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## Defense Business and Industry

### Adani Defence and Sparton Collaborate to Boost ASW in India

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Adani Defence and Aerospace has partnered with Sparton (DeLeon Springs LLC) to localize anti-submarine warfare (ASW) solutions, marking a significant advancement in India's self-reliance efforts in defense technology. As the first private company to offer indigenized sonobuoy solutions, this collaboration aims to enhance India's undersea warfare capabilities amidst rising maritime threats. The initiative aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives, reducing reliance on foreign imports and fostering a domestic defense ecosystem. This partnership underscores a commitment to delivering world-class military capabilities tailored to the Indian Navy's needs while enhancing local technological expertise and manufacturing.

### Sanjay Seth to Head Indian Delegation at LIMA 2025 in Malaysia

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Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth will lead the Indian delegation at LIMA 2025, taking place in Langkawi, Malaysia, from May 20 to 24. The exhibition showcases India's defence capabilities, with participation from various Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and private companies, including the display of Dornier aircraft and an Indian Naval Ship. This event will bolster India-Malaysia defence cooperation, reflecting their robust relationship in strategic areas. LIMA serves as a significant platform for promoting India's defence industry in the Asia-Pacific region, underscoring India's commitment to enhancing regional security and collaboration in defence and aerospace sectors.

### India's Defense Manufacturing Gains Momentum Amid Rising Tensions

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Amid escalating tensions with Pakistan, India's defense manufacturing sector is experiencing a significant boost in self-reliance, with both public and private firms like HAL, Tata Advanced Systems, and Adani Defence playing crucial roles in innovation and production. The conflict has accelerated indigenous projects, showcasing equipment like L&T's K9 Vajra howitzers and Adani-Elbit's Hermes-900 drones in operational settings. This shift toward a self-reliant defense ecosystem has not only enhanced India's combat readiness but also inspired confidence in domestic capabilities, as highlighted by the successful use of homegrown systems during recent engagements. Experts believe that the evolving threat landscape will further necessitate indigenous technological advancements.

### Top 3 Defense Stocks with Up to 5400% Returns to Watch

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The Indian defense sector is witnessing significant growth, bolstered by government support and a focus on self-reliance, leading to impressive stock performances. Notable companies include Zen Technologies, which has achieved a remarkable 5,364% return over five years, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, with an 1,855% return. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders also stands out with a 4,093% return, highlighting the sector's potential for investors. These companies demonstrate high Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) metrics, underscoring their efficiency and strategic importance to India's defense infrastructure and self-reliance goals, making them attractive prospects for investors.

## Taiwan Advances Air Defense with Tien Kung IV Missile Tests [SHARE](#)

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Taiwan has successfully completed initial tests of its new Tien Kung IV missiles, enhancing its air defense capabilities with a maximum altitude of 70 km, surpassing previous models. The Taiwanese military plans to cease mass production of the older Tien Kung III as it prepares to invest heavily in new weapon systems, including a missile with a 100 km altitude and a 1,000 km range. This development is part of Taiwan's broader strategy to increase defense spending to 3% of GDP, amidst ongoing tensions with China, which views Taiwan as a breakaway province. Taiwan's push for self-defense underscores its commitment to maintain sovereignty and deter external threats.

## NewSpace Delivers Advanced Tether Drones to Indian Army [SHARE](#)

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NewSpace Research & Technologies (NRT) has delivered its first batch of advanced Tether Drone Solutions to the Indian Army, marking a significant milestone in the country's defense sector. This contract, valued at approximately ₹250 crore, enhances the Army's surveillance capabilities, particularly in high-altitude regions along the Line of Actual Control with China. The tethered drones, designed for persistent ISR operations, demonstrate India's growing self-reliance in defense technology under the Make in India initiative. NRT's efficient delivery emphasizes its role as a key player in bolstering India's military modernization and addressing critical operational gaps in real-time intelligence and situational awareness.

## Pakistan's Repair Tenders Reflect Damage from India's Operation Sindoor [SHARE](#)

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Pakistan's issuance of tenders to repair airbases damaged during India's Operation Sindoor highlights the extensive destruction inflicted on its military infrastructure, signaling a tacit admission of operational success. The precision strikes by the Indian Armed Forces, in response to a Pakistan-backed terror attack, targeted key terrorist launchpads and airbases, crippling Pakistan's air power capabilities. High-resolution satellite imagery corroborates the severity of the damage, contradicting Pakistan's initial claims of minimal loss. This development underscores the effectiveness of India's military strategy, which not only disrupted terrorist operations but also emerged as a significant demonstration of deterrence in the region.

## HAL Unveils Five-Year Plan to Upgrade Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets [SHARE](#)

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has unveiled a five-year plan to modernize the Indian Air Force's fleet of 84 Su-30 MKI fighter jets through the Super-30 upgrade program. This initiative aims to replace outdated avionics with advanced indigenous systems, developed in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and private partners. The upgrades will enhance combat capabilities and situational awareness, addressing emerging regional threats while reducing reliance on foreign technology. HAL's Nashik facility will be pivotal in this transformation, ensuring the Su-30 MKI remains a vital component of the IAF's operations well into the future.

## Indian Army Seeks RFI for Next-Gen Pod-Based MLRS System [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for a next-generation, pod-based Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) as part of its artillery modernization efforts under the Make in India initiative. This advanced system will support multiple calibers (122mm, 214mm, and 300mm), enhancing operational flexibility and compatibility with existing systems. It is designed for diverse terrains, including high-altitude areas along the Line of Actual Control, and integrates with Project Shakti for networked operations. The emphasis on indigenous content and collaboration with local defense firms aligns with India's self-reliance goals, ensuring sustainable and advanced artillery capabilities in the evolving security landscape.

## HAL Confirms Tejas Mk2 Production by 2029, Deliveries from 2032 [SHARE](#)

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has confirmed the production timeline for the Tejas Mk2, India's advanced 4.5-generation Light Combat Aircraft, with its first flight expected in Q1 2026 and production starting by 2029. This program, crucial to India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, aims to enhance the Indian Air Force (IAF) capabilities, with deliveries commencing from 2032. The Mk2 will feature advanced systems, including an AESA radar and the capability to carry indigenous weapons like Astra and BrahMos-NG missiles. With over 82% indigenous content and plans for extensive testing using four pre-production jets, HAL demonstrates its commitment to meeting IAF

modernization goals while promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

## HAL Upgrades 17 Do-228 Aircraft, Strengthening Coast Guard's Maritime Security SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully completed the Mid-Life Upgrade of 17 Dornier Do-228 aircraft for the Indian Coast Guard, significantly enhancing its maritime surveillance and operational capabilities. The upgrades include advanced avionics, modern surveillance sensors, and improved mission systems, enabling effective monitoring of India's vast coastline and exclusive economic zone. This modernization supports India's strategic maritime interests, bolstering responses to threats like illegal fishing and piracy. The enhanced Do-228 fleet is a critical asset, ensuring India's dominance in the Indian Ocean Region while contributing to regional stability and reinforcing maritime security.

## SSS Defence Launches T72 SDMR: A Leap in India's Indigenous Firepower SHARE

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SSS Defence has launched the T72 Squad Designated Marksman Rifle (SDMR), a significant advancement in India's indigenous defense capabilities. Chambered for the 7.6251 NATO caliber, the T72 SDMR enhances firepower and precision, filling a crucial gap between infantry rifles and sniper systems, suitable for engagements up to 800 meters. This development reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and reducing dependency on foreign systems. As SSS Defence solidifies its position in the defense ecosystem, the T72 SDMR signifies a pivotal step in India's military modernization and its potential to compete globally in defense innovation.

## DRDO Unveils Advanced Testing Centre for Armored Vehicles in Avadi SHARE

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Dr. Samir V. Kamat, Chairman of DRDO, inaugurated the state-of-the-art Automotive Weapons System Testing Centre (AWTC) at CVRDE, Avadi, enhancing India's defense R&D capabilities. The facility, featuring 26 specialized test tracks, will rigorously evaluate the performance of tracked armored fighting vehicles, ensuring they meet high standards for operational readiness. Alongside the AWTC, an advanced Engine Test Centre was also launched to optimize high-

performance engines for armored vehicles under extreme conditions. This initiative significantly reduces development timelines and costs, reinforcing India's commitment to indigenous defense technology and strengthening the operational capability of the Indian Army.

## DRDO to License Mk-II(A) Laser Weapon Tech to Private Sector SHARE

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) plans to transfer technology for the Mk-II(A) 30-kW Laser Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) to private sector firms, enhancing production to fulfill the Indian Army's rising demand. Following successful trials, this initiative aligns with India's self-reliance strategy, establishing it among nations with advanced DEW capabilities. The Mk-II(A) effectively neutralizes threats like drones and has already proven its operational relevance at the Line of Control. The collaboration with private industry aims to leverage innovation and manufacturing capacity, ensuring the Army receives superior counter-drone systems critical for modern warfare. This move bolsters India's defense ecosystem and enhances its readiness against asymmetric threats.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### India's Military Strength Bolstered by Self-Reliant Defense Models SHARE

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis highlighted India's military dominance as a result of self-reliant defense production models initiated in 2014, asserting that India ranks among the top five armed forces globally and has significantly greater defense capacity than Pakistan. He emphasized the global recognition of India's defense technology and increasing demand for indigenous defense equipment, a testament to the country's rising stature. Fadnavis also criticized external support for Pakistan and called for unity in support of the armed forces, while rebuking political hypocrisy regarding national security discussions. His remarks reinforce the effectiveness of initiatives like Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat in enhancing India's defense capabilities.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### IMF Sets Tough Conditions for Pakistan, Citing India Tensions SHARE

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The IMF has imposed 11 new conditions on Pakistan's bailout, highlighting rising tensions with India as a significant risk to fiscal stability. Among the conditions are the approval of a massive budget and changes in energy tariffs, which aim to reform governance and improve economic management. The report also indicates that escalating India-Pakistan tensions, especially following recent military confrontations, could jeopardize Pakistan's financial recovery. This scenario underscores India's proactive defense measures, such as precision strikes on terror infrastructure, which are essential for regional stability and serve to reinforce its strategic posture in South Asia amidst Pakistan's economic struggles.

### India's Strategic Edge Over Pakistan Amidst US Diplomatic Moves SHARE

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Recent military engagements between India and Pakistan revealed India's significant strategic advantage, particularly highlighted by India's precision strikes on Pakistani military targets. Despite Pakistan's attempts to seek US intervention and portray military parity, India's capabilities decisively neutralized Pakistani defenses. The Modi government's decision to halt operations post-strike was a calculated move, recognizing that further conflict might enable Pakistan to play the victim narrative. As India focuses on self-reliance in military capabilities, including advanced drone systems, it emphasizes the importance of modernizing defense strategies to counter regional adversaries effectively while ensuring stronger deterrence against external influences supporting Pakistan.

### China Revives Bangladeshi Airbase Near India's Strategic Corridor SHARE

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China is reportedly aiding Bangladesh in reviving the Lalmonirhat airbase, located just 12-15 kilometers from India's Siliguri Corridor, a strategic passage connecting the northeast to the rest of India. This development raises concerns about potential military uses that could enhance Chinese surveillance capabilities over Indian military movements. Analysts highlight that this move

could be a part of China's broader strategy to expand its military presence in the region, particularly following shifts in Bangladesh's political landscape. India's response includes strengthening its own airbases and enhancing operational readiness to counter any threats stemming from this growing Chinese influence.

### Gen Anil Chauhan to Represent India at Shangri-La Dialogue SHARE

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India's Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan, will represent India at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore from May 30 to June 1, marking his first international engagement since Operation Sindoor. This platform presents an opportunity to highlight India's military accomplishments and counter narratives surrounding Pakistan's military success. The dialogue, recognized as Asia's premier security summit, will facilitate discussions among defense ministers and military leaders from various nations, including the USA and China, addressing pressing regional security challenges. This engagement underscores India's proactive stance in shaping regional security dynamics and fostering diplomatic relations in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Pakistan's Bilawal Bhutto to Lead Peace Efforts, Following India SHARE

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In response to India's diplomatic outreach following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan has appointed Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari to lead a peace delegation abroad, mirroring India's strategy. This comes after India executed precision strikes against terrorist infrastructure, prompting a brief military confrontation. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reiterated that talks with Pakistan would focus solely on terrorism, dismissing discussions on other matters until such acts cease. This pattern of imitation highlights Pakistan's attempts to regain its standing in international discourse post-operation, while India continues to assert a strong stance against cross-border terrorism, showcasing its commitment to national security and regional stability.

### India's Downed PL-15 Missile Becomes Key Intelligence Asset for Allies SHARE

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Following an aerial confrontation between India and Pakistan, remnants of a Chinese PL-15 missile have become a significant intelligence asset for global powers, including the Five Eyes alliance, France, and



Japan. The missile, reportedly launched by Pakistan, crashed in Punjab without hitting its target, possibly due to Indian air defenses or malfunction. The incident underscores China's growing military influence in South Asia and presents an opportunity for allies to analyze the missile's advanced technology to devise countermeasures against similar threats. This could enhance intelligence cooperation among nations concerned about China's military advancements, while also impacting future defense partnerships between India and its allies.

## Operation Sindoor: Precision Strike and Message to Pakistan

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The Indian Army's Western Command showcased a video detailing the success of Operation Sindoor, emphasizing that it was a meticulously planned and executed retaliation in response to the Pahalgam terror attack. The narrative highlighted the destruction of Pakistani positions and the demoralization of enemy soldiers, asserting it was a lesson Pakistan would not forget. Meanwhile, the Indian government reaffirmed that the ongoing ceasefire with Pakistan remains contingent on Pakistan's behavior, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warning of severe consequences should terrorist activities continue. The armed forces maintain high alert status to counter any potential threats, reflecting India's commitment to national security amid complex geopolitical challenges.

### Military Operations

## Indian Army Dismantles 42 Unexploded Shells in Poonch for Safety

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Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir successfully destroyed 42 unexploded shells from recent cross-border artillery firing in Poonch, ensuring the safety of local residents. This operation, conducted by the Indian Army in coordination with local police, highlights India's commitment to securing civilian lives and restoring normalcy in vulnerable border areas. The effort follows a series of military confrontations with Pakistan, where India neutralized nine terrorist infrastructures under Operation Sindoor. After escalating tensions, both nations reached an understanding to cease hostilities, demonstrating India's proactive approach to maintaining peace and safety in conflict-affected zones.

## Indian Army: No DGMO talks with Pakistan; ceasefire remains intact.

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The Indian Army confirmed that no meeting between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMO) of India and Pakistan is scheduled, reiterating that the ceasefire remains in effect without an expiry date. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized that this ceasefire is conditional on Pakistan refraining from terrorist activities against India, warning of severe repercussions if hostilities resume. Meanwhile, border residents are cautiously returning home after enduring significant destruction from Pakistani shelling, though the situation remains tense. The Indian armed forces maintain a high alert status, prioritizing national security amid ongoing uncertainties regarding peace in the region.

## Indian Forces Get Rs 40,000 Cr Boost for Critical Arms Procurement

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The Indian Defence Forces are set to receive a significant boost of approximately Rs 40,000 crore for emergency procurement of critical arms and ammunition amid ongoing Operation Sindoor against Pakistan. This funding, approved by the Defence Acquisition Council, will facilitate the acquisition of advanced equipment, including surveillance and kamikaze drones, artillery, and missiles. The emergency procurement powers, which have been utilized effectively over the past five years, allow for expedited acquisitions, ensuring timely delivery and meeting pressing security needs. This initiative underscores India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities and addressing immediate operational requirements effectively.

## How 'Haldi Ghati' and 'Tropex' Enabled Swift Military Action

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India successfully demonstrated its military readiness through the tri-services exercise 'Haldi Ghati' and the naval exercise 'Tropex', which ensured seamless communication among the armed forces. Following the Pahalgam attack on April 22, these exercises enabled rapid deployment and coordination, particularly in the face of drone threats from the Pakistan Army. The establishment of joint air defence centres along the India-Pakistan border further enhanced operational effectiveness, allowing real-time situational awareness for commanders. This strategic preparedness not only

showcased India's military capabilities but also compelled the Pakistan Navy to maintain a defensive posture, reinforcing India's dominant presence in the Arabian Sea.

## India Pioneered Drone Use in Kargil, Not Azerbaijan: Ex-General

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India's use of drones dates back to the 1999 Kargil War, predating their global prominence in conflicts like Azerbaijan-Armenia, as revealed by former Major General Ramesh Chandra Padhi. He highlighted India's reliance on Israeli drones to address critical surveillance shortfalls during the conflict. The war exposed significant gaps in military preparedness, prompting the Indian military to enhance its UAV capabilities and turn to Israel for advanced technology. Padhi also noted the rapid indigenization of India's drone sector, showcasing the development of affordable drones by Indian firms, which reflects the nation's growing self-reliance in defense technology.

## Indian Army's Capability to Strike Anywhere Reinforces National Security

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha emphasized the capability of the Indian Army to strike anywhere in Pakistan, underscoring India's military strength in addressing threats from terrorist groups. Speaking to Army personnel in Kupwara, he highlighted the bravery and dedication of the armed forces in safeguarding national security and expressed confidence in their ability to counter any misadventure by the enemy. Sinha also pointed out that India's global stature has been bolstered by its military responses, which have compelled adversaries to seek ceasefires. This sentiment reinforces India's commitment to maintaining peace while ensuring its borders remain secure against terrorism.

## Israeli airstrikes in Gaza kill 103 amid escalating conflict.

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Israeli airstrikes across Gaza have escalated, reportedly killing at least 103 people, including many women and children, as part of a new offensive named "Gideon's Chariots." The operation aims to exert pressure on Hamas for a ceasefire while intensifying territorial control and humanitarian challenges in Gaza. Concurrently, tensions have risen with Houthi rebels in Yemen, who launched missiles towards Israel,

prompting Israeli retaliatory strikes. This complex situation underscores the volatile dynamics in the region, showcasing the difficult balance between military actions and humanitarian considerations. The conflict's continuation raises significant concerns regarding regional stability and the well-being of civilians caught in the crossfire.

## Russia's Major Drone Attack on Ukraine Claims Lives Amid Tensions

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Russia has launched one of its most significant drone attacks on Ukraine since the war began, firing 273 drones and decoys, with Ukraine managing to intercept 88 and likely jamming 128. This escalation of violence follows failed negotiations for a ceasefire between Kyiv and Moscow, highlighting the ongoing tensions in the region. The attack resulted in casualties, including a 28-year-old woman killed and a child injured, underlining the human cost of the conflict. The situation emphasizes the urgent need for diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis and stabilize regional security, especially in light of international calls for a ceasefire from Western allies.

## DGMO Clarifies Communication Post-Op Sindoor Amid Gandhi's Claims

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The remarks of DGMO Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai have resurfaced following allegations by Rahul Gandhi that the Indian government informed Pakistan before Operation Sindoor. Lt Gen Ghai clarified that India communicated its intent to strike terror bases after the operation commenced, but Pakistan's response was dismissive. The Ministry of External Affairs supported this statement, stating that Gandhi's interpretation misrepresents the timeline. Operation Sindoor, initiated in response to a terror attack that killed 26 civilians, successfully targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan, resulting in significant casualties among terrorist groups. This episode highlights the complexities of communication and accountability in military operations, emphasizing India's proactive stance against terrorism while facing political scrutiny.

## Taiwan Detects Chinese Military Movements, Strengthens Defense

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Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence (MND) reported detecting 16 sorties of Chinese military aircraft and six naval vessels near its territory, with 13 aircraft crossing the median line into Taiwan's air defense identification

zones (ADIZ). This escalation underscores China's ongoing military assertiveness in the region. In response, Taiwan conducted a live-fire test of its Land Sword II missile system, which enhances its ability to counter aerial threats. Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te acknowledged the dedication of military personnel in safeguarding the island's defenses, highlighting Taiwan's commitment to maintaining its sovereignty amid increasing tensions with China.

## Syria's Defense Minister urges armed groups to unify in 10 days

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Syria's Defense Minister has urged remaining small armed groups to merge with the Defense Ministry within ten days to strengthen state authority following recent turmoil. This call aims to address the challenge posed by unregulated armed factions amid ongoing violence and recent diplomatic gains, including U.S. sanctions being lifted. The integration efforts may not apply to the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, indicating a complex landscape of allegiance. The situation remains tense, with recent clashes resulting in numerous casualties, highlighting the ongoing struggle for stability in the region and the need for a unified military framework to consolidate peace.

## Pakistan's PL-15E Missiles Fail Against IAF Due to Indian EW

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The recent Operation Sindoor saw the Pakistan Air Force's (PAF) Chinese-made PL-15E missiles fail to hit any Indian Air Force (IAF) jets due to ineffective tactics and India's advanced electronic warfare (EW) measures. Despite the PL-15E's touted capabilities, multiple missiles were recovered in India, revealing their ineffectiveness in combat. Indian defense officials highlighted the superiority of India's Astra MkII and MkIII missiles and emphasized the effectiveness of the IAF's S-400 and Akash systems. Pakistan's claims of downing multiple IAF jets were debunked, while evidence points to IAF successes against PAF aircraft during the operation, reinforcing India's strategic advantage in air superiority.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Telangana Police nab 20 Maoists, seize arms and explosives in crackdown.

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Telangana Police arrested 20 Maoists and seized a significant cache of arms and explosives, including multiple rifles, in a strategic operation aimed at dismantling the Maoist network in the region. This crackdown follows a nationwide offensive against Left-Wing Extremism, highlighting the state's commitment to restoring law and order. Authorities have called for the surrender of remaining Maoists to reintegrate into society, while also warning the local populace against supporting these insurgents. This operation reflects the Indian government's ongoing efforts to combat insurgency and enhance security in conflict-affected areas, thereby contributing to national stability and safety.

### Srinagar Police Detain 23 Terror Associates Under PSA

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The J&K Police have taken decisive action against 23 terror associates and miscreants in Srinagar by booking them under the Public Safety Act (PSA). These individuals, linked to proscribed terror outfits and involved in public disturbances, were detained following formal orders from the District Magistrate based on compiled evidence. Despite previous criminal charges and bail, they continued to disrupt public order, prompting the police to intensify their crackdown on anti-national elements. This operation underscores the commitment of J&K Police to uphold security and maintain public order, signaling to those engaging in unlawful activities that the law will prevail.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Urgent: Update Google Chrome to Fix Critical Vulnerabilities

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Multiple vulnerabilities in Google Chrome for desktop were identified by India's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), exposing users to potential remote cyberattacks. The vulnerabilities affect all versions prior to 136.0.7103.113 for Windows, MacOS,

and Linux, allowing attackers to exploit them via specially crafted web pages. Notably, one vulnerability, CVE-2025-4664, is reportedly being exploited in the wild. CERT-In has urged users and organizations to promptly update their browsers to the latest versions to mitigate these risks, emphasizing the importance of cybersecurity in today's digital landscape. This incident highlights the ongoing vulnerabilities in widely used software and the need for constant vigilance and proactive updates.

## Miscellaneous

### Rajnath Singh and Modi Celebrate Vice President Dhankhar's Birthday SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended heartfelt birthday greetings to Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on his 74th birthday, acknowledging his significant contributions to the nation since taking office as the 14th Vice President in August 2022. Singh praised Dhankhar's dedication to public service, wishing him a long and healthy life. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with his two deputies, also celebrated this occasion, highlighting Dhankhar as a "symbol of simplicity, purity, and discipline." Adityanath expressed his prayers for Dhankhar's well-being and longevity, reiterating the Vice President's commitment to the nation. The collective recognition from various leaders underscores Dhankhar's esteemed role in enhancing the productivity of the Rajya Sabha and his extensive legal expertise. This display of unity among Indian leaders reflects the nation's appreciation for public service and dedication, reinforcing the importance of strong leadership in fostering governance and democracy. Such affirmations bolster the collaborative spirit essential for India's growth and stability, particularly as the nation navigates complex geopolitical dynamics. The acknowledgment of Dhankhar's efforts can inspire continued commitment among government officials to fulfill their roles responsibly for the nation's progress.

### ISRO Chief Addresses EOS-09 Satellite Launch Setback SHARE

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ISRO's recent attempt to launch the EOS-09 Earth observation satellite aboard the PSLV-C61 rocket faced a setback due to an anomaly in the third stage, although the first two stages performed normally. The satellite, designed for all-weather remote sensing with a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), is crucial for applications in agriculture, disaster management, urban planning, and national security. The Chairman of ISRO, V Narayanan, emphasized the importance of analyzing the situation before future attempts. This incident highlights the challenges in space missions but reinforces India's commitment to enhancing its satellite capabilities, which play a vital role in both civilian and defense sectors, ensuring operational readiness for various applications.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### J&K government enlists 4,000 ex-servicemen for infrastructure security SHARE

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The Jammu and Kashmir government has approved the deployment of 4,000 Ex-Servicemen (ESM) to safeguard critical infrastructure across the Union Territory, marking a significant initiative to enhance community-based security. This program, which builds on the success of ESM involvement during the Covid-19 pandemic, aims to utilize the skills and discipline of veterans in a non-combatant role, focusing on static guard duties and local coordination with district authorities and police. By incorporating former military personnel, the initiative not only strengthens security but also fosters a collaborative approach between veterans and civil society, showcasing the enduring legacy of the Indian Army in serving the community beyond traditional military roles.

### Shreyas Iyer Pays Tribute to Indian Army Amid IPL Match SHARE

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Shreyas Iyer, captain of the Punjab Kings, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army during the IPL 2025 match against the Rajasthan Royals, especially amid rising India-Pakistan tensions. His tribute emphasized the sacrifices made by the armed forces to ensure the safety and comfort of the nation, which resonated with fans as they sang the national anthem in a powerful salute to the soldiers. This moment not only highlighted the significance of the Indian military but also showcased the strong bond between sports and national pride, reinforcing the integral role of the armed forces in safeguarding the country during challenging times.



## India Limits Bangladeshi Garment Imports Amid Trade Tensions



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India has restricted the entry of ready-made garments and various consumer items from Bangladesh through land transit posts, permitting their import only via Kolkata and Nhava Sheva sea ports. This move follows strained relations after Bangladesh imposed port restrictions on Indian exports and denied access to certain value-added items from Northeast India. While the restrictions aim to bolster local manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, they also reflect India's response to Bangladesh's unfair trade practices. The restrictions will not affect certain essential imports, indicating a balanced approach to maintain trade ties while protecting domestic industries.

## Ashoka University Professor Arrested for Comments on Operation Sindoor



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Ashoka University professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad was arrested for comments he made regarding Operation Sindoor, an operation conducted by the Indian armed forces in retaliation to a terror attack. His remarks, perceived as disparaging towards women in uniform and questioning the sincerity of the military's actions, led to backlash and scrutiny from the Haryana State Commission for Women. Mahmudabad defended his statements as a legitimate exercise of free speech aimed at promoting peace. This incident underscores the sensitivity surrounding discourse on military operations and the role of women in the armed forces, illustrating the ongoing tension between free expression and accountability in India.

## IAF Rescues US C-17 Globemaster Stuck in Jaipur with Swift Repairs



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A C-17 Globemaster aircraft from the US Air Force, grounded in Jaipur for two weeks due to landing gear issues, was successfully repaired with the help of the Indian Air Force (IAF). Despite the US Air Force's initial efforts, it was the IAF's rapid deployment of technical support that restored the aircraft to operational status, showcasing exemplary teamwork and logistical cooperation between the two nations' air forces. This incident highlights India's capabilities in international defense cooperation and reinforces strategic ties with the US amidst regional tensions. The aircraft is set to depart Jaipur for the US within 24 hours, reflecting the effectiveness of Indian defense readiness.

## Rampur Raza Library Hosts 'Veerotsav' to Honor Indian Armed Forces



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Rampur Raza Library is hosting a week-long event, 'Veerotsav,' from May 15 to 21 to honor the Indian Armed Forces, particularly commemorating the bravery exhibited during Operation Sindoor, a decisive military response to the Pahalgam terror attack. The exhibition, themed 'Ek Desh, Ek Dhadkan,' features historical artifacts, books, and photographs showcasing Indian soldiers and freedom fighters, promoting unity against religious terrorism. Library Director Pushkar Mishra emphasized the message of national solidarity and resilience against terrorism, highlighting the importance of recognizing India's military history. The event has received positive feedback from visitors, enhancing awareness of India's cultural heritage and military valor.

## Defending Women Officers: A Call for Respect and Inclusion



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Recent comments by political figures questioning the patriotism of women officers Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh have sparked outrage, highlighting the ongoing challenge of caste and gender biases within Indian society. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has advocated for a gender-inclusive armed forces, emphasizing that women's contributions to national security should be recognized beyond caste or religion. The incident underscores the need for political leaders to support women in uniform and foster a culture that celebrates their valor and dedication. The government's commitment to women in defense aims to inspire future generations, countering societal stigma that may deter aspiring female officers.

## BJP's Tiranga Yatra Celebrates Operation Sindoor's Success



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A massive Tiranga Yatra was organized in Kalaburagi by the BJP, celebrating the success of Operation Sindoor, which involved precision strikes against terror camps in Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Participants, including ex-servicemen and students, carried a large tricolor and showcased their patriotic spirit through songs and slogans. Religious leader Kedar Shree attributed the operation's success to Prime Minister Modi's strong political will and commended the armed forces for their decisive actions against terrorism. Ex-servicemen highlighted the operation's significance in retaliating against terror outfits, underscoring the Indian

government's commitment to national security and unity.

## Mockery Erupts Over Alleged Chinese 6th-Gen Fighter's Design Flaw



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A blurry image of an alleged Chinese 6th-generation fighter jet with three engines has sparked ridicule online, suggesting China's engine technology may be lagging. Critics argue that the reliance on a third engine indicates underperformance in China's domestic engines like the WS-15, which could compromise the aircraft's range and stealth capabilities. This incident highlights the broader skepticism regarding China's advancements in next-gen military technology, particularly in the face of India's own defense developments, such as missile tests in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Overall, the online mockery underscores doubts about China's ability to achieve the ambitious features expected of 6th-generation fighters.

## Rahul Gandhi honors scientists of India's first nuclear test anniversary



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Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge commemorated the 51st anniversary of India's first nuclear test, Operation Smiling Buddha, conducted on May 18, 1974. They expressed gratitude to the scientists and researchers whose dedication made this historic achievement possible, marking a significant milestone in India's strategic and scientific journey. The test not only established India as the sixth nuclear-capable nation but also reaffirmed its commitment to an independent nuclear program, despite international backlash. This event underscored India's pursuit of self-reliance in defense, showcasing its capability to

harness nuclear energy for peaceful purposes while asserting its strategic autonomy on the global stage.

## Sanskrit Mantra on Russian Malka: A Blend of Culture and Firepower



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The Russian 2S7M Malka artillery system has been spotted with a Sanskrit inscription of the Narasimha Mantra, prompting discussions on the cultural interplay between India and Russia. This mantra, symbolizing protection and strength, is particularly intriguing given the Malka's significant role in modern conflicts, including the Russo-Ukrainian War. With its formidable firepower and upgraded technology, the Malka continues to be a critical asset on the battlefield. The presence of an Indian spiritual mantra on such a weapon could reflect a unique blend of heritage and military might, possibly serving as a psychological morale booster for soldiers amidst intense warfare.

## PM Modi mourns Hyderabad fire victims, announces relief aid



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed profound sorrow over the recent fire tragedy in Hyderabad, Telangana, which resulted in loss of lives and injuries. He extended condolences to the bereaved families and announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 2 lakh for the next of kin of each deceased and Rs. 50,000 for the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). This swift response underscores the government's commitment to supporting affected families during such crises. The Prime Minister's outreach highlights the importance of community empathy and government accountability in times of tragedy, reinforcing public trust in leadership during emergencies.

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