, highlighting his role in orchestrating attacks against Israel and regional destabilization. The Houthis, who gained notoriety during the Israel-Hamas conflict, have not retaliated since the ceasefire began on October 10, raising questions about their future actions. This incident underscores the fragility of regional

security dynamics, particularly concerning the interplay between Iranian-backed groups and Israeli military operations, with broader implications for peace efforts in the Middle East.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Three Army personnel injured in Tinsukia terrorist attack; swift response minimizes damage. SHARE

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In a recent terrorist attack in Assam's Tinsukia district, three Army personnel were injured when unidentified militants opened fire on the Kakopathar Company location from a moving vehicle around midnight on October 17, 2025. The troops on duty responded promptly, effectively retaliating while minimizing collateral damage to nearby civilian structures. The assailants reportedly used automatic weapons and Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGLs), but their attack was met with swift defense, forcing them to flee towards Arunachal Pradesh. The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, indicated that the United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) is likely behind the attack, emphasizing a coordinated effort from insurgent groups operating from Myanmar. Following the incident, security forces have heightened patrolling in the border regions, and joint searches with the police are ongoing to apprehend the attackers. This incident underscores the persistent challenges posed by insurgency in the northeastern states of India, highlighting the need for continued vigilance and robust counter-terrorism measures to ensure the safety of both military and civilian populations. The Indian Army's effective response demonstrates its commitment to safeguarding the region while managing the complexities of local insurgent activities, reflecting the broader significance of maintaining stability in areas affected by militancy.

Historic Surrender: 208 Naxalites, Including Top Leaders, Lay Down Arms in Chhattisgarh Following Major Maoist Setback SHARE

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On October 17, 2025, a significant development occurred in Chhattisgarh's anti-Maoist campaign as 208 Naxalites surrendered in Jagdalpur, including high-ranking members such as Central Committee Member Rupesh and others from various leadership levels. They

handed over 153 weapons, symbolizing a serious blow to the insurgency. This mass surrender follows closely after the notable October 14, 2025, surrender of Mallojula Venugopal Rao, alias Bhupathi, a top Naxal leader with a Rs 6 crore bounty, in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, which was considered a major setback for the Maoist movement. These events mark a potential turning point in the region's security with optimism building around the goal of eradicating Naxalism from Chhattisgarh by March 2026. Over recent years, violent incidents have declined sharply, supporting hopes that the decades-long Maoist insurgency may be nearing its end. Rehabilitation programs and promises of governance focused on development and dignity are key to this progress.

Amit Shah urges remaining Naxals to surrender or face security forces. SHARE

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the successful declaration of two regions in Chhattisgarh—Abujmarh and North Bastar—as free from Naxal terror, while urging remaining insurgents to surrender or face security forces' wrath. Notably, 170 Naxalites surrendered recently, contributing to a total of 258 renouncing violence over two days. Shah emphasized the Modi government's commitment to eradicating Naxalism by March 2026, highlighting that since January 2024, 2,100 Naxalites have surrendered and 1,785 have been arrested. This development not only marks significant progress in India's internal security but also reflects a broader strategy to reintegrate former militants into society, demonstrating the government's resolve in combating left-wing extremism and restoring peace in affected regions.

Two more sentenced in Vizag Navy espionage case, total now four. SHARE

17-Oct-25

A special court in Visakhapatnam has sentenced two more individuals involved in the Navy espionage case, bringing the total convictions to four. Mohammad Haroon Haji Abdul Rehman Lakdawala received a five-and-a-half-year sentence, while Imran Yakub Giteli was sentenced to six years for their roles as agents for foreign intelligence agencies, directly jeopardizing India's national security. Their activities included communication with Pakistani operatives and financial transactions to support espionage efforts, indicative of a larger network threatening India's sovereignty. This case highlights the ongoing challenges posed by foreign espionage and underscores the importance of

robust intelligence and counter-intelligence measures to safeguard national interests.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Globals Unveils MarCAP at Indian Navy Seminar on Cyber Defense

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Globals, a Bengaluru-based cybersecurity firm, showcased its Maritime Cyber Situational Awareness Platform (MarCAP) at a recent Indian Navy seminar addressing the impact of cyber attacks on the maritime sector. Attended by senior naval officials, including the Chief of Naval Staff, the event emphasized the urgent need for enhanced cyber resilience in light of a 67% increase in maritime cyber incidents. MarCAP, designed for tactical naval environments, aims to protect critical systems aboard vessels, thereby strengthening India's maritime cybersecurity capabilities. This development underscores India's commitment to building indigenous cyber defense systems, vital for safeguarding national security in an increasingly digital maritime landscape.

Navy chief warns of rising cyber threats to maritime security and trade.

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At a recent seminar on maritime cybersecurity, Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi emphasized the increasing vulnerabilities in India's maritime domain due to rapid digital transformation, warning that cyber disruptions could have massive implications for national security and global trade. With over 11,000 km of coastline and 13 major ports, Admiral Tripathi pointed out that a cyberattack in this sector could disrupt supply chains and destabilize international relations, as evidenced by significant global incidents like the Suez Canal blockage and cyberattacks targeting major shipping operations. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasada reiterated the importance of the maritime sector, noting that 95% of India's trade by volume passes through its ports, thereby underscoring the need for robust cyber defenses. Discussions highlighted the necessity for a centralized framework or a dedicated Maritime CERT to enhance cyber preparedness and address persistent gaps in security protocols. This development is significant as it reflects India's commitment to fortifying its maritime infrastructure against evolving cyber threats, aligning national security with economic interests, and playing a vital role in maintaining global trade stability.

Russia and China escalate cyberattacks on the US using AI, warns Microsoft.

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According to Microsoft's annual digital threats report, countries such as Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea are increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance their cyberattacks against the United States, with instances of such activities more than doubling in the past year. These adversaries employ AI for deception, automating cyberattacks, and spreading disinformation, targeting vital sectors including government and healthcare. Despite these rising threats, many U.S. organizations are relying on outdated cybersecurity measures. This situation underscores the urgent need for enhanced cyber defenses as the integration of AI in offensive strategies by hostile nations poses a significant risk to national security and critical infrastructure, warranting immediate attention and investment in cybersecurity protocols across the board.

CERT-In Warns of Zoom Security Flaws Allowing Unauthorized Access

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The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a vulnerability note regarding security flaws in specific versions of Zoom across various operating systems, including Windows, macOS, iOS, and Android. These vulnerabilities, rated "medium" severity, could allow hackers unauthorized access to Zoom Rooms, disclose sensitive information, and execute harmful commands. Notably, the flaws stem from improper input sanitization and inadequate session validation. However, Zoom has addressed these issues in a patch released on October 14, urging users to update their software to safeguard against potential cyberattacks. This incident underscores the importance of cybersecurity in protecting sensitive organizational data, highlighting the ongoing challenges posed by increasing cyber threats in the digital communication landscape.

MHA launches winter internship in cybersecurity to enhance skills and combat cybercrime.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has announced the Winter Internship Programme 2025 through the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), targeting undergraduate and postgraduate students interested in cybersecurity and digital forensics. The application deadline is set for October 17, 2025, with candidates

required to submit complete and verified documentation for consideration. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to enhancing cybersecurity capabilities by engaging the youth and fostering expertise in digital forensics, which is increasingly vital in combating cybercrime. By nurturing a skilled workforce in this domain, India aims to strengthen its digital security framework, essential for safeguarding national interests in an era of growing technological threats.

Microsoft revokes 200 fraudulent certificates linked to Rhysida ransomware campaign. SHARE

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Microsoft has recently revoked over 200 fraudulent certificates linked to the threat actor Vanilla Tempest, previously known as Storm-0832, which has been active since July 2022. These certificates were utilized to sign malicious binaries for ransomware campaigns, notably delivering the Rhysida ransomware through fake Microsoft Teams setup files hosted on malicious domains. The company has enhanced its security solutions to flag these fraudulent signatures following the detection of the campaign in late September 2025. This incident underscores the ongoing threat of SEO poisoning and the exploitation of user trust in well-known brands, emphasizing the importance of downloading software only from verified sources. The broader significance lies in the need for robust cybersecurity measures to counter evolving ransomware tactics targeting unsuspecting users.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

CGDA's 214th SPARSH outreach in Kerala benefits 1,100 veterans with Rs 40 lakh in cheques. SHARE

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The Controller of Defence Accounts (CGDA) organized the 214th SPARSH Outreach Programme in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on October 16, 2025, inaugurated by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar. Over 1,100 defence veterans and family pensioners attended, receiving cheques worth Rs 40 lakh for grievances resolved through SPARSH, which aims to provide pension-related services efficiently. The Governor praised the dedicated SPARSH Service Centres across 12 districts and urged the establishment of two more in Idukki and Malappuram

for complete coverage. Additionally, CGDA highlighted the disbursement of over Rs 1,200 crores in One Rank One Pension arrears to more than 20 lakh beneficiaries, showcasing the government's commitment to supporting defence personnel and ensuring their welfare. This initiative underscores the importance of addressing the needs of veterans and enhancing their quality of life.

Miscellaneous

DRDO Hosts Curtain Raiser for ESTIC-2025 Focusing on Semiconductors SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) held a Curtain Raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology & Innovation Conclave (ESTIC-2025) at its Defence Research and Development Laboratory in Hyderabad on October 17, 2025. DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat emphasized the critical role of semiconductors in various sectors, including defence, highlighting India's aim to rank among the top three nations in semiconductor manufacturing by 2036. He noted significant advancements in indigenous semiconductor technologies, such as 4-inch Silicon Carbide wafers and Gallium Nitride transistors. The conclave, themed "Viksit Bharat 2047," is set to take place in New Delhi from November 3 to 5, 2025, signifying India's commitment to sustainable innovation and technological advancement vital for national security and economic progress.

Hyderabad man tricked into Russian job, forced into war; wife seeks rescue. SHARE

17-Oct-25

A 37-year-old man from Hyderabad, Mohammed Ahmed, was reportedly duped into a job offer in Russia, only to find himself forced to fight in the ongoing war against Ukraine. Ahmed's wife has urged External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar for his rescue after he was allegedly taken to a conflict area following months of no work and forced military training. The Indian Embassy in Moscow is actively addressing the situation, having contacted Russian authorities for Ahmed's safe repatriation. This incident underscores the vulnerabilities faced by Indian nationals abroad and highlights the government's commitment to protecting its citizens in crisis situations, reflecting broader implications for India's diplomatic strategies and international engagement.

BSF DG highlights Operation Sindoor's success through inter-force collaboration for national security.



17-Oct-25

During a recent event at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in national security, particularly citing "Operation Sindoor" as a prime example of successful coordination among the police, armed forces, and central armed police forces. He underscored the evolving challenges facing India,

including terrorism, Left-Wing Extremism, and emerging threats like cyber crimes. Chawdhary urged IPS officers to uphold integrity, respect human rights, and leverage technology to enhance policing effectiveness. The gathering included 190 officer trainees, reflecting the commitment to modernize and strengthen law enforcement in India, which is essential for safeguarding democracy and public trust. This focus on cooperation and innovation is vital for addressing complex security issues in a rapidly changing landscape.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
ROSSELLIND	64.23	64.23	60.72	62.12	20611	-2.6	39.9	63.9	67.93
NIBE	1389.9	1389.9	1307.65	1328.2	2048	-0.38	48.25	1371.56	1402.79
ASTRAMICRO	1055.0	1115.05	1051.5	1081.2	634502	2.61	51.0	1085.75	902.89
DATAPATNS	2730.0	2890.0	2725.0	2806.8	1136442	2.75	55.89	2746.88	2388.49
PREMEXPLN	624.8	636.5	613.0	617.4	490324	-1.6	53.37	616.76	486.44
HIGHENE	614.0	629.8	602.05	610.0	5319	1.38	49.15	602.56	600.76
LT	3860.0	3869.5	3830.1	3839.4	1337364	-0.58	66.26	3728.47	3506.59
MAZDOCK	2830.0	2880.0	2807.1	2818.3	801682	-0.48	47.3	2864.97	2754.2
MARINE	216.9	235.49	216.02	228.75	1783626	5.46	64.59	216.54	197.62
PARAS	702.0	723.0	698.5	705.45	539022	0.33	50.57	708.77	643.05
MIDHANI	377.6	385.75	376.25	380.3	347451	0.72	45.7	388.3	355.86
DCXINDIA	233.0	234.74	228.48	229.85	457201	-1.28	29.95	248.42	280.83
BEML	4435.0	4498.0	4402.1	4418.5	294600	-0.16	57.5	4328.81	3730.77
AVANTEL	198.32	199.22	190.0	190.6	3745396	-3.89	52.83	191.92	142.37
MTARTECH	2210.0	2318.8	2206.0	2288.9	1490950	3.09	80.98	1960.78	1557.18
GRSE	2608.0	2670.6	2590.0	2596.4	1065579	-0.64	48.87	2645.3	2196.72
BHARATFORG	1269.8	1270.0	1236.5	1241.6	674285	-1.87	55.62	1225.18	1185.76
TANEJAERO	372.9	373.0	354.0	357.05	16331	-3.33	40.84	371.93	371.09
SOLARINDS	14000.0	14164.0	13931.0	14058.0	79343	0.16	48.86	14007.25	12999.2
ADANIENT	2560.0	2577.2	2543.1	2549.4	682968	-0.32	56.26	2559.25	2411.07
APOLLO	292.65	308.1	290.0	293.65	8064562	0.07	41.62	324.82	179.53
BDL	1501.0	1570.0	1492.1	1540.0	3168047	2.33	51.38	1537.75	1494.91
SIKA	1228.5	1235.05	1195.0	1221.0	20045	0.42	49.99	1237.65	902.64
CFF	623.0	623.95	613.05	613.05	20000	-1.56	40.45	630.35	580.05
BEL	410.35	420.0	409.65	412.8	19566580	0.24	58.39	406.59	344.32
HBLPOWER	920.0	963.9	915.75	936.05	3985894	1.58	67.93	861.29	613.09
PTC	165.6	166.48	163.1	164.03	2575969	-0.84	32.12	167.49	167.91
LOKESHMACH	183.11	187.01	180.36	184.05	37270	0.51	42.62	190.6	202.65
COCHINSHIP	1785.0	1824.0	1773.0	1792.0	1101864	0.06	48.65	1833.19	1672.75
KRISHNADEF	795.25	800.0	780.0	783.7	15500	-1.45	41.9	816.47	771.41
ZENTEC	1355.7	1392.0	1347.0	1376.6	447973	1.99	38.4	1459.01	1643.58
IDEAForge	476.9	480.55	469.25	472.3	161234	-0.47	40.29	499.12	481.08
HAL	4861.3	4978.0	4850.7	4878.5	1832920	0.35	60.35	4807.43	4384.76
AZAD	1650.2	1665.0	1634.5	1644.8	130375	-0.33	51.61	1640.23	1562.04
LMW	15505.0	15579.0	15381.0	15432.0	2952	-0.05	60.78	14899.0	15690.29
WALCHANNAG	172.4	174.71	163.1	164.17	336003	-4.59	27.6	191.2	204.71
DYNAMATECH	7900.0	8029.5	7806.0	7894.0	17002	-1.13	70.34	7265.12	6854.8
JYOTICNC	920.0	931.5	915.15	922.9	203050	0.32	50.79	911.96	1054.54
RTNINDIA	51.15	51.8	50.55	51.48	1460575	0.84	40.61	52.56	52.11
CENTUM	2548.6	2570.0	2505.0	2543.9	11709	1.31	44.91	2649.5	2091.65
AXISCADES	1516.0	1560.0	1485.0	1517.2	57661	-0.33	43.29	1646.65	1095.59
MACPOWER	846.45	846.45	820.15	826.75	6951	0.04	43.47	838.31	948.43
SWANDEF	668.0	668.0	668.0	668.0	3682	5.0	100.0	437.21	68.09
TEMBO	545.05	569.6	545.05	563.75	22699	2.67	45.72	575.74	559.65
SUNITATool	872.1	872.1	806.0	850.0	67375	2.34	58.32	815.24	793.29
DRONACHRYA	52.99	62.72	52.99	57.08	833000	9.2	39.4	59.61	79.39
TECHERA	281.0	289.0	275.05	277.65	141600	-3.14	65.57	250.02	183.55
GOODLUCK	1291.9	1299.9	1232.5	1241.6	246936	-4.05	52.43	1238.09	946.68
URAVIDEF	250.09	250.09	235.0	238.67	5026	-1.09	31.24	247.91	427.78
RELINFRA	229.0	231.69	223.0	223.72	842348	-2.73	34.86	242.85	287.13