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Defense Business and Industry

Rajnath Singh Launches SANJAY: India's Advanced Battlefield System



24-Jan-25

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh recently flagged off SANJAY, an indigenously developed Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS) by the Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited. This automated system enhances battlefield transparency by integrating inputs from various sensors to generate a Common Surveillance Picture via secured networks, significantly improving Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance capabilities. SANJAY, costing Rs 2,402 crore, will be inducted across operational units in phases from March to October 2025, aligning with the Ministry of Defence's focus on reforms and Aatmanirbharta. This initiative underscores India's commitment to modernizing its defense infrastructure and fostering self-reliance in military technology.

MoD Starts Talks with MDL for Rs 70,000 Crore Submarine Project



24-Jan-25

The Indian Ministry of Defence has initiated negotiations with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) for the Rs 70,000 crore Project-75(I) submarine contract, following the rejection of Larsen and Toubro's bid due to non-compliance with Indian Navy requirements. Concurrently, MDL and Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems are advancing in negotiations for a separate Rs 43,000 crore submarine project under Project-75I, which will enhance India's maritime capabilities through advanced Air-

Independent Propulsion systems and other modern technologies. These initiatives are crucial given the rapid modernization of the Chinese Navy, as India aims to bolster its submarine fleet and enhance self-reliance in defense manufacturing. The collaboration between MDL and TKMS exemplifies a strategic approach to integrate indigenous capabilities with global expertise, addressing the Indian Navy's urgent operational needs.

Rolls-Royce secures \$11B contract to boost UK's nuclear sub program



24-Jan-25

Rolls-Royce has secured an \$11 billion contract to design and manufacture reactors for the UK's nuclear submarines, significantly enhancing the nation's defense capabilities and economic landscape. The deal, part of the UK's strategy to ensure continuous at-sea deterrence, is expected to create over 1,000 new jobs and maintain 4,000 existing positions. This initiative bolsters the AUKUS defense partnership with the US and Australia, while Rolls-Royce plans to double its production capacity in Derby to meet the Royal Navy's demands. Overall, this investment represents a strategic commitment to national security and industrial growth, reinforcing the UK's position in global defense.

CSIR-NAL and Astra Microwave Unite for Indigenous RCS Tech



24-Jan-25

In a significant advancement for India's defense capabilities, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) has partnered with Astra Microwave Products Limited to develop an indigenous Technology Demonstrator for Active Radar Cross Section (RCS) Reduction. This initiative aims to enhance the stealth

capabilities of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) through advanced antenna arrays and innovative materials like radar-absorbing paints and meta-surfaces. The phased development approach ensures continuous improvement, with initial tests indicating promising reductions in radar signatures. This collaboration exemplifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, strengthening strategic deterrence and operational effectiveness while positioning India as a competitive player in the global aerospace market, capable of meeting both domestic and international needs.

## India's NGLV: Modular Design, Reusable First Stage by 2032



24-Jan-25

The Indian government has approved the NGLV project, expected to be completed by 2032, enhancing India's satellite launch capabilities with a 30-tonne payload capacity to Low Earth Orbit. Its modular design and green propulsion systems aim for cost-effective operations, potentially reducing launch costs significantly. The first stage is designed for partial reusability, featuring advanced landing systems and requiring robust infrastructure for recovery and maintenance. While challenges such as structural integrity, landing precision, and long-term reliability need to be addressed, the NGLV positions India competitively in the global space industry, supporting national ambitions and commercial missions while facilitating future human spaceflight endeavors.

## JSW Defence partners with Telangana for Rs 800 cr UAV plant



24-Jan-25

JSW Defence has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Telangana government to establish an Rs 800 crore facility for manufacturing Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAVs) in Hyderabad, highlighting India's commitment to indigenizing defence technology. The investment will involve a technology partnership with a leading US-based defence company, Shield AI, Inc., aimed at producing the V-BAT UAV. This initiative positions Telangana not only as a hub for software and pharmaceuticals but also as a burgeoning leader in defence manufacturing, aligning with India's strategic focus on self-reliance and technological advancement in the defence sector. The project reflects both local and global aspirations in enhancing India's defence capabilities.

## India to Manufacture Indigenous Ejection Parachutes for LCA-Tejas



24-Jan-25

India's Ordnance Parachute Factory (OPF) in Kanpur is set to manufacture indigenous seat ejection parachutes for LCA-Tejas pilots, marking a pivotal move towards self-reliance in defense and ending dependence on foreign suppliers. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a parachute system that meets the Tejas' high-performance requirements, ensuring pilot safety during emergency ejections. Utilizing advanced materials like carbon fiber and titanium, the local production effort aims to enhance cost-effectiveness while adhering to international safety standards. This initiative underscores a successful partnership within India's defense sector, reinforcing its commitment to indigenous capabilities and enhancing operational readiness.

## Saab India Plans Gripen-E Production Partnership with Dynamatic



24-Jan-25

Saab India plans to partner with Dynamatic Technologies for the production of Gripen-E fighter jets if it wins the IAF's MRFA tender for 110 jets. This collaboration will enable Saab to establish a Final Assembly Line (FAL) in India, enhancing local manufacturing capabilities and integrating smaller Indian firms into the supply chain. The move signals Saab's confidence in independently managing the program and aligns with India's policy shifts favoring foreign investment in defense. Securing the MRFA contract would mark a significant milestone for India's defense sector, reinforcing its position in the global aerospace industry and pursuit of technological sovereignty.

## Indian Army Secures Approval for Third Batch of K-9 Vajra Howitzers



24-Jan-25

The Indian Army has received final approval to procure an additional 100 K-9 Vajra self-propelled howitzers, following the induction of 100 units in 2021. The second batch, equipped with winterization kits for high-altitude operations, will enhance performance in sub-zero temperatures typical of regions like Ladakh. The upcoming third batch will focus on addressing operational needs along India's western borders with Pakistan, utilizing the K-9 Vajra's capabilities in desert conditions. This strategic move reflects a long-term vision for artillery modernization, ensuring the Indian

Army remains prepared and capable in diverse operational environments.

## DRDO Tests Indigenous Air Droppable Container from P-8I Aircraft SHARE

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DRDO has successfully flight tested an indigenously developed Air Droppable Container from the P-8I aircraft, in collaboration with the Indian Navy. This innovative system enhances India's capabilities to deliver critical supplies and emergency stores at sea during both peacetime and combat operations, significantly improving logistics and operational readiness. The successful test underscores India's commitment to developing self-reliant defense technologies, reinforcing the strategic importance of indigenous solutions in enhancing national security. This advancement not only bolsters naval operations but also reflects India's growing defense manufacturing capabilities, which are essential for maintaining regional stability and deterrence.

## ideaForge's SWITCH MINI UAV Secures Military Certification SHARE

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ideaForge Technology Limited has achieved a significant milestone with its SWITCH MINI UAV receiving the Fit for Indian Military Use certification from the Directorate General of Quality Assurance. This certification highlights the UAV's exceptional performance and reliability under extreme conditions, thereby positioning ideaForge as a leader in the drone industry. The SWITCH MINI UAV's capabilities make it an invaluable asset for the Indian Armed Forces, enhancing their surveillance, reconnaissance, and logistics operations. This achievement not only reinforces domestic innovation in advanced technology but also bolsters India's standing in the global drone market, paving the way for expanded partnerships and opportunities in both defense and civil applications.

## AWEIL Wins Bid for UP Police Assault Rifle Supply SHARE

24-Jan-25

Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL) has been declared the lowest bidder for supplying 405 units of 7.62x39mm Assault Rifles to the Uttar Pradesh Police, showcasing its competitive edge in the defense sector. The selected Trichy Assault Rifles (TAR), developed by the Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli, are designed for counter-insurgency and law enforcement, offering effective stopping power

suitable for various security scenarios. This procurement not only strengthens AWEIL's reputation as a trusted firearms supplier but also enhances the capabilities of India's security forces, reflecting a positive trend in domestic defense production and self-reliance in meeting the needs of law enforcement agencies.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### Senate Approves Controversial Hegseth as Defense Secretary SHARE

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The U.S. Senate narrowly advanced the nomination of Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense, with a 51-49 vote, despite significant controversy surrounding his personal conduct and lack of management experience. Hegseth, a former military veteran and Fox News host, faces allegations of abuse and sexual misconduct, which he denies. His supporters, including most Republican senators, argue he will restore a warrior mentality to the military, while Democrats express concerns over his suitability. If confirmed, Hegseth will lead over 1.3 million military personnel and oversee nearly a \$1 trillion budget, with his approach to diversity initiatives and foreign policy under scrutiny.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### Indonesia Set to Finalize BrahMos Deal, Strengthening Defense Ties SHARE

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Indonesia is nearing a deal with India to acquire the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system, a culmination of its interest since 2010. This agreement, set to be finalized by 2025, represents a significant milestone for India's defense exports and enhances Indonesia's maritime defense amid rising tensions in the South China Sea. Initially hesitant due to concerns over China's reactions, India's shift reflects growing confidence in its defense capabilities and a strengthening partnership with Indonesia, contributing to regional stability. The BrahMos will empower Indonesia to effectively safeguard its maritime sovereignty against potential threats, marking a pivotal moment in Indo-Pacific defense collaboration.

## Unraveling the Fragile Israel-Hamas Ceasefire Dynamics



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The ongoing ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has allowed for the release of hostages and humanitarian aid into Gaza, with Israel pulling back its troops and facilitating the return of displaced Palestinians. However, the situation remains precarious as negotiations for further phases of the ceasefire are complicated by Israel's demand for the complete dismantling of Hamas, while the militant group resists any such conditions. Concurrently, Israel has undertaken military operations in the West Bank, reportedly targeting militants, amidst rising tensions. The broader context highlights the challenges in achieving lasting peace, as both parties must navigate complex political and military landscapes, with humanitarian crises in Gaza further exacerbating the situation. The dynamics signify a critical moment in Middle Eastern geopolitics, illustrating the intertwined nature of military strategy and humanitarian needs in the region.

## Trump Advocates Meeting Putin to Resolve Ukraine Conflict



24-Jan-25

Former U.S. President Donald Trump emphasized the need for a swift resolution to the ongoing Ukraine war, expressing readiness to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin to negotiate an end to what he termed a "ridiculous war." Trump underscored the urgency, stating that daily casualties are reminiscent of historic conflicts and suggested that both Ukraine and Russia, with losses exceeding 800,000 soldiers, are keen to negotiate. He also hinted at potential sanctions against Russia if a deal is not reached soon, advocating for denuclearization discussions involving Russia and China. This stance reflects a broader geopolitical desire for stability in the region, highlighting the significant human cost of the conflict and the necessity for diplomatic engagement amid escalating tensions.

## Rising Nuclear Tensions: Russia Warns of Potential Conflicts



24-Jan-25

Russian security official Sergei Shoigu has raised concerns over the increasing likelihood of conflict among nuclear powers, attributing this to escalating geopolitical tensions and NATO's intensified activities near Russia and Belarus. He emphasized that Russia and Belarus are taking preventative measures against perceived Western destabilization efforts, asserting

that Belarus is now protected under Russia's nuclear umbrella. This situation reflects a broader narrative of strategic posturing, with both NATO and Russia accusing each other of raising tensions, highlighting the precarious balance of power and the potential for miscalculation that could lead to a dangerous escalation in armed conflict. India's strategic posture must remain vigilant amid these developments, focusing on maintaining regional stability and enhancing its own defense capabilities.

## IOC Chief: US Sanctions on Russia Won't Affect India's Oil Imports



24-Jan-25

Indian Oil Chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney has asserted that new US sanctions on Russia will not disrupt India's crude oil imports or global prices, which are expected to stabilize between USD 75-80 per barrel. He emphasized that India's energy security is robust, citing a diversified import strategy from various sources, including the Gulf and OPEC. Despite the Ukraine war leading to increased Russian oil imports, Sahney is confident that even potential sanctions will not impact availability. He noted that the energy sector already receives adequate government support and expects no adverse effects from the upcoming budget. This indicates India's strategic approach to ensuring energy security amidst geopolitical uncertainties.

## INS Sarvekshak Completes Hydrographic Survey, Boosts Ties with Mauritius



24-Jan-25

INS Sarvekshak has successfully completed a comprehensive hydrographic survey of over 25,000 sq. nautical miles around Mauritius, enhancing bilateral maritime cooperation. The survey's results, including new nautical charts and survey equipment, were formally handed over to Mauritius' President, promoting the island nation's maritime infrastructure and coastal development. This initiative underscores India's commitment to regional development, aligning with the SAGAR vision, which emphasizes security and growth for all in the region. Additionally, a joint yoga session highlighted the cultural ties between India and Mauritius, further solidifying their partnership in both defense and cultural exchange, reflecting a strategic alignment in the Indian Ocean region.



## Putin Seeks to Revive Nuclear Arms Reduction Talks After Trump



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed a desire to restart nuclear arms reduction talks following comments from U.S. President Donald Trump, who indicated a willingness to negotiate reductions with Russia and China. The Kremlin emphasized that the initiative now rests with Washington, highlighting the shifting dynamics in global nuclear arms discussions. This development signifies a potential thaw in U.S.-Russia relations concerning arms control, suggesting an opportunity for strategic dialogue that could enhance international security. However, the actual progress will depend on the willingness of all parties involved to engage constructively in these negotiations.

## North Korea Plans to Send More Troops to Support Russia in Ukraine



24-Jan-25

South Korea's military suspects North Korea is preparing to send more troops to Russia to bolster its forces in the ongoing Ukraine conflict, following significant casualties among the initial deployment of approximately 11,000 soldiers. Ukrainian President Zelenskiy confirmed the capture of North Korean soldiers, highlighting the increasing military cooperation between Pyongyang and Moscow. This development follows a treaty signed during President Putin's visit to Pyongyang, which outlines a mutual defense pact. As the situation evolves, the implications of North Korea's enhanced military involvement in international conflicts could significantly alter regional stability and security dynamics.

## Russia Dismisses NATO Peacekeeper Proposal for Ukraine



24-Jan-25

Russia has firmly rejected NATO's proposal to deploy peacekeeping troops to Ukraine, deeming it a potential trigger for uncontrollable escalation. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova emphasized that any such move, discussed by leaders like British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, would be unacceptable. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meanwhile, anticipates requiring at least 200,000 European peacekeepers to deter future Russian aggression post-ceasefire, while maintaining Ukraine's troop strength of approximately 800,000. The backdrop to these tensions includes ongoing dialogues between Russia and the U.S., with President Trump expressing intent to swiftly end hostilities. This dynamic underlines the delicate

balance between military readiness and diplomatic negotiations in the region.

## Sweden Sounds Alarm on Hybrid Warfare Risks from Russia and China



24-Jan-25

Sweden's Armed Forces have raised alarms regarding hybrid warfare threats from Russia, China, and Iran, highlighting their intelligence operations aimed at destabilizing Swedish societal functions and influencing decision-making through cyberattacks and disinformation. Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson emphasized that Sweden, while not at war, faces serious vulnerabilities, particularly due to proxy warfare tactics employed by these nations. He pointed out concerns over recent incidents like underwater cable sabotage linked to a Chinese vessel, stressing the need for vigilance among political and military leaders. Overall, this situation illustrates the broader geopolitical struggle for influence in Europe, reinforcing the importance of NATO solidarity in addressing such hybrid threats.

## INS Tushil's Historic Visit to Namibia Strengthens Maritime Ties



24-Jan-25

INS Tushil, a newly inducted stealth-guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, has made a landmark visit to Walvis Bay, Namibia, enhancing India-Namibia maritime ties. This maiden voyage underscores India's commitment to maritime cooperation and regional stability, featuring joint operational planning, cross-deck visits, and community outreach activities. The visit also included friendly interactions, like volleyball matches and sessions promoting cultural exchange, showcasing India's naval prowess and diplomatic approach. This engagement not only strengthens bilateral relations but also reflects India's broader strategy of fostering peace and collaboration across the Indian Ocean and African maritime domain, thereby reinforcing its role as a key regional player.

## Trump's US May Offer India NATO-Like Status for F-35 Access



24-Jan-25

The US under President Trump is considering granting India NATO-like status for arms procurement, potentially easing restrictions on acquiring advanced military equipment such as the F-35 fighter jet. This strategic move could significantly enhance India's military capabilities, enabling the Indian Air Force to modernize its fleet and bolster its air superiority against

regional threats, particularly from China. Granting this status would bypass the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, facilitating smoother arms transfers and opening avenues for co-production and technology sharing, which could strengthen India's defense industry. However, financial implications and political factors will play a crucial role in shaping this prospective policy.

## Military Operations

### Indian Army Unveils Two Bridges in Ladakh, Boosting Connectivity



24-Jan-25

The Indian Army has successfully inaugurated two newly constructed bailey bridges over the Shyok River in Ladakh, significantly improving connectivity between the Shyok and Nubra valleys. These 50-foot-wide and 100-foot-long bridges reduce travel distances by approximately 40 km and travel time by around two hours, greatly benefiting remote villages, especially during harsh winters. Brigadier V S Salaria emphasized the bridges' importance in enhancing accessibility to essential services and fostering community connectivity in the Siachen region. This initiative reflects India's commitment to improving infrastructure in challenging terrains, thereby bolstering local development and security in strategically important areas.

### BSF Boosts Alert Operations on Indo-Bangladesh Border for R-Day



24-Jan-25

The Border Security Force (BSF) has initiated Ops Alert along the 4,096 km Indo-Bangladesh Border in preparation for India's 76th Republic Day, enhancing patrolling and border domination during both day and night. This operational readiness aims to prevent incidents and adapt to the changing scenario in Bangladesh, with specific focus on riverine and unfenced areas. Additional Director General Ravi Gandhi emphasized the importance of empowering border communities through civic programs, while a conference with Bangladesh's Border Guard addressed issues including limiting non-farmer movements across the border. The coordinated efforts underscore India's commitment to border security and community development, reflecting a proactive defense strategy.

### IAF's Bidar air-to-ground weapon training range faces setbacks.



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The Indian Air Force's (IAF) initiative to establish an air-to-ground weapon training range at Bidar has encountered significant setbacks, primarily due to environmental concerns, land acquisition challenges, and bureaucratic delays. Although Bidar's favorable weather and existing infrastructure make it a strategic choice for enhancing combat training, resistance from local communities and the complexities of obtaining necessary clearances have stalled progress. This lack of advancement is a notable setback for the IAF, which aims to bolster its operational readiness in air-to-ground warfare amidst evolving threats. Without overcoming these hurdles, the potential of Bidar as a premier training ground, vital for modern military capabilities, remains unfulfilled.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### India Blames Pakistan for Cross-Border Terrorism, Urges Action



24-Jan-25

India has firmly accused Pakistan of orchestrating cross-border terrorism, highlighting the global awareness of Pakistan's role in supporting terror activities, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasized the need for Pakistan to take decisive action against terrorism, countering claims of politicization by asserting that the origin of such violence is well known. Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi reiterated that 80% of active terrorists in the region are Pakistani, linking ongoing violence to Pakistan's influence and stressing that local elections reflect a populace seeking peace. With an additional 15,000 troops deployed, India aims to counteract this threat effectively.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### RBI Orders Banks to Implement TRAI's MNRL by March 2025



24-Jan-25

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated that all banks utilize the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) by

March 31, 2025, to combat cyber fraud, particularly involving money mules. This initiative aims to enhance fraud risk monitoring by identifying and updating revoked mobile numbers associated with fraudulent activities. Experts emphasize the need for robust Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and greater public awareness, suggesting the integration of advanced analytics and real-time monitoring to bolster defenses against evolving fraud tactics. The RBI's proactive approach underscores its commitment to safeguarding the financial system integrity against cyber threats.

## Cyberattacks Surge 44% Globally; India Faces Weekly Assaults

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Check Point Software's 2025 report reveals a staggering 44% increase in global cyberattacks, with India experiencing an average of 3,291 attacks per week, significantly outpacing the global average. The healthcare sector is the most targeted, revealing vulnerabilities that also affect national security, as seen in a recent critical data breach exposing sensitive biometric information. The report emphasizes the evolving nature of cyber threats, including the rising use of AI in disinformation campaigns and ransomware tactics. It underscores the urgent need for organizations in India to enhance their cybersecurity measures, particularly in safeguarding edge devices and implementing effective threat intelligence strategies to mitigate risks.

## Miscellaneous

## Tragic blast at Maharashtra ordnance factory claims 8 lives

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A tragic explosion at the ordnance factory in Bhandara, Maharashtra, resulted in eight fatalities and several injuries, with initial reports indicating 13 to 14 workers were trapped due to a roof collapse. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other officials expressed their condolences and committed to ongoing rescue operations supported by local and national disaster response teams. The blast, which was powerful enough to be heard from five kilometers away, has raised concerns about workplace safety in critical defense production facilities. This incident highlights the need for stringent safety protocols and thorough investigations to prevent such tragedies in the future while ensuring that support is provided to the affected

families. The commitment from the government to address the situation and assist those impacted reflects a responsible approach to managing such crises in the defense sector.

## India to Launch First Human Underwater Submersible This Year

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India is set to launch its first Human Underwater Submersible, marking a significant milestone in its scientific and technological advancements. This ambitious mission, supported by entirely indigenous technology, will initially operate at depths of up to 500 meters with plans to reach 6,000 meters by the following year. It aims to explore uncharted ocean depths for critical minerals and undiscovered marine biodiversity, contributing to India's blue economy and sustainable resource management. The mission aligns with other national initiatives like the Gaganyaan space program, showcasing India's commitment to advancing its scientific frontiers while enhancing understanding of deep-sea ecosystems vital for biodiversity conservation. This initiative not only emphasizes India's innovative capacity but also underscores its determination to enhance economic growth and environmental resilience through marine exploration.

## Yunus Denounces Hasina's Economic Claims as Corruption-Driven

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Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, head of Bangladesh's interim government, criticized the economic growth claimed by ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as "fake," attributing it to corruption. While Hasina was acknowledged for boosting the economy, she now faces allegations of serious crimes, including corruption and human rights violations. Yunus emphasized the need for inclusive growth and expressed concern over strained Bangladesh-India relations since Hasina's exile. He has called for her extradition to face trial in Bangladesh and highlighted the importance of a strong partnership between Bangladesh and India, reflecting on their intertwined histories and borders.

## Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto visits India for Republic Day

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Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto arrived in India on January 23 for a state visit, serving as the Chief Guest for the 76th Republic Day celebrations. His visit aims to strengthen the India-Indonesia Comprehensive

Strategic Partnership, focusing on security, maritime, and digital technology cooperation. Key meetings are scheduled with Indian leaders, including Prime Minister Modi and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, with several Memorandums of Understanding expected to be signed. Notably, a 352-member Indonesian marching and band contingent will participate in the Republic Day Parade, marking a significant cultural exchange and enhancing bilateral ties between the two nations.

## Calls to Retrieve Netaji's Remains from Japan for DNA Testing

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Renewed calls have emerged to bring back the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from a Buddhist temple in Japan, with family members asserting the temple's willingness for DNA verification. They argue that the ashes, believed to be Bose's, should be returned to India, emphasizing the need for closure on his mysterious death in 1945. Despite various inquiry reports confirming Bose's death but disputing the identity of the remains, the family insists on the government's proactive engagement, citing historical commitments from the temple authorities. This prolonged debate reflects a deep emotional connection to India's freedom struggle and the legacy of one of its prominent leaders.

## US Senate Confirms John Ratcliffe as New CIA Director

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The U.S. Senate has confirmed John Ratcliffe as the new CIA Director with a vote of 74 to 25, marking a pivotal moment in President Trump's administration. Ratcliffe, who previously served as the Director of National Intelligence, plans to enhance the CIA's technological capabilities, especially in AI and quantum computing, amid rising threats from China and Russia. His confirmation faced scrutiny over potential bias due to his ties with Trump, yet Republican senators expressed confidence in his leadership. This development underscores the U.S.'s commitment to strengthening its intelligence apparatus in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape, which is crucial for maintaining national security and countering adversarial actions.

## Trump Calls U.S.-China Trade 'Unfair,' Threatens Tariffs Over 60%

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Former President Donald Trump has criticized the current U.S.-China trade relationship, claiming it unfairly

favors China. He indicated a willingness to impose tariffs exceeding 60% on certain Chinese imports if re-elected, reflecting a hardline stance similar to his previous trade war initiated in 2018. While acknowledging his positive past rapport with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Trump asserts the need for tougher measures to rectify the trade balance and protect American workers. His remarks highlight a stark contrast to the current administration's perceived leniency towards China, suggesting a potential escalation in trade tensions should he regain office.

## Trump: Make It in America or Face Heavy Tariffs

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Former President Donald Trump, speaking at the World Economic Forum, emphasized the importance of domestic manufacturing, warning that companies not producing in America could face substantial tariffs, potentially reaching hundreds of billions of dollars. He proposed a dual strategy of incentivizing local production through low taxes while imposing penalties on overseas manufacturing. Trump's address, marking his first significant international appearance since returning to office, highlighted his administration's focus on reshaping trade policies to foster U.S. manufacturing supremacy, addressing concerns like inflation and energy production. This approach reflects a broader trend of prioritizing national interests and economic resilience in the face of global competition.

## Indonesian Contingent Thrilled to Join India's Republic Day Parade

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Indonesia's marching and band contingent, comprising 352 members, will participate in India's Republic Day parade for the first time, marking a significant milestone in bilateral relations. This event coincides with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto's visit as the Chief Guest, emphasizing enhanced cooperation in defense, trade, and cultural exchanges. The enthusiasm expressed by the Indonesian military reflects a mutual commitment to strengthening ties, showcasing the importance of cultural diplomacy in fostering goodwill. This participation not only celebrates India's diversity but also highlights Indonesia's strategic partnership with India in an evolving geopolitical landscape.



## Maharashtra Secures ₹4.99 Lakh Crore Investment Pact at Davos SHARE

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Maharashtra has signed a significant MoU at Davos, committing 4.99 lakh crore in investments across various sectors, notably including 5,200 crore towards defense and electric vehicles by Kalyani Group. This initiative is expected to generate a total of over 92,000 jobs, contributing to the state's vision of supporting India's goal of a USD 1 trillion economy by 2030. The agreements focus on enhancing Maharashtra's industrial and economic landscape, showcasing strong investor confidence and policy facilitation. By prioritizing sectors like renewable energy and IT infrastructure, Maharashtra is positioning itself as a key player in India's ambitious economic growth and defense capabilities.

## India and Japan to Launch Shinkansen E10-Alfa-X Bullet Train by 2030 SHARE

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India and Japan are set to simultaneously introduce the Shinkansen E10-Alfa-X Bullet Train by 2029-30, enhancing rail connectivity and symbolizing a robust technological partnership. Before this, India will launch its indigenous high-speed trains on the Ahmedabad-Mumbai corridor in 2027, featuring a top speed of 280 km/h. The project, primarily funded by a low-interest loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, includes vital infrastructure such as a 21-km undersea tunnel. Additionally, adaptations for Indian conditions will improve functionality in extreme climates, marking a significant leap in India's high-speed rail capabilities and setting a strong precedent for future advancements in global rail technology.

## GSLV-F15: Celebrating 100 Launches from India's Sriharikota Spaceport SHARE

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India's GSLV-F15 mission is set to mark the 100th launch from its Sriharikota spaceport, successfully placing the NVS-02 satellite into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit. This launch highlights India's advancements in space technology and enhances the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) system, which offers precise positioning services across a vast region. The NVS-02 satellite will replace the IRNSS-1E, significantly improving the accuracy and reliability of NavIC. With its indigenous cryogenic stage and advanced navigation payloads, this mission underscores India's commitment to developing a robust

space-based infrastructure and solidifying its position as a growing space power on the global stage.

## MEA: Freedom of Speech Must Be Universally Upheld SHARE

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal addressed obstructions to the screening of the film "Emergency" in the UK, emphasizing that freedom of speech must not be selectively applied and urging the UK government to hold accountable those responsible for anti-India protests. He highlighted India's ongoing concerns regarding the activities of Khalistani forces, including the presence of terrorist Pannun at Donald Trump's inauguration, reiterating India's commitment to raising such issues with the US government to safeguard its security. The MEA remains in contact with the Indian community in the UK to ensure their safety amidst these tensions.

## Surge in Passport Fraud Threatens India's Global Reputation SHARE

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Recent reports highlight a troubling rise in fraudulent practices to obtain Indian passports, particularly among individuals from Nepal and Bangladesh. This trend threatens India's global standing and national security, as counterfeit documents facilitate illegal activities like terrorism and human trafficking. The integrity of the Indian passport system is jeopardized, potentially influencing its ranking on the Henley Passport Index and complicating international travel for genuine travelers. The Indian government is responding with enhanced verification processes and public awareness campaigns, but addressing the challenge posed by porous borders remains critical to safeguarding the nation's reputation and ensuring the security of its citizens.

## ALH-Dhruv MKIII Absent from RDP, Ready to Shine at Aero India 2025 SHARE

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The ALH-Dhruv MKIII, developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), will be featured prominently at Aero India 2025 despite its absence from the Republic Day Parade due to recent safety concerns. This strategic decision aims to reassure both domestic and international audiences about the helicopter's reliability and capabilities through flying displays and static exhibitions. By showcasing its agility and operational versatility in a controlled environment, HAL

seeks to restore confidence among the Indian military and attract potential foreign buyers looking for cost-effective, multi-role helicopters for various applications. This approach underscores India's commitment to advancing its defense manufacturing while addressing safety priorities.

## India's Republic Day 2025: Celebrating Defence Strength and Culture [SHARE](#)

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India's Republic Day 2025 celebrations are set to highlight the nation's military advancements and cultural heritage, showcasing its growing self-reliance

in defence manufacturing. Advancements include indigenous production of key military assets such as Tejas fighter jets and BrahMos missiles, alongside significant investments in submarines and drone technology. The Defence Research and Development Organisation will unveil a Laser-Based Directed Energy Weapon, marking a significant milestone in India's defence capabilities. The commitment to modernisation and indigenous production not only enhances national security but also positions India as a burgeoning player in the global defence market, reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and fostering technological innovation.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
HIGHENE	554.95	560.0	552.0	554.95	4047	0.67	32.87	604.43	718.09
GRSE	1534.0	1558.45	1507.0	1536.8	310788	0.16	48.33	1539.27	1654.39
BEML	3669.0	3721.0	3593.0	3637.15	133424	-0.77	39.84	3787.46	4026.56
IDEAFORGE	552.0	552.0	540.2	541.7	65431	-0.78	36.1	584.85	678.0
SOLARINDS	9600.1	9660.3	9340.4	9478.2	43743	-0.84	44.98	9562.48	10194.65
MAZDOCK	2340.0	2387.0	2277.0	2299.55	2587979	-0.86	51.15	2245.15	2045.21
BHARATFORG	1230.05	1243.85	1211.25	1216.55	459008	-0.91	40.79	1238.81	1462.23
ASTRAMICRO	744.0	752.0	730.55	736.5	317864	-1.14	41.55	764.38	819.59
PARAS	1102.8	1102.8	1050.0	1065.65	198533	-1.24	53.06	1032.33	1069.92
LT	3514.5	3521.1	3446.05	3458.2	1206454	-1.29	37.07	3562.65	3607.9
BEL	273.95	276.7	268.8	270.15	10164897	-1.39	41.02	279.95	286.4
MTARTECH	1622.0	1629.0	1587.35	1599.55	61135	-1.43	42.89	1668.8	1781.32
COCHINSHIP	1486.4	1504.4	1450.0	1458.6	269316	-1.47	45.93	1492.89	1770.85
MIDHANI	321.25	328.1	317.25	320.55	149048	-1.48	42.57	330.03	402.71
ROSSELLIND	73.35	73.35	70.05	70.39	21549	-1.83	34.47	74.18	332.95
HAL	3940.0	3974.05	3836.25	3849.8	1149113	-1.85	38.12	4036.65	4515.58
LMW	16266.9	16428.45	15800.2	15898.7	1293	-1.87	39.31	16475.48	16306.65
PTC	144.6	145.54	141.01	142.3	1260410	-1.9	45.25	142.11	196.19
AVANTEL	141.3	141.3	135.45	136.26	571439	-2.18	37.66	144.56	-
LOKESHMACH	309.1	314.0	300.0	300.55	22039	-2.26	40.26	311.94	387.34
ADANIENT	2387.75	2406.0	2299.4	2315.1	1388583	-2.93	40.91	2446.3	2923.12
HBLPOWER	545.45	551.4	527.25	529.4	888825	-2.97	34.41	576.5	573.23
ZENTEC	1910.0	1925.0	1829.1	1849.75	564890	-2.99	29.02	2296.06	1607.8
DATAPATNS	2189.35	2212.75	2096.05	2106.35	122410	-3.57	36.46	2297.65	2704.29
DCXINDIA	342.0	346.2	327.25	329.35	398084	-3.7	39.22	359.76	340.5
AZAD	1589.0	1590.0	1490.0	1520.05	104482	-3.73	36.18	1696.06	1583.8
KRISHNADEF	714.35	721.0	689.0	697.85	41250	-3.78	42.14	748.04	686.5
BDL	1294.0	1300.55	1235.05	1241.2	775369	-3.84	53.58	1188.76	1241.67
MARINE	221.9	223.95	210.0	211.6	144027	-3.91	31.85	242.25	208.17
NIBE	1479.95	1510.05	1378.15	1393.7	55839	-3.93	27.66	1592.96	1758.34
SIKA	2311.05	2358.85	2211.0	2232.55	2988	-3.96	32.71	2453.76	2596.8
PREMEXPLN	461.0	462.6	440.0	442.25	52882	-4.0	38.94	488.16	542.36
CFE	661.25	661.25	608.0	622.0	10600	-4.31	36.32	674.76	644.54
TANEJAERO	399.95	399.95	366.95	377.1	16729	-4.72	34.7	408.56	491.65
TEMBO	710.5	710.5	676.8	676.8	40125	-5.0	38.49	777.62	431.83
APOLLO	140.11	140.8	130.15	130.71	5967535	-6.82	54.63	129.74	107.26