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Indian Navy Accelerates Project-18 Next-Gen Destroyers Amid Modernization Efforts SHARE

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The Indian Navy has accelerated plans for Project-18, its next-generation destroyer program, with the Defence Acquisition Council expected to grant approval for at least five advanced destroyers in the current fiscal year. These vessels, designed to displace around 13,000 tonnes, will be the largest and most heavily armed surface combatants ever built in India, featuring over 100 vertical launch system cells for a wide array of missiles including BrahMos, BrahMos-NG, and future hypersonic variants. The destroyers will incorporate advanced indigenous technologies such as AESA radars, integrated electric propulsion, and stealth enhancements, supporting India's strategic posture in the Indo-Pacific region. The project is set to boost India's area air defense, long-range strike, and multi-domain warfare capabilities, with the first unit anticipated to enter trials by 2030.

Defence stock Shree Refrigerations poised for significant growth in Navy support. SHARE

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Shree Refrigerations Ltd, a key player in India's defense manufacturing sector, specializes in advanced cooling systems for the Navy and other defense platforms, ensuring equipment operates effectively under harsh conditions. With a market capitalization of Rs 780 crore, the company reported a decline in revenue and profitability due to increased project costs and a shift towards onsite HVAC projects. Despite these challenges, its order book stands at Rs 327.6 crore, indicating strong future growth potential, especially as it plans to expand its manufacturing capacity and invest in new technologies. As India advances its Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, Shree Refrigerations is well-positioned to benefit from increased domestic defense procurement and infrastructure development.

Tejas crash raises concerns for India's defense export ambitions. SHARE

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The recent crash of a Tejas fighter jet during the Dubai Air Show has raised concerns about India's defense export ambitions, particularly as the aircraft was being promoted to potential international buyers. While the Tejas program has overcome significant developmental challenges, this incident could impact its reputation despite its prior solid safety record. India aims to increase its defense exports to Rs 50,000 crore annually by 2029, tapping into the growing global demand for military equipment fueled by ongoing conflicts. Countries including Egypt, Armenia, and Southeast Asian nations are key targets for Indian arms, with the Tejas poised to enhance air power for smaller nations seeking cost-effective solutions.

Indian Army's indigenisation drive boosts self-reliance in defense technology advancements. SHARE

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The Indian Army has accelerated its indigenisation drive under the Year of Technology Absorption initiative, marking a landmark achievement for defense self-reliance. On November 21, the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADG PI) officially announced, "The Indian Army has localised over 1,050 spares and more than 60 major assemblies of critical foreign-origin weapon systems, reducing dependency on imports and enhancing operational readiness." As part of this initiative, 1,035 assemblies and sub-assemblies along with 3,517 spares have been indigenously developed for existing platforms, significantly strengthening supply-chain resilience. Notably, the Army has also achieved 97% indigenisation in Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment, vital for high-altitude troops, with the last two items expected by 2026. Advanced technologies—including

cryo-coolers, GNSS modules, and indigenous soldier gear—have been fielded in collaboration with Indian industry, MSMEs, and startups. These milestones underscore India's strategic commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat and defense autonomy.

Bengaluru's COMROO Aerospace launches Khazar, a lightweight precision loitering munition for special forces. SHARE

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On November 22, 2025, Bengaluru-based COMROO Aerospace launched "Khazar," a lightweight loitering munition weighing just 900 grams and designed expressly for precision strikes by special forces. This man-portable system offers exceptional agility, able to loiter, circle, climb, dive, and hover under continuous human control up to 300 meters away, even in challenging urban environments. Nicknamed the "angel of precision death," Khazar represents a significant advancement in India's indigenous defence capabilities, enhancing the tactical options available to its special operations units. The small size and precision targeting make it ideal for rapid, on-demand neutralization of high-value targets without risking larger platforms or personnel. This development aligns with India's ongoing emphasis on indigenization and modern warfare technologies, demonstrating a leap in the operational reach and lethality of Indian special forces on the battlefield. Khazar is expected to bolster India's strategic posture in high-stakes conflict scenarios.

Indian Navy to Commission Mahe-Class Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft Tomorrow SHARE

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The Indian Navy is set to commission the Mahe, the first of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on November 24, 2025. This milestone, presided over by General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, and hosted by Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, signifies a pivotal advancement in India's naval capabilities. With more than 80 percent indigenous content, the Mahe-class vessels highlight India's growing expertise in warship design and construction, reinforcing the nation's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Designed to operate as 'Silent Hunters' on the Western Seaboard, these advanced combatants will play a crucial role in safeguarding India's maritime interests and enhancing its strategic defense posture in a rapidly evolving regional security landscape. The commissioning of the Mahe underscores India's focus on indigenous defense solutions, strengthening its naval power and operational readiness in the Indo-Pacific region.

Politics

Udupi MLA calls for investigation into Navy information leak to Pakistan. SHARE

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Udupi MLA Yashpal Suvarna has called for a high-level investigation into the disturbing incident involving the transmission of confidential information about Indian Navy vessels from the Udupi Cochin Shipyard to Pakistan. He commended local police for their swift action in arresting suspects linked to the case, which poses a serious threat to national security. Suvarna criticized ongoing security lapses at the Malpe fishing port, highlighting the area's vulnerability to illegal activities, including immigrant infiltration. He urged the central government to enhance security measures and investigate the broader network of anti-national elements, emphasizing the need for robust protections to safeguard the region's economy and security interests.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Allies of Ukraine oppose US peace plan viewed as favoring Russia. SHARE

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Leaders from various nations, including Germany, France, and the U.K., have expressed significant reservations about a U.S. peace proposal for Ukraine that reportedly calls for territorial concessions and limitations on Ukraine's military. This 28-point plan, which has been met with skepticism by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his allies, was discussed during the G20 summit in Johannesburg, where European leaders emphasized the need for robust guarantees for Ukrainian sovereignty and security. They reiterated that any negotiation process must include Ukraine's input, reflecting a unified stance against pressure from the U.S. President Donald Trump, who hinted that the proposal was not final and set a deadline for Ukraine's response. The ongoing conflict, approaching its fifth year, has seen Ukraine facing immense challenges on the battlefield and increasing internal political pressure, heightening the urgency for a

resolution that respects its sovereignty while ensuring sustained support from Western allies.

US pressures Ukraine for peace deal, threatening aid and intel. SHARE

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The United States is intensifying pressure on Ukraine to accept a controversial 28-point peace plan, which includes significant concessions such as territorial cessions, military limitations, and a prohibition on NATO membership. President Donald Trump has set a deadline for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to respond, with subsequent discussions scheduled in Switzerland involving U.S. officials and senior Ukrainian representatives. Critics, including European leaders, argue that the plan was negotiated without adequate Ukrainian involvement, potentially undermining Ukraine's long-term security and sovereignty. These developments occur as Russian forces make territorial advances amid the ongoing conflict, emphasizing the urgency of securing a resolution. The situation reflects a complex interplay of diplomatic maneuvers and military realities, highlighting the precarious balance Ukraine must navigate between maintaining its territorial integrity and managing international diplomatic pressures.

China′s PL-17 missile enhances Pakistan′s threat to India′s IAF capabilities. SHARE

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The recent emergence of China's PL-17 missile, integrated with Pakistan's J-10C fleet, poses a significant challenge to India's air defense capabilities, particularly targeting the Indian Air Force's (IAF) AWACS and refuelling aircraft. Reports indicate that this advanced missile system could enable Pakistan to execute anti-AWACS attacks effectively, thus compelling the IAF to reposition its assets further inland, reducing its operational range and early warning capabilities. The implications of this development underscore the urgency for India to enhance its air defense strategies and maintain a technological edge in the face of evolving threats from Pakistan's growing military alliance with China. Such advancements could alter the strategic balance in the region, necessitating a reassessment of India's defense postures and preparedness.

India-US navies enhance drills, focusing on unmanned, cyber, and space operations. SHARE

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India and the United States are set to enhance their naval drills, focusing on new-age military domains such as unmanned systems, cyber capabilities, and space-enabled maritime operations. This collaboration follows the announcement of the Transforming Relations Utilizing Strategic Technologies (TRUST) initiative, which aims to deepen partnerships in areas including defense and artificial intelligence. The two navies are also refining bilateral and multilateral exercises, with the recent Malabar Exercise at Guam reflecting their shared strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region. Key discussions involved enhancing maritime security, operational interoperability, and coordinated responses to non-traditional security challenges, solidifying the India-US defense partnership amid evolving geopolitical dynamics.

India showcases Navy′s success in piracy combat and maritime safety at UN. SHARE

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India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, emphasized the Indian Navy's crucial role in maritime safety at a recent Security Council session, highlighting its efforts to combat rising piracy in the Western Arabian Sea. Over the past two years, the Navy has deployed more than 35 ships, conducted over 1,000 boarding operations, and responded to over 35 distress incidents, successfully saving 520 lives and escorting 367 merchant vessels carrying over 14.7 million metric tonnes of cargo valued at $6.3 billion. The discussions underscored the escalating threats to global shipping routes, including missile attacks from Houthi forces and piracy near Somalia, which pose significant risks to international commerce and the safety of seafarers. Harish also noted the importance of the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) for real-time intelligence sharing and called attention to India's Sagar Mein Samman initiative under the Maritime India Vision 2030, promoting gender inclusivity in the maritime sector. This commitment to enhancing maritime security and cooperation reflects India's broader vision of mutual and holistic advancement for security and growth across regions.

India warns Pakistan of harsher responses after Exercise Ram Prahar preparations. SHARE

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India's Western Command recently conducted Exercise Ram Prahar, a month-long military drill involving over 20,000 personnel, simulating offensive operations along the Pakistan border in Punjab. Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, emphasized the military's readiness to respond to any future provocations from Pakistan, suggesting that India's next response would be significantly more severe than the previous Operation Sindoor, which resulted in substantial damage to Pakistani terrorist camps. The exercise showcased India's operational agility and multi-domain capabilities, incorporating ground and air maneuvers with advanced weaponry, including Apache helicopters and drone surveillance. The choice of location was strategic, designed to mirror the riverine terrain of Punjab, thus preparing forces for potential challenges in a real conflict scenario. This display of military preparedness underscores India's commitment to deterrence and strategic assurance amid an increasingly fragile regional security environment, signaling to Islamabad that any missteps could lead to a far more intense military response.

INS Savitri docks at Seychelles, enhancing maritime cooperation and security. SHARE

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Indian Naval Ship (INS) Savitri, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel, docked at Port Victoria, Seychelles on November 21, 2025, marking a significant milestone in India-Seychelles maritime cooperation. The vessel was warmly welcomed by the Seychelles Coast Guard, reflecting strong bilateral relations. During the visit, INS Savitri handed over essential spares to the Seychelles Coast Guard and conducted professional exchanges, sharing best practices to enhance operational readiness. The ship, alongside Seychelles personnel, commenced joint surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), aimed at bolstering maritime security and situational awareness in the region. This deployment aligns with India's strategic vision under the MAHASAGAR initiative to foster mutual security and growth across the Indian Ocean Region, reinforcing India's role as a preferred security partner and first responder. Earlier, on November 10, INS Savitri engaged in joint training with the Mozambique Navy, emphasizing India’s deepening maritime partnerships in the Indian Ocean.

US plans to escalate operations against Venezuela and Maduro's government. SHARE

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The United States is preparing to escalate its operations against Venezuela, focusing on President Nicolas Maduro's government, which it accuses of involvement in drug trafficking that harms Americans. U.S. officials indicate that covert operations may be the initial phase of the new strategy, complemented by military deployments in the Caribbean, including the aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford. The Trump administration plans to designate the Cartel de los Soles as a foreign terrorist organization, potentially allowing for targeted actions against Maduro's assets. In response, Maduro's government may adopt guerrilla tactics in a "prolonged resistance" strategy, highlighting the escalating tensions and the potential for significant conflict in the region.

French Navy rebukes Pakistan media for false Rafale claims. SHARE

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The French Navy has issued a strong rebuke to a Pakistan-based media outlet for disseminating false claims regarding India's Operation Sindoor, particularly following the Pahalgam terror attack. The outlet alleged that a French naval commander confirmed Pakistan’s air superiority and that Indian Rafale jets were downed, assertions the French Navy categorically denied, clarifying that Captain Yvan Launay was misquoted and had not commented on the conflict. The Navy emphasized that Launay’s remarks at a conference were technical and did not address any combat outcomes or make any references to Chinese aircraft, underscoring the importance of accurate reporting in military matters amid heightened regional tensions. This incident reflects ongoing information warfare and the critical need for reliable discourse in defense narratives.

INS Sahyadri joins HMAS Ballarat in AUSINDEX 2025, boosting India-Australia maritime ties. SHARE

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The Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri recently participated in the AUSINDEX 2025 exercise alongside HMAS Ballarat in the Northern Pacific, marking a significant enhancement in India-Australia maritime cooperation. This bilateral exercise featured intensive joint operations focusing on anti-submarine warfare

and advanced flying maneuvers, reflecting both nations' commitment to a free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. The event follows the Malabar Exercise 2025, which included forces from India, Japan, Australia, and the United States, underscoring the importance of multilateral defense collaboration in maintaining regional stability. Additionally, the recent AustraHind 2025 exercise further solidified military ties between India and Australia, emphasizing their shared objectives in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

Israel boosts investment in India's cybersecurity, agri-tech, and infrastructure sectors.

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During his official visit to Israel, India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal engaged with various Israeli businesses to enhance investment and collaboration across key sectors, including cybersecurity, water management, and agri-tech. Notably, discussions with Check Point Software Technologies' CEO highlighted plans to expand their R&D center in Bengaluru with a significant investment, reflecting the growing importance of cybersecurity in India's digital landscape. Furthermore, Goyal explored partnerships in urban infrastructure with the NTA and sustainable farming solutions with Netafim, pointing to a robust interest in leveraging Israeli innovation to address India's developmental challenges. This initiative underscores the strengthening bilateral ties and the potential for technology-driven growth in India's defense and other critical sectors.

Modi proposes digital alliance, climate fund at G20 IBSA meeting.

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At the recent IBSA Leaders' Meeting held on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the establishment of an 'IBSA Digital Innovation Alliance' aimed at enhancing digital infrastructure collaboration among India, Brazil, and South Africa. He emphasized the importance of technology for human-centric development and advocated for a fund to support climate-resilient agriculture. Modi also called for UN Security Council reforms and proposed institutionalizing NSA-level meetings to strengthen security cooperation in the fight against terrorism. This meeting underscores the significance of fostering South-South cooperation, addressing global governance challenges, and reinforcing collective security amid a fragmented world.

Military Operations

J-K LG calls for armed forces' vigilance against peace disruptions.

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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, during recent security review meetings with police and military officials on November 22, 2025, emphasized the need for heightened vigilance by the armed forces to counter any attempts at disrupting peace in the region. Addressing ongoing threats from cross-border terrorism and attempts to incite unrest ahead of the winter season, Sinha highlighted increased infiltration efforts and potential for targeted violence. Security agencies have since intensified patrols along the Line of Control and within urban centers, underscoring Delhi's strategic focus on stability in Kashmir amid evolving regional dynamics. These actions reflect India's resolve to preempt terrorist designs, safeguard civilian lives, and maintain momentum in development and integration efforts, especially as geopolitical tensions in South Asia remain elevated.

IAF Joins Dubai Investigation into Tejas Crash, Ensuring Transparency

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has actively joined the investigation into the Tejas fighter jet crash that occurred on November 15, 2025, during an aerobatic display at the Dubai Airshow. An IAF officer has been dispatched to Dubai to participate in the inquiry conducted by local aviation authorities, ensuring direct Indian involvement in determining the cause. The pilot, Wing Commander Namansh Syal, tragically lost his life, and his mortal remains were brought back to India on November 16. The inquiry will closely analyze data from the fighter's flight data recorder (black box) to reconstruct events, considering possibilities such as pilot blackout due to negative G-forces, engine failure, or control malfunction. This crash marks the second involving the indigenous Tejas Mark-1 since July 2016, raising strategic concerns about operational reliability amid ongoing induction and export ambitions. The IAF has not grounded its Tejas fleet but is closely monitoring safety. The case carries geopolitical weight, impacting India's defense export drive and regional strategic positioning amid India-Pakistan tensions.

Andaman Command showcases Amphibious Brigade and IAF projects to future defense leaders.

23-Nov-25

On November 22, 2025, the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) showcased the operational capabilities of its Amphibious Brigade along with Indian Air Force (IAF) development projects to future defense leaders from the College of Defence Management. The visit included briefings on the high degree of jointness and synergy among the three Services and the Indian Coast Guard, exemplified during ongoing operations like 'Op Castle Bay'. The demonstration highlighted coordinated monitoring, situational awareness, and execution capabilities in the island territories. Officers were also exposed to the latest capability development projects of the IAF in the region. The event underscored India's growing strategic focus on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a critical defense hub in the Indo-Pacific, reflecting enhanced joint readiness and integration among the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. This initiative aligns with India's broader efforts to strengthen maritime security and rapid amphibious response capabilities in the region.

Indian Army's Western Command executes RAM Prahar exercise in Haridwar, enhancing operational readiness.

23-Nov-25

The Indian Army's Western Command conducted an unprecedented military exercise named RAM Prahar in Haridwar, a region characterized by its dense forests along the Ganges River. Lieutenant General MK Katiyar emphasized the exercise's significance, stating that it serves as a deterrent against potential enemy misadventures, promising a response even more severe than the historical Operation Sindoor. This marks the first time such an exercise was held in this location, demonstrating the Army's commitment to enhancing operational readiness in varied terrains. The exercise underscores India's strategic posturing in response to regional security challenges, reflecting an assertive defense strategy aimed at safeguarding national interests.

Southern Army Chief Advocates Human Skill Over Technology in Warfare

23-Nov-25

Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Command, emphasized the supremacy of human skill and judgment over technology in modern warfare during the Passing-Out Parade at the Combat Army Aviation Training School. He underscored the evolving nature of conflict that necessitates adept aviators skilled in precision strikes and multi-domain coordination, as India expands its aviation capabilities with an emphasis on manned and unmanned systems. The ceremony celebrated a milestone with the combined graduation of various key courses, showcasing the importance of disciplined and well-trained officers in high-stakes combat environments. This focus on human factors amidst technological advancements highlights India's commitment to maintaining a strategic edge in an increasingly complex operational landscape.

Israel conducts airstrikes in Gaza, killing 24, testing ceasefire.

23-Nov-25

Israel's military conducted airstrikes in Gaza on Saturday, killing at least 24 people, including children, as tensions tested the ongoing ceasefire established on October 10. The strikes, described by Israel as retaliation for gunfire from Hamas militants, targeted vehicles and homes, leading to significant casualties in densely populated areas. Israeli forces emphasized that their actions were necessary to defend against what they termed "extreme violations" of the ceasefire, following a series of violent encounters since the war commenced with Hamas' attack on October 7. The situation remains precarious, with calls for accountability from the Israeli public regarding the government's preparedness and response to the conflict, indicating a complex interplay of military action and domestic political pressure.

ITBP to set up 10 all-women border outposts at LAC.

23-Nov-25

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is set to establish 10 all-women border outposts along the India-China Line of Actual Control as part of its forwardisation strategy, which has already increased the number of forward-deployed border outposts to 215. This initiative follows the 2020 military clash in Ladakh, emphasizing the ITBP's robust response to enhance security along the 3,488 km-long border. With the recent sanction of seven additional battalions, the force is also focusing on specialized training, including mountain warfare and tactical survival, to adapt to the challenging terrain. The inclusion of women combatants in these roles marks a significant step

towards diversifying the operational capabilities of the ITBP and strengthening national security.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Gen Dwivedi on Op Sindoor: Rapidly Neutralizing Terror Targets Through Synergy

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In a recent address, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi elaborated on Operation Sindoor, which successfully dismantled nine terrorist targets in just 22 minutes, showcasing the Indian Armed Forces' synergy and foresight in modern warfare. He emphasized the critical role of technology and adaptability in military evolution, highlighting the transformation from traditional combat to data-driven strategies involving AI and networked systems. Reflecting on the changing global dynamics and the rise of geoeconomics, Gen Dwivedi urged the importance of the "6Cs" framework—cooperation, collaboration, coexistence, competition, contestation, and conflict—as essential for future strategic dealings. His insights underscore the Indian Army's commitment to modernization and readiness in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

Yasin Malik identified as shooter in 1990 attack on IAF personnel.

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In a significant development in the long-standing case concerning the 1990 killings of Indian Air Force personnel, two eyewitnesses have identified Yasin Malik, the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) leader, as the main shooter responsible for the deaths of four IAF officers, including Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna. The testimonies were presented during a hearing at a TADA court in Jammu, where one witness emphasized his recognition of Malik's distinctive appearance, stating, "Except for your style of beard, you haven't changed much." The prosecution has presented strong evidence, and the trial, which seeks to expedite justice after 35 years, is seen as a crucial step towards accountability for the families of the victims. Malik, currently serving a life sentence in Tihar Jail for terror funding, is also facing a separate appeal from the National Investigation Agency seeking the death penalty for his earlier admissions of guilt under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. This case not only highlights the ongoing struggle for justice in Jammu and Kashmir but also underscores the Indian government's commitment to addressing terrorism and ensuring accountability for those involved in violent acts against the state.

India's zero-tolerance policy now targets terrorism and its enabling networks.

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India's approach to counterterrorism has shifted significantly, increasingly adopting a zero-tolerance policy that not only addresses acts of terrorism but also targets the networks that facilitate such activities. Analysts John Spencer and Lauren Dagan Amoss have noted that India's historical restraint has proven counterproductive, emboldening militant groups. The recent Operation Sindoor exemplifies India's new strategy, demonstrating a commitment to decisive action rather than calibrated responses. This evolution in doctrine signals a broader geopolitical message, particularly aimed at both Pakistan and China, emphasizing that India will secure its interests independently. The transformation reflects a coherent alignment of military strategy, public expectations, and defense capacity, marking a pivotal moment in India's national security policy.

Thirty-seven Maoists, including three leaders, surrender in Hyderabad, signaling a significant setback.

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In a significant setback to the Maoist insurgency, 37 members of the banned CPI (Maoist), including three senior State Committee leaders—Koyyada Sambaiah alias Azad, Appasi Narayana alias Ramesh, and Muchaki Somada alias Erra—surrendered before Telangana DGP B Shivadhar Reddy in Hyderabad on November 22, 2025. Among them were 25 women cadres, handing over eight firearms including one AK-47 and significant ammunition. This mass surrender follows intense security operations, notably days after the killing of senior Maoist leader Madvi Hidma in Andhra Pradesh, and reflects ideological rifts and dwindling organizational strength within the Maoist ranks. The Telangana government rewarded the surrendered cadres with over Rs 1.41 crore and assured rehabilitation under its policy. With 465 Maoists surrendered this year alone, this marks a strategic victory for Telangana's counter-insurgency efforts and signals a rapid erosion of Maoist influence in the region. Efforts continue to persuade other top leaders to surrender, accelerating the decline of the insurgency.

J&K Police arrests individual linked to white collar terror module.

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The Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) arrested Tufail Niyaz Bhat, a Pulwama-based electrician and Srinagar resident, on November 22, 2025, in connection with the "white collar" terror module implicated in the November 10 Red Fort blast in Delhi that killed 13 people. This arrest is part of an ongoing investigation triggered by earlier threats against police and security forces in Srinagar in mid-October. The module, linked to banned terror outfits such as Jaish-e-Mohammed, involved radicalised medical professionals, including key figures arrested in Faridabad, where 2,900 kg of explosives were seized. The probe exposed a network facilitating terror activities across Jammu & Kashmir and northern India, highlighting serious security breaches in medical and educational institutions. This arrest underscores the J&K Police's intensified efforts to dismantle terror cells exploiting "white collar" roles for logistical support to violent extremism, reflecting deepening concerns over radicalisation and insurgency spread in the region. Senior Superintendent of Police Dr. G V Sundeep Chakravarthy leads the investigation.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Beware of phishing scams posing as Microsoft password reset emails.

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A new phishing scam targeting Microsoft users has emerged, with fraudsters sending fake password reset emails from a misleading domain, 'rnicrosoft.com'. Cybersecurity experts warn that this tactic could lead to significant security breaches for unsuspecting victims. Users are advised to vigilantly check email addresses and links, and to navigate directly to Microsoft's official website for any password resets. This incident underscores the critical need for heightened cybersecurity awareness and proactive measures to safeguard personal information in an increasingly digital world.

Harvard investigates data breach exposing alumni and faculty information due to phishing attack.

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Harvard University is investigating a data breach that exposed personal contact information and donation details of alumni, donors, students, and faculty after a phone-based phishing attack. The breach occurred when an unauthorized party accessed the university's Alumni Affairs and Development Office systems, although sensitive data such as Social Security numbers and financial account information were not involved. Harvard acted swiftly to secure its systems by removing the attacker's access and has since engaged with cybersecurity experts and law enforcement to address the incident. This breach follows similar attacks on other Ivy League institutions, highlighting ongoing vulnerabilities in university fundraising and alumni engagement databases.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

IAF honors Wing Commander Namansh Syal's dedication after tragic LCA Tejas crash.

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23-Nov-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) mourned the tragic loss of Wing Commander Namansh Syal, who died in a crash of the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas during an aerial display at the Dubai Air Show. The crash occurred shortly after take-off, resulting in a devastating fireball and black smoke billowing from the scene, witnessed by a large crowd. Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Deepak Mittal, along with Consul General Satish Sivan, paid their respects to Syal, whose remains were transported back to India on a special IAF flight, accompanied by a ceremonial guard of honour from the Emirati Defence Forces. The IAF expressed its deep sorrow over the incident and announced the establishment of a court of inquiry to investigate the cause of the accident, which marks the second mishap involving the Tejas in less than two years. This incident not only underscores the inherent risks faced by pilots during high-stakes demonstrations but also reflects the growing international presence and recognition of India's indigenous defense capabilities, further amplifying the significance of the Tejas program on the global stage.

Army doctors perform 400 eye surgeries in community halls during Operation Drishti.

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Army doctors, under the leadership of Maj Gen Sanjay Sharma, have successfully conducted Operation Drishti in Jammu and Kashmir, transforming community halls

into sterile operating theatres to perform over 400 intricate eye surgeries within four days. This outreach initiative, conceptualized following a request from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, achieved the screening of 2,000 individuals, including veterans and local civilians, many of whom had long-neglected cataracts. The operation, led by renowned ophthalmologist Brigadier Sanjay Kumar Mishra, showcased the Army's commitment to humanitarian service while effectively addressing critical healthcare needs in remote areas, reflecting a compassionate approach amidst the operational complexities of the region.

Miscellaneous

Farhan Akhtar screens "120 Bahadur" to honor Major Shaitan Singh and soldiers' bravery. SHARE

23-Nov-25

Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar hosted a special screening of his film "120 Bahadur" in Delhi, honoring the legacy of Major Shaitan Singh and the soldiers of the Battle of Rezang La during the 1962 Sino-Indian War. The event was attended by Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi and other high-ranking officers, who expressed emotional responses to the film's portrayal of bravery. The screening coincided with the launch of a MyStamp by the Indian Postal Service to commemorate this significant battle. The film has received positive reactions from viewers, emphasizing the respect and sincerity with which the sacrifices of Indian soldiers are depicted, highlighting the importance of such cultural narratives in fostering national pride.

16,000 participants celebrate fitness and navy's role at Mumbai marathon. SHARE

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Over 23,000 runners participated in the eighth edition of the Indian Oil-WNC Navy Half Marathon in Mumbai, a significant event aimed at promoting fitness, national unity, and public awareness of the Indian Navy's role in maritime security. Flagged off by Bollywood actors Riteish Deshmukh and Suniel Shetty, along with Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, the marathon saw participants from all age groups, underscoring the Navy's outreach efforts to connect with the community. Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff, emphasized the dual focus of the event on physical fitness and environmental consciousness, aligning with the Government of India's Fit India Movement. The marathon not only celebrates athleticism but also honors the sacrifices of naval personnel, reinforcing the bond between the Navy and the city of Mumbai, where shipbuilding has historical significance. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to fostering a healthy lifestyle among citizens while strengthening ties between the armed forces and the public, showcasing the importance of community engagement in enhancing national pride and awareness.

INS Shikra hosts aircraft display, showcasing Navy's modernization and readiness for Navy Day 2025. SHARE

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INS Shikra, a key naval air station located in Mumbai, showcased a static aircraft display as part of the Navy Day 2025 celebrations. This event highlights the Indian Navy's commitment to enhancing its operational readiness and public engagement, underscoring the importance of technological advancement and maritime capabilities in contemporary defense strategies. The display featured various aircraft, reflecting the Navy's diverse fleet and its readiness to address emerging challenges in regional security. Such initiatives not only bolster public awareness of the Navy's role but also emphasize the ongoing modernization efforts integral to India's defense policy, reinforcing its position as a formidable maritime power.

Leopard sighted at Pune airport; authorities urged to exercise caution. SHARE

23-Nov-25

A leopard was sighted twice on the premises of Pune International Airport on November 19, prompting the forest department to advise caution to both civil and Indian Air Force (IAF) authorities. Monitoring of the leopard, which has been ongoing for 15-20 days, includes the installation of trap cages and camera traps in the area. The airport operates as a civil enclave within the IAF's Lohegaon Air Base, necessitating coordinated airside operations. Previous sightings have not disrupted flight operations, but the forest department emphasized the need for immediate precautionary measures to ensure safety within these sensitive zones. The situation underscores the ongoing challenges of wildlife management in proximity to critical infrastructure.

Russian tribute to late Indian pilot highlights strong India-Russia defense ties.

23-Nov-25

The Russian Knights aerobatic team prominently paid tribute to Wing Commander Namansh Syal, an Indian Air Force pilot who died on November 21, 2025, in a HAL Tejas fighter jet crash during the Dubai Air Show. The Russian team dedicated their entire aerial performance to Syal's memory, emphasizing the deep bond and camaraderie between Indian and Russian aviators that goes beyond politics. This touching gesture underscores the longstanding and robust defense ties between India and Russia, reflected in their collaboration on military technology and joint ventures. Wing Commander Syal's sacrifice was honored by both the Indian Air Force and Russian counterparts, highlighting a friendship grounded in mutual respect and shared values. The incident resonates powerfully across the defense community, reaffirming India's commitment to indigenous aviation progress despite challenges, and Russia's support for India as a key strategic partner. The nation mourned the loss of a courageous pilot whose devotion embodied the spirit of the Indian Air Force.

SIR prompts return of undocumented Bangladeshis at Hakimpur border.

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A significant increase in undocumented Bangladeshi nationals returning to their country has been observed at the Hakimpur border in West Bengal, attributed to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Many individuals, fearing scrutiny of their fraudulent documents, have opted for departure rather than potential detention, with reports indicating 150-200 people are being processed daily. This reverse migration, which began after the SIR commenced on November 4, highlights the tense political landscape surrounding the electoral verification process, as accusations of political maneuvering between the BJP and the ruling TMC escalate. The situation underscores the broader implications of migration policies and their impact on vulnerable communities caught in a complex socio-political web.

Pakistani pilot's brother mourns Indian pilot, criticizes media reactions.

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Wing Commander Namansh Syal, an Indian Air Force pilot, tragically lost his life when the Tejas fighter jet he was flying crashed during a demonstration at the Dubai Airshow on November 21, 2025. In a rare gesture of empathy, Salman Akram, brother of late Pakistani F-16 pilot Wing Commander Nauman Akram who died in a similar accident in March 2020, publicly expressed condolences to Syal's family, urging dignity and restraint in the face of tragedy. Akram criticized the vitriolic reactions from some sections of Pakistani media, emphasizing that mocking a professional soldier's death in an accident is contrary to both military ethos and religious morality. The incident has prompted a court of inquiry by the IAF and drawn attention to the shared risks faced by pilots across borders, even as geopolitical rivalries persist.

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