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Republic Day Parade Showcases India's "Make in India" Defense Achievements



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India's 76th Republic Day parade showcased the nation's military prowess and indigenous defense capabilities, featuring advanced platforms like the T-90 Bhishma tank, Nag Missile System, and BrahMos missile. The event highlighted India's commitment to

self-reliance in defense through the 'Make in India' initiative, with systems like the Pralay tactical missile and the tri-services tableau emphasizing joint operational readiness. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto attended as chief guest, marking a significant diplomatic gesture. The parade not only celebrated military might but also underscored India's cultural heritage with 31 tableaux reflecting its diversity, showcasing the nation's journey towards a strong and secure future while honoring those who sacrificed for its sovereignty. This grand display reinforces India's strategic vision to enhance defense capabilities and foster international partnerships in security.

IAI Rampage Missile Integrated into Indian Navy's MiG-29K SHARE

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A recent report highlights the successful integration of the IAI Rampage missile onto the Indian Navy's MiG-29K, enhancing the naval aviation's strike capability significantly. This high-speed, long-range missile allows standoff attacks on high-value targets, thereby improving pilot safety against enemy defenses. The integration underscores India's commitment to modernizing its naval air power while strengthening defense ties with Israel. Furthermore, despite past criticisms of the MiG-29K's reliability, the upgrade signifies an effort to extend its operational life until newer models, like the Rafale M, are fully operational, aligning with India's strategic goals amid regional security challenges.

DroneAcharya and AVPL Merge to Boost India's Drone Innovation SHARE

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DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations has announced a strategic merger with AVPL International, aiming to enhance India's position in drone technology. The collaboration will leverage DroneAcharya's R&D expertise and AVPL's extensive infrastructure and talent-skilling capabilities to drive advancements in drone manufacturing across various sectors, including defense. The combined entity plans to develop advanced drones integrated with AI, IoT, and robotics, while cultivating a skilled workforce to bolster the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul ecosystem. This merger signifies a transformative leap for the Indian drone industry, promising to redefine the future of drone technology and innovation in the country.

Sagar Defence and Flowcopter Join Forces for Eco-Friendly Heavy-Lift Drones SHARE

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Sagar Defence Engineering (SDEPL) has partnered with Flowcopter to develop sustainable heavy-lift drones aimed at transforming logistics and aerial mobility while significantly reducing carbon footprints. The collaboration focuses on creating reliable, safe drones capable of long operational durations for various applications, including air taxis and medical evacuation. This initiative not only aligns with global trends towards sustainable aviation, projected to reach a market value of \$30 billion by 2030, but also showcases India's growing capabilities in advanced drone technology, reinforcing the nation's commitment to innovation and

environmental responsibility in defense and logistics sectors.

MDL and TKMS Near Finalizing ₹43,000 Crore Deal for 6 Submarines SHARE

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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) are finalizing a 43,000 crore deal for six advanced AIP-equipped stealth submarines under India's Project-75I, crucial for modernizing the Indian Navy's underwater capabilities. This partnership aims to combine TKMS's innovative technology with MDL's expertise, focusing on indigenous content to bolster self-reliance in line with Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The submarines will feature advanced combat systems, enhancing India's maritime defense in the Indo-Pacific region. This strategic acquisition not only addresses the urgent need to replace aging assets but also strengthens India's position amid escalating geopolitical tensions.

Pralay Missile Debuts at Republic Day, Showcasing Military Strength SHARE

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The Republic Day parade in India featured the inaugural display of the indigenously developed Pralay missile, underscoring the nation's advancing military capabilities. Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), this short-range missile is designed for tactical operations and can carry nuclear warheads. The parade showcased a range of advanced defense technologies, including missile systems and surveillance mechanisms, reinforcing India's commitment to national security amidst evolving threats. Additionally, a tri-services tableau highlighted the integration of the armed forces, although the Advanced Light Helicopter fleet was temporarily grounded due to a recent crash, reflecting ongoing challenges amidst significant military advancements.

Trump Greenlights 2,000-Pound Bombs for Israel, Overruling Biden SHARE

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Former President Donald Trump has directed the U.S. military to release a hold on the delivery of 2,000-pound bombs to Israel, which had been previously imposed by President Biden due to concerns over civilian casualties in Gaza. Trump emphasized that Israel had already paid for the weapons, which had been awaiting delivery. This decision comes amid ongoing military operations in Gaza, resulting in significant casualties and humanitarian crises, with Washington framing its

support as a defense against Iranian-backed militants. The situation underscores the complexities of U.S. foreign policy in the region, balancing military support for allies while addressing humanitarian concerns.

NewSpace to Launch Abhimanyu CCA Program at Aero India 2025 [SHARE](#)

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NewSpace Research and Technologies has announced the upcoming unveiling of its Abhimanyu Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) program at Aero India 2025, scheduled for February 10, 2025. Designed for Manned-Unmanned Teaming (MUMT), the Abhimanyu is a low-cost, expendable platform adaptable for various roles like ISR, kinetic attacks, and electronic warfare. This strategic focus on attritable warfare reflects a shift towards cost-effective solutions in modern military operations, enhancing operational flexibility while reducing risks to human pilots. The initiative underscores India's commitment to advancing military technology and positions it as a significant player in the evolving landscape of unmanned aerial systems.

Tejas MkII Launch Set for November, Aero India 2025 to Showcase Advances [SHARE](#)

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The Tejas MkII, India's next-generation fighter jet, is set for rollout by November 2025, with significant preparations underway by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) for Aero India 2025. The project is advancing with assembly jigs and fuselage preparations, aiming for a first flight by March 2026. The MkII will enhance capabilities with improvements in range, payload, and avionics, filling the gap between the Tejas Mk1/Mk1A and the upcoming Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). This development is pivotal for the Indian Air Force, facilitating the replacement of aging fighter fleets and bolstering national defense.

Aero India 2025: India to Reveal AMCA Engine Development Partner [SHARE](#)

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India's Ministry of Defence is set to announce a foreign partner for the development of a new 110kN jet engine for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program at Aero India 2025. This collaboration is crucial for enhancing India's defense capabilities and achieving self-reliance in defense manufacturing, as indicated by the recent funding of approximately ₹15,000 crores for the AMCA's Phase-I development. The engine will enable supercruise capabilities

essential for sixth-generation fighters, promoting innovation and high-tech job creation in India's aerospace sector. The choice of partner, potentially from leading aerospace companies, will focus on technology transfer and strategic benefits, pivotal for future defense projects.

IAF Boosts Air Defense with MRSAM for Republic Day Security [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has significantly enhanced its air defense capabilities ahead of the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2025, deploying advanced systems like the Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) around the National Capital Region. Developed in collaboration with the DRDO and IAI, the MRSAM can neutralize threats up to 80 kilometers away and can engage multiple targets, showcasing India's technological advancements in defense. This deployment underscores the IAF's operational readiness and coordination with civil aviation authorities, ensuring a secure airspace while allowing for parade festivities. Such initiatives not only bolster national security but also reflect India's growing defense prowess and commitment to safeguarding its airspace.

BonV Aero Joins UK Defense Framework to Boost Heavy-Lift Drones [SHARE](#)

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An Indian Drone Company BonV Aero has joined the UK Ministry of Defence's Heavy Lift Capability Framework, marking a significant step in enhancing global heavy-lift drone capabilities. This inclusion allows BonV Aero to collaborate on advanced drone technologies and contribute to military logistics and humanitarian missions, showcasing the transformative role of heavy-lift drones in modern warfare. The partnership is expected to bolster BonV Aero's credibility as a trusted provider of drone solutions and facilitate market expansion by ensuring their systems meet rigorous military standards. This move highlights the increasing importance of autonomous systems in defense strategies and positions BonV Aero as a key player in international defense collaborations.

Adani Defence Unveils ULM-ER: Next-Gen UAV Precision Strike System [SHARE](#)

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Adani Defence has showcased the DRDO's ULM-ER (UAV Launched Missile - Extended Range), an advanced missile system poised to revolutionize UAV capabilities

in combat with a range exceeding 10 kilometers. This enhancement allows for greater standoff distances, ensuring the safety of the launching UAV while striking both static and moving targets with high precision. The ULM-ER's fully autonomous operation, effective in day and night conditions, aligns with India's self-reliance goals in defense, furthering the Make in India initiative. This collaboration underscores India's commitment to advancing indigenous technology and strengthens its strategic defense posture in modern warfare scenarios.

Indonesia to Manufacture BrahMos Components Under \$450M Deal



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India is set to finalize a \$450 million defense deal with Indonesia for the procurement of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system, which includes a Transfer of Technology (ToT) provision allowing Indonesia to manufacture certain components domestically. This agreement not only highlights the growing global demand for BrahMos, recognized for its speed and range, but also underscores India's confidence in its defense capabilities and commitment to international collaboration. With 86% of BrahMos components already produced in India, the deal is expected to enhance indigenous production and strengthen defense ties amid rising security concerns in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly due to China's assertiveness.

HAL's IMRH Project Faces Challenges After ALH-Dhruv Setbacks



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)'s Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv has faced operational setbacks, raising concerns about the upcoming Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) project, intended to replace the Mi-17 fleet. Issues such as metallurgical flaws and accidents have led to skepticism among military users regarding HAL's reliability, potentially impacting the IMRH's acceptance and export potential. HAL is actively addressing these challenges by implementing design modifications and collaborating with global partners for technological enhancements. The IMRH's success will depend on HAL's ability to restore confidence in its manufacturing processes and deliver a high-performance helicopter that meets both domestic and international expectations.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Zelenskyy Confirms U.S. Military Aid to Ukraine Continues



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed that U.S. military aid to Ukraine has not been halted despite recent announcements from the newly appointed U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio regarding a temporary pause on foreign aid. Ukraine relies significantly on U.S. support, which constitutes about 40% of its military needs, including crucial weapons like HIMARS and ATACMS missiles. As tensions escalate with Russia, the future of U.S. aid remains uncertain with Donald Trump's return to the presidency, as he has expressed skepticism about continued support. Zelenskyy emphasized the necessity of military aid for Ukraine's defense against Russian aggression, while also addressing the humanitarian needs stemming from the conflict and the ongoing attacks on Ukrainian cities.

Bangladesh Border Guard Commander Provokes Indian BSF Amid Tensions



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A Bangladeshi border guard commander has made provocative remarks threatening Indian Border Security Force (BSF), claiming he can "teach them a lesson" and suggesting mobilizing villagers for support. This has raised concerns about security along the 4,096 km Indo-Bangladesh border, which already faces challenges such as illegal migration and smuggling. Such statements might escalate tensions and undermine diplomatic efforts, despite the BSF's established reputation for rigorous training and modern equipment. Analysts urge both nations to engage in dialogue to mitigate rising tensions and foster cooperative border management, emphasizing the need for restraint and communication in addressing security issues.

US Suspends Aid to Bangladesh, Signaling Policy Shift and Strategic Realignment



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The recent suspension of US aid to Bangladesh under President Donald Trump reflects a significant shift in American foreign policy and aims to challenge the

leadership of Mohammad Yunus, closely associated with Joe Biden and Bill Clinton. Trump's administration is reportedly seeking alternative political support in Bangladesh, potentially pushing for early elections. This decision follows a broader review of foreign aid by the US government, which includes a notable reduction in assistance to various nations. Such actions indicate a strategic realignment in the region, with implications for India's interests as it navigates its own diplomatic relationships amidst changing global dynamics.

North Korea tests cruise missiles, threatens severe US response. SHARE

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North Korea has conducted a test of a cruise missile system, marking its third weapons display this year, and responded with a vow for the "toughest" counteractions against perceived US-South Korean military provocations. The test, observed by Kim Jong Un, involved missiles reportedly capable of nuclear delivery, emphasizing North Korea's strengthening military capabilities. While the US and South Korea maintain their drills are defensive, the North views them as rehearsals for invasion. Experts suggest Kim may leverage his enhanced nuclear arsenal in future negotiations, complicating the geopolitical landscape and raising concerns about regional security dynamics, particularly for allies like India, which must remain vigilant amidst such tensions.

India and Indonesia Enhance Defense Ties with DCA and Cadet Exchange SHARE

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India and Indonesia have bolstered their defense ties by ratifying the Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) and initiating cadet exchanges between their Naval Academies, as part of a strategic partnership underscored by recent high-level visits. Both nations emphasized the importance of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee for defense modernization and maritime security, while they condemned terrorism and agreed on collaborative efforts in counter-terrorism. The discussions included enhancing domestic defense manufacturing capabilities and strengthening cooperation in maritime safety. This partnership not only deepens mutual security but also aligns with India's broader geopolitical strategy in the Indo-Pacific region.

Rubio Voices Concerns on China's Pressure Tactics Toward Taiwan SHARE

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has raised concerns about China's coercive tactics towards Taiwan, urging for a peaceful resolution while reiterating that the U.S. does not support Taiwanese independence. China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, responded with a veiled warning to Rubio, emphasizing the need for responsible behavior. Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed Rubio's stance on Chinese intimidation but firmly rejected China's claims of sovereignty over Taiwan. This exchange underscores the escalating tensions in the region, reflecting the complex interplay of U.S. support for Taiwan, China's assertiveness, and the ongoing geopolitical struggle that could influence defense strategies in the Indo-Pacific, including India's positioning in the region.

Indonesia Balances Ties with India Amid Sabang Port Deal Concerns SHARE

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India and Indonesia are cautiously advancing discussions on the Sabang Port development, aimed at enhancing economic ties and bolstering trade, potentially reaching \$50 billion by 2025. The project, valued at over \$1 billion and supported by the Adani Group, faces geopolitical sensitivities, particularly from China, which perceives India's involvement as a military threat. Indonesia's careful diplomatic balancing act seeks to strengthen partnerships with India while managing its significant ties with China. The ongoing dialogue underscores a shared commitment to maintaining a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific, indicating a strategic maneuver to bolster regional stability amidst rising Chinese assertiveness.

Bangladesh's Yunus government criticized for secret India visit SHARE

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The Bangladeshi interim government, led by Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, faces criticism for not disclosing the visit of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Director General Major General Mohammad Ashraful Islam Siddique to India for a border conference. Amid rising tensions along the India-Bangladesh border, particularly after recent clashes, the BSF has heightened its patrolling efforts in anticipation of Republic Day. India has expressed its commitment to a cooperative approach in managing border security and addressing cross-border crime, emphasizing the need for Bangladesh to uphold previous agreements for a

secure border. The situation underscores the complexities of bilateral relations amidst internal challenges faced by the Bangladeshi government.

Military Operations

Navy Showcases INS Surat, Nilgiri, and Vaghsheer on Republic Day



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The Indian Navy's tableau at the 76th Republic Day parade highlighted the commissioning of three modern combat platforms: INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and submarine INS Vaghsheer, showcasing India's naval strength and commitment to self-reliance (Atmanirbharta). With an impressive indigenous content of 75%, INS Surat stands out as a sophisticated destroyer, while INS Nilgiri represents the next-gen stealth frigate with advanced design features. INS Vaghsheer underscores India's growing submarine construction expertise, developed in collaboration with France. Together, these advancements mark a significant step toward enhancing India's maritime security and establishing it as a global leader in defense manufacturing.

Army Engages in Gunfight with Terrorists in Kathua, J&K



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In Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, Army troops engaged in an exchange of fire with suspected terrorists early Saturday morning. The incident began when an alert sentry at a temporary Army camp detected suspicious movement and initiated fire, prompting a retaliatory response from the terrorists. The firefight lasted approximately half an hour, with no reported casualties on either side, and the terrorists reportedly fled into a nearby forest. The Army has since launched a cordon-and-search operation to locate the militants. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges faced by security forces in counter-terrorism efforts in the region, highlighting their vigilance and rapid response capabilities.

IAF's 4:1 Precision Munitions Edge Over Pakistan Ensures Dominance



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India's air dominance over Pakistan is underscored by a significant 4:1 advantage in precision-guided munitions and stand-off weapons, primarily bolstered by indigenous advancements and foreign acquisitions like the BrahMos and Rafale systems. This advantage

enhances the Indian Air Force's (IAF) operational flexibility, enabling it to conduct a range of missions while reducing reliance on foreign suppliers, thus improving strategic resilience. In contrast, Pakistan's limited and technologically inferior inventory hampers its operational capacity and sustainability in conflicts. Ultimately, India's focus on modernization and self-reliance positions the IAF as a credible deterrent, reinforcing its status as a dominant regional power and contributing to regional stability.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Rana's Extradition May Reveal Deeper Pakistani Ties to 26/11 Attacks



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The recent denial of a petition by Tahawwur Hussain Rana, convicted for his involvement in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, by the US Supreme Court clears the path for his extradition to India, a significant step in uncovering further Pakistani links to the attacks. Advocate Ujjwal Nikam highlighted that Rana's extradition could provide crucial evidence regarding connections between the terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba and Pakistan's security apparatus. Rana's previous role as a financier for Lashkar and his close ties with co-conspirator David Headley underscore the international dimensions of the attacks, which were seen as an undeclared war by Pakistan against India. This development marks a critical moment in India's long-standing efforts since 2019 to hold those accountable for the tragedy that claimed 164 lives and continues to strain India-Pakistan relations.

J&K Police Honored for Foiling 2022 Amarnath Yatra Terror Plot



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Seven Jammu and Kashmir Police officers were awarded gallantry medals for their critical roles in thwarting a potential terror attack during the 2022 Amarnath Yatra. Among the honorees was former inspector general Vijay Kumar, who played a key role in the operation that neutralized two terrorists. The awards, including the Presidents Medal for Distinguished Service and the Medal for Meritorious Service, highlight the officers' bravery and commitment to maintaining peace in the region post-Article 370 abrogation. This recognition emphasizes the crucial contribution of local police forces in counter-terrorism efforts, showcasing their effectiveness without reliance on external agencies.

27 Nigerian Soldiers Killed in Deadly ISWAP Suicide Attack SHARE

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At least 27 Nigerian soldiers were killed in a jihadist suicide attack by the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in northeastern Nigeria, marking one of the deadliest assaults on military forces in recent years. The attack occurred during a ground offensive in the Timbuktu Triangle, an area previously under Boko Haram control. The insurgents are known for using explosives strategically against troops, which has perpetuated a 15-year conflict resulting in significant casualties and displacement. This incident highlights the ongoing security challenges faced by Nigeria and the need for enhanced regional cooperation to combat such militant threats effectively.

Pakistani Forces Eliminate 30 Terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa SHARE

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In a recent operation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistani security forces killed 30 terrorists as part of an intelligence-based initiative targeting ongoing regional violence. The military reported the recovery of various weapons and ammunition from the militants, reinforcing its commitment to counter-terrorism. The operation highlights the persistent threat of terrorism in the region and reflects Pakistan's national resolve, as emphasized by the Prime Minister's call for public support for security forces. This action also draws attention to the broader challenges faced by neighboring countries, including India, in addressing cross-border terrorism, necessitating robust defense strategies and international cooperation.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Govt grants 20% special pay to CAPF VIP security commandos SHARE

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The Indian government has approved a special pay allowance of 20% of basic pay for VIP security commandos from CAPFs, specifically for those providing protection to high-profile individuals classified under Z+ and Z+ (ASL) categories. This decision aligns the remuneration of CAPF personnel with that of the Special Protection Group (SPG) and National Security Guard (NSG), who currently receive higher allowances. Approximately 15,000 personnel from CRPF and CISF are tasked with safeguarding around 350 VIPs, with

only 35 under the top two categories. This move is significant in enhancing the morale and financial compensation of those responsible for securing prominent national figures.

CRPF Shines with 21 Gallantry Medals on Republic Day SHARE

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The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has distinguished itself by receiving 21 gallantry medals on the eve of the 76th Republic Day, the highest among Indian police forces. This includes two prestigious Shaurya Chakras awarded to CoBRA commandos for their valor in anti-Naxal operations. Notably, the commendations recognize significant contributions in combating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and Maoist insurgency, reaffirming the CRPF's crucial role in internal security. Furthermore, the recognition of BSF personnel for heroic actions under UN auspices highlights India's commitment to global peace and security, showcasing the effectiveness of Indian forces in both domestic and international contexts.

Major Radhika Sen: Pioneering Gender Equality in Peacekeeping SHARE

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Major Radhika Sen, recently awarded the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2023, exemplifies the pivotal role of women in peacekeeping, particularly in conflict zones like the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her advocacy for gender equality and women's rights highlights the importance of diverse perspectives in military operations, ultimately fostering trust within affected communities. Major Sen's experiences underscore the rigorous training Indian Army personnel undergo for UN missions, emphasizing ethics and the prevention of gender-based violence. Her achievements not only inspire future generations but also enhance India's reputation as a leader in promoting gender advocacy and peacekeeping on a global scale.

Miscellaneous

US Celebrates India's Republic Day, Highlights Strong Ties and Democracy SHARE

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The United States celebrated India's Republic Day, emphasizing the enduring significance of India's democracy and the growing partnership between the

two nations. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio highlighted the relationship as a defining one for the 21st century, particularly through the Quad alliance aimed at promoting a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. This partnership is expected to deepen in areas like space research and economic cooperation, as reaffirmed during meetings with Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. The US's commitment to strengthen ties reflects a shared vision for regional stability and enhanced economic opportunities, showcasing the strategic importance of India in global geopolitics.

Rafale's Victory Roll and Sukhoi-30s Dazzle at Republic Day



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The 76th Republic Day Parade showcased India's military prowess and aerial capabilities, captivating a large audience, including President Droupadi Murmu and dignitaries from Indonesia. The event featured impressive aerial displays, including a stunning victory roll by Rafale aircraft and a Trishul formation by Sukhoi-30 fighters, highlighting the expertise and precision of the Indian Air Force (IAF). A total of 40 aircraft participated in the celebrations, which included various formations such as the Ajay, Satluj, and Amrit, along with a unique flower petal shower from Mi-17 IV helicopters carrying the National Ensign and service flags. The parade not only underscored India's growing defense capabilities but also reinforced the spirit of national pride and the commitment to securing air dominance in the region. The display of advanced fighter jets and helicopters signifies India's strategic focus on enhancing its aerial defense posture, showcasing a well-coordinated effort among different branches of the armed forces and reflecting the country's resolve to maintain a robust defense mechanism.

76th Republic Day: Indonesia's President Joins Historic Celebration



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India commemorated its 76th Republic Day under the theme "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas," honoring the enactment of its Constitution. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto attended as the chief guest, echoing the participation of Indonesia's Sukarno in the inaugural celebrations of 1950. The historic Irwin Amphitheatre, now the National Stadium, hosted the original Republic proclamation and grand military parades, symbolizing the unity and strength of India's Armed Forces. The event highlighted India's rich heritage while reinforcing

international ties, particularly with Indonesia, showcasing growing diplomatic and defense collaborations.'

Delhi on High Alert with 70,000 Cops for Republic Day Security



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Delhi is on high alert for Republic Day, with over 70,000 police personnel and 70 companies of paramilitary forces deployed. A six-layered security protocol includes 15,000 personnel, anti-drone systems, and snipers positioned strategically. Traffic restrictions are firmly in place around the parade route, which runs from Vijay Chowk to Red Fort, and stringent measures prohibit various aerial activities. The coordinated efforts of state and central security forces reflect India's commitment to ensuring a secure and successful celebration, showcasing the country's growing capabilities in public safety and crisis management. This proactive stance is vital for maintaining order during such significant national events.

Security forces to source food locally, boosting border village economy



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The Indian government has initiated a program to enhance employment in border villages by mandating security forces, including the army, to procure essential food items from local sources, as announced by Home Minister Amit Shah. This initiative, part of the Vibrant Village Programme, aims to uplift 662 villages along the northern border, with substantial investments in infrastructure, electrification, and connectivity, including

Kristi Noem Appointed Homeland Security Chief to Enforce Immigration Policies



26-Jan-25

Kristi Noem has been appointed as the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, marking her as a pivotal figure in Trump's administration focused on hardline immigration policies. Noem, aligning with Trump's agenda, aims to prioritize border security and combat illegal immigration, emphasizing the removal of criminal aliens to enhance community safety. This appointment is strategic for executing a series of expected executive actions aimed at tightening immigration enforcement, possibly involving military support for border security. Her leadership in the Department of Homeland Security is seen as crucial for

reshaping the U.S. immigration landscape during Trump's term.

Indonesian President Praises PM Modi's Leadership and Partnership



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Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto praised Prime Minister Modi's leadership during his state visit to India, which coincided with the 76th Republic Day celebrations. The discussions emphasized enhancing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India

and Indonesia, particularly in defense, security, and economic sectors. Both leaders signed several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to bolster cooperation in health, traditional medicine, and maritime security, reflecting their shared commitment to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. This deepening relationship not only reinforces historical ties but also positions both nations as crucial partners in regional security dynamics amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

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