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Indian Army Restructures Forces for Enhanced Battlefield Readiness



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The Indian Army is undergoing a significant transformation in response to evolving threats along its northern and western borders, highlighted during the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi. Key initiatives include the establishment of Rudra All-Arms Brigades, which integrate various combat elements for agile warfare, and the formation of Bhairav Light Commando Battalions designed for rapid border operations. Every infantry battalion will now feature dedicated Drone Platoons to enhance reconnaissance and engagement capabilities, while artillery is being modernized with Shaktiban regiments and Divyastra batteries equipped with advanced technology. These restructuring efforts follow the successful Operation Sindoor, which underscored the need for a more integrated military response to threats from Pakistan and China. General Dwivedi emphasized that these changes are vital for making the Army a future-ready force, capable of decisive action and strategic autonomy while maintaining the same personnel strength. This modernization reflects a broader shift towards a tech-enabled, agile military model that prioritizes speed and efficiency over traditional, static formations, allowing India to effectively address complex security challenges and maintain territorial integrity. The restructuring not only aims to enhance operational readiness but also signifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, positioning the Indian Army to counter asymmetric threats more effectively.

JSW \$4.5B Defense Deal for V-Bat Drones



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JSW is progressing with a proposed \$4.5 billion defense initiative centered on the V-Bat combat drones,

partnering locally with JSW Defence and US-based Shield AI. While no firm orders have yet been placed by the Indian Armed Forces, there have been recent demonstrations of the V-Bat drones, including test flights in challenging terrains such as the Himalayas. The initiative, announced in November 2024, includes a \$90 million investment over two years to establish manufacturing facilities, implement compliance programs, and train a local workforce. The vertical take-off and landing drones are designed for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and are already operated by the US Marine Corps, as well as being recently deployed in Israel and Ukraine. The ongoing collaboration aims at establishing India as a hub for V-Bat drone assembly and maintenance, supporting future defense self-reliance and advancing the integration of AI-powered autonomous technologies. This prospective deal aligns with India's broader objectives of modernizing its defense sector with homegrown and globally relevant unmanned aerial systems.

AMCA Structural Test Specimen Set for Completion by 2027



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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program is making notable headway, with officials confirming that the first structural test specimen is scheduled for completion by 2027. Over the past three days, it was reported that the project, led by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), is entering a critical phase. TATA Advanced Systems and Larsen & Toubro are among the leading private sector companies contributing key components and manufacturing expertise to meet project deadlines. The structural test specimen, pivotal for validating the AMCA's design integrity, will undergo a series of stringent evaluations such as load, fatigue, and avionics integration tests. The successful execution of these tests will minimize technical uncertainties before the maiden flight trials, slated to follow the prototype's anticipated rollout by 2028. The AMCA is poised to significantly bolster India's indigenous fighter jet

capability with fifth-generation features like stealth, enhanced avionics, and supercruise, aligning with the Indian Air Force's prospective induction schedule between 2032 and 2033 and underscoring the nation's growing defense manufacturing ecosystem.

India's NSTL and DRDO Develop Dual-Mode Aquatic-Aerial System [SHARE](#)

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India's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have recently initiated the design and development of a groundbreaking dual-mode Aquatic-Aerial System, as announced in late July 2025. This trailblazing unmanned platform is engineered to transition seamlessly between flying in the air and navigating underwater, setting a new standard for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. This means the same machine can perform covert aerial reconnaissance as a drone, dive into the sea, and continue its surveillance undetected below the surface. The system incorporates modular payloads such as electro-optic cameras for aerial observation, advanced sonar for underwater mapping, and swappable modules for mission-specific needs, making it incredibly versatile. Stealth features—including radar-absorbing materials and minimized acoustic signatures—help it avoid detection in both operational modes. It also integrates sophisticated communication suites for real-time data transmission and uses satellite navigation for autonomous, precise movement. This initiative, validated by early 2025 trials of component systems like sonars and underwater vehicles, aligns with India's recent MAHASAGAR maritime doctrine focusing on greater self-reliance and regional security. By addressing modern challenges in the increasingly contested Indian Ocean, the dual-mode system is poised to bolster the Indian Navy's operational flexibility against emerging threats while underlining India's technological ambitions and commitment to safeguarding its maritime interests.

Indian Army to Equip 3rd & 4th Akash SAM Regiments with Akash-Prime [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army is set to enhance its air defense capabilities by inducting the Akash-Prime missile system into its 3rd and 4th Surface-to-Air Missile regiments, aimed at securing critical military infrastructure along the northern borders. This upgraded system features an active RF seeker for improved accuracy, ruggedized electronics for high-

altitude operations, and rapid mobility for deployment in challenging terrains. With increasing aerial threats from China, Akash-Prime's integration into India's defense strategy is timely, providing layered defense against modern threats like drones and precision-guided munitions, thereby bolstering airspace sovereignty in vulnerable regions.

Rafael's Ice Breaker Missile will Boost IAF's LCH Prachand Capabilities [SHARE](#)

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RAFAEL Advanced Defense Systems has confirmed that its ICE BREAKER missile can be integrated with the Indian Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand, enhancing its offensive capabilities significantly. This long-range, precision-guided missile is designed for high-value target engagement and boasts a range of 300 km. Its integration with the LCH and potential use by the Indian Navy on carrier-based platforms could strengthen cross-service interoperability. The ICE BREAKER's advanced guidance systems and multi-directional attack capabilities make it a strategic asset for India's defense forces, particularly in contested zones like the Line of Actual Control, representing a crucial step in enhancing India's indigenous military capabilities and deterrence strategy.

India Advances in Hypersonic Scramjet Technology with HSTDV [SHARE](#)

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India is making significant strides in hypersonic technology with the latest advancements in its Scramjet Engine powered Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV). Spearheaded by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the program showcases design enhancements since its successful 2020 flight test, featuring a single vertical tail fin and new cropped-delta wings for improved stability and control at hypersonic speeds. These refinements address the complex challenges of hypersonic flight, indicating India's commitment to developing next-generation missile systems. Such advancements not only underscore India's growing technological prowess but also position it as a competitive player in the global hypersonic race, enhancing its national defense capabilities.

Nibe Limited and Elbit Systems Join Forces for PULS Artillery System [SHARE](#)

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Nibe Limited has entered a significant Technical Collaboration Agreement with Israel's Elbit Systems to

develop the Precise & Universal Launch System (PULS), an autonomous artillery rocket system capable of striking targets up to 300 kilometers away. This partnership enhances India's artillery capabilities and positions Nibe as a key player in the global defense market, leveraging indigenous manufacturing prowess alongside advanced Israeli technology. The PULS system's versatility and rapid response capability mark a substantial advancement in India's defense innovation efforts, supporting regional security and economic growth while showcasing India's commitment to becoming a self-reliant defense power.

ADE Seeks Design and Development of SATCOM Radomes for UAVs SHARE

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The Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) under India's DRDO has issued a tender for the design and development of advanced SATCOM radomes for UAVs, announced on July 26, 2025. These radomes are crucial for secure, high-bandwidth communication, aiding ISR missions and enabling beyond-line-of-sight operations. The requirements include high electromagnetic performance, structural integrity, and lightning protection, with specifics like Quartz fiber in A-sandwich construction for optimal performance. This initiative underscores India's commitment to enhancing its indigenous UAV capabilities, which play a vital role in national security, especially along the LAC and LoC, reflecting a strategic push towards self-reliance in defense technologies.

Indian Navy Unveils Project-18 Next-Gen Destroyer Design SHARE

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The Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau publicly unveiled the conceptual design for its Project-18 Next-Generation Destroyer, intended to replace the Visakhapatnam-class and redefine naval technology standards globally. This advanced 13,000-ton stealth destroyer is expected to set new benchmarks in versatility and firepower, featuring a total of up to 144-cell Vertical Launch System (VLS) for launching a variety of surface-to-air, anti-ship, and cruise missiles, including provision for future indigenous hypersonic weapons. The ship's advanced AESA multi-band radar panels provide comprehensive surveillance, tracking support for anti-ballistic missile systems, and house integrated electronic warfare suites. It is designed with modular sensors, integrated mast architecture, and stealth shaping to drastically lower radar and infrared signatures. The destroyer's electric propulsion system

delivers quiet and efficient operation, enabling speeds exceeding 30 knots and greater operational range, powered by gas turbines producing up to 72 MW and electric motors. The Project-18 class is capable of multi-domain warfare—air, surface, subsurface—and can operate two multi-role helicopters, as well as launch and control multiple unmanned aerial, surface, and underwater vehicles. Key armaments include universal VLS modules, a 127mm main gun, three 76mm Super Rapid guns, Varunastra torpedoes, and advanced decoy and directed-energy weapon systems for close-in defense. With 75% indigenous content, Project-18 reflects India's commitment to self-reliance, innovation, and naval superiority under its Vision 2047 plan.

GTRE's 130kN Engine Test Facility Set to Boost Kaveri and AMCA Development SHARE

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India's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) is nearing completion of a new 130kN engine test facility in Rajanukunte, Bengaluru, aimed at advancing indigenous military aerospace technology. Set to be operational by October 2025, this facility will facilitate crucial testing for the Dry Kaveri engine, designed for the Ghatak UCAV, and future engines for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). The establishment of this infrastructure not only accelerates engine development but also enhances India's self-reliance in defense technology, with implications for faster certification and potential production timelines, marking a significant stride toward technological sovereignty in aerospace capabilities.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Modi Government Empowers Forces for Decisive Cross-Border Action SHARE

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On July 27, 2025, BJP president J P Nadda reiterated that the Modi government continues to empower the Indian Armed Forces with unprecedented autonomy for decisive cross-border action. This follows the aftermath of Operation Sindoor in May, executed as a response to the devastating April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. In his statement, Nadda highlighted the recent reforms enabling armed forces to retaliate swiftly without bureaucratic delay. Operation Sindoor, marked by precision strikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir,

demonstrated India's ability to deliver a forceful and controlled response while avoiding broader escalation. Prime Minister Modi emphasized that this assertive posture has now become the new normal in India's defense policy, signaling a pivotal evolution in national security strategy.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India-US Strengthen Defense Ties at Talisman Sabre 2025 SHARE

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Top defense officials from India and the US engaged in crucial talks during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025, focusing on strengthening military cooperation and regional security in the Indo-Pacific. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit and Lt Gen Joshua Rudd emphasized enhancing interoperability and future operational opportunities. The discussions align with the growing US-India defense partnership, highlighted by recent meetings between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who underscored the importance of co-production and defense integration. This collaboration signifies a robust commitment to addressing shared strategic goals and reinforces India's evolving defense capabilities through joint efforts.

Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025 Enhances India-Singapore Defense Ties SHARE

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The 14th edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra began on July 27, 2025, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, marking a significant milestone in India-Singapore defense cooperation. The drill runs until August 4 and brings together the Indian Army's Mechanised Infantry Regiment and the 42 Singapore Armoured Regiment of the 4 Singapore Armoured Brigade. The exercise is structured around Table Top Exercises and Computer-Based Wargames to validate mechanised warfare strategies under a United Nations mandate, emphasizing joint operational planning and interoperability. Colonel Arjun Ganapathi commands the Indian contingent, while Lieutenant Colonel Khiew Zhi Yoong leads the Singaporean forces. Senior military officials, including Brigadier Pritam and Colonel Wong Zeng Yu, attended the opening ceremony, which featured a ceremonial handover of the Regimental Flag, underlining mutual trust and collaboration. The exercise will culminate in an Indian Army equipment display aimed at fostering operational understanding and

sharing best practices. Occurring as both nations celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations, Bold Kurukshetra 2025 highlights a growing strategic partnership under India's Act East Policy and Singapore's Indo-Pacific vision. The exercise builds on recent efforts by both governments to enhance military ties, including commitments made at last year's Defence Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi, and aims to bolster joint mission readiness and contribute to stability in the region.

Russia blames Ukraine and the West for rejecting peace talks SHARE

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Russia has accused Ukraine and Western nations of rejecting diplomatic efforts to resolve the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, as stated by Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov. He claimed that Moscow desires a political solution but continues military actions due to the dismissal of its dialogue proposals. This highlights the challenges in achieving peace, with Russia asserting its willingness for negotiation while blaming Ukraine and the West for escalating tensions. The situation underscores the complexity of international diplomacy, where mutual trust and willingness to engage in dialogue are crucial for conflict resolution.

Israel Eliminates Senior Hezbollah Commander in Southern Lebanon SHARE

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The Israel Defence Forces announced the elimination of senior Hezbollah commander Ali Abd al-Qader Ismail in southern Lebanon, highlighting ongoing military efforts to neutralize threats to Israel's security. Concurrently, Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz emphasized support for the Druze community in Syria following recent attacks, pledging medical assistance. Meanwhile, pro-Palestinian activists attempted to breach Israel's maritime blockade with a humanitarian aid mission. The situation underscores the complexities of regional dynamics, as Israeli actions aim to maintain security while facing international scrutiny and calls for new strategies in resolving the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

Thai and Cambodian leaders to meet in Malaysia to discuss peace. SHARE

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Thai and Cambodian leaders are scheduled to meet in Malaysia to discuss efforts to end hostilities, as confirmed by a spokesperson from Thailand's prime minister's office. Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai will attend the talks following an

invitation from Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet also expected to participate. This meeting highlights regional diplomatic efforts aimed at fostering peace and stability, crucial for enhancing security cooperation and economic ties in Southeast Asia. It reflects the proactive approach of the involved nations to resolve conflicts and promote diplomatic dialogue as a means to prevent escalation.

India Urges Calm and Monitors Thailand-Cambodia Clashes

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India is closely monitoring the clashes between Thailand and Cambodia, emphasizing its friendly relations with both nations and urging them to cease hostilities. The Ministry of External Affairs has advised Indian travelers in the region to stay vigilant and contact their embassies for assistance. The Indian Embassy in Cambodia specifically recommended avoiding border areas amid ongoing tensions, while the Embassy in Thailand also issued a travel advisory to ensure the safety of Indian tourists. This proactive approach reflects India's commitment to the safety of its citizens abroad and its diplomatic interest in regional stability.

Trump Urges Ceasefire, Compares India-Pakistan to Cambodia-Thailand

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US President Donald Trump has called for a ceasefire in the Cambodia-Thailand conflict, drawing parallels to the India-Pakistan situation, emphasizing the need for peace and prosperity. He mentioned having productive conversations with both nations' leaders, urging them towards a resolution while stating he would halt trade deals until hostilities cease. This comparison highlights the complexities of regional conflicts and the potential for diplomatic intervention. While Trump's remarks aim to simplify complicated issues, they underline the ongoing challenges in conflict resolution, signaling that sustained dialogue is essential for peace in both the Southeast Asian and South Asian contexts.

Maldives President Lauds Modi, Strengthens India-Maldives Ties

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Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit, highlighting its positive impact on bilateral relations, tourism, and cooperation. He described Modi as a "wonderful person" committed to enhancing ties between the two nations, which have historical connections. During the

visit, four MoUs and three agreements were signed, including talks on a Free Trade Agreement, and Modi participated in the Maldives' 60th Independence Day celebrations. The Maldivian Minister of Tourism expects a significant boost in connectivity and tourism, particularly from India, which aligns with India's strategic interests in strengthening ties in the Indian Ocean region.

Military Operations

Logistics Management Key to Success in Operation Sindoor: Rajnath Singh

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The recent remarks by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the pivotal role of logistics management in the success of Operation Sindoor, asserting that modern warfare hinges on timely delivery of resources rather than solely on weaponry. He articulated that effective logistics, which ensures the right materials arrive at the correct location promptly, is crucial for determining victory in conflict. Singh highlighted that logistics should be viewed through a strategic lens, acknowledging its importance not just in military operations but also in disaster management and economic progress. He pointed to the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan as a transformative initiative that strengthens India's infrastructure, aiming to reduce logistics costs to global standards and enhance the competitiveness of Indian products. Furthermore, he lauded institutions like Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya for their role in cultivating future talent in logistics and transportation, stressing the necessity of integrating advanced technologies such as AI and real-time tracking. This comprehensive approach to logistics is vital for India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047, as it facilitates the efficient movement of goods, services, and people, thereby underpinning economic stability and national security.

Ukrainian Drones Target Russian Military, Disrupt Transport Links

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A recent surge in Ukrainian drone attacks has targeted key Russian military infrastructure, including an electronic warfare plant and transportation hubs, disrupting operations and challenging Russian defense capabilities. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy emphasized the necessity of retaliatory measures against Russian strikes, showcasing Ukraine's ongoing efforts to maintain pressure on the Russian military.

Meanwhile, an Indian firm has come under scrutiny for supplying explosive materials to Russia, asserting compliance with Indian regulations. This highlights the complexities of geopolitical alignments and defense industries amid the ongoing conflict, where countries navigate legal and ethical considerations while addressing international sanctions and military support.

Showcasing Weapons from Operation Sindoor Highlights Indigenization



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Former DRDL director VJ Sundaram emphasized the necessity for a fully self-sufficient military program during a workshop in Hyderabad showcasing the weapons used in Operation Sindoor. The displayed weapons, including components of the Akash air-defense system and BRAHMOS missile, highlight India's commitment to indigenization and innovation in high-tech areas. DRDO chairman Samir V Kamat urged the swift induction of these systems and the development of advanced hypersonic missiles to counter evolving threats. This initiative reflects India's strategic focus on enhancing defense capabilities to ensure national security in the face of growing regional challenges.

Israeli military pauses combat in Gaza areas to aid civilians.



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On July 27, 2025, the Israeli military initiated a daily tactical pause in combat operations across Muwasi, Deir al-Balah, and Gaza City, running from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., to address the deepening humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The move follows a surge in international condemnation over mounting civilian casualties and starvation risks, with reports confirming at least 129 starvation-related deaths. The military has started airdropping aid including flour, sugar, and canned food while opening secure corridors for United Nations convoys to deliver vital supplies. Despite the pause, Israeli operations against Hamas continue elsewhere in Gaza. Aid trucks from Egypt have also begun entering Gaza, though humanitarian groups warn that the measures may be insufficient to avert famine.

Indian Army's Apache Helicopters Complete Flight Trials at Hindon



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The Indian Army's newly acquired Boeing AH-64E Apache helicopters successfully conducted post-delivery flight trials at Hindon Air Force Station, marking their integration into the Army Aviation Corps. Delivered as part of a Rs 5,691 crore order, these advanced multi-

role combat helicopters are set to enhance operational capabilities along the western border with Pakistan. The trials validate their systems and performance, emphasizing India's commitment to the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative with substantial local sourcing. This milestone, achieved despite prior delays, underscores a strategic advancement in India's combat aviation, aligning with modernization goals and strengthening rapid-response capabilities in challenging terrains.

Army couple feared drowned after car plunges into canal in Punjab



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A couple, Baljit Singh, an Army sepoy, and his wife Mandeep Kaur, are feared drowned after their car fell into the Sirhind Feeder canal in Faridkot, Punjab. Despite extensive search efforts by the National Disaster Response Force, no trace of them or the vehicle has been found. Baljit was on leave and visiting relatives, leaving their five-year-old son with his grandmother. The local sarpanch has called for safety measures, such as fencing along the canal, to prevent future accidents, highlighting the need for enhanced public safety in high-risk areas. This tragic incident underscores the vulnerability of families in such situations and the importance of proactive community safety initiatives.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Balochistan Faces Surge in Enforced Disappearances and Killings



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The recent reports highlight a significant crisis of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings in Balochistan, Pakistan, with alarming cases of abductions surfacing from various regions, including Karachi, Noshki, and Kech. Among the victims is Muslim Dad Baloch, a university student abducted near his campus, and several others, including minors, reportedly taken by military intelligence and ISI personnel. The Baloch National Movement (BNM) and the Paank organization have documented an increase in such incidents, citing 84 enforced disappearances and 33 extrajudicial killings in June 2025 alone. The reports emphasize a disturbing trend of state-sanctioned violence, with many victims subjected to unlawful detentions, torture, and even murder, reflecting a deepening human rights crisis that calls for urgent international attention and accountability from Pakistani authorities. Activists and families of the

abducted individuals continue to advocate for justice, although their efforts often face systemic suppression and inadequate responses from the judiciary. The ongoing crisis underscores the need for heightened awareness and intervention to address the violations against the Baloch people and ensure their rights are upheld.

Amit Shah urges security forces to capture fugitives linked to terror and smuggling.



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during the National Security Strategies Conference in New Delhi, emphasized the need for robust measures to apprehend fugitives involved in terrorism and smuggling, highlighting the importance of inter-agency coordination between central and state law enforcement. He underscored the necessity to disrupt the terror-criminal nexus and to utilize indigenous technology for policing. Shah acknowledged the dynamic nature of India's internal security challenges, particularly due to its geopolitical environment, and reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's zero-tolerance stance on terrorism, exemplified through Operation Sindoor. The conference, which saw participation from 800 officers nationwide, included discussions on threats from external actors, the narcotics trade, and advanced technologies used by terror networks. Shah called for state police and central agencies to embody the principles of security, alertness, and coordination to effectively address these challenges. This conference not only reaffirms India's commitment to national security but also demonstrates a proactive approach in leveraging domestic resources and technology to counter evolving threats, reinforcing a comprehensive strategy to secure the nation against multifaceted risks.

Security forces seize 90 firearms and 728 rounds in Manipur.



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Security forces in Manipur seized 90 firearms and over 700 rounds of ammunition during coordinated operations across five districts, following ethnic violence that erupted in May 2023. The operations, involving the Manipur Police, CRPF, BSF, Army, and Assam Rifles, resulted in the recovery of various weapons, including AK series rifles and grenades. Over 6,000 firearms were looted amid the conflict, with more than 3,000 recovered since the imposition of President's rule in February 2023. Authorities are

focused on restoring normalcy and public order, urging citizens to report suspicious activities, highlighting a concerted effort to enhance security in the region amid ongoing ethnic tensions.

NIA Charges Tamil Nadu Man for Radicalizing Youth for ISIS



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The National Investigation Agency has filed a chargesheet on July 25, 2025, against A Alfasith, a resident of Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu, on charges of radicalizing youth for ISIS. The investigation revealed that Alfasith, deeply linked with known ISIS sympathisers Mohammed Ashik and Sathik Batcha, targeted hundreds of young individuals by circulating extremist videos and documents using WhatsApp and Telegram groups such as "Islamic State" and "Black Flag Soldiers." He accessed propaganda materials from ISIS-operated Telegram channels, aiming to glorify the terror group's acts. The chargesheet, filed before the NIA Special Court in Poonamallee, also notes Alfasith promoted unlawful activities and attempted to disrupt communal harmony and unity. The accused faces charges under the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The NIA continues to investigate the broader conspiracy and potential connections to other radical outfits as part of wider counter-terror operations in Tamil Nadu.

BKI-Linked Terrorist Arrested in Delhi for Punjab Grenade Attack



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A 22-year-old man named Karanbir, linked to the banned Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) outfit, has been arrested in Delhi for his involvement in a grenade attack on a police station in Punjab and illegal arms trafficking. This operation highlights the effective efforts of the Special Cell in combating terrorism and organized crime in India, particularly from groups like BKI that threaten national security. The arrest follows a similar case involving another BKI associate, underscoring a proactive approach by Indian law enforcement to dismantle terror networks. Such actions reinforce India's commitment to maintaining safety and stability amidst ongoing security challenges.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Online War Games in J&K: A Recruitment Tool for Terrorism SHARE

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In Jammu and Kashmir, terror groups and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) have escalated their use of online war games as a covert method to recruit and radicalize youth, exploiting the anonymity and encrypted communication features of popular gaming applications. Despite bans on these games in India, individuals continue to access them using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), complicating surveillance efforts by security agencies. Over the past week, officials revealed that gaming platforms similar to PUBG have become key channels for handlers to identify, communicate with, and indoctrinate prospective recruits under the guise of gameplay. Several cases have surfaced where minors were lured by handlers operating across the border, prompting intervention and counseling by authorities. These gaming applications now commonly offer advanced encryption, from basic voice-chat protection to robust end-to-end security, as well as self-destructing messaging, posing significant obstacles for law enforcement. Additionally, some groups leverage virtual SIM cards, first highlighted after the 2019 Pulwama attack, allowing terrorists to remain digitally untraceable. Reports indicate that older messaging apps like WhatsApp have been largely abandoned by these networks in favor of lesser-known, foreign-developed platforms capable of running even on minimal internet connections, further complicating interception. Security forces have apprehended several individuals in recent days linked to the use of encrypted applications for facilitating the movement of funds, coordination, and executing terror-related activities, underlining the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity strategies and legislative measures to combat this evolving digital threat.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Nation Pays Tribute on 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas with Ceremonies Across India SHARE

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A series of commemorative events were held across India on the 26th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, honoring the sacrifices of Indian soldiers during the 1999 Kargil War. In Hyderabad, a wreath-laying ceremony organized by the Telangana and Andhra Sub Area was attended by Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, who paid homage to the fallen heroes, including Captain Vikram Batra, at the Veerula Sainik Smarak. In Nagpur, the Indian Air Force's maintenance command, led by Air Marshal VK Garg, and the Army's Uttar Maharashtra and Gujarat Sub Area held similar tributes, underlining the valor of those who fought bravely. The Zilla Sainik Board also organized programs across the region, emphasizing the collective remembrance and respect for the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. These events reflect India's strong commitment to honoring its armed forces, showcasing a deep sense of national pride and gratitude. This observance not only serves to commemorate the individuals who fought valiantly but also reinforces the spirit of unity and patriotism among citizens, reinforcing the importance of the military in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and integrity.

Miscellaneous

Indian Army Unveils Memorial for Poonch Civilians Killed by Shelling SHARE

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The Indian Army inaugurated a War Memorial in Poonch to honor civilians who lost their lives due to cross-border shelling by Pakistan, particularly during Operation Sindoor following a terrorist attack in April. The memorial, built by the Durga Battalion, aims to provide solace to grieving families, with residents expressing their gratitude for recognizing their loved ones as martyrs. Operation Sindoor resulted in significant damage to terror infrastructure in Pakistan, killing over 100 terrorists, while Pakistan's retaliatory shelling claimed 16 Indian lives, highlighting the ongoing conflict and the Army's commitment to

protecting civilians and responding decisively to threats.

Modi Links Chola Empire Legacy to Modern India's Politics SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently celebrated the Aadi Thiruvathirai festival at the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple in Tamil Nadu, highlighting the legacy of Chola emperor Rajendra Chola I. He released a commemorative coin honoring the emperor and emphasized the significance of the Chola Empire as a model for modern India, particularly regarding its military and economic prowess. Modi underscored the importance of strengthening India's navy and defense forces, aligning with the nation's goal of becoming self-reliant. His remarks also touched upon the cultural unity inspired by the Chola vision, paralleling this with contemporary initiatives aimed at reclaiming India's rich heritage, including the recovery of over 600 ancient artifacts. The Prime Minister's visit came at a politically significant time, with Tamil Nadu gearing up for elections and the BJP seeking to enhance its presence in the state. By invoking the historical achievements of the Chola dynasty, Modi aims to foster a narrative of pride in India's past while positioning his government as a custodian of cultural and national identity, which could resonate positively with the electorate in this region.

NCERT to develop school module on Operation Sindoor for grades 3-12. SHARE

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The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is developing a classroom module on Operation Sindoor for students from classes 3 to 12, aimed at educating them about India's defense strategies and responses to terrorism. This initiative, consisting of an 8 to 10-page module, focuses on India's strategic military response to the Pahalgam terror attack, highlighting the importance of national defense and diplomatic actions in addressing security threats. By incorporating such topics into the curriculum, the NCERT aims to foster a deeper understanding among students of how nations tackle terror threats and the significance of coordinated defense efforts. This proactive educational approach is essential for nurturing informed future citizens.

Retired Air Commodore Tyagi seeks final MIG-21 sortie as it retires. SHARE

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Air Commodore Surendra Singh Tyagi (retd), with a record 4,306 flying hours on the MIG-21, seeks one final sortie as the aircraft phases out from the Indian Air Force (IAF). He reflects on the aircraft's evolution, its agility, and the challenges pilots faced, emphasizing its significant role in India's air power development. Tyagi attributes the IAF's modernization to the MIG-21's legacy and defends it against criticisms regarding safety, recalling his own experiences with crashes. He highlights the dedication of IAF pilots, who prioritize national duty over personal safety, underscoring the MIG-21's esteemed place in aviation history, particularly for Indian fighter pilots.

IAF Assures Safety Amid Peacock Sightings at Pune Airport SHARE

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Passengers at Pune airport expressed concerns after spotting three peacocks near the runway, raising fears of bird strikes. The Indian Air Force (IAF), which manages the runway area, assured that the presence of peacocks does not pose a threat as they are primarily ground-dwelling and have not approached the runway in over 20 years. The IAF employs various bird-scaring measures and confirmed that their operations support both civil and military flights. Past incidents, including dog intrusions and bird strikes, have sparked safety concerns, but the IAF maintains a comprehensive management strategy to ensure safe air operations.

Indian Navy Honors Rajendra Chola I, Upholds Maritime Legacy SHARE

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The Indian Navy commemorated the birth anniversary of Rajendra Chola I, highlighting his significant maritime contributions, which established a legacy of strategic brilliance and cultural influence in India's maritime history. The Navy emphasized its commitment to safeguarding national interests and fostering regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid tribute at Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple during his visit to Tamil Nadu, where he inaugurated development projects and discussed various national issues. This celebration reflects a continued reverence for India's rich maritime heritage and a commitment to enhancing naval capabilities and regional stability.

PM Modi Highlights Indian Space Achievements in July 2025 "Mann Ki Baat".



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated India's recent achievements in space, science, and sports during his "Mann Ki Baat" radio program on July 27, 2025, marking the 124th episode of the broadcast. In this address, Modi highlighted astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's historic mission as the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission in July 2025, generating nationwide excitement and pride. Modi also recalled the pride from the Chandrayaan-3 moon landing on August 23, 2023, emphasizing how it inspired children toward science and innovation. To honor this achievement, he announced that August 23 would be observed annually as "National Space Day." Additionally, Modi noted the rapid growth of India's space sector, with space startups rising from under 50 to over 200 in recent years, and recognized India's strong performance at international academic competitions, reaffirming the

country's growing stature in global science and innovation and its commitment to fostering excellence among its youth.

India to Launch Battlefield Tourism at Doklam Trijunction



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India is set to launch battlefield tourism at the strategically significant Doklam trijunction, located at the India-China-Bhutan border in Sikkim, as part of a broader initiative to promote patriotism and awareness of military zones. The first phase will allow limited access to 30 vehicles daily, requiring special permits monitored by the Indian Army and the Ministry of External Affairs. This move underscores India's commitment to safeguarding its strategic interests, particularly in light of the 2017 standoff with China. By opening these areas for tourism, India enhances public engagement with its military heritage while emphasizing the region's critical role in national security.

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