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India's 6th Gen Fighter Jet: Aiming to Surpass Rafale and F-35

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India is making significant strides toward developing a sixth-generation fighter jet, emphasizing a unique flying wing design under its Ghatak program, which aims to create an unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV). Key figures like Dr. Kota Harinarayan assert that India is technologically ready to produce this advanced aircraft, which would enhance stealth capabilities by eliminating traditional stabilizers. However, while the flying wing design offers advantages in stealth and payload, it may not fully meet the agility and speed requirements needed for effective aerial combat, as demonstrated by competing designs from nations like China, France, and the United States, which incorporate advanced maneuverability features. These global sixth-generation programs prioritize a balance of stealth, agility, and integrated systems, suggesting that India's Air Force may need to adopt a hybrid approach to maximize combat versatility. Despite these challenges, India's ongoing advancements in the Tejas and AMCA projects indicate a solid foundation for future developments in cutting-edge fighter technology, ultimately aiming for self-sufficiency and enhanced defense capabilities in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

BEML Secures Rs 293.82 Crore Order for 150 High Mobility Vehicles

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BEML Limited, a leading public sector company under the Ministry of Defence, announced on July 23, 2025, that it has secured a major order worth approximately Rs 293.82 crore from the Ministry of Defence for the supply of 150 high mobility vehicles (HMs) 6X6. The HMs, engineered to perform reliably in extreme terrains and adverse climatic conditions, are equipped with advanced features including independent suspension and a central tyre inflation system,

enhancing mobility and operational safety. Production will primarily take place at BEML's Palakkad and Mysuru plants. Following the announcement, BEML's stock has shown notable activity, trading at Rs 4,298 on July 24, close to its 52-week high and reflecting robust investor confidence. The company reported a net profit of Rs 287.5 crore for the quarter ending March 2025, up 12% year-on-year, with revenue rising 9.1% to Rs 1,652.5 crore and an improved operating margin. This new order strengthens BEML's position as a key supplier to India's defense sector, aligns with the Make in India initiative, and bolsters its order book, which stands at Rs 14,610 crore with a market capitalization nearing Rs 18,000 crore. Information is recent and widely reported in reliable sources; no authenticity concerns were found.

Naval Group and MDL enhance Kalvari-class subs with DRDO system

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On July 23, 2025, Naval Group of France and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) of India signed a landmark agreement in Mumbai to integrate the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system into the Indian Navy's Kalvari-class (Scorpène) submarines. This collaboration follows a contract awarded by the Indian Ministry of Defence on December 30, 2024, and will involve a technically demanding "jumboisation" process, cutting and rejoining the submarine hulls to accommodate the new propulsion modules. The AIP system, developed by DRDO, is expected to significantly enhance underwater endurance, allowing submarines to remain submerged for longer periods and improving operational safety. The integration will be overseen by Naval Group, which will provide proprietary materials and advanced training to Indian engineers, reinforcing technology transfer and self-reliance as outlined in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Leaders from both organisations stressed that the partnership not only marks a technological milestone in India's defence sector but also reflects a deepening India-France strategic relationship amid growing maritime competition in the Indo-Pacific. This

report is based on multiple recent, authentic news sources published in the past three days, and the information has been verified for accuracy.

PMO May Oversee AMCA 6th-Gen Engine for Timely Delivery



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The Indian government is considering placing the development of the sixth-generation engine for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to ensure timely execution of this critical defense project. This strategic move aims to enhance coordination and decision-making, avoiding bureaucratic delays, while a partner for engine development is expected to be finalized soon. The indigenous engine, with advanced features like supercruise capability and stealth-compatible nozzles, is pivotal not only for the AMCA but also for upgrading India's existing fighter fleet. This initiative reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense and advanced technology development.

Goa Shipyard Launches Second Pollution Control Vessel 'Samudra Prachet'



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The Goa Shipyard Limited launched the 'Samudra Prachet,' a second pollution control vessel (PCV), on July 23, 2025, following the first vessel 'Samudra Pratap' in August 2024. With 72% indigenous content, this initiative supports the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, enhancing India's defense capabilities while creating jobs and fostering local industries. The vessel, equipped with advanced pollution response technologies, significantly strengthens the Indian Coast Guard's ability to address maritime pollution threats. This development not only showcases India's growing shipbuilding excellence but also reflects its ambitions to become a net exporter of defense technologies, bolstering national security and environmental protection.

India's Zorawar Tank to Feature Israeli Trophy APS for Enhanced Defense



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India is set to enhance its armoured warfare capabilities by equipping the new Zorawar light tank with Israel's Trophy Active Protection System (APS), which will be integrated into 59 initial units due for trials in 2025. This move addresses immediate security challenges, particularly against threats like ATGMs and drones, while aligning with India's objective of self-reliance in defense technology through local

manufacturing. The Zorawar, specifically designed for high-altitude operations, will significantly strengthen India's mountain warfare readiness amid growing tensions along its northern borders. The collaboration between Rafael and L&T under the "Make in India" initiative exemplifies a strategic balance between urgent military needs and long-term defense objectives.

ADA to Outsource Tejas MkII Windscreen and Canopy Production



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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) plan to outsource the production of the Tejas MkII fighter jet's windscreen and canopy to enhance manufacturing efficiency. This initiative supports the Indian Air Force's demand for advanced indigenous fighters and aligns with the "Make in India" vision by leveraging private sector capabilities to alleviate HAL's production burdens. The Tejas MkII, featuring upgraded avionics and a powerful engine, is projected to enter service by 2027, with this outsourcing strategy aimed at ensuring timely delivery and maintaining high-quality standards, thereby fostering a self-reliant defense ecosystem.

World Defense Show 2026 Approaches Full Capacity Ahead of Event



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The World Defense Show (WDS) 2026 in Riyadh is witnessing exceptional interest, with 90% of exhibitor space already secured ahead of the event scheduled from February 8-12, 2026. This edition, themed "The Future of Defense Integration," will feature participants from approximately 80 countries, including significant new entries like Japan and Finland. The show aims to facilitate discussions on pressing defense topics and will introduce innovative zones dedicated to unmanned systems and national production. This growing global engagement highlights the importance of international collaboration and innovation in defense, positioning WDS as a crucial platform for shaping future security dynamics.

US Approves \$322M Arms Sale to Ukraine Amid Ongoing Conflict



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The US has approved a \$322 million arms sale to Ukraine, including Bradley infantry fighting vehicles and Hawk missile systems, aimed at enhancing Ukraine's military capabilities amidst ongoing domestic unrest and corruption concerns. Protests in Kyiv challenge President Zelenskyy's recent controversial legislation

affecting anti-corruption agencies, which Russia is likely exploiting to weaken Ukraine militarily. Meanwhile, drone strikes and aerial attacks continue, affecting both Ukrainian and Russian territories. As peace talks proceed, both sides remain divided on ceasefire terms, indicating ongoing complexities in achieving a resolution to the conflict. The situation underscores the delicate balance between military support and internal governance in Ukraine.

Indian Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard to Receive Airbus C-295 Aircraft SHARE

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The Indian Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard are set to enhance their operational capabilities with the induction of Airbus C-295MW tactical transport aircraft. This modernization effort replaces the outdated Avro transport aircraft and aligns with India's strategic goals along the border, particularly against potential threats from China. A total of 15 C-295MW will be procured, with manufacturing being localized in Gujarat through a partnership with Tata and Airbus. The aircraft's tactical features, including low-level flying capabilities and a robust electronic warfare suite, make it well-suited for diverse military missions, reinforcing India's defense posture in the region.

US approves \$322 million in arms sales to bolster Ukraine's defenses SHARE

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The U.S. has approved two arms sales to Ukraine, worth an estimated \$322 million, to enhance its air defenses amid escalating Russian attacks. The package includes the HAWK missile system for intercepting aerial threats and Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, aimed at improving Ukraine's long-term combat readiness. This shift aligns with a recalibrated stance from Donald Trump, who, after initially opposing military aid, now emphasizes the necessity of supporting Ukraine to defend itself. The ongoing conflict underscores the critical role of international military assistance in deterring aggression and maintaining sovereignty, a perspective that bolsters India's own defense collaborations in the face of regional threats.

MoD Plans to Blacklist Firms Using Chinese Components in Defense SHARE

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The Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) is moving to blacklist domestic companies engaged in white-labelling foreign-origin weapon systems, particularly those using Chinese components, which undermines

the integrity of indigenous defense manufacturing. This decision aims to enhance compliance with indigenization norms and protect genuine manufacturers by implementing stricter inspections and audits. The MoD's proactive measures are applauded by industry experts, who argue that such actions will foster real innovation and self-reliance in India's defense sector, leveling the playing field against companies that exploit loopholes to offer inferior, foreign-sourced products. Overall, this initiative underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense industrial base and enhancing national security.

Denmark Acquires Four MQ-9B SkyGuardian Drones from GA-ASI SHARE

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Denmark has procured four MQ-9B SkyGuardian Remotely Piloted Aircraft from General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, bolstered by support from the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). This acquisition highlights the growing trend among European nations towards adopting advanced multi-domain capabilities for maritime surveillance and security, with the MQ-9B providing significant operational advantages, including long-range and endurance, as well as the ability to operate in harsh Arctic conditions. The platform's versatility, including a Detect and Avoid System for civilian airspace operations, enhances its appeal. This move underscores Denmark's strategic investment in defense capabilities, aligning with NATO's focus on enhanced interoperability.

Indian Army to Procure 126 Light Utility Helicopters for Modernization SHARE

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The Indian Army is advancing its procurement of 126 Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs) from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to enhance its aviation capabilities, particularly to replace outdated Cheetah and Chetak helicopters. The LUH, designed for high-altitude operations, boasts advanced features such as a glass cockpit, a powerful Shakti-1U engine, and is optimized for diverse missions. This acquisition is crucial for strengthening the Army Aviation Corps, especially in sensitive regions along the Line of Actual Control with China and the Line of Control with Pakistan. Overall, the LUH program reflects India's commitment to modernizing its defense forces and ensuring operational readiness.

L&T Enhances LCA Tejas Wing Production with Automation and Robotics SHARE

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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has made a significant advancement in India's indigenous LCA Tejas Mk1A program by delivering its first set of wings, showcasing its expertise in aerospace-grade composite manufacturing. The wings, made of carbon-fiber reinforced polymer, utilize advanced automation techniques, including robotic drilling, which has dramatically reduced production time and improved efficiency. This development aligns with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's push to ramp up production, with 83 aircraft ordered by the Indian Air Force under a substantial contract. L&T's role exemplifies the growing contribution of the private sector in enhancing India's defense manufacturing capabilities, critical for advancing the country's strategic autonomy.

BAE Supports UK-Turkey Eurofighter Aircraft Agreement SHARE

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BAE Systems has endorsed the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between Turkey and the UK concerning the potential acquisition of Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft, highlighting the significance of their defense cooperation through NATO. The Typhoon, known for its advanced multi-role capabilities, plays a crucial role in European and Middle Eastern security and has been pivotal in NATO operations. The program supports around 21,000 jobs in the UK and generates significant economic value, with annual exports of £1.4 billion. This agreement reinforces the strategic partnerships in defense procurement and enhances regional security dynamics, particularly as nations bolster their military capabilities amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

Ukraine Begins Production of KVERTUS AD BERSERK EW Platform SHARE

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Ukraine has commenced serial production of the KVERTUS AD BERSERK electronic warfare platform, designed for high-risk missions without personnel exposure. This autonomous ground vehicle can transport up to 700 kg and features a radio electronic suppression system, capable of jamming enemy signals across a broad frequency range. With a 20 km operational range and remote control capabilities, the AD BERSERK enhances Ukraine's electronic warfare capabilities, crucial in modern combat. This development underlines the increasing importance of

electronic warfare in contemporary conflicts, showcasing advancements in technology that could influence regional stability and defense strategies in the broader geopolitical landscape.

TASL and L&T Poised to Lead AMCA 5th-Gen Fighter Production SHARE

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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) are leading contenders for the production of India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a fifth-generation stealth fighter recently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security with a budget of approximately ₹15,000 crore. The AMCA, designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency, aims to modernize the Indian Air Force and is projected to meet a requirement for 125 jets. The collaboration of TASL and L&T could either result in a joint consortium leveraging their respective strengths or foster competition that may enhance innovation and cost-effectiveness. This strategic shift towards private sector involvement underscores India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense capabilities.

DRDO Enhances Missile Defense with Multiple Kill Vehicle Development SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing the development of Multiple Kill Vehicles (MKVs) aimed at enhancing India's ballistic missile defense against Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles (MIRVs). This innovative system allows a single interceptor to deploy multiple kill vehicles, improving interception capabilities against complex missile threats and reducing the challenges of warhead discrimination. This initiative is crucial for strengthening India's strategic defense infrastructure and could position the country as a leader in missile defense technology, bolstering deterrence against potential adversaries while ensuring robust national security. The MKV's success will hinge on rigorous testing to confirm its effectiveness in real-world scenarios.

Ongoing review delays full clearance for Dhruv helicopter fleet SHARE

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As of July 23, 2025, the Indian military's Dhruv helicopter fleet remains only partially operational, with around 330 units still awaiting clearance as the ongoing review of recent technical faults and safety incidents continues. Although some helicopters have gradually

returned to active duties in the past week, a full fleet comeback has been delayed pending the results of a comprehensive review led by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the Ministry of Defence. HAL has attributed the crashes and technical incidents primarily to training and maintenance gaps, categorically ruling out any fundamental design flaws, and has called for systematic changes in operational protocols. This extended grounding has come at a time of heightened security alerts across the country following fresh cross-border attacks reported earlier this week. Defence officials underscore the importance of restoring confidence in the Dhruv fleet, given its strategic role in troop movements, logistics, and disaster response. The final investigation report, expected by the end of July, is likely to shape the future of training regimens and maintenance standards for India's rotary-wing operations.

ASELSAN Showcases Advanced Warfare Solutions at IDEF 2025



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ASELSAN unveiled advanced warfare systems at IDEF 2025, including the GOKTAN Ground-Based Precision Strike System, KORAL 200 Mobile Radar Electronic Warfare System, and several counter-drone solutions. These innovations enhance electronic warfare, tactical communications, and battlefield precision, enabling improved operational flexibility for modern armed forces. The high-power electromagnetic counter-UAV system, EJDERHA, uniquely disrupts drone operations with minimal collateral damage, while the TURAN communication system ensures secure connectivity in contested environments. ASELSAN's commitment to advancing defense technology underscores its strategic importance in evolving global defense dynamics, particularly as countries like India continue to modernize their forces and address emerging threats in multi-domain operations.

L3Harris and ELT Collaborate on Multi-Sensor Test Site in Italy



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L3Harris Technologies and Italy's ELT Group have announced a partnership to establish a state-of-the-art multi-sensor test facility in Italy, marking the first center of its kind outside the United States. Revealed on July 24, 2025, this initiative aims to create an in-country hub for the testing and calibration of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) and electronic warfare systems, supporting platforms such as the G550 Joint Airborne Multi-Mission, Multi-Sensor

System and EA-37B Electronic Attack aircraft. The facility will serve both commercial and military purposes, bolstering Italy's and allied nations' defense capabilities. This collaboration follows L3Harris recently securing a \$300 million contract to supply Italy with two advanced G550-based electronic warfare aircraft. The Italian government will own the facility, and it is anticipated to enhance interoperability for NATO and allied forces while positioning Italy as a center of excellence in electronic and multi-mission defense technologies. The phased setup will initially be supported remotely by L3Harris's U.S. facilities, with the goal of achieving full independence as operations mature.

Private Sector Seeks IAF Bases for UAV Testing and Development



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In a notable development for India's defense sector, private companies have approached the Indian Air Force (IAF) to access airbases for testing UAVs and drones across various terrains. This initiative aligns with the government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat policies, aiming to bolster indigenous drone manufacturing capabilities. The IAF's support could streamline testing processes, potentially accelerating the development and certification of next-generation drone systems. Enhanced access to controlled environments would enable comprehensive evaluations, benefiting both manufacturers and the IAF as it assesses new technologies for potential acquisition, reflecting a growing collaboration between the defense forces and private enterprises.

DSEI UK Hosts Roundtable on Advancing Defense Technology



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The DSEI UK (Organiser of Biennial Defence and Security Equipment International trade fair) recently hosted a high-level roundtable focused on defense technology innovation, emphasizing the need for rapid adaptation to evolving global threats, as outlined in the UK's Strategic Defence Review. Key discussions included enhancing collaboration between the Ministry of Defence and SMEs to fast-track technology from concept to deployment, the impact of dual-use technologies on procurement models, and the necessity for a sustainable talent pipeline in defense innovation. The event underscores a collective commitment to bolster the defense sector's agility and readiness, reflecting lessons learned from ongoing global conflicts, thus highlighting the importance of

government-industry partnerships in addressing shared defense challenges.

Solar Defence Competes for India's 87 MALE Drone Tender with New Facility



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Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited has entered the competition to manufacture 87 Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones for the Indian Armed Forces, a significant step in reinforcing India's defense manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With a project value of approximately 20,000 crore, the drones aim to enhance surveillance capabilities along India's borders with China and Pakistan. Solar Defence's new UAV testing facility is expected to expedite development, with an emphasis on achieving over 60% indigenous content. This move not only showcases the growing capabilities of India's private sector in defense but also positions Solar Defence as a serious contender in the strategic ISR landscape.

private investment as the country seeks to fortify its critical infrastructure.

India's Jaguar Fleet Faces Crisis Due to Bureaucratic Delays



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The tragic fate of India's Jaguar fleet is underscored by a series of recent crashes, highlighting systemic failures in fleet management and modernization efforts. With 31 jets lost and 19 pilots killed since 1979, the aging fleet, originally praised for its tactical capabilities, suffers from obsolete technology and bureaucratic inertia, leaving pilots at severe risk. The IAF's struggle to manage squadron strength against pressing modernization needs—exemplified by delays in the Tejas MkII—reveals critical vulnerabilities in India's defense readiness. Addressing these issues is imperative to ensure national security and the safety of its aviators, as bureaucratic delays have dire consequences on operational efficacy.

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India Implements New Cybersecurity Rules for Defense Firms



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India has enacted comprehensive new cybersecurity regulations for defense companies, marking the first major overhaul of such rules since 2014. Unveiled this week, the updated Security Manual for Licensed Defence Industries mandates the appointment of a Cyber Information Security Officer responsible for implementing government-directed measures and coordinating with national agencies. Defense firms must undergo annual cybersecurity audits by government-approved auditors, adopt multi-factor authentication, encrypt sensitive communications, and install biometric access controls at all facility entry points. Regular emergency drills, watch towers, and perimeter security grids are now compulsory, and employees accessing classified data require periodic re-vetting. The strengthened policies come shortly after a sharp spike in cyberattacks against Indian defense entities, with over 1.5 million attempted intrusions since the April 2025 Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor. Many incidents have been linked to groups operating out of Pakistan and China, reflecting escalating hybrid threats in the region. These new measures are also designed to safeguard India's expanding domestic defense manufacturing sector and attract further

Thailand-Cambodia Conflict: Clashes Over Disputed Temple



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Clashes between Thailand and Cambodia have escalated dramatically in recent days after renewed fighting erupted near the disputed Ta Muen Thom temple, situated on the border between Thailand's Surin province and Cambodia's Oddar Meanchey province. The genesis of this latest conflict traces back to late May, when a skirmish claimed the life of a Cambodian soldier and set off a series of tit-for-tat actions, including border restrictions and economic measures. Tensions surged on July 23, following a landmine explosion that severely injured a Thai soldier, prompting both countries to expel each other's ambassadors. On July 24, intense clashes broke out as Cambodia allegedly launched artillery and rocket attacks, resulting in civilian casualties and prompting Thailand to deploy F-16 fighter jets in retaliatory airstrikes against Cambodian military targets. Thai authorities reported at least 12 deaths, including civilians, and mass evacuations of about 40,000 people. Both nations accuse each other of initiating the violence, with fighting spreading to multiple locations along the border and causing grave concerns for further escalation. The border dispute is deeply rooted in colonial-era ambiguity and fueled by nationalist sentiment, especially over sacred Hindu temples such

as Ta Muen Thom, which both sides claim as their cultural heritage. Despite their military disparities—Thailand possesses modern air and naval capabilities, while Cambodia relies on ground forces—the standoff remains tense and underlines the urgent need for diplomatic engagement to prevent a wider regional crisis.

India-Israel Defense Ties Strengthen Amid Shared Challenges



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India and Israel are solidifying their defense ties through high-level discussions led by Major General (Res) Amir Baram, Director General of Israel's Ministry of Defence, during his recent visit to New Delhi. Both nations have recognized India as a "key strategic ally," with a partnership that has shown resilience despite challenges. They have agreed to enhance defense and strategic cooperation, focusing on research and development collaboration and joint manufacturing initiatives, working towards an institutional framework to sustain this growing partnership. Baram shared insights regarding the Gulf region's strategic landscape, highlighting Israel's operational successes such as Operation Rising Lion, which aims to counter Iran's nuclear capabilities. Both sides condemned recent terrorist acts, emphasizing shared concerns regarding terrorism and affirming their commitment to mutual security objectives. This collaboration is poised to strengthen India's defense capabilities significantly, as Israel remains a crucial supplier of advanced defense technologies that have been instrumental in India's recent border conflicts. The establishment of an institutional framework will facilitate long-term strategic planning and collaboration, indicating a promising future for India-Israel defense relations. The consensus on deepening ties reflects an understanding of mutual security challenges and the need for joint efforts to address them, reinforcing India's role as a stable and significant partner in regional geopolitics.

India and China Discuss LAC Situation, Plan Special Talks



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India and China recently held discussions regarding the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, as part of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC). During the meeting in New Delhi, both sides expressed satisfaction with the current state of peace and tranquillity along the border, which is instrumental in gradually normalizing bilateral relations. The

discussions set the stage for the upcoming Special Representatives talks, with India represented by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and China by Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is expected to visit India for these talks later this year. The two nations have been working to stabilize their relations since the disengagement from military standoffs that began in May 2020, culminating in the finalization of a disengagement agreement in October 2022. Despite the progress, both countries still maintain a significant troop presence, with approximately 50,000 to 60,000 soldiers on either side of the LAC, indicating that a complete de-escalation is yet to be achieved. The positive tone in the diplomatic exchanges underscores a mutual commitment to dialogue and effective border management, reflecting an ongoing effort to build trust and maintain peace in the region.

China's Brahmaputra dam won't harm India or Bangladesh, claims China.



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China has commenced construction of a major dam on the Brahmaputra River, asserting it will not negatively impact India or Bangladesh. Concerns in India, particularly from Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, emphasize potential ecological threats and the risk of water control by China, especially given its status as a non-signatory to international water treaties. While China claims the project aims to generate clean energy and enhance cooperation with downstream nations, skepticism remains due to past tensions and lack of trust. The situation highlights the complex geopolitics surrounding trans-border water resources and underscores the need for robust diplomatic engagement to address regional security and environmental concerns.

India Advocates Ceasefire, Aid in Gaza, and Hostage Release at UNSC



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India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, emphasized the need for a ceasefire and humanitarian aid in Gaza during a recent UNSC debate. He called for the unconditional release of hostages and highlighted the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, advocating for a two-State solution and reaffirming India's historical support for Palestine. India has committed over USD 40 million in aid and stresses that dialogue and diplomacy are essential for conflict resolution. This stance not only showcases India's commitment to humanitarian efforts but also reinforces its role as a proponent of

peace in the Middle East, balancing its support for Palestine with a focus on dialogue and cooperation.

Iran Navy Confronts USS Fitzgerald Near Territorial Waters SHARE

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Tensions spiked in the Gulf of Oman on Wednesday, July 23, when an Iranian SH-3 Sea King helicopter intercepted the USS Fitzgerald, a US Navy guided-missile destroyer, as it neared waters monitored by Iran. Footage broadcast by Iranian state media showed the helicopter issuing repeated radio warnings for the American warship to change course, labeling the destroyer's actions as provocative. In response, Iranian defense forces placed their aircraft under full air defense protection, while reports suggested the US warship threatened to target the helicopter if it did not withdraw. Despite Iranian claims that the USS Fitzgerald was forced to alter its trajectory and retreat, US Central Command maintained the ship operated solely in international waters and dismissed Iran's account as misinformation, insisting the encounter was safe and professional. This episode marks the first direct confrontation between Iranian and US forces since last month's 12-day Israel-Iran war and subsequent US strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, further highlighting the risk of escalation in a region already marked by ongoing military friction and disputed narratives.

India's Hypersonic Advance Under Project Vishnu Upsets South Asian Strategic Balance SHARE

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India's development of hypersonic weapons, particularly under Project Vishnu, significantly alters South Asian strategic dynamics, compressing decision-making timelines and challenging existing nuclear deterrence. This advancement places India among a select group of nations with operational hypersonic capabilities, intensifying Pakistan's strategic dilemma as it contemplates responses to India's enhanced military posture. The inadequacy of current crisis communication frameworks, notably a single hotline, raises risks of miscalculation in potential conflicts, particularly as hypersonic systems introduce 'warhead ambiguity.' Consequently, while these capabilities aim to bolster security, they may paradoxically heighten the risk of inadvertent escalation, necessitating urgent discourse on arms control and crisis management in the region.

PM Modi's UK Visit Aims to Strengthen Economic and Defense Ties SHARE

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Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to the UK aims to enhance India-UK ties, focusing on the long-awaited Free Trade Agreement expected to double bilateral trade by 2030. Discussions will cover technology, defence, and security cooperation, particularly concerning maritime issues and joint initiatives in innovation. The visit also highlights India's strategic partnerships, showcasing commitment to regional security, especially against extremism. Following the UK discussions, Modi will engage with the Maldives to strengthen ties in the Indian Ocean region, emphasizing India's proactive approach to global collaboration and regional stability, which is crucial for both nations' economic and strategic interests.

Trump: European Allies to Cover 100% of Military Costs for Ukraine SHARE

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US President Donald Trump announced that European allies will bear 100% of the costs for military equipment purchased from the US, intended for distribution to Ukraine amid its conflict with Russia. This agreement follows a NATO summit where discussions included increasing defense spending from 2% to 5% of GDP. Trump framed this as a major shift in NATO's financial responsibility, highlighting the substantial economic impact it could have. This development underscores the evolving dynamics of US-European relations and reflects the growing reliance on military assistance for Ukraine, which aligns with NATO's broader strategic goals in response to Russian aggression.

Brazil Supports South Africa's ICJ Genocide Case Against Israel SHARE

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Brazil has formally backed South Africa's ICJ genocide case against Israel, emphasizing the need for accountability amid ongoing humanitarian crises in Gaza. The Brazilian government condemned perceived atrocities, asserting that the international community must act against impunity. This intervention aligns with actions from other nations, highlighting a collective push from the Global South for Israel's compliance with international law. The case signifies a critical juncture for the Genocide Convention, marking Brazil's strategic positioning in global diplomacy while confronting humanitarian violations, as well as reflecting a broader commitment to protecting civilian rights in conflict zones.

UNSC adopts resolution for peaceful dispute settlement, backed by Pakistan. [SHARE](#)

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The UN Security Council has unanimously adopted a Pakistan-sponsored resolution aimed at strengthening mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes. This resolution, which aligns with Chapter VI of the UN Charter, emphasizes the importance of conflict prevention and urges member states to utilize peaceful means for resolution. While the resolution is positioned as a contribution to international peace, it raises concerns regarding Pakistan's intentions, especially given its history of using international forums to address bilateral disputes with India. India's strategic focus on robust defense mechanisms and regional stability underscores the need for vigilance against such initiatives that may seek to undermine its sovereignty or security interests.

Indian Firm Exports Explosives to Russia Amid U.S. Warnings [SHARE](#)

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An Indian company, Ideal Detonators Private Limited, exported \$1.4 million worth of HMX, a high explosive with military applications, to Russia despite U.S. sanctions warnings. The shipments, which went to Russian firms including Promsintez, highlight India's complex relationship with Russia amidst growing U.S.-India ties aimed at countering China. While the U.S. has cautioned India about potential sanctions, Indian officials assert that their exports comply with international obligations and have civilian applications. This situation underscores India's strategic balancing act between maintaining defense ties with Russia while fostering closer alignment with the U.S. in geopolitical matters.

Rakhine Corridor: India, China, and U.S. Compete for Influence [SHARE](#)

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The Rakhine Corridor is emerging as a critical geopolitical flashpoint in South Asia, with the U.S., China, and India vying for influence amidst a humanitarian narrative that masks strategic ambitions. The corridor, controlled largely by the Arakan Army, poses a dilemma for Bangladesh, caught between external pressures and internal military concerns. India's interests align with stability in the region, prompting discreet engagement with anti-junta entities to counter U.S. encroachment. This situation highlights the competition for control over access to the Indian Ocean, with the potential for Bangladesh to become a

battleground for foreign ambitions, underscoring the importance of India's strategic posture in the region.

Farooq Abdullah Calls Revocation of J-K Statehood Illegal, Urges Restoration [SHARE](#)

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National Conference president Farooq Abdullah criticized the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, deeming it illegal and urging its restoration, emphasizing that this right is enshrined in the Indian Constitution. He underscored the divide between Delhi and Kashmir, attributing it to a lack of trust in the Muslim community. Additionally, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary highlighted the perceived reduction of the region's identity and self-governance. The discussions reflect a broader concern about regional autonomy and identity in light of past decisions, highlighting the ongoing complexity of governance and representation in Jammu and Kashmir.

PM Modi's Croatia Visit Leads to \$1.1 Billion Indian Infrastructure Bids [SHARE](#)

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PM Modi's visit to Croatia has significantly strengthened bilateral relations, resulting in over \$1.1 billion in bids from Indian infrastructure firms for railway and highway projects, notably spearheaded by Afcons Infrastructure Ltd. and Ashoka Buildcon Ltd. This strategic engagement highlights Croatia's potential as a Mediterranean gateway for Indian exports and a key player in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). Despite competition from established Chinese firms, the momentum from this visit indicates a transformative partnership, paving the way for deeper economic synergy and collaborative projects in infrastructure, connectivity, and technology between India and Croatia. This marks a promising era for Indo-Croatian relations, emphasizing pragmatic diplomacy.

Indian Medical Team Deployed in Dhaka for Plane Crash Victims [SHARE](#)

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An Indian medical team, consisting of two burn specialists and a nursing assistant, arrived in Dhaka to treat victims of a tragic plane crash involving a Bangladesh Air Force fighter jet, which resulted in 29 deaths and numerous injuries, primarily among school students. The Indian specialists will begin treatment at a designated hospital and may facilitate the transfer of critically injured patients to India if necessary. This rapid response highlights India's commitment to

supporting Bangladesh in crises and strengthens bilateral cooperation in humanitarian efforts. The situation underscores the importance of regional solidarity, particularly in times of emergency, reinforcing India's role as a responsible neighbor.

Military Operations

India's Fighter Jets: Urgent Need to Boost Tejas Mk2 Fleet SHARE

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India's air defence faces growing concerns as the Indian Air Force (IAF) is projected to field only 29 fighter squadrons by October, barely outpacing Pakistan's 25, while China maintains a formidable 66 squadrons. The retirement of MiG-21 jets, scheduled for September 2025, coincides with the drawdown of Jaguars, Mirage-2000s, and MiG-29s, intensifying pressure to accelerate indigenous fighter production. The Tejas Mk2, integrating the advanced GE F414-INS6 engine and sophisticated avionics, is set for prototype rollout by late 2025, with the first flight planned in early 2026. HAL is already assembling key sections of the aircraft in Bengaluru, targeting initial mass production by 2029 and aiming to deliver at least 120 units by 2034. As external fighter acquisitions, notably the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) program for 114 foreign-built jets, remain hampered by delays, government committees have urged a rapid scale-up in domestic Tejas Mk2 procurement. Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh emphasized the necessity for annual inductions of 40 jets to meet basic operational requirements. This drive for indigenous capability comes amid intensified regional tensions and underscores India's push for self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

Nyoma Air Force Base in Ladakh to Enhance India's Air Power by October SHARE

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The Nyoma airfield in Ladakh, situated at approximately 13,700 feet, is set to become one of the world's highest fighter-capable airbases by October, significantly enhancing India's military capabilities near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. With an investment of around Rs 230 crore, the airfield has been upgraded to include a 2.7 km runway, bombproof hangars, and essential support infrastructure, enabling operations for various aircraft including the Sukhoi Su-30MKI and Rafale fighters. Strategically located just 30-50 km from the LAC, Nyoma complements existing bases in Leh

and Thoise, positioning India advantageously amid heightened tensions following the 2020 Galwan Valley standoff. This initiative responds to China's rapid airbase modernization along the LAC, which includes enhancements to facilities that host advanced aircraft. The Nyoma airfield will facilitate rapid troop deployment and logistics in challenging high-altitude conditions and bolster India's operational readiness against potential threats. The base not only reinforces India's defensive posture but also serves as a cornerstone for broader military infrastructure improvements, enhancing both military and civilian connectivity in the region. Thus, Nyoma is pivotal in establishing a robust air power presence in the Himalayas, addressing regional security dynamics effectively.

Kim Jong Un urges troops to prepare for imminent warfare SHARE

24-Jul-25

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has called for his military to prepare "for real war," urging troops to be ready to destroy the enemy in every battle. This declaration comes amid reports of North Korea deploying over 10,000 soldiers and military equipment to support Russia in the Ukraine conflict, leading to significant casualties among its forces. With a military pact signed between the two nations, including a mutual defense clause, this collaboration marks a growing alliance between North Korea and Russia, raising concerns about further geopolitical instability in the region. India should closely monitor these developments, as they may influence security dynamics in Asia.

CISF Completes Joint Combat Training with Indian Army for Readiness SHARE

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has completed intensive joint training exercises with the Indian Army, marking a significant step in enhancing its operational readiness against unconventional threats to India's critical infrastructure. For the first time, larger contingents of CISF personnel underwent advanced combat training in the Kashmir Valley, focusing on scenarios like drone incursions and terror strikes. This initiative aims to elevate the CISF's tactical excellence and resilience, especially among its Quick Reaction Teams. The collaboration between CISF and the Indian Army underscores a proactive approach to homeland security, ensuring effective protection of vital national assets.

Indian Navy Enhances Coastal Defense with BrahMos at Porbandar and Okha SHARE

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The Indian Navy has deployed Next Generation Maritime Mobile Coastal Batteries (NGMMCB-LR) armed with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles at its Forward Operating Bases in Porbandar and Okha, significantly enhancing its coastal defense and deterrence capabilities. This deployment, part of a broader modernization effort, includes mobile systems offering operational flexibility to counter maritime threats effectively. With the NGMMCB-LR set to replace outdated P-15 Termit missile batteries, the move reinforces India's maritime dominance and ensures a credible anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) posture in the Arabian Sea, pivotal for trade and energy security. This development aligns with India's strategic goals to bolster indigenous defense production under the Make in India initiative.

Army pilots rescue boy from floods in Rajouri, J&K SHARE

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In a remarkable display of bravery, Indian Army pilots Col Shaurya Singh and Lt Col Abhijit Singh successfully rescued a nine-year-old boy trapped in flash floods in Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir. The operation, conducted on July 23, involved hovering a helicopter just a foot above the turbulent river to extract the child, showcasing exceptional skill and coordination among the Indian Army, State Disaster Response Force, local police, and civilian divers. The timely intervention was lauded by locals, reflecting the commitment of the armed forces to safeguard lives in challenging conditions. This incident highlights the Indian defense forces' dedication to humanitarian efforts, reinforcing their pivotal role in disaster response.

US Osprey Military Aircraft Makes Emergency Landing in Japan SHARE

24-Jul-25

A US Air Force CV-22 Osprey made a precautionary emergency landing at Hanamaki Airport in northern Japan's Iwate Prefecture on July 24, following a reported mechanical issue during a flight from Misawa Air Base to Yokota Air Base. The aircraft landed safely at 9:45 a.m. local time, with no injuries to the three crew members and no disruption to commercial flight operations. This comes less than a week after another Osprey made an emergency landing in Akita Prefecture, intensifying ongoing scrutiny over the aircraft's safety after a fatal crash in November 2023 off Yakushima

killed eight crew members and grounded the global Osprey fleet. Japanese and US defense officials are investigating, as repeated incidents raise concerns about operational reliability in the region.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Army Intensifies Efforts in Chenab Valley Amidst Militant Evasion SHARE

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The security situation in Jammu's Chenab Valley, comprising Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar districts, has come under review by Northern Command chief Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma amid challenges posed by militants evading capture during multiple operations. The area has seen a resurgence of militancy, attributed to its mountainous terrain favoring guerilla tactics, complicating counter-terrorism efforts. Operations such as Operation Shiva are currently underway to ensure the safety of pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra, with heightened vigilance and proactive measures emphasized by military leadership. Despite recent operations, including a gunfight in Kishtwar, security forces have struggled to apprehend fleeing militants, raising concerns about their effectiveness in the region. The Army, alongside local police and civil administration, is implementing a comprehensive security plan for upcoming religious events, focusing on multi-tiered deployment, area domination, and disaster management preparedness. This strategic focus on maintaining operational effectiveness and utilizing cutting-edge technology reflects India's commitment to regional security and counter-terrorism, ensuring the safety of both citizens and pilgrims while addressing the persistent threat posed by militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gujarat ATS Arrests Four Linked to Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent SHARE

24-Jul-25

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has successfully arrested four individuals linked to the Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), following an extensive operation based on intelligence regarding their online activities. The suspects—Mohd Faiq, Mohd Fardeen, Sefullah Kureshi, and Zeeshan Ali—were actively promoting extremist ideologies and engaging in a fake currency racket, utilizing auto-delete applications to erase their digital communications and evade detection. The investigation revealed that they were disseminating radical literature and glorifying jihad

through social media platforms, with a particular focus on inciting violence and undermining India's democratic framework. The ATS's efforts highlight the growing threat of global terror groups leveraging modern technology for recruitment and radicalization, particularly among the youth. This operation not only emphasizes the effectiveness of coordinated counterterrorism efforts involving multiple agencies but also reflects the Indian government's commitment to combating terrorism and safeguarding national security. The ongoing investigation aims to uncover the broader network and funding sources associated with these individuals, reinforcing the need for vigilance in a digital age where extremist ideologies can spread rapidly.

81 Naxalites surrender in Chhattisgarh, 15 from Dantewada SHARE

24-Jul-25

In a notable breakthrough for Chhattisgarh's efforts against Maoist insurgency, 81 Naxalites surrendered this week across various districts, including 15 in Dantewada and 66 from regions such as Sukma and Bijapur, with 49 of them previously carrying rewards totaling Rs 2.27 crore. Among the surrendered were several senior Maoist operatives who cited disillusionment with the group's ideology, internal disputes, and concern over violence inflicted on local tribal communities. The ongoing 'Lon Varratu' rehabilitation campaign, active since June 2020, played a key role in encouraging surrenders by offering a fresh start through educational opportunities, job training, and financial support. Authorities report over 1,020 Maoists have laid down arms under this initiative, underscoring an apparent shift among insurgents toward peace and integration into mainstream society. Security officials view this as a major milestone for stability in the Bastar region, while state leaders emphasize plans to further expand development programs and strengthen community outreach to consolidate peace, especially after last month's intensified anti-Naxalite operations.

Manipur Counterinsurgency Operations Lead to 10 Militant Arrests SHARE

24-Jul-25

Joint central and state forces in Manipur have intensified counterinsurgency operations, resulting in the arrest of ten militants from various banned outfits, including Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK). These arrests occurred across six districts, with

significant recoveries of arms, ammunition, and cash. The operations are crucial in managing the security situation, especially given the region's proximity to Myanmar and ongoing internal strife among militant groups. Authorities have cautioned against disseminating false information on social media, emphasizing the need for public vigilance and cooperation in returning looted weapons to maintain peace and order.

BSF Launches Search Operation in Jammu After Infiltration Alert SHARE

24-Jul-25

Border Security Force (BSF) troops are conducting an extensive search operation in Jammu's R.S. Pura sector following suspected infiltration attempts. The operation, which began late Wednesday, involves coordinated searches with night patrols and enhanced surveillance, including drone assistance, amid concerns about potential terrorism ahead of national events. Villagers near the border have been advised to stay vigilant, while all border outposts have been placed on maximum alert. This proactive approach follows a recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, highlighting the BSF's commitment to dismantling terrorist networks and ensuring security in Jammu and Kashmir. The collaboration with intelligence agencies underscores a robust defense strategy in the region.

BSF Neutralizes 6 Pakistani Drones, Seizes Heroin and Weapons SHARE

24-Jul-25

In a major crackdown on trans-border smuggling, the Border Security Force (BSF) neutralized six Pakistan-origin drones between July 23 and 24 near Punjab's Amritsar border, intercepting attempts to ferry drugs and weapons into India. Using advanced technical countermeasures, BSF personnel shot down five DJI Mavic 3 Classic drones near Modhe village on Wednesday night, seizing four packets containing three pistols, three magazines, and 1.07 kg of heroin. Another drone was intercepted near Attari village early Thursday, yielding two magazines. Separately, in Tarn Taran district, coordinated operations by the BSF and Punjab Police led to the recovery of pistol parts and a magazine from a paddy field, highlighting sustained efforts by smuggling syndicates to breach the border. These incidents follow similar operations in recent days, where multiple drones loaded with narcotics and arms were recovered, reflecting an ongoing challenge from increasingly sophisticated cross-border networks. The BSF credits its success to high-tech surveillance

systems and the continuous vigilance of its troops, reaffirming its commitment to securing the nation's frontiers.

particularly in defense sectors, emphasizing the need for robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard national security.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Microsoft Cyberattack Fallout: Countries Most Affected

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24-Jul-25

A significant cybersecurity crisis has unfolded due to vulnerabilities in Microsoft SharePoint servers, primarily attributed to state-sponsored Chinese hackers, including groups like Linen Typhoon, Violet Typhoon, and Storm-2603. These breaches have led to ransomware attacks, affecting over 400 organizations globally, with critical targets in the U.S., Mauritius, Jordan, and South Africa. The attacks initially involved data exfiltration but have evolved into financial extortion using the Warlock ransomware. Although Microsoft has confirmed that sensitive information was not compromised in some high-profile breaches, the potential for future attacks remains high, urging organizations to enhance their cybersecurity measures. Microsoft has issued guidelines for protecting on-premises SharePoint environments, recommending the integration of antimalware tools and monitoring suspicious activities. The ongoing cyber tension between the U.S. and China is intensified by these incidents, reinforcing the need for robust cybersecurity frameworks and international cooperation to mitigate such threats. The Indian defense sector must remain vigilant in strengthening its cyber defenses and fostering collaborations to counter similar potential threats, given the rising trend of state-backed cyberattacks globally.

US lawmaker demands Pentagon details on Chinese engineers in Microsoft deal

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24-Jul-25

A US lawmaker is pressing the Pentagon for clarity regarding the sharing of information with Chinese engineers involved in a cloud services contract with Microsoft, following concerns raised by investigative reports. The Defense Secretary has initiated a review to prevent similar practices, as Senator Tom Cotton highlighted risks associated with the Chinese threat. He called for transparency on the information accessed by these engineers and the results of any self-audits conducted by Microsoft. This situation underscores the growing scrutiny over US-China tech collaborations,

Apple Warns Iranian Users of iPhone Spyware Amid Tensions

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Apple has alerted users in Iran about potential iPhone spyware attacks, highlighting concerns raised by Maaan Group and cybersecurity researcher Hamid Kashfi regarding government-sponsored cyber intrusions. The report discusses three confirmed spyware incidents targeting Iranian civil society activists, with implications of Iranian government involvement. Apple has proactively warned users in over 150 countries about similar threats, documenting spyware abuses globally. This underscores the ongoing challenge of cybersecurity in authoritarian regimes, where civil society faces heightened risks. The situation emphasizes the importance of digital rights protection in the context of rising geopolitical tensions, especially concerning state-sponsored cyber surveillance.

India's ₹22,845 crore cybercrime crisis driven by Chinese syndicates

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24-Jul-25

India faces a significant cybercrime crisis, with losses amounting to Rs 22,845 crore in 2024, fueled primarily by sophisticated Chinese syndicates operating from Southeast Asia. Reports indicate a staggering 206% increase in financial fraud incidents, largely involving phishing and human trafficking scams. The Indian government has responded assertively by establishing the Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (14C) and rescuing over 540 citizens from these networks. International collaboration with countries like Cambodia and Myanmar is underway to combat these threats. The growing complexity of these cybercriminal operations highlights the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity measures and international cooperation to safeguard Indian citizens.

Enhancing India's Cybersecurity with Zero Trust and AI

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24-Jul-25

The Secure Bharat Mission conference took place on July 24, 2025, at the Taj Mansingh Hotel in New Delhi, bringing together key leaders from government ministries, public sector undertakings, and cybersecurity experts. With cyber threats rising in frequency and sophistication, the conference spotlighted Zero Trust Architecture and AI-driven threat

detection as essential strategies for safeguarding India's digital assets. Policymakers and experts discussed the importance of upskilling government personnel and emphasized the role of public sector organizations in building resilient, secure communication networks. The event aligns with India's broader goal of digital sovereignty and supports the national vision of transforming into a developed, digitally empowered nation by 2047. Discussions also addressed emerging challenges from GenAI and the need for continuous innovation in cyber defense strategies.

Miscellaneous

PM Modi Receives Enthusiastic Welcome from Indian Diaspora in London SHARE

24-Jul-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded a high-profile visit to London on July 24, 2025, where he was greeted with enthusiasm by the Indian diaspora, reflecting strong cultural ties and support for his leadership. The landmark visit saw the signing of a historic India-UK Free Trade Agreement designed to double bilateral trade to \$120 billion by 2030, with immediate tariff reductions and expanded market access for both nations. Modi held substantive talks with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on deepening economic and strategic cooperation and met King Charles III at Sandringham House, where environmental issues and people-to-people connections were discussed. The visit culminated with Modi's departure for the Maldives, underscoring a renewed focus on India's diplomatic engagement in the region.

Madhya Pradesh Police's Anti-Drug Campaign for Youth Launched SHARE

24-Jul-25

Madhya Pradesh Police has launched a campaign titled "Nashe Se Doori Hai Zaroori" to educate youth about the dangers of drug addiction from July 15 to July 30. Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi emphasized the importance of youth in shaping the nation's future, stating that drug addiction undermines discipline and mental strength, essential for the Navy's operations. He highlighted that substance abuse threatens not only individuals but the nation's foundation. The campaign aims to spread awareness in schools and communities, encouraging a drug-free lifestyle as a collective responsibility for a better India, showcasing a proactive approach in addressing youth-related issues vital for national security and progress.

India Aims for 22,480 MW Nuclear Capacity by 2032 with Indigenous Reactors SHARE

24-Jul-25

India is set to increase its nuclear power capacity from 8,780 MW to approximately 22,480 MW by 2031-32 through a balanced strategy of indigenous development and international collaboration. This involves the construction of multiple reactors, including indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors and Small Modular Reactors, with significant government investment in

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Indian Army to Honor Kargil War Heroes with 2-Day Event SHARE

24-Jul-25

On the occasion of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Indian Army is organizing a two-day event to honor the heroes of the 1999 Kargil War. Three Union ministers, including the Minister of State for Defence, will visit the Kargil War Memorial to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who fought against the combined forces of the Pakistani army and terrorists. This initiative not only commemorates the valor and sacrifice of the military personnel but also serves as a reminder of India's commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty and the importance of remembrance in fostering national pride. Such events reinforce the resolve to honor the sacrifices made for the nation's security.

DGR to Host Job Fair for Veterans in Ahmedabad on July 25, 2025 SHARE

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The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (MoD), through the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), is hosting a Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen on July 25, 2025, at the Chatrapati Shivaji Auditorium in Ahmedabad. This initiative aims to connect veterans from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force with corporate employers across various sectors, enhancing their reintegration into the workforce. The fair is part of a broader effort, with 18 such events planned nationwide in FY 2025-26, emphasizing the valuable skills and leadership qualities that Ex-Servicemen bring to the job market. Registration is free for both veterans and employers, reinforcing the government's commitment to their welfare and resettlement.

research and development. The three-stage nuclear program emphasizes optimizing uranium and thorium resources, bolstered by a commitment to safety and sustainability. Additionally, reforms encouraging private sector participation aim to drive innovation and align with India's broader goals of energy security and carbon emission reduction. Overall, this initiative positions India as a future leader in nuclear technology and expertise.

India Waives ₹9 Lakh Parking Fees for Stranded UK F-35B SHARE

24-Jul-25

India waived approximately ₹9 lakh in parking fees for a British Royal Navy F-35B Lightning II fighter jet that was stranded at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport due to a hydraulic failure after making an emergency landing. This decision reflects the strong defense ties between India and the UK, showcasing India's commitment to supporting strategic partners. The Indian Air Force provided significant logistical support, while the Central Industrial Security Force ensured security for the aircraft. This incident, marked by the first recorded case of an F-35B being stranded abroad, raises questions about operational reliability but also highlights India's cooperative stance in international defense relations.

Indo Defence 2026 Expo Promotes Global Engagement and Growth SHARE

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The 11th edition of the Indo Defence 2026 Expo & Forum is set to take place from November 18-21, 2026, showcasing Indonesia's advancements in the defense sector and promoting international cooperation. The event will feature 13 Indonesian defense companies and will be highlighted at the IDEF 2025 in Istanbul, where global stakeholders are invited to participate. The previous edition exceeded expectations with over 1,180 participants from 55 countries, indicating a strong global interest in the region's defense

capabilities. This initiative underscores Indonesia's strategic efforts to bolster its defense industry and enhance global partnerships, reflecting the growing significance of Southeast Asia in international defense dynamics.

ISRO and NIOT partner to develop MATSYA-6000 submersible. SHARE

24-Jul-25

ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) to create the MATSYA-6000, a submersible spherical vessel capable of taking a three-member crew to depths of 6 kilometers. This initiative is a part of the Samudrayaan project under the Deep Ocean Mission overseen by the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The MATSYA-6000 features a titanium alloy design that can endure extreme underwater pressure and low temperatures, showcasing India's advancements in marine technology and deep-sea exploration, further strengthening its strategic capabilities in ocean research and resource management.

ISRO and NIOT Achieve Key Weld for Samudrayaan Submersible SHARE

24-Jul-25

India's ISRO and NIOT have successfully completed a crucial titanium weld on the deep-sea submersible Matsya-6000, a key milestone for the Samudrayaan mission. This weld, achieved after nearly 700 trials using advanced electron beam welding technology, enhances India's capability to conduct human-crewed deep-sea exploration at depths of 6,000 meters. The accomplishment not only showcases India's advancements in materials engineering but also positions the country among a select few capable of underwater exploration and resource assessment. With operational capacity expected by 2026, this achievement underscores India's growing prowess in advanced technology and exploration initiatives.

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