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IAF Eyes 114 MRFA Jets and 40 Rafales to Boost Fighter Strength

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to launch a significant procurement process for 114 Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) to address its shortfall in fighter strength, currently at 31 squadrons against an authorized 42. Concurrently, the IAF is considering acquiring an additional 40 Rafale fighters to bridge immediate capability gaps. Meanwhile, a landmark agreement with France for 26 Rafale-Marine fighter jets aims to enhance the Indian Navy's operational capabilities, particularly for carrier operations, amid challenges with the MiG-29K fleet. This acquisition not only fills crucial operational gaps but also strengthens the strategic partnership with France, reflecting India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region while progressing toward indigenous fighter development programs. Overall, these initiatives signal a robust approach to modernizing India's aerial and naval power in a rapidly evolving security environment.

Kolkata's Garden Reach Commences Fourth Next Gen Offshore Patrol Vessel

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The keel laying ceremony for the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) took place at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd in Kolkata, marking a significant advancement in India's indigenous shipbuilding capabilities. With a total of eleven NGOPVs being constructed as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives, these vessels are designed for crucial roles such as coastal defense, surveillance, and anti-piracy missions. This project enhances the Indian Navy's maritime capability and reflects the nation's commitment to bolstering its defense industry while promoting self-reliance in military production. The involvement of key naval officials underscores its strategic importance to India's maritime security.

DRDO Achieves Major Breakthrough in Scramjet Engine Testing

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has achieved a significant milestone in hypersonic weapon technology by successfully conducting a long-duration ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor for over 1,000 seconds at its new facility in Hyderabad. This test follows an earlier successful test of 120 seconds, marking substantial progress towards developing a Hypersonic Cruise Missile capable of exceeding speeds of 6100 km/h. The accomplishment reflects the strong commitment of the Indian government towards advancing critical defense technologies, with collaborative efforts from DRDO, industry partners, and academia paving the way for future developments in hypersonic capabilities.

India to Secure \$6.6B Rafale-Marine Deal with France Amid Tensions

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India is poised to sign a significant \$6.6 billion deal with France for 26 Rafale-Marine fighter jets, which will enhance its naval capabilities aboard the INS Vikrant. The agreement, finalized remotely due to the French Defence Minister's cancellation of his trip amid rising tensions with Pakistan following a terror attack, marks India's largest foreign defense contract, surpassing the previous Rafale deal for the Indian Air Force. The deal encompasses advanced training, maintenance support, and logistics for existing Rafale jets, bolstering India's strategic position in the Indo-Pacific region against increasing Chinese assertiveness. This acquisition underscores India's commitment to strengthening its maritime defense and regional stability.

MEIL Secures ₹12,800 Crore NPCIL Contract, Enters Nuclear Sector

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Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) has secured a landmark ₹12,800 crore contract from

Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), marking MEIL's entry into the nuclear energy sector. This significant project aligns with India's aim to achieve 500GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030 and increase nuclear capacity from 8.18GW to 24GW by 2032. MEIL's strong technical proposal and competitive pricing were pivotal in winning the contract over established competitors. This development not only enhances India's energy landscape but also supports the goal of a self-reliant India, reinforcing MEIL's commitment to delivering the project with the highest safety and quality standards.

HAL Teams Up with L&T and Tata to Boost Tejas Mk1A Deliveries



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is enhancing collaboration with private companies like L&T and Tata to accelerate the production of 97 Tejas Mk1A aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF), targeting 24 jets annually by 2026. This effort is part of a larger commitment of 180 Tejas fighters aimed at modernizing the IAF's aging fleet. However, HAL faces challenges due to delays in receiving crucial F404 engines from GE Aerospace, impacting production timelines. The public-private partnership under the "Make in India" initiative aims to streamline operations, but overcoming supply chain hurdles remains essential for meeting the IAF's modernization goals and boosting indigenous defense capabilities.

IAF Seeks Full Funding and Private Partnerships for CCA to Replace Retiring MiGs



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has proposed full government funding for a Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) program to modernize its fleet and address the shortfall due to retiring MiGs, emphasizing indigenous development under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. This program seeks to leverage HAL's advancements in autonomous drones to operate alongside manned fighters, enhancing air combat capabilities. With a deficit of fighter squadrons and delays in the Tejas Mk1A deliveries, the IAF aims to procure 200-300 CCAs, which are cost-effective compared to manned aircraft. The IAF advocates for public-private partnerships to expedite development, recognizing HAL's potential as a crucial collaborator in this strategic endeavor.

HAL Expects CCS Nod for IMRH by 2025 to Replace 240 Mi-17s



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is optimistic about receiving Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approval for its Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) program by the end of 2025, aiming to replace over 240 ageing Mi-17s across the Army, Air Force, and Navy. The IMRH, a versatile twin-engine helicopter designed for multiple roles, is expected to begin handover in 2032 after a projected development cost of ₹10,000-12,000 crore. The project aligns with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, targeting 65-70% indigenous content, while incorporating advanced technologies. The collaboration with private firms and DRDO highlights India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing and modernization of its armed forces.

IAI and DCX Systems Launch ELTX to Enhance India's Defense Capabilities



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Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and DCX Systems Ltd have launched a new joint venture named ELTX to enhance India's defense capabilities, focusing on advanced airborne radars and ground systems. This collaboration, formalized through a Joint Venture Agreement, aligns with India's Make in India initiative and reflects deepening technological ties between India and Israel. With IAI's ELTA Systems holding a 63% stake, the venture aims to leverage both companies' expertise to bolster India's self-reliance in critical defense technologies. This initiative is expected to strengthen India's defense manufacturing landscape and contribute significantly to the country's strategic defense objectives.

India's Acquisition of Voronezh Radar: A Strategic Defense Boost



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India is set to acquire Russia's advanced Voronezh Over-the-Horizon radar system, enhancing its strategic defense capabilities against threats from China and Pakistan. Valued at \$4.5 billion, this radar's impressive detection range of 8,000 kilometers vertically and 6,000 kilometers horizontally will provide vital early warning and situational awareness, filling gaps left by current ground-based systems. The deal aligns with India's Make in India initiative, ensuring 60% local manufacturing, which could bolster indigenous defense expertise and job creation. Overall, this acquisition

strengthens India's deterrence posture in the Indo-Pacific and reinforces its defense partnership with Russia amid regional tensions and evolving geopolitical dynamics.

India's Defense Sector: Outsourcing Challenges and Innovation Gaps



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India's defense industry faces significant challenges under the Atmanirbharta initiative, highlighted by private sector firms' reliance on outsourcing and limited innovation capabilities. Major companies like Tata and Mahindra tend to act as suppliers for foreign giants rather than developing indigenous technologies, hindering India's self-reliance goals. Financial constraints, bureaucratic procurement processes, and inadequate supply chain oversight exacerbate these issues, leading to compromised quality in critical components. To enhance domestic capabilities, India must incentivize R&D investments, strengthen supply chain regulations, and foster collaboration between private firms and public entities, ensuring compliance with indigenous content requirements to build a robust defense ecosystem.

Zorawar Light Tank Unveiled at French Army Event, Boosting Ties



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India's indigenous Zorawar light tank was showcased at the French Army's 27th BIM event, highlighting its significance for mountain warfare, particularly as the Indian Army anticipates its induction by late 2027. Developed by DRDO and L&T, the 25-tonne tank is tailored for high-altitude operations, reflecting India's strategic focus on enhancing capabilities along the LAC with China. While France's interest in the Zorawar remains speculative, their recent attraction to India's Pinaka Guided Rocket System underscores deepening defense ties between India and France. The ongoing user trials set for 2025 will further validate the Zorawar's operational readiness, positioning India favorably in the regional defense landscape.

LCA AF Mk2's Iron Bird Facility Enhances Flight Control Testing



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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is advancing the LCA Airforce Mk2 program by developing an Iron Bird facility for testing the Integrated Flight Control System (IFCS). This facility will simulate real-world flight conditions, enhancing the validation of critical subsystems like the Aircraft Hydraulic System,

powered by advanced variable speed AC induction electric motors. The establishment of this facility underscores India's commitment to self-reliance and innovation in defense technology. As the LCA Mk2, featuring enhanced avionics and combat capabilities, progresses, it is set to significantly bolster India's air defense capabilities, reflecting a pivotal step in the country's indigenous aerospace advancements.

Allison Transmission Chosen for India's FICV Initiative



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Allison Transmission has been selected to supply its advanced 3040 MX cross-drive transmission for India's Future Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV) programme, crucial for modernizing the Indian Army's armored fleet by replacing outdated BMP-II vehicles. The FICV aims to enhance operational capabilities with superior mobility, firepower, and survivability. Collaborating with L&T, Tata, and Mahindra, Allison's selection reflects the transmission's reliability and performance. The program, bolstered by the Make in India initiative, seeks to procure approximately 1,750 FICVs over two decades, positioning India to enhance its defense readiness amid regional threats, particularly from Pakistan and China along the LoC and LAC, thus reinforcing India's strategic capabilities.

ISRO and DRDO Enhance Space Tracking with New Long-Range Radars



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ISRO and DRDO are advancing their space tracking capabilities by developing long-range radar systems to monitor space debris and threats, particularly due to increasing Chinese activities. The urgency follows a 2022 incident where debris from a Chinese rocket unexpectedly fell over populated areas in India, highlighting vulnerabilities in India's space situational awareness. The initiatives aim to enhance domestic tracking capabilities through projects like ISRO's NETRA and DRDO's complementary systems, with the first radar set to be operational by 2025. This strategic move is crucial for safeguarding India's space assets and population, reflecting a proactive stance against potential threats in the rapidly evolving space landscape.

VEM Technologies' MD: Indian Industry Poised for AMCA Engine Development



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V. Venkat Raju, MD of VEM Technologies, expressed confidence in the Indian private sector's capability to develop the AMCA engine, emphasizing the need for government support in areas like testing facilities and material science R&D. He highlighted the transformation of India's aerospace industry, showcasing its engineering strengths and precision manufacturing capabilities. Raju stressed the importance of self-reliance, cautioning against foreign collaborations that may not offer genuine technology transfers. He estimated a 10- to 12-year development timeline and an investment of ₹12,000 to ₹15,000 crore, urging prompt government action to avoid project delays. The commitment to indigenous development aligns with India's broader defense self-sufficiency goals.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India Mulls Ending LoC Ceasefire with Pakistan Amid Rising Tensions



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Amid escalating tensions following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians, India is contemplating scrapping the 2021 ceasefire agreement with Pakistan along the Line of Control (LoC). The Indian Army has responded effectively to recent ceasefire violations, with small arms fire observed as Pakistan attempted to probe Indian defenses. High-profile visits by Indian military leaders, including Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, emphasize the urgency of reviewing operational plans and bolstering the anti-infiltration grid. Intelligence reports indicate a significant threat from cross-border terrorism, leading to calls for decisive action against terror infrastructure in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. Given Pakistan's failure to curb such activities, India's strategic responses may signal a significant shift in its military stance, reflecting its commitment to protecting national security and addressing the ongoing threats from terrorist groups.

Kim Jong Un Unveils New Naval Destroyer, Blames U.S. for Tensions



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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has showcased a new 5,000-ton multipurpose naval destroyer,

emphasizing its advanced weaponry and capabilities as part of North Korea's military expansion amid rising tensions with the U.S. and its allies. The state media reported Kim's attendance at the launch ceremony, asserting that the destroyer was built with indigenous technology and resources in under 400 days. Kim criticized U.S.-South Korea military exercises, framing them as war preparations, and expressed intentions to further develop advanced military assets, including nuclear submarines. This arms buildup reflects North Korea's strategy to counter perceived threats, while concerns remain over its ability to develop such capabilities independently, particularly in light of its economic struggles and potential reliance on foreign assistance.

India's Firm Diplomatic Response to Pakistan After Terror Attack



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India has taken significant diplomatic and military steps against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and cancelling Pakistani visas, sending a clear signal of its zero-tolerance policy toward cross-border terrorism. The Indian government emphasized that not a single drop of water from the Indus will reach Pakistan, invoking treaty provisions due to Islamabad's persistent violations. Amidst heightened tensions along the Line of Control, Indian Army Chief reviewed security measures in Kashmir, while international calls for restraint emerged from the UN. The situation reflects a broader context of escalating hostilities, with India seeking to reinforce its stance against terrorism and maintain national security, highlighting the urgent need for Pakistan to address its links to terror groups to avoid worsening the crisis.

Pakistan Minister Calls for Global Inquiry into Kashmir Attack



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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has called for an international probe into the recent killing of 26 individuals in Indian Kashmir, claiming Islamabad is ready to cooperate. India accuses Pakistan of involvement, which Asif denies, asserting that militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba are defunct. The situation has escalated tensions, with India pausing the Indus Waters Treaty and Pakistan closing its airspace to Indian airlines. Asif contends that India is using the incident for political gains, emphasizing the potential for disaster if hostilities escalate, while Indian security agencies link the attack to Pakistan-based

groups, suggesting ongoing threats despite Asif's claims of containment.

Pakistan's Army Chief Asserts Readiness Amid Tensions with India SHARE

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Pakistan's Army Chief, General Asim Munir, emphasized the country's readiness to defend itself amidst escalating tensions with India, particularly following a deadly terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir attributed to Pakistan-backed militants. He highlighted the significance of Pakistan's identity rooted in the two-nation theory and assured unity in facing external threats. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed Pakistan's willingness for a neutral investigation into the attack, countering India's accusations. Meanwhile, Iran has offered to mediate between the two nuclear powers, underscoring the regional instability stemming from their hostility. This situation reflects the complex dynamics in South Asia, where historical grievances continue to influence current military posturing and diplomatic efforts.

Taiwan Spots 8 Chinese Naval Vessels Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

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Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence reported detecting eight Chinese naval vessels and a sortie of PLA aircraft near its territory, heightening concerns over regional stability amid China's ongoing military maneuvers around Taiwan, which it claims as part of its territory. In response to escalating fears of Chinese espionage, Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party has mandated its members to declare visits to China and enhance internal education on national security. This situation underscores the growing tensions in the Taiwan Strait, as Taiwan seeks to safeguard its sovereignty against China's assertive posturing, reflecting broader geopolitical challenges in the region.

Russia claims Ukrainian troops have exited Kursk as Zelenskyy meets Trump in Vatican for peace talks. SHARE

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Russian officials claim that all Ukrainian troops have withdrawn from the Kursk region, a statement supported by military leaders but yet to be confirmed by Ukrainian authorities. President Putin celebrated this as a complete failure of Ukraine's incursion, while Ukrainian President Zelenskyy met with U.S. President Trump in Vatican City to discuss potential peace

negotiations, emphasizing the need for an unconditional ceasefire. Amidst ongoing violence, with casualties reported from recent Russian attacks, the complex geopolitical situation underscores the urgent need for effective diplomacy to resolve the prolonged conflict. India remains a keen observer, emphasizing stability in the region given its own strategic interests.

Israeli Strikes in Gaza Claim 49 Lives Amid Ceasefire Talks SHARE

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In recent escalations, Israeli airstrikes in Gaza have reportedly killed at least 49 individuals, as efforts by Arab mediators to revive a ceasefire continue. Hamas has sent a delegation to Cairo seeking terms for a lasting truce and the release of hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners. Israel has maintained its blockade on Gaza, causing severe humanitarian crises, with aid supplies running critically low. The ongoing conflict, which has resulted in significant casualties, underscores the complexity of the situation, where both sides remain entrenched in their positions, with Israel determined to dismantle Hamas and Hamas demanding comprehensive Israeli withdrawal and prisoner exchanges.

US Lawmakers Advocate for Stronger Intelligence Ties with India SHARE

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US lawmakers have called for enhanced intelligence collaboration with India to combat terrorism in South Asia, urging the expansion of information-sharing platforms and joint operations. This initiative follows the condemnation of a recent terror attack, with officials emphasizing the need for advanced technological support in India's counterterrorism efforts. The bipartisan support reflects a strong commitment to bolstering US-India ties in addressing common threats, signaling readiness for joint actions if necessary. Overall, the push for deeper collaboration underscores the strategic importance of a united front against terrorism for both regional and global stability.

Iran Proposes Mediation Between India and Pakistan After Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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Following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, Iran has offered to mediate between India and Pakistan, emphasizing the historical ties between the nations. India's response includes suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and expelling Pakistani military attaches, reflecting a robust

diplomatic stance against terrorism linked to Pakistan-based outfits like The Resistance Front. The attack has garnered international condemnation, further isolating Pakistan. Iran's Foreign Minister highlighted the need for unity and understanding, while India's decisive measures underscore its commitment to national security and regional stability amidst ongoing tensions with Pakistan.

Chinese Ambassador's Condolences Spark Backlash Over Pahalgam Attack

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On April 23, 2025, Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong expressed condolences for the victims of a terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which killed 26 people. His message faced backlash from Indian social media users, who accused China of hypocrisy for historically blocking India's efforts to designate terrorist leaders linked to Pakistan, particularly during the UN Security Council discussions. The attack, attributed to The Resistance Front, highlighted ongoing tensions regarding China's support for Pakistan-based terrorism. This incident underscores India's frustrations with China's diplomatic actions that seem contradictory to its stated opposition to terrorism, emphasizing the complex geopolitical dynamics in the region.

Military Operations

Govt Urges Media to Avoid Real-Time Coverage of Defense Ops

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The Indian government has issued an advisory to media outlets, urging them to refrain from real-time coverage of defense operations and the movement of security forces, emphasizing that such reporting could inadvertently aid hostile elements, particularly in light of recent terrorist attacks in Kashmir. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting highlighted the need for responsibility in reporting, referencing past incidents like the Kargil War and the 26/11 attacks, where unrestricted media coverage compromised national security. The advisory underscores existing regulations, including the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, which prohibit live coverage of anti-terror operations and emphasize that information should only come from authorized briefings. The government stresses that safeguarding sensitive information is a collective responsibility of the media, citizens, and the state to ensure the safety of personnel and the effectiveness of operations.

India's Military on High Alert Amid Rising Tensions with Pakistan

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Recent tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated significantly following a deadly terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, which killed 26 people, predominantly tourists. India has attributed the attack to Pakistan-backed groups, leading to a promise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring the perpetrators to justice. In a show of military readiness, the Indian armed forces, including the Army and Navy, have communicated messages emphasizing vigilance and collective defense. The situation further escalated with Pakistan violating the ceasefire along the Line of Control, prompting retaliatory measures from India, including suspensions of the Indus Waters Treaty and the closure of border checkpoints. Following past humiliations, such as the downing of an Indian jet in 2019, India has accelerated its military modernization efforts, which are now being tested amid these rising tensions. The strategic implications of this situation underscore India's commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty while projecting strength and preparedness in the face of external threats, emphasizing the importance of a robust defense strategy and international partnerships to enhance its military capabilities.

India, Pakistan Exchange Fire as Security Forces Hunt Gunmen in Kashmir

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In recent developments, Indian and Pakistani troops have been engaged in cross-border small arms fire for the second consecutive day as security forces intensify efforts to locate gunmen in Pahalgam, Kashmir. This escalation reflects the ongoing tensions between the two nations, highlighting the fragile state of their relations. The situation underscores India's commitment to maintaining security in the region while addressing threats from terrorism. Strengthening military readiness and operational capabilities remains a priority for India, showcasing its resolve to counter any aggressive actions and ensure stability in Kashmir. The incident emphasizes the importance of vigilance in safeguarding national interests amid complex geopolitical dynamics.

Indian Army and Navy Withdraw from SLBC Tunnel Rescue Efforts

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The Indian Army and Navy's specialized teams have been withdrawn from the SLBC tunnel rescue mission

after 64 days due to rising border tensions and a recent terror attack in Pahalgam, leaving the fate of six missing workers unclear. Approximately 120 personnel from the Singareni Collieries Company Limited and the State Disaster Response Force continue with operations, focusing on debris clearance and addressing a critical 43-meter sealed-off stretch. A 13-member expert panel has been formed to assess the situation and recommend future actions by May 5. This incident underscores the challenges faced by India in managing domestic crises amid external security threats, highlighting the need for strategic prioritization.

LG Sinha and Army Chief Review Security Post-Civilian Attack in J&K



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In response to a deadly attack on civilians in Jammu and Kashmir, LG Manoj Sinha and Army Chief Upendra Dwivedi convened a meeting to strategize on security measures. Sinha emphasized a robust pursuit of all involved in the attack and called for enhanced coordination among the Army, police, and Central Armed Police Forces to dismantle the terror network. The discussions focused on meticulous counter-terrorism operations and reinforcing security to prevent future incidents, particularly aimed at achieving zero cross-border infiltration. This high-level review reflects India's commitment to a unified and aggressive counter-terrorism strategy in the region, reinforcing confidence in the armed forces' capabilities.

India's HEAUV Program Progresses Amid Rising Regional Tensions



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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing its High Endurance Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (HEAUV) program amid rising regional tensions, particularly from China's growing underwater presence in the Indian Ocean Region. The HEAUV, capable of 15-day missions and diving to 300 meters, is engineered for mine countermeasures and intelligence operations, bolstering India's maritime capabilities. Recent enhancements in underwater surveillance, including the Deep Ocean Watch project, aim to detect increased Chinese submarine activity. This progress reflects India's commitment to strengthening its naval defense strategy and integrating autonomous systems in collaboration with allies, notably the U.S., amid escalating geopolitical challenges.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Intensified Security Operations Target Escaped Terrorists in J&K



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Security operations in Jammu and Kashmir have intensified following a recent terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 tourists, leading to a coordinated crackdown on terrorist networks by the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and CRPF. Multi-layered cordon operations supported by aerial surveillance are ongoing in regions such as Udhampur, Rajouri, and Poonch, with security forces actively pursuing escaped terrorists who are believed to be hiding in dense forest areas. In the aftermath of the attack, the Anantnag Police have detained around 175 suspects, ramping up efforts to dismantle local support networks for terrorism through increased patrolling and mobile vehicle checkpoints. Intelligence agencies have also identified 14 local terrorists linked to Pakistan-backed groups, including Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Jaish-e-Mohammed, who are providing crucial support to foreign operatives. This heightened focus on local terror elements is part of a broader strategy to counter cross-border terrorism and ensure public safety in the region, showcasing India's commitment to maintaining peace and security amidst ongoing challenges. The coordinated efforts of security forces, bolstered by community cooperation, signify a robust response to the evolving threat landscape in Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to neutralize the terrorist infrastructure and restore normalcy in affected areas.

J&K Authorities Demolish Homes of Suspected Terrorists Post-Attack



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Authorities in Kashmir have launched a significant crackdown on terrorism in response to the recent Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 lives, with security forces razing the homes of several suspected terrorists in Pulwama, Shopian, and Kulgam districts. This operation has resulted in the demolition of five residences linked to individuals affiliated with the Lashkar-e-Taiba, including Ahsan ul Haq Sheikh, who was trained in Pakistan and had infiltrated into the Valley, and Shahid Ahmad Kuttay, an active commander involved in anti-national activities. Concurrently, the Indian Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has advised media outlets to avoid live coverage of defense operations to ensure operational security. The

crackdown also includes raids on safe havens and the detention of many overground workers for questioning. Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has offered a neutral investigation into the Pahalgam attack, which India attributes to cross-border terrorism, a claim that Islamabad denies. The situation underscores India's ongoing battle against terrorism in the region, where decisive actions like property demolitions serve as a deterrent against terrorist activities and their support networks, reinforcing India's commitment to maintaining security and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

Trump Voices Support for India After Deadly Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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Following the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack, which resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians, US President Donald Trump expressed solidarity with India, highlighting the country's ongoing struggle against terrorism and the historical tensions with Pakistan over Kashmir. He acknowledged the long-standing conflict between the two nations, yet remained optimistic that they would ultimately resolve their differences. In response to the attack, India implemented significant diplomatic measures, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and reduced diplomatic engagements with Pakistan, which retaliated by closing its airspace and suspending trade. The situation underscores the volatile security landscape in Kashmir, with international voices, including US officials, condemning the incident and supporting India's stance against terrorism. This incident reiterates the need for robust defense measures and strategic resilience from India in the face of persistent threats.

Tahawwur Rana denies involvement in Mumbai terror attack amid scrutiny. SHARE

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Tahawwur Rana, a Pakistani-Canadian accused in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, has denied involvement during his interrogation by the Mumbai Crime Branch. Despite his claims of distancing from the conspiracy, his connections to key figures in the attack, including David Coleman Headley, raise questions about his credibility. The National Investigation Agency is probing Rana's potential links to various individuals involved in the planning, while his uncooperative behavior and memory lapses hinder progress. This ongoing investigation emphasizes India's commitment to justice for the victims and highlights the persistent threat

posed by terrorist groups and their international networks.

Ex-Air Chief Arup Raha Calls for Strong Response to Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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Former Chief of Air Staff Arup Raha has called for renewed military action against Pakistan-sponsored terrorists following the recent Pahalgam attack, which resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians. He cited India's past successful strikes after the Uri and Pulwama attacks as precedents, asserting that India has dispelled the notion that nuclear powers cannot engage in conventional warfare. Raha emphasized the need for improved intelligence-gathering capabilities, utilizing technology alongside human intelligence, to prevent future attacks. He underlined the importance of strong military responses and diplomatic measures to counter militant activities, suggesting that current governmental steps may require reinforcement to effectively address Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

Jharkhand ATS Arrests Four Linked to Terrorism in Dhanbad SHARE

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Four individuals linked to various terrorist organizations, including Hizb ut-Tahrir and AQIS, were arrested by the Jharkhand Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in Dhanbad, with authorities seizing firearms, ammunition, and electronic devices. The arrests followed intelligence on these individuals engaging in illegal arms trade and radicalizing local youth through social media, promoting anti-national activities. The proactive actions of the Jharkhand ATS underline the government's commitment to counter-terrorism efforts and maintaining national security amidst rising radicalization and misinformation. This incident reflects the ongoing challenges posed by extremist groups in India and highlights the need for vigilance and decisive actions by law enforcement agencies to protect public safety.

Lashkar-e-Taiba Terrorist Neutralized in Bandipora Encounter SHARE

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An encounter in Bandipora, J&K, led to the killing of a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist, following a security operation launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police based on intelligence about terrorist presence. This operation responds to a recent deadly attack in Pahalgam, attributed to The Resistance Front, which resulted in significant civilian casualties, intensifying

the urgency for security forces to neutralize terrorist threats. The Army Chief has arrived in Srinagar to oversee operations, reflecting India's commitment to dismantling terrorist networks in the region and ensuring the safety of its citizens amidst ongoing threats. This proactive approach highlights India's resolve to maintain stability and security in Kashmir.

NIA Conducts Raids Nationwide in Pakistan-Khalistan Smuggling Case



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The NIA has conducted extensive raids across multiple states in India as part of its investigation into a Pakistan-Khalistan smuggling case, targeting individuals linked to foreign entities and radicalization efforts. Seized items from these operations are expected to reveal further details about a conspiracy involving arms smuggling, narcotics, and anti-India activities. Authorities believe that these networks are connected to proscribed terrorist organizations and are utilizing social media to coordinate with overseas handlers. This operation reflects India's commitment to dismantling networks that threaten national security and stability, particularly in regions like Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing the need to combat cross-border terrorism and radicalization.

Two Terrorists Arrested in Kulgam, Strengthening Anti-Terror Efforts



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Two terrorists were arrested in Kulgam, marking a significant step in India's efforts to dismantle terrorist infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly following the recent Pahalgam incident. The arrests, part of coordinated anti-terror operations, underscore the ongoing threat from terror associates, with security measures heightened under directives from political and military leadership. Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi's visit to Srinagar highlights the commitment to neutralize threats and restore public confidence. The government remains resolute in pursuing all involved in terrorism, demonstrating India's determination to combat violence and ensure accountability for any acts of terror.

Dutch PM Condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack, Stands with India



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Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, expressing solidarity with India during a call with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. The global outrage was palpable, with leaders from the UK and Sri Lanka also voicing support. In response, India enacted significant diplomatic measures, including closing the Integrated Check Post at Attari and halting the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan. Modi emphasized the nation's resolve to eliminate terrorism, supported by decisive actions from security forces. This incident not only highlights India's commitment to combatting terrorism but also underscores the strengthening of international alliances against this pressing threat.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Redington and Banyan Cloud Join Forces to Enhance Cloud Security in India



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Redington Ltd has partnered with US-based cybersecurity firm Banyan Cloud to enhance cloud security in India, addressing the critical need for robust protection as enterprises increasingly adopt cloud solutions. The collaboration will see Redington serve as a value-added distributor, leveraging Banyan Cloud's advanced security technologies, including Zero Trust and Cloud Security Posture Management, to offer tailored cybersecurity solutions across key sectors such as banking, IT, and healthcare. This strategic alliance aims to simplify cloud security, ensure regulatory compliance, and support Indian organizations in their digital transformation journeys, thereby strengthening their overall cybersecurity posture amid rising digital threats.

Verizon's 2025 Report: 97% of APAC Breaches from Intrusions & Attacks



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Verizon's 2025 Data Breach Investigations Report reveals a concerning surge in cyber threats across the Asia-Pacific region, with 97% of breaches attributed to system intrusions, social engineering, and web application attacks. Notably, malware incidents soared from 58% to 83%, and ransomware accounted for 51% of breaches, disproportionately affecting small and medium-sized businesses. While 64% of victim organizations refrained from paying ransoms, the report underscores the need for robust cybersecurity frameworks, especially as third-party vulnerabilities and espionage-driven attacks rise across critical sectors like Manufacturing and Healthcare. This highlights the

growing imperative for comprehensive cybersecurity strategies amid an evolving digital landscape.

Miscellaneous

Omar Abdullah Calls Indus Water Treaty Unjust for J&K Residents

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Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticized the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), calling it unfair to the region's people, particularly following the recent Pahalgam attack that resulted in 26 fatalities. He endorsed measures taken by the Indian government, including downgrading diplomatic ties with Pakistan and suspending the IWT. Abdullah emphasized solidarity with the victims' families and highlighted the unity among stakeholders in prioritizing humanitarian concerns over business losses. He also assured that the Union Home Minister is addressing safety issues for Kashmiris outside the region. This situation reflects a decisive stance by the Indian government to protect its interests and the welfare of its citizens amid ongoing regional tensions.

US Spokesperson Sidesteps Pak Journalist on Pahalgam Attack Query

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US State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce declined to engage with a Pakistani journalist regarding border tensions between India and Pakistan after a recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people. She reiterated the US's strong condemnation of terrorism and its support for India, while President Trump expressed condolences to PM Modi. In retaliation for the attack, India announced punitive measures against Pakistan, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and revoking visas for Pakistani nationals. PM Modi emphasized India's resolve to track and punish the perpetrators of terrorism, asserting that India will not be broken by such acts.

Metal Object Falls from IAF Aircraft, Damages Madhya Pradesh Home

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A metal object from an Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft fell and damaged a house in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, on Friday, but fortunately, no injuries were reported. The IAF has expressed regret and initiated an inquiry into the incident. Eyewitnesses described a loud explosion as the object struck, creating a significant pit in the

courtyard and damaging two rooms. The situation is being investigated with cooperation from local police and the Gwalior airbase. This incident highlights the IAF's commitment to accountability and safety, emphasizing the importance of thorough investigations in maintaining public trust in military operations.

India mulls 49% foreign investment in nuclear power plants

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India is considering allowing foreign companies to hold up to 49% stakes in its nuclear power plants to boost investment and expand nuclear capacity significantly by 2047. This move aims to reduce reliance on carbon-intensive coal and could facilitate tariff negotiations with the U.S., although foreign investments will still require government approval. Proposed amendments to the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act and the Atomic Energy Act are expected to be presented soon, with several global companies expressing interest in Indian nuclear projects. This strategic shift towards nuclear energy is essential for meeting India's growing energy demands while enhancing energy security and sustainability.

Gujarat Police Detain Over 1,000 Illegal Bangladeshi Immigrants

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More than 1,000 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants have been detained in Gujarat during a significant crackdown by local police, with 890 apprehended in Ahmedabad and 134 in Surat. The operation, described as the largest of its kind, aims to deport these individuals, some of whom are linked to criminal activities, including drug cartels and human trafficking. Authorities emphasized the importance of addressing illegal immigration to ensure state security, particularly as many detainees possessed fake documents. This proactive measure not only reinforces border security but also highlights the government's commitment to maintaining law and order in the region, aligning with national security priorities.

Hardeep Puri Rebuts Bilawal Bhutto's Threats Over Water Dispute

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Union Minister Hardeep Puri responded sharply to PPP Chief Bilawal Bhutto's threatening remarks regarding the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), following India's decision to suspend the treaty after a terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Puri dismissed Bhutto's bloodshed threats as foolish, emphasizing that the terrorist attack was

state-sponsored and that Pakistan would face consequences, as stated by Prime Minister Modi. Bhutto, in turn, asserted Pakistan's claim over the Indus, warning that any diversion of its waters would be seen as an act of war and called for unity among provinces to defend their rights. The escalating tensions highlight the geopolitical stakes surrounding water resources in South Asia, with India firmly standing by its strategic decisions while Pakistan resorts to provocative rhetoric to assert its territorial claims.

Explosion at Iran's Bandar Abbas port kills 4, injures 500+ SHARE

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A massive explosion at Iran's Bandar Abbas port, reportedly due to poor chemical storage, killed four and injured over 500. As Iran commenced nuclear talks with the U.S., speculation about external sabotage emerged, though officials attributed the incident primarily to negligence. The explosion highlighted ongoing concerns about Iran's industrial safety amidst tensions with Israel, which has previously targeted Iranian infrastructure. Despite the blast's severity, Iranian authorities confirmed that oil facilities remained unaffected, underscoring the resilience of critical energy infrastructure even in the face of internal crises and external threats. This incident may further complicate Iran's geopolitical landscape as it navigates international scrutiny over its nuclear ambitions.

Pak Official's Throat-Slitting Gesture Provokes Outrage Amid Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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In a provocative incident, a senior Pakistan Army official made a throat-slitting gesture at protesters in London

opposing a terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, allegedly orchestrated by Pakistan-backed terrorists. This gesture, coupled with mockery of Indian Air Force Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, incited widespread outrage online. Concurrently, the Pakistan Army engaged in unprovoked firing along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, to which the Indian Army responded effectively. This situation underscores the ongoing tensions and the lack of professionalism among Pakistan's military representatives, reaffirming India's commitment to defending its territory and responding decisively to provocations.

Indian Army Introduces Advanced 3D Microscope for Eye Surgery SHARE

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The Indian Army's Department of Ophthalmology at Army Hospital (Research and Referral), New Delhi, has achieved a significant milestone by performing minimally invasive glaucoma surgery using an advanced 3D Microscope. This innovative system, equipped with 3D polarisation glasses and a 55-inch 4K ultra-HD display, enhances surgical precision and reduces complications compared to traditional methods. The initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment to providing top-tier medical services, showcasing advancements in military healthcare that not only benefit personnel but also have potential implications for civilian medical practices. This development reflects the Army's capability to integrate cutting-edge technology in enhancing healthcare delivery.

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