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India revives ₹44,000 crore plan for advanced mine-hunting warships.



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India has revived a ₹44,000 crore plan to build 12 specialized mine countermeasure vessels (MCMVs) to enhance maritime security against rising submarine threats from China and Pakistan. With no dedicated MCMVs currently in service, these ships will incorporate advanced detection systems and are essential for protecting India's extensive coastline and ports. The proposal will soon be presented for approval, with construction anticipated to take over seven years. This initiative is part of a broader naval expansion, reflecting India's commitment to bolster its naval capabilities and secure its maritime interests amid increasing regional tensions.

DIMDEX 2026: Key Maritime Defence Showcase in Doha, Jan 19-22



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The Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX) 2026 is set to take place from January 19 to 22, showcasing global naval innovations and fostering strategic investments in maritime technology. Under the theme "A Global Hub for Defence Innovations," this four-day event will feature a variety of components, including exhibitions by leading defence companies, a Naval Commanders Conference, and a display of visiting warships. DIMDEX has consistently attracted significant participation, emphasizing its vital role in enhancing global maritime security and aligning with Qatar's long-term vision for security and prosperity as outlined in the Qatar National Vision 2030. The event not only enhances regional defense capabilities but also serves as a platform for India to strengthen maritime collaborations.

L&T Unveils TEER: India's Cutting-Edge Aerial Target Platform



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India's L&T has developed the TEER, an advanced indigenous recoverable aerial target platform that enhances air defence training through sophisticated subsystems like radar augmentation and infrared signature generation. This platform allows realistic simulations of modern aerial threats, promotes cost-effective training through its recoverable design, and supports India's self-reliance in defence technology. The ongoing development of the TEER-NG variant reflects India's commitment to addressing evolving military challenges while fostering a robust domestic defence ecosystem. By reducing dependence on foreign systems, this initiative positions India as a potential exporter of advanced aerial target technologies, thereby strengthening its regional influence in defence manufacturing.

Pakistan Air Force Struggles with Maintenance After IAF Strike



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Recent reports indicate that the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) is facing significant maintenance challenges for its AW-139 utility helicopters and Dassault Falcon DA-20 electronic warfare jets following a recent Indian Air Force (IAF) operation. The urgent need for repairs underscores the potential impact on Pakistan's aerial capabilities, particularly in electronic warfare. Damage to such high-value assets could impede Pakistan's situational awareness and operational readiness, especially in the context of controlling the electromagnetic spectrum during air combat. Furthermore, the complexities involved in repairing these advanced platforms, coupled with possible supply chain disruptions, may prolong the PAF's recovery efforts, thereby affecting its strategic posture.

India and Russia Discuss Acquisition of Advanced Radar System SHARE

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India and Russia are advancing talks for the procurement of the advanced Container-S over-the-horizon radar system, which is critical for enhancing India's air defense capabilities against emerging threats from stealth aircraft and ballistic missiles. With a detection range exceeding 3,000 kilometers, the Container-S radar will significantly bolster India's situational awareness and early warning systems, complementing existing assets like the S-400 and indigenous missile defense programs. This move aligns with India's strategic focus on countering regional adversaries, particularly China and Pakistan, as they develop advanced aerial platforms. The integration of such advanced technologies underscores India's commitment to maintaining its defense capabilities in a rapidly evolving security environment.

India and Russia Revive BrahMos-II Hypersonic Missile Talks SHARE

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India and Russia are set to revive discussions on the BrahMos-II hypersonic missile program, aiming for speeds of Mach 6 and inspired by Russia's Zircon missile. The project, initially proposed nearly a decade ago, faced challenges due to technology sharing concerns and high costs. However, with the global emphasis on hypersonic capabilities, interest has surged. The BrahMos-II will utilize scramjet technology for enhanced performance and is anticipated to align with India's Make in India initiative, reducing reliance on Russian systems. This collaboration underscores India's commitment to maintaining a strategic edge in missile technology amid growing global competition.

India's Project Kusha: Advanced Air Defense to Rival S-400 SHARE

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India's Project Kusha, an indigenous long-range air defense system developed by DRDO, aims to rival Russia's S-400 and pave the way for advanced technologies, including hypersonic capabilities with future phases. Featuring three interceptor missiles with ranges of 150 km, 250 km, and 350 km, Kusha enhances India's strategic defense posture against aerial threats, particularly from adversaries like China. With an estimated cost of ₹21,700 crore for five squadrons, it aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, promoting self-reliance in defense. The integration with IAF systems ensures comprehensive

coverage and operational efficiency, marking a transformative leap in India's defense capabilities.

Enhanced Lethality: Carl Gustaf Rocket Launcher Gets FURY Sight SHARE

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The Carl Gustaf 84mm rocket launcher has undergone a significant upgrade with the introduction of the FURY Thermal Imaging-Based Fire Control Sight, enhancing its lethality and operational effectiveness in modern warfare. This advanced system enables automatic target tracking and improves first-hit probability, allowing soldiers to engage targets day or night, even under adverse conditions. Its seamless integration with various ammunition types, including HE and HEAT rounds, maximizes flexibility and operational efficiency. The FURY Sight's innovative technology ensures that troops can maintain a tactical edge, effectively responding to evolving threats and complex battlefield dynamics. This upgrade reinforces the Carl Gustaf's reputation as a reliable and versatile weapon system for contemporary military operations.

Indian Army Procures Drones for Enhanced Battlefield Surveillance SHARE

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The Indian Army has commenced the procurement of battlefield reconnaissance drones as part of its modernization efforts, emphasizing advanced technology for improved situational awareness and precision in warfare. This initiative aligns with the Army's Integrated Battle Group doctrine, enhancing local commanders' capabilities in varied operational theaters, including high-altitude and counter-insurgency areas. By prioritizing indigenous manufacturers under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the Army aims to bolster self-reliance in defense capabilities. The expected attributes of these drones—high-resolution sensors, secure data transmission, and autonomous flight—will serve as critical force multipliers, enabling effective surveillance and intelligence-gathering in challenging environments.

HAL to Produce 24 Tejas Mk1A Jets Annually from 2027, Eyes IAF Orders SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to manufacture 24 Tejas Mk1A fighter jets annually from 2027, pending additional orders from the Indian Air Force (IAF) for 97 more units, complementing the 83 already ordered. This initiative aligns with India's

Atmanirbhar Bharat strategy, enhancing indigenous defense capabilities. HAL's expansion includes a new production line at Nashik and potential collaboration with private firms to meet increased demand. The Tejas Mk1A, featuring advanced avionics and weaponry, is crucial for modernizing the IAF and replacing aging aircraft, with the total order potentially reaching 180 units, significantly strengthening India's aerial combat capabilities.

L&T Develops 3500 kW Waterjet to Enhance Naval Defense Capabilities SHARE

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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has advanced India's defense capabilities by successfully testing a 651 kW waterjet propulsion system for the Indian Navy's Fast Interceptor Craft and is now developing a more powerful 3500 kW system. This new waterjet technology will enhance India's maritime security through next-generation vessels, including high-speed Fast Attack Crafts, Offshore Patrol Vessels, and corvettes, crucial for operations in the Indian Ocean Region. By achieving over 70% indigenous content, L&T reinforces its commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aligning with global standards and addressing specific operational needs of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.

Baba Kalyani Advocates Public-Private-Academic Alliance for Indigenous Aero Engines SHARE

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Baba Kalyani, Chairman of Bharat Forge, advocates for collaboration among private companies, public sector undertakings, and academic institutions to develop indigenous aero engines, crucial for India's defense self-reliance. He emphasizes the need for industry consortia to address technological challenges and reduce reliance on imported engines, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aiming for \$25 billion in defense exports by 2030. Kalyani's proposal leverages India's strengths in manufacturing and R&D, showcasing the potential for innovation in aerospace technologies. This collaborative framework is essential to enhance India's strategic capabilities and ensure supply chain security in the critical aerospace sector.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Bahrain Supports India's Anti-Terror Stance at OIC and FATF SHARE

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An all-party delegation from India, led by BJP MP Baijayant Panda, recently visited Bahrain and engaged with senior officials, including Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. They emphasized India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, particularly in light of Pakistan-sponsored incidents, and sought continued Bahraini support in international forums like the OIC and FATF. The delegation underlined India's commitment to counter-terrorism, detailing concerns about Pakistani aggression and urging Bahrain to encourage Pakistan to dismantle its terrorist infrastructure. This visit forms part of a broader diplomatic initiative involving Indian MPs visiting multiple countries to counter misinformation and reinforce India's stance against terrorism following the Operation Sindoor military operation in response to the Pahalgam attack. The delegation's outreach included interactions with the Indian diaspora, highlighting their role in fostering bilateral relations and promoting India's interests globally. As India strengthens its international alliances through such engagements, Bahrain's reaffirmation of support is crucial in building a united front against terrorism and showcasing India's commitment to peace and security in the region. This diplomatic strategy not only enhances India's credibility but also counters anti-India narratives, thereby solidifying India's position on the global stage.

Jaishankar: India's Military Action Key to India-Pak Ceasefire SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attributed India's decisive military action as the catalyst for the ceasefire agreement with Pakistan, following intense conflict initiated by India's airstrikes against terrorist infrastructure. He emphasized that the cessation of hostilities resulted from direct military communications between the two nations, downplaying the role of the U.S., which he noted had merely expressed concern. Jaishankar reaffirmed India's commitment to prioritizing its national interests in navigating complex geopolitical dynamics, highlighting the importance of independent strategic decision-making. The recent operations demonstrated India's resolve in countering

terrorism and reaffirming its national security, while limiting external influences on its defense policies.

India's Strategic Engagement with Afghanistan Amid Geopolitical Shifts



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India is reassessing its relationship with Afghanistan, marked by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent dialogue with Taliban's Foreign Minister, despite not recognizing the regime. This engagement reflects India's longstanding commitment to Afghanistan, evidenced by over \$2 billion in developmental aid, contrasting sharply with Pakistan's detrimental influence. The evolving Taliban-Pakistan dynamics present India with an opportunity to bolster ties and support Afghan development. India's historical approach of non-interference and socio-economic cooperation has fostered goodwill among Afghans, positioning it as a stabilizing force in the region, unlike Pakistan's exploitative tactics. This strategic pivot could enhance India's stature in South Asia amidst shifting geopolitical landscapes.

Russia's Attacks on Ukraine Continue for Third Straight Night



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Russia has launched attacks on Ukraine for the third consecutive night, causing significant damage, particularly in Kyiv and the southern Odesa region, where a residential building was destroyed, injuring a 14-year-old boy. Ukrainian officials reported that regional military administrations are actively managing drone and missile threats, with 25 drones neutralized in the Cherkasy region. Despite the devastation, there were no civilian casualties reported in several areas. The ongoing conflict underscores the escalating tensions in Eastern Europe, with Russia maintaining its narrative of a "special military operation," which has drawn widespread international condemnation, particularly from Western nations.

India and Pakistan Gear Up for Potential Conflict Amidst Tensions



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The article discusses the heightened military readiness of India and Pakistan following recent conflicts, with both nations preparing for potential escalation amidst a new normal of heightened tensions. India is bolstering its capabilities through partnerships with the US and France for advanced weapons, while Pakistan relies on China and Turkey for military hardware. Both sides are

investing in technological advancements, with India focusing on indigenous projects like the TEJAS MK-2 and AMCA, amidst concerns over Pakistan's hybrid warfare tactics. The risk of inadvertent escalation remains significant, as both countries navigate a complex geopolitical landscape influenced by external powers, particularly the US and China.

Pakistan's Defense Minister Blames US for Global Conflicts



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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif criticized the United States for being at the center of numerous global conflicts, accusing it of profiting from war due to its military-industrial complex. He juxtaposed this with China's limited military engagements, claiming US actions create instability, including in the India-Pakistan context. However, Asif's statements drew criticism for their hypocrisy, given Pakistan's own history of military cooperation with the US and recent increasing dependence on China. Critics highlighted Pakistan's role in fostering regional conflicts and Asif's admission of supporting terror groups, suggesting a complex interplay of blame that detracts from Pakistan's internal challenges and strategic choices.

Erdogan to Meet Sharif in Istanbul Amid India-Turkey Tensions



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India's boycott of Turkish goods, sparked by Ankara's support for Pakistan during recent conflicts, has intensified diplomatic rifts between the two nations. Notably, Turkey's military aid to Pakistan, including drones and operatives, has prompted India to revoke security clearances for Turkish firms and significantly reduce tourism and trade ties, leading to a predicted economic downturn for Turkey. The upcoming meeting between Turkish President Erdogan and Pakistani PM Sharif underscores the strengthening Turkey-Pakistan defense cooperation, while further straining India-Turkey relations. Unless Turkey reevaluates its position on the India-Pakistan conflict, the diplomatic standoff is likely to persist, impacting regional dynamics in South Asia.

US Report: India Sees China as Main Threat, Pakistan a Minor Concern



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A recent US intelligence report emphasizes that India now views China as its primary adversary, relegating Pakistan to a secondary concern despite ongoing military modernization and nuclear developments in

Islamabad, largely supported by China. The report highlights India's focus on enhancing military power and global leadership, as exemplified by its proactive measures like Operation Sindoor targeted airstrikes against terrorism. It underscores the strategic shift in India's defense priorities, with strengthened partnerships in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific aimed at countering Chinese influence. The evolving military dynamics in South Asia reflect an ongoing volatility, particularly along the India-China border, amid deep-rooted mistrust among the regional powers.

BJP Critiques Congress for Weakening India's Nuclear Stance SHARE

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The BJP has criticized the Congress party for its past compromises on India's nuclear doctrine, particularly referencing the 1988 Indo-Pak Nuclear Agreement signed by then-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. BJP leader Amit Malviya emphasized that this agreement exposed India's nuclear infrastructure to Pakistan, undermining national security. Prime Minister Modi has since signaled a shift in India's national security policy, focusing on decisive retaliation and zero tolerance for nuclear blackmail. The BJP argues that strong leadership prioritizes sovereignty and national security over optics, reflecting a commitment to a robust defense strategy amidst ongoing tensions with Pakistan. This stance reinforces India's resilience against external threats and terrorism.

NSA Doval to Attend Key Security Meeting in Moscow Next Week SHARE

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India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is set to attend a significant security meeting in Moscow from May 27-29, organized by Russia's Security Council, which will include representatives from over 150 countries, including Pakistan. This comes in the wake of heightened tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack and subsequent Indian precision strikes under Operation Sindoor targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. The meeting may provide an opportunity for a potential face-to-face dialogue between Doval and his Pakistani counterpart, amid ongoing efforts to combat terrorism collaboratively using platforms like the UN and SCO. This engagement underscores India's commitment to regional security and counterterrorism initiatives.

Japanese Experts Access PL-15E Missile Data, Showcasing India's Edge SHARE

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Japanese experts have gained unprecedented access to data from the recovered PL-15E missiles, highlighting India's advanced electronic warfare capabilities that rendered the missiles ineffective during recent aerial clashes with Pakistan. The Indian Air Force's successful jamming of these missiles showcases its technological superiority, which could enhance India's indigenous missile programs. The recovery presents strategic insights for Japan and other nations concerned about Chinese military advancements, further strengthening India's position in regional security dynamics. This incident underscores potential vulnerabilities in Pakistan's reliance on Chinese weaponry and emphasizes the importance of electronic countermeasures in modern aerial combat.

Military Operations

CDS General Chauhan Reviews Operation Sindoor at Command HQs SHARE

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Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan visited the Northern and Western Commands for operational reviews of Operation Sindoor, focusing on counter-terrorism efforts and border security. He praised the Northern Army's success in neutralizing terror networks and highlighted the importance of protecting civilian lives and military assets. At the Western Command, advancements in technology and logistics were discussed, showcasing a commitment to operational efficiency. The CDS emphasized vigilance, joint operations, and the rehabilitation of affected civilians, commending the Army's discipline and morale that underpin national security objectives. Overall, the visit reaffirmed the Indian Armed Forces' dedication to safeguarding the nation against evolving threats.

Israeli Strikes in Gaza Claim 38 Lives Amid Renewed Conflict SHARE

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Israeli strikes in Gaza have reportedly resulted in the deaths of at least 38 individuals, including women and children, following a period of renewed military offensives aimed at dismantling Hamas. Since the resumption of conflict in March, Gaza's Health Ministry claims over 3,700 fatalities have occurred, amid accusations against Israel of potential violations of

international law regarding civilian casualties and aid blockades. Israel continues to assert it targets Hamas militants, who operate in densely populated areas, while concurrently facing missile attacks from Yemen's Houthi rebels as part of broader regional tensions. The situation underscores the complexity of the conflict and the humanitarian implications for civilians caught in the crossfire.

Operation Sindoor Continues: Khurshid Highlights India's Resolve



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Salman Khurshid, speaking in South Korea, reaffirmed that Operation Sindoor is ongoing, highlighting India's measured military response to the Pahalgam terror attack. He emphasized that India is committed to targeting only terrorist camps in Pakistan while maintaining diplomatic engagement to raise global awareness about Pakistan's ties to terrorism. The operation has successfully neutralized over 100 terrorists from groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba, reflecting India's zero-tolerance policy. Khurshid's remarks underscore India's dual approach of military resolve and diplomatic outreach, aiming to strengthen international consensus against terrorism while safeguarding its sovereignty and security.

Indian Army Thwarts Three Infiltration Attempts from Pakistan



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In recent days, the Indian Army successfully foiled multiple infiltration attempts by Pakistan along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, attributed to direct guidance from the Pakistani Army. Between May 6 and May 10, three attempts were thwarted, thanks to India's superior combat readiness and advanced surveillance. Despite intense shelling from Pakistan, Indian forces executed precision strikes that damaged several enemy positions, leading to a Pakistani request for a ceasefire. This incident underscores India's tactical dominance and robust defensive infrastructure, showcasing the Indian Army's commitment to safeguarding national security and maintaining vigilance against cross-border terrorism.

Fortify India: Ex-Army Chief Calls for Modern Defense Strategies



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Former Army chief General MM Naravane emphasized the need for India to prepare for future threats, advocating for a transformation into a "Sindoor Durg," a modern fortress against multi-domain challenges. He

noted that despite military successes like Operation Sindoor, the risk from Pakistan remains high, urging for enhanced intelligence networks and fast-tracked defense procurements. Naravane argued that economic strength is crucial for military might and highlighted the importance of permanent emergency procurement powers for the armed forces. He called for a proactive approach in both military and diplomatic arenas to solidify India's position globally, aspiring to secure its status as the third-largest economy by 2030.

BSF Chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary Reviews Law and Order in Manipur



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Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), Daljit Singh Chawdhary, visited Manipur to assess the law and order situation following ethnic violence that erupted on May 3, 2023. During his two-day visit, he held meetings with state security officials and interacted with BSF troopers to bolster their efforts in maintaining peace and security. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has also been active, apprehending several illegal Bangladeshi migrants and their Indian associates as part of intensified measures against human trafficking and illegal infiltration through railway networks. These coordinated actions reflect India's commitment to national security in the northeastern region.

NDA CM conclave endorses Operation Sindoor and praises PM Modi



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The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) CM conclave in New Delhi passed a resolution commending Operation Sindoor and lauding PM Modi's leadership, emphasizing the Indian Army's successful strikes on terror hideouts in Pakistan. The meeting, attended by 20 Chief Ministers and 18 Deputy Chief Ministers, also addressed the need to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Emergency, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding democratic freedoms. Alongside the resolution on the armed forces, leaders endorsed the ongoing caste census initiative. This conclave illustrates the NDA's commitment to national security and governance under Modi's vision of a strong, self-reliant India.

New Army Brigades and Mobile Network Enhance Security in Kathua



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To enhance security in the terror-hit region of Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir, two Army brigades have been

established, alongside a newly created mobile network that improves communication and military surveillance. The initiative aims to strengthen coordination between armed forces and local administration while addressing infrastructure needs, such as the expedited widening of Dhar Road. Additionally, water supply issues are being tackled through the Jal Jiwan Mission, benefiting nearly 15,000 households. These measures foster a renewed sense of safety and confidence among residents, promoting regional development and highlighting India's commitment to stability in border areas amid rising tensions with Pakistan.

INS Brahmaputra to Sail Again by 2026 as Indian Navy Restores Frigate



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The Indian Navy is on track to restore the guided missile frigate INS Brahmaputra, which was severely damaged in a fire and capsizing incident in July 2024, with projections indicating it could be seaworthy by late 2025 or early 2026, and fully combat-ready by mid-2026. Senior officials confirm that repairs are progressing through phases, focusing initially on the vessel's hull and propulsion systems, following its righting and relocation to dry dock in November 2024. This effort reflects the Navy's commitment to maintaining operational readiness and underscores the resilience of India's indigenous shipbuilding capabilities. The restoration of INS Brahmaputra is a priority, especially given its historical significance and contributions to maritime security.

NIA Arrests CRPF Officer for Leaking Info to Pakistani Agents



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, Moti Ram Jat, for allegedly leaking sensitive information to Pakistani intelligence officers since 2023. He reportedly received funds from these operatives, indicating a breach of national security. Jat's arrest highlights the persistent threat of espionage faced by India's defense personnel, underscoring the importance of robust counterintelligence efforts to protect sensitive information. The NIA's proactive approach in apprehending individuals involved in such activities is crucial for maintaining national integrity and safeguarding the interests of the Indian defense forces.

India Seeks Russia's Backing in Fight Against Terrorism



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BJP MP Capt. Brijesh Chowta emphasized India's determination to combat terrorism during a diplomatic mission to Russia, where he sought support to tackle the global threat of terrorism, particularly from Pakistan. The Indian delegation, which included members from various political parties, engaged Russian lawmakers in discussions about cross-border terrorism following the tragic Pahalgam attack. Russia reaffirmed its solidarity with India, condemning the attack and expressing readiness for enhanced counter-terrorism cooperation at international forums. This outreach is part of India's broader strategy to garner international awareness and support against state-sponsored terrorism, showcasing the strength of the India-Russia strategic partnership in addressing mutual security concerns.

India's All-Party Delegation in NYC Reinforces Anti-Terror Commitment



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An all-party delegation from India recently visited New York, emphasizing India's commitment to combating terrorism through international cooperation, particularly with the United States. The delegation, which included notable parliamentarians and the former Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, paid tribute at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, underscoring India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. Engaging with think tanks and media, they advocated for collective security measures and the disruption of terror networks, aiming to strengthen global

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Maoist leader with Rs 5 lakh bounty killed in Jharkhand clash



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A member of the CPI (Maoist), Manish Yadav, with a Rs 5 lakh bounty on his head, was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Latehar district. The operation also led to the arrest of another Maoist, Kundan Kherwar. This encounter follows a successful anti-Naxal operation just days prior, where two Maoists, including a key leader with a Rs 10 lakh bounty, were eliminated. These operations underscore the Indian security forces' continued commitment to combating Maoist insurgency in central India, reflecting effective strategies and coordination in addressing this long-standing issue.

partnerships. This visit illustrates India's proactive diplomatic efforts to establish itself as a leading voice in the global counter-terrorism discourse.

PM Modi Celebrates Operation Sindoor's Impact on Terrorism SHARE

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In his recent Mann Ki Baat address, PM Modi highlighted Operation Sindoor, a retaliatory military action against terror camps in Pakistan and PoK, marking India's commitment to eliminating terrorism. Following the April 22 attack that killed 26 individuals, he praised the valor of the armed forces and the effective use of indigenous military capabilities. The operation not only destroyed key terror hubs but also fostered a wave of patriotism and national unity, with citizens pledging to support local products and contribute to nation-building. Modi emphasized that this mission reflects India's transformation and encourages a collective effort towards self-reliance and pride in homegrown initiatives.

VP Dhankhar: India's Strong Anti-Terror Stance Drives Growth SHARE

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar emphasized India's unwavering stance against terrorism, highlighting the decisive Operation Sindoor as a testament to the nation's military prowess. He affirmed that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India will no longer tolerate threats to national security, fostering a wave of patriotism among its citizens. Dhankhar noted India's remarkable economic ascent to the world's fourth-largest economy and stressed the importance of agricultural innovation for future prosperity. He called for a commitment from lawmakers to uplift agriculture-based industries, asserting that farmers' entrepreneurship will shape India's prosperous future, thereby reinforcing the nation's strategic and economic resilience.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Rising Vishing Scams: Cybercriminals Exploit Trust via Calls SHARE

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Cybercriminals are increasingly employing voice phishing, or vishing, to deceive individuals and organizations into divulging sensitive information over phone calls. This tactic exploits trust and urgency by

impersonating representatives from banks or government agencies, using methods like caller ID spoofing to enhance credibility. Both individuals and businesses are at risk, with potential consequences including significant data breaches and financial losses. Experts recommend verification through trusted channels and emphasize the importance of cybersecurity training for organizations to mitigate these threats. As vishing tactics evolve, maintaining skepticism and awareness becomes crucial for protection against such deceptive practices.

IMD Tightens Access to Weather Data Amid Cyber Threats SHARE

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has enhanced cyber security measures by restricting access to its weather data platforms due to increased cyber threats amidst rising India-Pakistan tensions. This includes installing firewalls and implementing a user ID password system, following suspicious access attempts traced to Pakistan and Afghanistan. While these measures aim to protect critical data, they have raised concerns among weather enthusiasts and bloggers who relied on the previously open access to tools like the Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) and RAPID, which are now limited. Critics argue that this move contradicts global trends towards open weather data and may hinder local meteorological analysis.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

NDA's historic first female cadets graduate with male peers on May 30. SHARE

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On May 30, 2023, the National Defence Academy (NDA) will make history as 17 women cadets graduate alongside over 300 male cadets during the 148th Passing Out Parade. This follows the landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2021 that allowed women to join the NDA. Cadets Harsimran Kaur and Shriti Daksh, both becoming division cadet captains, emphasized the rigorous training and camaraderie built during their time at the academy, which has instilled values of responsibility and leadership. The first batch of women cadets aims to set high standards for future generations, highlighting progress in gender inclusion within India's defense forces, ultimately strengthening its military capabilities.

Minister Rajnath Singh reviews DPSUs' performance and future goals. SHARE

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Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently reviewed the performance of eight Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), praising their contributions to India's defense capabilities, particularly during Operation Sindoor. He emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing the defense industrial base and urged DPSUs to focus on timely product delivery, increased exports, and modern warfare technologies. The DPSUs are expected to achieve a production value exceeding Rs 1,40,000 crore in FY 2024-25, with 78% attributed to them. Singh congratulated HAL and MDL for their prestigious status upgrades, highlighting the growing importance of DPSUs in India's defense strategy and economy.

Indian Army Coaches 38 Arunachal Students for Sainik School Exam SHARE

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The Indian Army's Gajraj Corps has successfully coached 38 students from Arunachal Pradesh, enabling them to clear the All India Sainik School Entrance Examination. This initiative, which took place between July 2024 and April 2025, aimed to enhance educational opportunities in remote areas like Jang and Dirang, often lacking access to quality education. The program focused on rigorous academic training and motivational support, cultivating discipline and competitive skills. This achievement underscores the Indian Army's commitment to nation-building through inclusive education, showcasing its pivotal role in empowering youth from underserved regions and contributing to the development of future leaders for the country.

SC Orders Cut in IPS Roles in CAPFs to Boost Officer Morale SHARE

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The Supreme Court of India has ordered a progressive reduction of IPS officer postings in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) over two years to enhance the promotion prospects and morale of cadre officers, addressing long-standing grievances of about 18,000 petitioners facing stagnation due to IPS dominance in senior ranks. The court emphasized the need for a timely cadre review, which has been delayed since 2021, to ensure that CAPF officers have equal opportunities for advancement. While the Home Ministry argued for the necessity of IPS officers in these roles to maintain coordination with state police

forces, the Supreme Court recognized the essential contributions of CAPF personnel in safeguarding national security and internal stability.

DRDO Chief Samir V Kamat's Tenure Extended to May 2026 SHARE

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The Central government has extended the tenure of DRDO chief Samir V Kamat by another year, now set to serve until May 2026. This marks his second extension since his appointment as secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development on August 25, 2022. Kamat's leadership is critical for advancing India's defense capabilities, particularly in indigenous technology development, which is essential for national security. The extension reflects the government's confidence in his expertise and the importance of continuity in leadership within the defense research sector, aligning with India's goal of self-reliance in defense production.

Miscellaneous

Hazardous Cargo from Capsized Ship Washes Ashore in Kerala SHARE

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Containers from the capsized Liberian cargo ship MSC ELSA 3 have begun washing ashore along the Kerala coastline, particularly in the Kollam and Alappuzha districts, leading to heightened alerts due to the presence of hazardous materials among its cargo. Authorities, including the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and local government officials, are actively managing the situation, with inspections revealing that while some containers contain non-hazardous materials like cotton, others may hold dangerous substances such as calcium carbide, which can release flammable gases upon contact with water. Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has directed the Directorate General of Shipping to monitor the situation every two hours and emphasized the coordinated efforts among the Coast Guard, Navy, and state agencies to protect coastal life and the environment. Responding to the significant oil spill caused by the sinking—84.44 metric tonnes of diesel and 367.1 metric tonnes of furnace oil are involved—officials are implementing measures to contain the spill and prevent it from affecting local water bodies. Despite challenges posed by adverse weather, specialized vessels for oil spill response have been deployed, and continuous monitoring efforts are underway to mitigate environmental damage. This

situation highlights the importance of swift governmental response and coordination in managing maritime incidents to ensure the safety of the coastal population and ecosystem.

PM Modi: A Warning to Terrorism's Threats and a Call for Peace



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently addressed rallies in Gujarat, where he underscored India's commitment to economic development while criticizing Pakistan for its focus on terrorism. He highlighted Operation Sindoor, launched in response to a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which aimed to dismantle terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Modi's remarks emphasized that the Indian government prioritizes development over conflict, contrasting India's progress as the world's fourth-largest economy with Pakistan's reliance on terrorism. He urged the people of Pakistan to seek peace and prosperity, stating that their future is at risk due to their government's continuous support for terrorist activities. During the events, he inaugurated significant development projects and reiterated India's military readiness to respond decisively to any threats. The key arguments revolve around India's strategic approach to counter terrorism through military action, alongside fostering national development, while also inviting Pakistan to reflect on its current position and consider a shift towards peace. This dual focus not only aims to bolster India's defense posture but also positions the country as a responsible regional power advocating for stability and growth.

Assam CM Sarma Highlights Bangladesh's Strategic Vulnerabilities



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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted Bangladesh's geographical vulnerabilities, specifically its two "chicken necks," in response to criticisms regarding India's Siliguri Corridor. He emphasized that disruptions in these corridors could severely impact Bangladesh's connectivity and national security. Sarma warned that any threats to India's corridor could provoke a strong response, referencing India's military capabilities demonstrated in past operations. His remarks aim to shift focus from India's vulnerabilities to the broader regional context, asserting that Bangladesh should recognize its own strategic weaknesses while cautioning against aggressive postures towards India. This statement underlines India's readiness to defend its interests in the region.

PM Modi's Vadodara Roadshow Celebrates Indian Army's Valor



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PM Modi received a warm welcome in Vadodara, where he led a 1 km roadshow to the Airforce station, celebrating the valor of the Indian Army. This event highlights the Indian government's strong support for its armed forces, fostering national pride and unity. The Prime Minister's presence underscores the significance of military bravery in India's defense strategy, reinforcing the government's commitment to enhancing the morale of troops and acknowledging their sacrifices. Such events not only bolster public sentiment but also serve to strengthen the bond between the civilian populace and the armed forces, ultimately contributing to a robust national defense framework.

Navika Sagar Parikrama II mission remains safe despite nearby shipwrecks



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The recent capsizing of the Liberia-flagged container ship MSC ELSA 3 off the Kochi coast raised concerns for the return of INSV Tarini, the Indian Navy's sailing vessel undertaking its second Navika Sagar Parikrama mission. However, officials confirmed that the crew, Lieutenant Commanders Dilna K and Roopa A, are safe and have navigated past the incident site. The voyage, which began on October 2 last year, is set to conclude with the team having sailed over 21,600 nautical miles powered solely by wind. This expedition showcases not only the capabilities of the Indian Navy but also emphasizes the role of women in defense, enhancing India's maritime prestige.

DGCA to Introduce New Guidelines for Pilots in Turbulent Weather



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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is developing new guidelines for pilots to manage severe turbulence, prompted by a recent incident involving an IndiGo flight that encountered a hailstorm, leading to alarming descent rates and a near-catastrophic situation. While no injuries were reported, the DGCA aims to prevent similar occurrences in the future by establishing standard operating procedures for pilots facing unexpected weather. This initiative underscores the importance of passenger safety and the need for robust protocols in aviation, reflecting the Indian aviation authority's commitment to enhancing operational standards and ensuring passenger security in turbulent conditions.

Pakistan Allocates 2,000MW for Bitcoin Mining and AI, Sparking Regional Digital Competition SHARE

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Pakistan is allocating 2,000MW of surplus power for Bitcoin mining and AI data centres, as part of a strategy to leverage underused energy resources and position itself as a leader in digital innovation. This initiative, driven by the Pakistan Crypto Council, aims to attract foreign investment and generate jobs in tech sectors, while also enhancing data sovereignty and cybersecurity. The government is offering incentives to lure international firms, signaling a major pivot towards digital transformation and economic stability. However, this move reflects a broader regional competition in digital infrastructure, emphasizing the need for India to bolster its own tech capabilities and investment attractiveness to maintain its strategic edge.

Pune Firm Unveils AI-Driven Diagnostic System for Gas Turbine Engines SHARE

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A Pune-based company, ChiStats Labs Private Limited, in collaboration with DRDO and GTRE, has developed a comprehensive diagnostic system for Aero Gas Turbine Engines (AGTE) using advanced AI/ML technologies. This innovation involves creating virtual sensors for health monitoring that enhance operational reliability and longevity of AGTEs, crucial for both military and civilian applications. By simulating adverse conditions through a digital twin, the system promises real-time analysis and improved engine performance. This project underscores the effective partnership between India's defense research organizations and the private sector, fostering innovation in aerospace technology and potentially enhancing safety and efficiency in civil aviation and energy sectors.

Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Goes Into Quarantine for Axiom-4 Mission SHARE

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Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, along with three crewmates, is in quarantine ahead of the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station, as

announced by the US-based private space firm. The mission is set to launch from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on June 8. This development highlights India's growing engagement in space exploration and showcases the capabilities of its astronauts on international platforms, reflecting India's commitment to advancing its space program. As India continues to strengthen its position in the global space arena, such missions bolster national pride and foster international collaboration in scientific endeavors.

Pakistan's PM Ridiculed for Gifting Fake Military Image SHARE

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A recent incident involving Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif gifting a photoshopped image to Army Chief General Asim Munir has sparked ridicule, as the image, originally from a 2019 Chinese military drill, was altered to falsely represent Pakistani military might. This blunder highlights Pakistan's struggle to maintain its military reputation following devastating strikes by the Indian Air Force on Nur Khan Airbase, which severely impacted Pakistan's air capabilities. The mockery from Indian observers underscores India's growing air dominance in the region, with the incident serving as a stark reminder of Pakistan's vulnerabilities and the effectiveness of India's strategic operations.

Airtel, Jio, and Vodafone Team Up to Tackle Telecom Fraud SHARE

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Airtel has proposed a collaborative initiative with Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea to combat the rising telecom fraud and scams in India, highlighting over 1.7 million cybercrime complaints in 2024. The initiative aims for real-time fraud intelligence sharing and cross-network coordination to effectively address sophisticated scams, including phishing and identity theft. Airtel plans to enhance customer awareness regarding these threats through outreach by its Vice Chairman, Gopal Vittal, emphasizing the growing sophistication of fraud attempts across various digital platforms. This joint effort signifies a proactive approach from Indian telecom operators to safeguard consumers amidst escalating cyber fraud challenges.

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