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DRDO Chief Highlights Akashteer's Success, Eyes Export & Self-Reliance



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The recent statements by DRDO chief Samir V Kamat highlight the significant success of India's indigenous Akashteer air defence system during Operation Sindoor, which not only showcased advanced military capabilities but also outperformed Chinese-origin systems used by Pakistan. Kamat emphasized the importance of self-reliance in India's defense sector, noting that while substantial progress has been achieved, further work is needed to ensure complete autonomy. He pointed out that the operation validated the effectiveness of indigenous platforms, including the Nagastra-1 loitering munition and the BrahMos missile, which utilized components from the Indian private sector, illustrating the collaborative efforts in defense manufacturing. Kamat also acknowledged lessons learned from the operation and indicated plans for modernization in areas like drone and electronic warfare, with a focus on advanced sensors and counter-drone technologies. The development of systems like the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System and Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missiles reflects India's commitment to reducing foreign dependence. Overall, these developments underscore the strategic value of indigenously developed defense technologies and the imperative of fostering public-private partnerships to enhance India's military preparedness in the face of evolving threats.

GRSE to Boost Shipbuilding Capacity to 28 Vessels by 2025



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Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) is set to significantly enhance its shipbuilding capabilities, aiming to increase its capacity from 24 to 28 vessels by

the end of 2025, driven by a robust order book and the goal of supporting the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The Kolkata-based shipyard recently secured a lucrative contract worth approximately Rs 25,000 crore to construct five Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy, which will feature advanced attack capabilities and eco-friendly technologies. GRSE's current projects include various naval vessels, reflecting its technical prowess and commitment to innovation, including collaborations for AI and robotics. With a growing order book valued at around Rs 22,000 crore, GRSE is simultaneously exploring the establishment of a greenfield facility to further bolster its production capabilities. This strategic expansion positions GRSE not only to meet the rising demands of the Indian Navy but also to enhance its export potential, as evidenced by orders from international clients like Bangladesh and Germany. The shipyard's financial performance, with a projected revenue of Rs 10,000 crore by FY28, highlights its operational efficiency and strategic foresight in diversifying its capabilities in line with India's defense and maritime aspirations.

Operation Sindoor: India's Defense Might Shines with Indigenous Tech



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The recent India-Pakistan skirmish, known as Operation Sindoor, has significantly showcased India's growing defense capabilities and the effectiveness of its indigenous defense industry, featuring advanced platforms like the Tata ALS-50 Loitering Munition, NewSpace Swarm Drones, Mahindra Armado Armoured Vehicle, Johnnette JM-1 Loitering Munition, and the VajraShot Anti-Drone Gun. This operation marked the combat debut of BrahMos missiles, demonstrating their unmatched speed and precision against fortified targets, including airbases, which rattled both Pakistan and China. The successful deployment of these systems not only underscores India's push for self-reliance under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative but also highlights the global appeal of its defense products, with countries like the Philippines and Indonesia expressing interest in acquiring BrahMos missiles. The battlefield validation of these platforms

enhances India's defense export prospects, with the global military UAV market poised for growth and significant interest from nations seeking cost-effective, proven technologies. Overall, Operation Sindoor represents a pivotal moment for India's defense strategies, reinforcing its position as a competitive player in the global arms market while bolstering its geopolitical stature.

Andhra CM Naidu Advocates Relocating HAL's AMCA Production to AP SHARE

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has proposed relocating Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) production from Karnataka to a newly envisioned 10,000-acre Lepakshi-Madakasira hub in Andhra Pradesh as part of a broader plan to establish a significant defense industrial corridor in the state. This initiative aims to support HAL's projected order book of ₹2.5 trillion by 2026-27, enhance indigenous defense manufacturing, and stimulate private investment. Naidu has offered strategic benefits such as robust logistics, a skilled workforce, and investor-friendly policies to attract HAL's expansion, while also planning to set up additional facilities for research and development, naval equipment testing, and drone manufacturing. The AMCA is critical for India's self-reliance in defense and aims to bolster the Indian Air Force's capabilities against advanced adversaries like China's J-20. However, the proposal has raised political tensions with Karnataka, traditionally a hub for HAL operations, as local leadership may resist losing economic advantages tied to the facility. Despite potential pushback, Naidu's proposal underscores Andhra Pradesh's aspirations to emerge as a key player in the nation's defense landscape, leveraging its geographic and infrastructural advantages to become a vital center for aerospace manufacturing.

IAF Poised to Become a 'Near-Space Power' for Enhanced Defense SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is advancing towards becoming a "near-space power," enhancing its multi-domain warfare capabilities, particularly following Operation Sindoor. Expert Dr. Martand Jha underscores the strategic advantages of near-space operations, such as early threat detection and persistent surveillance, which are crucial for monitoring activities along India's borders, especially with China. The integration of high-altitude platforms and hypersonic

technology highlights India's commitment to fortifying its air power and national security. With advancements in collaboration with ISRO and DRDO, the IAF aims to utilize these technologies for effective network-centric warfare, showcasing a proactive approach to defense in a complex geopolitical landscape.

Indian Army Eyes Drone-Delivered Warheads for Precision Strikes SHARE

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The Indian Army is actively pursuing the development of drone-delivered anti-personnel warheads to enhance its precision strike capabilities, reflecting a strategic shift towards unmanned aerial systems (UAS) in warfare. This initiative aims to address the gap in specialized munitions for tactical operations, particularly against infantry and soft targets, amid increasing threats from adversaries using drones. The focus on self-reliance and modern warfare tactics aligns with the Army's Vision@2047 goal to create a tech-enabled force capable of effective engagement while minimizing collateral damage. This development is crucial for counter-terrorism efforts along India's borders, especially in light of Pakistan's drone activities, showcasing the need for a robust and agile response to emerging threats.

HAL Enhances IAF IL-78 Tankers with Indigenous SDRs for Secure Ops SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to enhance the Indian Air Force's IL-78 mid-air refueling tankers by integrating indigenous Software-Defined Radios (SDRs), marking a significant advancement in secure communications and operational capabilities. This upgrade will modernize the tankers, which are vital for extending the range of fighter jets and conducting deep-strike missions, by replacing outdated communication systems and improving interoperability within the IAF's ecosystem. The SDRs will facilitate dynamic frequency modulation, secure voice and data transmission, and resilience against jamming, thus enabling a more effective networked battlespace vital for addressing challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and strategic preparedness.

HAL to Upgrade Tejas Mk1 Fleet to Mk1A Standards by 2026 SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has announced plans to upgrade and overhaul the Indian Air Force's

Tejas Mk1 fleet starting in 2026, aligning these older variants with the advanced Tejas Mk1A standards. The initiative will focus on enhancing avionics, integrating modern radar systems, and improving electronic warfare capabilities while avoiding extensive structural modifications, thus ensuring cost-effectiveness and minimal downtime. This strategic move will extend the service life of the Tejas Mk1, reinforcing India's commitment to maintaining a modern and effective air combat capability, particularly in response to evolving threats in contested environments. Overall, this upgrade illustrates HAL's proactive approach to leveraging indigenous technology for national defense.

GE to Double F404 Engine Production for HAL by 2027



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GE Aerospace has committed to increasing production of the F404-IN20 engine for Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) from 12 to 24 units annually by 2027, crucial for the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk1A program. This commitment follows a 14-month delivery delay, which impacted the Indian Air Force's (IAF) modernization plans amid regional tensions. The F404-IN20's advanced capabilities are vital for enhancing IAF's operational readiness, especially with additional orders for 97 jets in consideration. Despite past supply chain challenges, the renewed partnership between GE and HAL, including future collaborations on the F414 engine, underscores India's push for indigenous defense capabilities and self-reliance.

Pakistan Shifts to Turkish SEPER Systems After Chinese Failures



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Pakistan is shifting its air defense strategy towards Turkey's SEPER systems following the failures of Chinese HQ-16 and HQ-9 systems during conflicts with India, particularly highlighted by Operation Sindoor, where Indian forces successfully bypassed these defenses. The SEPER systems promise advanced radar technology and improved engagement ranges, addressing vulnerabilities exposed by Indian electronic warfare tactics. However, Pakistan faces challenges in integrating these systems into its existing air defense architecture, which predominantly relies on Chinese technology. Overall, while the acquisition of SEPER systems could enhance Pakistan's defense capabilities, systemic issues and economic constraints may impede effective implementation against India's aerial dominance.

DRDO Launches Trials for Pinaka MkIII: A Game-Changer for Artillery



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The DRDO is set to begin trials for the Pinaka MkIII, a 120 km-range guided rocket system that significantly enhances India's artillery capabilities. This advanced system, developed in collaboration with private sector partner Solar Industries India Ltd., boasts precision strikes and a larger 250 kg warhead. It is strategically designed to counter evolving threats from China and Pakistan, especially given their long-range artillery systems. The integration of advanced technologies promises to improve accuracy and lethality, aligning with India's defense modernization goals and the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, reducing reliance on foreign arms while ensuring rapid deployment and operational readiness for the Indian Army.

Hyderabad Firm Launches Hybrid Kamikaze Drone to Boost Defense



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Hyderabad-based Raghu Vamsi Machine Tools (RVMT) has unveiled plans for a kamikaze drone featuring a hybrid propulsion system that combines jet and electric technologies, bolstering India's self-reliance in unmanned aerial systems. The drone, powered by the indigenous INDRA RV25:240N micro turbojet engine, boasts a range of 500 kilometers, enhancing India's defense capabilities amid regional tensions. RVMT's in-house development across all subsystems ensures high-quality control and minimizes reliance on foreign suppliers, particularly in light of threats from nations supporting Pakistan's drone capabilities. This innovation positions India competitively against established systems and could significantly impact its military operations, particularly in border surveillance and counter-terrorism efforts.

Samtel Avionics Collaborates with Malaysia to Upgrade Su-30MKM



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Samtel Avionics has partnered with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) to enhance the Su-30MKM aircraft's capabilities through advanced avionics systems, repair, and modernization services. This collaboration emphasizes local capacity building in Malaysia while ensuring access to cutting-edge technology, aligning with India's strategy to bolster defense partnerships in Southeast Asia. By leveraging ATSC's local presence and Samtel's technological expertise, the partnership aims to strengthen Malaysia's defense readiness and promote industrial cooperation.

This initiative not only marks a significant milestone in Indo-Malaysian defense ties but also contributes to regional stability through enhanced self-reliance in defense capabilities.

Ajeet Mini UAV: India's Homegrown Solution to DJI Drones

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India's Ajeet Mini UAV, developed by Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies, has been successfully validated by the Indian Army, marking a significant move towards enhancing indigenous defense capabilities and reducing reliance on foreign drones like DJI. Weighing just 1.4 kg, it features advanced ISR capabilities, a high-resolution camera, and an indigenous cyber-physical stack that ensures data security and operational autonomy. With a design focused on rapid deployment and versatility, the Ajeet Mini is poised to meet the operational needs of various security forces, reinforcing India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative while addressing emerging drone threats along the Line of Control. Its successful demonstration at prominent defense events further highlights its strategic importance.

Big Bang Boom Solutions Delivers First Vajra Sentinel System to IAF

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Big Bang Boom Solutions has delivered the first batch of its indigenous Vajra Sentinel System to the Indian Air Force (IAF), a significant advancement in enhancing India's defense capabilities. This system, developed over five years, integrates cutting-edge sensor fusion, artificial intelligence, and electronic warfare technologies to detect and neutralize drone threats effectively. User acceptance tests demonstrated that Vajra surpassed both domestic and international competitors in key performance metrics. This achievement underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, bolstering operational readiness and security against evolving aerial threats, and exemplifying the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at reducing dependency on foreign defense imports.

BEL to Finalize QRSAM Deal for Army and Air Force by FY End

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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is set to finalize the Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) contract for the Indian Army and Air Force by the end of the current financial year. BEL has established a dedicated

team to collaborate closely with user representatives, ensuring the contract meets all technical and operational requirements. The QRSAM is a sophisticated, indigenously developed air defense system designed to counter various aerial threats, significantly bolstering India's air defense capabilities. This contract not only emphasizes the urgency of enhancing defense readiness but also reflects India's commitment to achieving self-reliance in critical defense technologies and strengthening its indigenous manufacturing ecosystem.

Veda Aeronautics Delivers Jet-Powered Munitions to IAF, Developing Army Version

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Veda Aeronautics has begun delivering its indigenous Sureshastra MK-1 jet-powered loitering munitions to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and is developing a canister-launched version for the Indian Army's BMP infantry vehicles. These munitions, designed for swarm functionality and GPS-denied operations, enhance India's strike capabilities while minimizing risks to manned aircraft. The focus on indigenous design and adaptation to modern warfare underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology. Veda's efforts highlight the rapid advancements in the Indian defense sector, aiming to meet stringent operational requirements while overcoming the challenges of transitioning to large-scale production.

Data Patterns' Indigenous Seeker Boosts BrahMos Trials, Enhances Self-Reliance

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Data Patterns, an Indian defense electronics firm, has successfully tested an indigenous missile seeker for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, marking a significant milestone in India's defense self-reliance. This achievement, confirmed by Chairman Srinivasagopalan Rangarajan, enhances the precision and reliability of the missile, highlighting India's growing expertise in developing advanced defense technologies. The integration of the seeker supports the government's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative by reducing reliance on foreign imports and fostering a robust domestic defense industry. With expectations of future orders, this development strengthens India's strategic capabilities and underscores the vital role of private enterprises in bolstering national security.

India's STAR Missile Enters Key Trials, Boosting Defense Training SHARE

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has advanced its indigenous STAR Missile into critical full-system integration trials, enhancing the country's defense capabilities by enabling realistic air defense training. Designed to simulate high-speed threats, the STAR missile offers a cost-effective alternative to imported systems and features a modular design for diverse operational needs. With speeds exceeding Mach 2.5, its development signifies India's growing expertise and self-reliance in missile technology, mitigating reliance on foreign technology. The STAR Missile's successful deployment will improve training and combat readiness for the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, showcasing India's commitment to advancing its defense preparedness.

IAF's 84 Su-30 MKIs to Undergo 'Super-30' Upgrade with Local Tech SHARE

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HAL has launched a significant "Super-30" upgrade programme for 84 Su-30 MKI fighter jets of the IAF, aiming to enhance combat capabilities by integrating indigenously developed avionics over five years. The upgrade will replace outdated systems with advanced Indian technologies, including the 'Virupaaksha' AESA radar, thereby bolstering India's self-reliance in defense production. This initiative reflects India's strategic commitment to reducing dependence on foreign suppliers while ensuring the Su-30 MKI remains operationally relevant amidst evolving security threats. The project promises to maintain air superiority until next-generation platforms like the AMCA are introduced, marking a vital step in the modernization of the IAF.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Govt Confirms No Extra Defence Budget Needed for FY26 Despite Recent Ops SHARE

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The Indian government has indicated that it does not foresee the need for additional defense budget allocations for FY26, despite the recent Operation Sindoor, which successfully targeted and destroyed nine terror camps in Pakistan in response to the

Pahalgam terror attack. The defense budget for FY26 stands at over ₹6.81 lakh crore, reflecting a commitment to modernization amidst security challenges posed by China and Pakistan. Government sources emphasize that while the budget is deemed adequate, India's strategic needs will remain a priority, ensuring the armed forces are well-equipped to address regional threats. This stance reinforces India's proactive approach to national security and counter-terrorism operations.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India Pushes FATF to Re-List Pakistan Over Terror Financing Issues SHARE

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India is set to advocate for Pakistan's re-inclusion in the FATF's grey list due to its continued failure to combat money laundering and terror financing, particularly following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians. Indian officials assert that Pakistan has not addressed ongoing terror activities emanating from its territory and has misallocated funds intended for development. The FATF's increased monitoring signals that a country must swiftly rectify identified deficiencies, and India previously opposed financial aid to Pakistan from the IMF. This initiative highlights India's commitment to regional security and its proactive stance against terrorism and financial malpractice in South Asia.

India Suspends Indus Waters Treaty Amidst Pakistan's Breach SHARE

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India's Ministry of External Affairs has stated that the decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance is a direct response to Pakistan's abandonment of key principles such as goodwill and friendship. The MEA highlighted that changes in climate, engineering techniques, and ongoing cross-border terrorism necessitate a renegotiation of the treaty, which was originally based on outdated norms from the 1960s. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri emphasized that India's right to halt the treaty is justified given the altered circumstances, reinforcing Prime Minister Modi's assertion that "blood and water cannot flow together." This stance underscores India's commitment to securing its water rights amid persistent security challenges.

China Urges Philippines to Halt Provocations in South China Sea SHARE

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China has called on the Philippines to cease what it describes as provocations in the South China Sea, highlighting ongoing tensions over territorial disputes in the region. This situation underscores the complex geopolitical dynamics at play, especially as the Philippines strengthens its defense ties with the United States amid rising Chinese assertiveness. The South China Sea remains a critical point of contention, with potential implications for regional security and freedom of navigation. For India, this scenario reinforces the importance of enhancing its maritime capabilities and strategic partnerships in the Indo-Pacific to counterbalance China's influence and ensure stability in the region.

India's 'Mahasagar' Initiative: Key to Maritime Security in South Asia SHARE

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India's evolving maritime security strategy, encapsulated in the "MAHASAGAR" initiative, is increasingly crucial amid changing geopolitical dynamics in the Indian sub-continent, particularly following intensified India-Pakistan tensions. A recent conference emphasized the need for a collective response to multifaceted threats, including maritime terrorism and pollution, with Admiral (retd) RK Dhowan highlighting India's preparedness to defend its interests. The initiative aims to foster regional stability and sustained growth in the Indian Ocean, while experts called for enhanced strategic adjustments to reinforce India's role as a net security provider and first responder. This underscores India's commitment to maritime security and cooperative engagement within the Global South.

NUG Urges India to Halt Border Fencing Amid Manipur Violence SHARE

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A recent clash near the India-Myanmar border has resulted in the deaths of ten members of Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG), prompting the NUG to criticize India's border fencing project as a unilateral action that undermines local communities. India defends the construction as essential for curbing insurgency and illegal activities, stating that Indian security forces acted in response to an ambush. The volatile situation emphasizes the need for dialogue to balance security measures with the rights of border communities, particularly ethnic groups with cross-

border ties. Enhanced communication and cooperation are vital to prevent further escalations and ensure a more inclusive approach to border management.

Military Operations

BSF Shoots Pakistani Intruder Attempting to Breach Gujarat Border SHARE

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Border Security Forces (BSF) recently neutralized a Pakistani intruder attempting to infiltrate Indian territory in Gujarat's Banaskantha district. The incident occurred after the individual crossed the International Border and ignored challenges from BSF personnel, prompting them to open fire. This action was part of heightened security measures following recent ceasefire violations by Pakistan, particularly after India's Operation Sindoor, which aimed at dismantling terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to a militant attack in April that killed 26 people. BSF officials emphasized their commitment to national security, showcasing their readiness to counter threats, including drone activities, during ongoing operations. Notably, the BSF coordinated effectively with the Indian Air Force, which successfully targeted enemy airbases, showcasing India's robust defense capabilities. The situation underscores the ongoing volatility in Indo-Pak relations, marked by allegations of cross-border terrorism and drug smuggling, with both nations blaming each other for escalating tensions. While Pakistan questions the circumstances surrounding the intruder's identity and motives, India remains firm in its stance that any future terrorist attacks will be viewed as acts of war. This incident highlights the critical role of the BSF as the first line of defense and the importance of maintaining vigilance along the border to safeguard national security.

Operation Sindoor Triggers Panic in Pakistan Army, Commander Flees SHARE

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Operation Sindoor has caused significant chaos within the Pakistani military, with intercepts revealing that officers, including a commander of the 75th Infantry Brigade, abandoned their posts during India's precision strikes against terror infrastructure. The operation, which targeted nine camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, reportedly resulted in over 100 terrorists neutralized and substantial casualties among Pakistani forces, including confirmed deaths of at least 64 soldiers. Indian Army officials emphasized that their

strikes were focused solely on terror targets, while Pakistani forces retaliated by shelling various areas on the Indian side. This decisive action underscores India's commitment to counter-terrorism while maintaining a strategic focus on military efficacy and minimizing civilian impact.

IAF's Operation Sindoor: Five Pakistani Aircraft Destroyed SHARE

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Recent reports indicate that the Indian Air Force (IAF) achieved significant success during Operation Sindoor, reportedly downing multiple Pakistani aircraft, including one C-130J, a JF-17, and two F-16s, while also destroying a Pakistani SAAB-2000 airborne early warning system situated 315 kilometers deep in Pakistan. The operation, which involved precise strikes on four Pakistani airbases, employed advanced weaponry such as Rafale-launched SCALP missiles and SU-30 MKI-launched BrahMos missiles, effectively neutralizing Pakistan's air defense capabilities and forcing Islamabad to seek US intervention for a ceasefire. Furthermore, the Indian Navy was poised to strike Karachi port, showcasing India's robust military readiness and strategic positioning. While Rahul Gandhi has raised questions about the IAF's aircraft losses, BJP leaders have emphasized the operational success against the Pakistan Air Force, mentioning the effectiveness of India's S-400 air defense system. This series of events highlights India's growing military prowess and the effectiveness of its defense strategies, reinforcing its position as a formidable force in the region. The IAF's precision and decisive actions during Operation Sindoor underscore India's commitment to safeguarding its airspace and national interests amid ongoing geopolitical tensions with Pakistan.

India Successfully Conducts High-Altitude Missile Test Over Andaman SHARE

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India has successfully conducted high-altitude missile tests over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a strategically significant region due to its proximity to the Strait of Malacca, which is crucial for global maritime traffic. The missile trial, overseen by the Andaman and Nicobar Command, necessitated a temporary restriction of airspace affecting multiple international flight routes, indicating the operation's sensitivity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the nation's military capabilities, particularly in light of recent cross-border tensions with Pakistan, asserting that India's armed forces have effectively deterred

threats, as demonstrated during Operation Sindoor, which included the mobilization of extensive air defense systems. The successful completion of this missile test underscores India's commitment to maintaining operational readiness and strategic deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region, as well as reinforcing its defensive posture amidst evolving geopolitical challenges. The military drills and weapon tests serve to demonstrate India's preparedness to respond to threats, contributing to regional stability and asserting its position as a key player in maritime security.

India's Operation Sindoor Leaves Pakistan Scrambling for Response SHARE

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India's strategic diplomatic initiative, Operation Sindoor, has left Pakistan's leadership scrambling to counter its impact, as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif embarks on a six-day tour of Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan, and Tajikistan. This comes amidst India's successful outreach to key nations that condemn Pakistan's terrorism and bolster India's zero-tolerance policy. Analysts suggest Pakistan's attempts to mimic India's diplomatic efforts reflect its dwindling global support, further highlighted by the internal criticism of Sharif and military leadership. Ultimately, India's proactive stance is not only enhancing its international position but also isolating Pakistan in the geopolitical arena, demonstrating a significant shift in regional power dynamics.

Navy and Coast Guard Launch Rescue as Container Ship Tilts Near Kochi SHARE

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A container vessel, MSC ELSA 3, en route to Kochi from Vizhinjam Port, issued a distress signal after tilting at a 26-degree list approximately 38 nautical miles southwest of Kochi. The incident occurred on Friday afternoon, prompting immediate action from Indian maritime authorities, led by the Indian Coast Guard and supported by the Indian Navy. This rapid response showcases India's commitment to maritime safety and the capabilities of its defense forces. The coordinated rescue efforts underscore the importance of maintaining robust maritime security and readiness to address emergencies effectively, reflecting the nation's proactive approach to safeguarding its waters.

Taiwan Strengthens Military Readiness for Endurance Against China



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Taiwan is enhancing its military readiness amidst rising threats from China, emphasizing a transformation in training and strategy. The Ministry of National Defence highlighted preparations for a potential "war of endurance," with focus on asymmetric warfare and longer compulsory military service starting January 2024. New training programs aim to bolster air defense, drone operations, and mobile radar systems, essential for countering a numerically superior Chinese military. Upcoming annual Han Kuang exercises will be extended to identify weaknesses in strategies, reflecting Taiwan's commitment to maintaining a strong deterrent against potential aggressions from Beijing. This proactive stance underscores Taiwan's resilience and determination to safeguard its sovereignty.

Russia claims to have shot down 159 Ukrainian drones amid conflict escalation.



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Russia reported the downing of 159 Ukrainian drones, including 20 targeting Moscow, amidst escalating conflict in Ukraine despite international calls for peace. This follows claims of over 300 drones intercepted the previous day, leading to temporary flight suspensions at three major Moscow airports. Concurrently, Russia launched an Iskander-M missile strike in Ukraine, destroying key military assets. The situation highlights the ongoing standoff, with Ukraine demanding an unconditional ceasefire while Russia insists on preconditions, indicating a deepening military engagement and challenges to diplomatic resolutions. Overall, the conflict remains complex and poised for further escalation as both sides prepare for intensified combat.

China Escalates Military Presence Near Taiwan Amid Rising Tensions



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Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence reported increased military activities by the People's Liberation Army (PLA), detecting multiple aircraft and naval vessels encroaching into Taiwan's air defense identification zone (ADIZ). Recently, the PLA deployed eight aircraft and 13 navy vessels around Taiwan, with six crossing the median line, while the previous day saw 20 aircraft and seven vessels, 18 of which breached the line. Concurrently, U.S. legislators criticized hotel chains for suggesting "Taiwan, China," viewing it as

undermining Taiwan's status and supporting the Chinese Communist Party's claims. This situation highlights rising tensions in the Taiwan Strait, emphasizing the need for India to closely monitor developments and uphold its strategic partnerships in the region.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Gujarat Health Worker Arrested for Leaking Military Secrets to Pakistan



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A 28-year-old health worker from Gujarat, Sahdevhsinh Gohil, was arrested for allegedly leaking classified information about the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Indian Navy to a Pakistani agent via WhatsApp. Gohil shared sensitive multimedia content related to military facilities, reportedly receiving payments for his espionage activities. Following a thorough investigation, including forensic analysis of his mobile phone, authorities confirmed his contacts with the Pakistani agent, who operated under the alias Aditi Bharadwaj. This incident highlights the ongoing threats to national security, emphasizing the need for vigilance against espionage and the importance of robust intelligence operations to safeguard India's strategic interests.

Security Forces Eliminate Two Maoist Leaders in Jharkhand Operation



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Two significant leaders of the Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad (JJMP), a Maoist splinter group, were killed in an anti-Naxal operation by security forces in Latehar district, Jharkhand. Pappu Lohra, the chief of JJMP and one of the main targets with a bounty of Rs 10 lakh on his head, was killed alongside Prabhat Ganjhu, who had a bounty of Rs 5 lakh. The operation, which involved the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Jharkhand Police, successfully neutralized these threats during a gunfight that ensued after the Maoists fired upon security personnel. Additionally, an injured member of the group was apprehended, and an INSAS rifle was recovered from him, indicating the ongoing efforts to dismantle Maoist operations in the region. This operation reflects the Indian security forces' commitment to enhancing internal security and combating Maoist insurgency, which has been a longstanding challenge in certain states. By eliminating high-profile figures like Lohra and Ganjhu, the forces are not only disrupting the leadership structure of Maoist

groups but also promoting a sense of safety and stability in affected areas, thereby reinforcing the government's resolve in maintaining law and order across the country.

Maharashtra-CRPF Operation Kills 4 Maoists in Gadchiroli

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In a coordinated operation by Maharashtra's C-60 commandos and the CRPF, four Maoists, including a key commander, were killed in Gadchiroli district near the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border. The operation, prompted by intelligence regarding Maoist activity, involved approximately 300 personnel and resulted in a fierce gunfight. The forces recovered significant weapons and equipment, underscoring the ongoing efforts to dismantle Left Wing Extremism in the region. This operation follows a recent successful mission in Chhattisgarh, reflecting a robust strategy by Indian security forces to combat Maoist insurgency, which is crucial for maintaining peace and stability in affected areas.

India Calls Out Pakistan for Decades of Terrorism at UNSC

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India has strongly condemned Pakistan at the UN Security Council for its long history of sponsoring terrorism, citing incidents like the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and a recent attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians. Indian Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish emphasized that Pakistan's actions undermine the discussion on civilian protection, criticizing its role as a perpetrator of violence. Following the Pahalgam attack, India conducted precise strikes on terrorist infrastructure, prompting a series of retaliatory actions from Pakistan, which ultimately led to a cessation of hostilities after military discussions. This underscores India's commitment to counter-terrorism while advocating for international accountability regarding civilian safety.

Jaishankar: Pahalgam attack aimed to instill fear, disrupt tourism

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar condemned the recent Pahalgam terror attack as an attempt to instill fear and disrupt tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. During his visit to Germany, he highlighted the importance of bilateral cooperation in defense and security, emphasizing Germany's

recognition of India's right to self-defense against state-sponsored terrorism from Pakistan. Jaishankar also discussed enhancing India-Germany ties through technology, talent mobility, and sustainability, while rejecting any third-party mediation in India-Pakistan relations. Germany expressed solidarity with India and a shared commitment to combating terrorism, reflecting the growing strategic partnership between the two nations.

Shashi Tharoor highlights India's terror victim status at 9/11 Memorial

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Congress MP Shashi Tharoor is leading a multi-party Indian parliamentary delegation on a diplomatic tour that began with a symbolic visit to the 9/11 Memorial in New York, highlighting India's experience as a victim of terrorism. The delegation aims to communicate India's unified stance against terrorism and seek international support to hold Pakistan accountable. This bipartisan effort includes MPs from various political parties and is coordinated with the Ministry of External Affairs. The itinerary spans several countries, including Guyana, Panama, Colombia, and Brazil, emphasizing India's commitment to engage globally on counter-terrorism and foster international collaboration.

Delhi HC Refuses Bail to Man for Leaking Army Secrets to Pakistan

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The Delhi High Court has denied bail to Mohsin Khan, accused of leaking sensitive Indian Army information to Pakistani intelligence, citing the severe threat to national security. The court emphasized that such espionage activities are offenses against India's sovereignty, highlighting the gravity of the situation given that the information was sourced from a soldier in a critical military zone. Khan's defense argued that he was an unwitting participant in commercial transactions, lacking direct evidence linking him to espionage. However, the court maintained that the prolonged custody does not warrant bail in cases jeopardizing national integrity, underlining the importance of safeguarding India's defense interests from foreign exploitation.

BSF Women's Fury Fuels Strong Response After Pahalgam Attack

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Following the recent Pahalgam attack in Kashmir, female BSF soldiers expressed their outrage and commitment to defending the nation, showing

resilience in the face of adversity. Operation Sindoor was launched in response to the attack, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan, demonstrating India's proactive defense strategy. Soldiers reported heightened vigilance along the 1,070-km border, with measures in place to combat the extreme desert heat while maintaining readiness. The sentiments of pride among female officers like Wing Commander Vyomika Singh reflect a strengthening role for women in India's military, underscoring that any aggression from Pakistan will be met with a robust response from India.

Op Sindoor: Targeting Terrorism, Not War, Says Lalit Mansingh

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Former Foreign Secretary Lalit Mansingh clarified that India's Operation Sindoor aimed to target terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan, not to incite war with the Pakistan army. Launched in response to a terror attack, the operation successfully struck the headquarters of organizations like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. Mansingh emphasized the operation's precision and its intent to send a strong message against terrorism. Additionally, Congress leader Salman Khurshid highlighted India's inclusive foundation compared to Pakistan's religious-based origins, reaffirming India's commitment to combating terrorism while promoting unity and coexistence. This positions India as a nation resolute in its fight against extremism while advocating for democratic values.

ULFA(I) leader Rupam Asom arrested near Assam-Arunachal border

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Rupam Asom, a leader of the banned militant group ULFA (I), was arrested near the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border during a joint operation involving Assam Police, Assam Rifles, and military intelligence. His arrest, linked to serious charges including extortion and the killing of a police officer, is a significant setback for ULFA (I) activities in the region. Security forces had tracked his movements for several months before executing the operation, which recovered firearms and incriminating documents. This operation underscores the ongoing commitment of Indian security forces to counter insurgent threats and maintain stability in Assam and its bordering areas.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

India and Russia Strengthen Ties in Nuclear Energy and Cybersecurity

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India is enhancing collaboration with Russia in nuclear energy and cybersecurity, especially following discussions for joint ventures in these sectors ahead of President Putin's visit for a bilateral summit. India aims to amend its nuclear liability laws to facilitate the deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) with Rosatom and explore co-development in cybersecurity mechanisms and other advanced technologies. With an Indo-Russian technology association being established, both nations are focused on fostering innovation across critical areas like artificial intelligence and space technology. This partnership positions India as a significant player in the global cybersecurity landscape, aligning with its rapid digital transformation.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Young Army Officer Dies Heroically Saving Colleague in Sikkim

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In a poignant incident, Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari of the Indian Army's Sikkim Scouts regiment lost his life while heroically rescuing fellow soldier Agniveer Stephan Subba from a treacherous mountain stream in North Sikkim. At just 23 years old and commissioned for less than six months, Lieutenant Tiwari's selfless act exemplifies the Army's core values of integrity and leadership. His tragic passing, amidst a critical operational task, underscores the deep camaraderie and sacrifice inherent in military service. The Indian Army has expressed profound condolences to his family, honoring his legacy as a courageous leader who will inspire future generations of soldiers.

38 Arunachal Students Shine in Sainik Exam with Army's Help

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Thirty-eight students from remote villages in Arunachal Pradesh successfully cleared the prestigious Sainik School entrance exam, thanks to a free coaching initiative launched by the Indian Army's Gajraj Corps. This program, part of Operation Sadbhavana, aimed to bridge the educational gap for students in underserved

areas by providing structured academic guidance and mentorship. Over the course of the initiative, which ran from July 2024 to April 2025, Army instructors offered tailored training, resources, and emotional support, fostering skills and confidence among students who often face significant barriers to education. The achievement underscores the Indian Army's commitment to nation-building through education and empowerment, illustrating how focused support can enable talent to flourish, even in the most remote regions. Local leaders and communities have praised the initiative, calling for its continuation and expansion to include coaching for other competitive exams. The success of these 38 students serves as a beacon of hope and a model for similar endeavors in other states, reinforcing the bond between the military and border communities while inspiring a new generation to aspire for a future of service and dedication to the nation.

Historic Graduation: First Women Cadets from NDA Poised for Leadership

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The first batch of women cadets has successfully graduated from the National Defence Academy (NDA), marking a historic milestone for India's defense forces. Comprising 17 women, this cohort, which includes Cadets Ishita Sangwan, Harsimran Kaur, and Ishita Sharma, reflects the progressive inclusion of women in frontline leadership roles following a Supreme Court ruling in 2021. As they transition from the NDA to further training in their respective services, the modifications made to the academy's infrastructure demonstrate a commitment to supporting women in uniform. This development not only strengthens gender representation in the armed forces but also aligns with India's broader strategy of enhancing diversity and capability in national defense.

Miscellaneous

Army Leverages Music and Video to Amplify Op Sindoor Message

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Operation Sindoor showcased India's military strength against terrorism, marked by precision strikes on nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir following the Pahalgam massacre. The Indian Army effectively communicated its message through impactful social media strategies, utilizing music and visuals to emphasize preparedness and capability. The in-house production included thematic videos with

powerful lyrics underscoring the consequences of aggression, reinforcing India's deterrence against adversaries. Following the operation, India and Pakistan reached a mutual understanding to de-escalate tensions, underscoring India's commitment to a measured yet robust response to threats while maintaining restraint in targeting military facilities.

Govt Reviews IndiGo's Turkish Aircraft Lease Amid Security Concerns

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The Indian civil aviation ministry is evaluating the implications of IndiGo's use of leased Boeing 777 aircraft from Turkish Airlines, following a revocation of security clearance for Turkish company Celebi Airport Services due to national security concerns. This decision comes after Turkey's support for Pakistan against India, prompting advisories against travel to Turkey. IndiGo's CEO stated the airline complies with all regulations, leaving the lease renewal decision to the government. This situation underscores the delicate balance between commercial aviation and national security, highlighting India's proactive stance in safeguarding its interests amid geopolitical tensions.

DGCA Grounds IndiGo Pilots After Severe Turbulence Incident

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) grounded two IndiGo pilots following a harrowing flight from Delhi to Srinagar, where they encountered severe turbulence and hailstorm, leading to multiple system failures and a rapid descent of 8,500 feet per minute. Despite reaching out for help from Pakistani air traffic control, their request to divert was denied due to ongoing airspace restrictions, leaving them with no escape route. The incident highlights the pilots' commendable handling of a critical situation, though concerns remain regarding their decision-making amid extreme weather conditions. Fortunately, all 227 passengers onboard were uninjured, with only minor damage reported to the aircraft.

Delhi court upholds privacy, rejects Army Major's CCTV plea

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A Delhi court rejected an Indian Army Major's plea for hotel CCTV footage related to his wife, citing her right to privacy and emphasizing that modern India should reject patriarchal notions. The judge noted that the law no longer criminalizes adultery, reinforcing women's agency and dignity. The court stated that it does not

serve as an investigative body for private disputes and acknowledged that, while sympathetic to the Major's situation, his grievances stemmed from moral rather than legal grounds. This ruling highlights the evolving legal landscape in India, prioritizing individual rights and privacy over traditional gender biases.

ISRO Aims to Boost Women Workforce from 20% to 40%: V. Narayanan SHARE

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Isro Chairman V. Narayanan highlighted that women make up approximately 20% of the workforce at the Indian Space Research Organisation, emphasizing the need to increase this figure to over 40% to align with the country's gender demographics. He praised the contributions of women scientists and underscored that India's progress depends on the significant involvement of women in various sectors. Citing historical figures like Rammohan Roy, Narayanan advocated for women's empowerment, suggesting that fostering female talent in Isro is crucial for the nation's advancement, reinforcing the importance of gender inclusivity in science and technology.

IAF Chief: Precision and Excellence Key for a Self-Reliant India SHARE

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Air Chief Marshal Singh emphasized the importance of precision and excellence for a self-reliant India during the graduation of IAF officers, highlighting

indigenisation efforts like the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) and TEJAS MK-2. He noted the strategic need to enhance capabilities in response to China's advancements and encouraged private sector involvement in defense manufacturing. The rigorous 47th Flight Test Course culminated in recognizing outstanding performers, underscoring the IAF's commitment to developing flight testing expertise. His address reaffirmed the IAF's role in fostering innovation and readiness to meet future defense challenges, ensuring India remains resilient in the global aerospace sector.

Dehradun's Presidential Retreat to Open for Public on June 24 SHARE

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Rashtrapati Niketan, the Presidential Retreat in Dehradun, will open for public viewing on June 24, 2025, as part of an initiative to enhance citizen engagement with the Presidency. President Droupadi Murmu will lay the foundation stone for the Rashtrapati Udyan, a 132-acre ecological park that will feature thematic gardens and recreational facilities. The estate, rich in history, will showcase artwork and the stables of the President's Bodyguard, while the adjacent Rashtrapati Tapovan will provide a natural escape with trails and birdwatching spots. This initiative reflects India's commitment to cultural heritage and environmental awareness, promoting active lifestyles among citizens.

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