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Indian Army Issues ₹30,000 Crore Anant Shastra Missile Tender to BEL

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The Indian Army issued a ₹30,000 crore tender on September 26, 2025, to Bharat Electronics Limited for procuring five to six regiments of the indigenous Anant Shastra surface-to-air missile system, developed by DRDO and formerly known as the Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile. The Defence Acquisition Council cleared this project following Operation Sindoor in May 2025, a four-day conflict where the system proved combat-effective in neutralizing Pakistani drone attacks along the western border. The highly mobile system, with a 30-km operational range, can search, track and engage targets while moving and fire during short halts, making it ideal for deployment along sensitive northern and western borders with China and Pakistan. Having completed extensive day and night trials, the Anant Shastra will complement existing air defense systems like MRSAM and Akash, providing enhanced protection against emerging threats including drones and loitering munitions. This procurement aligns with Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi's indigenization drive and India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, strengthening the Army Air Defence's layered protection capabilities in increasingly contested airspace while reducing foreign dependency and boosting domestic technological advancement.

Bharat Forge Consortium Joins AMCA Program, Competing for Contracts

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BEL Limited, alongside Bharat Forge Limited and Data Patterns (India) Limited, has signed a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding on September 26, 2025, to collaboratively support India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, responding to the Aeronautical Development Agency's Expression of Interest. This development follows L&T's strategic

partnership with BEL to enhance India's fifth-generation fighter project, leveraging L&T's aerospace capabilities and BEL's expertise in defense electronics. As competition intensifies, additional consortiums led by Tata, Adani, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are anticipated, each aiming to secure contracts for the AMCA's engineering model and aircraft production. This surge in collaborative efforts underscores the growing commitment of Indian industry players to advance indigenous defense capabilities, enhancing national security and technological independence.

Raytheon Tests StormBreaker: Smart Weapon Hits Moving Targets 45 Miles Away

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Raytheon has successfully tested its ground-launched StormBreaker smart weapon, capable of striking moving targets over 45 miles away, marking a significant advancement in military technology. This precision weapon, designed for all-weather conditions, operates effectively in GPS-contested areas, showcasing its adaptability in modern conflict scenarios. With a rapid development cycle of just 50 days, the StormBreaker integrates advanced targeting systems, including millimeter wave radar and infrared capabilities, allowing it to engage targets autonomously. The strategic implications of this innovation are profound, potentially reshaping military strategies worldwide as nations prioritize smart weaponry in their arsenals, enhancing combat effectiveness while minimizing risks to personnel and assets.

India to invest Rs 30,000 crore in advanced drone warfare capabilities.

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India is set to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) worth Rs. 30,000 crore for Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones, signaling a strategic shift towards advanced drone warfare capabilities. This initiative, part of a larger defense spending plan aiming for Rs. 2.09 lakh crore this year, emphasizes domestic production,

with 75% of the budget earmarked for local industries. Defense Secretary R.K. Singh highlighted the necessity of modern warfare reliance on drones and missiles, indicating that India must enhance its production capacities to meet future challenges. With upcoming defense contracts valued at Rs. 1.5 lakh crore, this approach underscores India's commitment to strengthening its military infrastructure and operational readiness in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky wins \$11 billion U.S. Navy helicopter contract SHARE

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Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky has secured a significant contract worth nearly \$11 billion from the U.S. Navy for up to 99 CH-53K King Stallion helicopters, representing the largest order for this heavy-lift aircraft. Deliveries are scheduled to occur between 2029 and 2034, catering to the needs of the Marine Corps and potential international customers. This development comes amid a challenging financial landscape for Lockheed Martin, which recently reported an 80% drop in profits. The contract underscores the ongoing demand for advanced military capabilities and highlights the strategic importance of heavy-lift helicopters in modern warfare, potentially influencing defense procurement trends among allied nations, including India, which continually seeks to bolster its own defense infrastructure and operational capacity.

DJI's Lawsuit to Exit Pentagon's Chinese Military List Denied SHARE

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A U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman has denied DJI's request to be removed from the Pentagon's list of companies allegedly linked to the Chinese military, asserting that the Defense Department possesses substantial evidence supporting its designation of DJI as contributing to the "Chinese defense industrial base." The ruling has significant implications for DJI, which claims it has suffered business losses and reputational damage due to its placement on the list. The case underscores ongoing concerns regarding the security risks posed by Chinese technology firms and their ties to the state, reflecting broader tensions in U.S.-China relations. This decision may further hinder DJI's operations in the U.S. market, highlighting the intricate interplay between national security and global trade dynamics.

Airbus Holds First Annual Strategy Session in India Amid Growth SHARE

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Airbus has conducted its first annual off-site strategy session in India, emphasizing the country's pivotal role in its aviation operations amid rapid growth in the local airline market. The meeting involved discussions with Indian government officials and key airline executives, particularly focusing on a substantial order of over 1,000 aircraft from IndiGo and Air India. Airbus aims to enhance local manufacturing through collaborations with Indian companies, including Tata Advanced Systems and Dynamatic Technologies, while expanding sourcing targets to \$2 billion by 2030. This strategic engagement underscores India's increasing significance in the global aerospace supply chain, positioning it as a critical partner in shaping the future of aviation, particularly as Airbus considers potential assembly lines for next-generation aircraft.

T-Works Develops Indigenous Flight Simulators to Cut Imports SHARE

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Telangana's T-Works is spearheading the development of indigenous Full Motion Flight Simulators aimed at enhancing India's aerospace self-reliance and reducing dependency on costly foreign imports. This initiative, backed by the state government, plans to deliver five advanced systems that replicate real-world flying conditions at significantly lower costs, projected between ₹25-30 crore compared to ₹50 crore for imports. With India's civil aviation market expected to triple pilot demand by 2030 and the Indian Air Force facing a shortfall in squadrons, these simulators will improve combat readiness and training efficiency. This strategy not only promotes local manufacturing but also aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, fostering job creation and potential export opportunities worth \$100 million by 2030.

Metrea Negotiates Second KC-135 Lease for IAF by 2026 SHARE

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U.S.-based Metrea Management is in advanced negotiations with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to lease a second Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker by early 2026, following the delivery of the first aircraft expected by year-end. This initiative aims to address the IAF's pressing need for aerial refueling, currently hampered by a limited fleet of Russian-origin Ilyushin Il-78MKI tankers. The leased tankers will enhance operational readiness, providing critical refueling support for IAF

aircraft during long-range exercises, particularly amid the ongoing tensions along the Line of Actual Control and the Line of Control. This strategic move underlines the IAF's commitment to bridging capability gaps and advancing towards indigenous solutions, reinforcing India's aerial power dynamics in the region.

TEDBF: Delays Threaten India's Naval Fighter Ambitions



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The Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF), designed to enhance India's naval aviation capabilities, is currently facing developmental delays, with its Critical Design Review (CDR) still pending as of mid-2025. Originally expected to bridge the gap between fourth- and fifth-generation fighter jets and to support the Indian Navy's future carrier operations, the TEDBF's timeline has been pushed back, raising concerns over its potential role in fulfilling the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) requirements. Despite technical challenges, there is optimism regarding the eventual approval for prototype development, which could rejuvenate the project. The TEDBF represents not only a strategic asset but also a critical step towards India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing, potentially alleviating import dependency while bolstering indigenous capabilities in the face of regional tensions.

India Plans to Acquire More 40N6 Missiles from Russia for Air Defense



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India is poised to enhance its air defense capabilities by ordering additional 40N6 ultra-long-range surface-to-air missiles from Russia, complementing its existing S-400 Triumf systems. This procurement, driven by recent regional tensions and operational challenges, aims to reinforce India's strategic deterrence, particularly along its borders with Pakistan and China. The 40N6 missile, with a range of up to 400 kilometers, has demonstrated significant effectiveness, notably during a recent military confrontation where it successfully targeted a Pakistani ISR aircraft at an unprecedented distance. This move highlights India's commitment to fortifying its air defense amid geopolitical uncertainties and budget constraints, while also navigating the complexities of international sanctions related to its defense partnerships.

Indian Navy Pushes for NASM-MR Integration in P-8I Aircraft



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The Indian Navy is advocating for the integration of the indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR) into its P-8I Poseidon aircraft amid ongoing discussions with the United States for procuring six additional units. The NASM-MR, with a range of 350 km, is expected to enhance the P-8I's anti-surface warfare capabilities, crucial for countering the growing presence of China's navy in the Indian Ocean Region. Despite procurement hurdles, including cost escalations attributed to supply chain issues and tariffs, the Navy emphasizes the importance of this deal for bolstering maritime deterrence and indigenization efforts, aligning with India's broader defense strategy to reduce foreign dependency and improve operational effectiveness.

India's MoD Considers Leasing Indigenous Weapons to Foreign Nations



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In a significant shift toward enhancing defense exports and promoting indigenous manufacturing, India's Ministry of Defence is exploring the leasing of domestically developed weapons systems, including the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet and various helicopters, to foreign nations. This initiative aims to address concerns of potential buyers hesitant about outright purchases, providing flexible leasing models that could lead to a sustainable revenue stream and strengthen diplomatic ties. With defense exports rising sharply, this leasing strategy diversifies revenue sources and stimulates domestic production, while positioning India as a reliable partner in the Global South. The proposal, still in the exploratory phase, reflects India's growing role as a seller in the global arms market, potentially transforming its defense industry landscape by attracting smaller nations seeking advanced military technology without significant upfront costs.

DRDO and ADA to Convert LCA Tejas into AI-Driven Testbeds



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In a significant advancement for India's aerospace capabilities, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) are working to convert older prototypes of the LCA Tejas into autonomous testbeds for next-generation AI flight systems. This initiative aims to develop a Level 5 autonomous flight control system, enabling the aircraft to operate independently in

complex missions without human intervention. The unmanned platforms will be equipped with advanced sensors and secure data links to enhance operational effectiveness, marking a leap towards sixth-generation air warfare systems. While the project faces challenges, including technological complexities and funding constraints, it underscores India's commitment to advancing its defense technologies and enhancing its competitive edge in the global aerospace landscape.

Anjani Technoplast Unveils Advanced Radar-Invisible BUNKERWALL

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Anjani Technoplast Ltd. has introduced its advanced Radar Invisible and Self-Healing BUNKERWALL, a next-generation protective barrier system designed for enhanced battlefield survivability. This innovative structure combines ballistic protection with radar-shielding capabilities, making it difficult for enemy sensors to detect fortified positions. Notably, the self-healing material allows the barrier to automatically repair damage from small arms fire, maintaining functionality under sustained attacks. Already tested against INSAS and AK-series assault rifles, the BUNKERWALL aims to serve as a crucial force multiplier for military and paramilitary operations, particularly in border security and counter-insurgency. This development underscores India's commitment to advancing defense technologies, reinforcing its position as a key player in the global defense landscape.

India's Agni-P Missile: Rail Launch Without Electrification Disruption

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India's recent successful test-firing of the Agni-Prime (Agni-P) ballistic missile on September 24 marks a significant advancement in military technology, featuring a rail-based launch system that incorporates an innovative overhead line short-circuiting mechanism. This engineering feat allows for missile launches without disrupting electrified railway lines, crucial for maintaining stealth and rapid deployment capabilities in high-threat scenarios. With a range of 1,000-2,000 kilometers, the Agni-P enhances India's nuclear deterrence posture while addressing vulnerabilities associated with rail-mobile systems. The breakthrough not only underscores India's commitment to modernizing its defense capabilities but also reflects a strategic adaptation to the challenges posed by a densely electrified rail network, ultimately bolstering national security amidst regional geopolitical tensions.

Boeing Seeks \$4B P-8I Deal and Chinooks for IAF Amid Talks

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A Boeing delegation, accompanied by U.S. Department of Defense officials, is in India to negotiate a \$4 billion deal for six additional P-8I Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft for the Indian Navy, complementing the existing fleet of 12. This visit also seeks to revive interest in acquiring more CH-47F Chinook heavy-lift helicopters for the Indian Air Force, although progress has stalled due to budgetary constraints and a focus on indigenous alternatives. The P-8I, critical for anti-submarine warfare and maritime surveillance, enhances India's strategic capabilities amid rising Indo-Pacific tensions, while the Chinook acquisition is vital for bolstering airlift capabilities in challenging terrains. The outcomes of these discussions could significantly influence India's defense posture and operational readiness.

IAF to Boost Capability with More Rafales, Tejas for Su-30MKI Upgrades

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to enhance its capabilities by inducting more Dassault Rafale jets and indigenous Tejas Mk1A fighters, aiming for a notable upgrade of its aging Sukhoi Su-30MKI fleet by 2030. With a current sanction of 42 squadrons but only 31 operational, the IAF's strategy addresses the obsolescence of the Su-30MKI, allowing for a phased Super-30 upgrade that includes advanced avionics and weapon systems. The planned acquisition of 114 Rafales and the induction of 60-80 Tejas Mk1A will ensure operational readiness while facilitating necessary upgrades. This approach strengthens India's air defense amid escalating regional threats, showcasing a commitment to modernizing its military capabilities effectively and efficiently.

Zorawar Light Tank to Get Indigenous 800HP Engine Upgrade

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The Zorawar light tank, India's indigenous high-altitude armored platform, is set to receive a significant upgrade with an 800HP indigenous engine and local transmission, replacing the current Cummins powertrain. This initiative, part of India's self-reliance strategy in defense manufacturing, aims to enhance operational sovereignty and address supply chain vulnerabilities. The transition to a more powerful engine will improve the tank's performance in challenging terrains, facilitating its adaptability for various military scenarios. The Indian Army plans to initially procure 54

units with the existing engine while preparing for a future order of 300-400 tanks equipped with the new powertrain, positioning the Zorawar as a critical asset amidst ongoing regional tensions and the need for robust defense capabilities.

Dassault Proposes Complete Rafale Jet Production in India SHARE

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French aviation giant Dassault Aviation has proposed to manufacture the Rafale fighter jets entirely in India, significantly bolstering India's self-reliance in defense. This initiative includes local assembly at the Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) facility in Nagpur, with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) producing the entire fuselage in Hyderabad. The latest Rafale F4 jets will feature advanced technology and locally developed weapons systems from DRDO, enhancing India's sovereign capabilities. The move aims to address the Indian Air Force's fighter squadron shortfall while creating jobs and reducing costs. This strategy not only strengthens India's defense manufacturing base but also positions the Rafale favorably against other contenders in the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft competition, ensuring India remains competitive in regional security dynamics.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Germany to Boost Defense Against Rising Drone Threats SHARE

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German Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt announced that the country faces a "high" threat from drones, prompting the government to consider new measures to enhance national security. This response follows several drone incursions in Denmark that disrupted air traffic, raising concerns across Europe, including in Germany, where authorities are investigating recent drone sightings. Dobrindt emphasized the need to protect critical infrastructure and large public gatherings, indicating that revisions to aviation security laws may allow armed forces to engage drones if necessary. This development underscores the increasing necessity for nations to bolster defenses against emerging aerial threats, reflecting a broader trend of enhancing security measures in response to evolving geopolitical challenges.

Politics

AFSPA Extended in Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh for 6 Months SHARE

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The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) has been extended for six months across various regions in Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh due to ongoing law and order concerns. In Manipur, the law will remain in effect barring certain police station areas, following a history of ethnic violence that has claimed over 260 lives since May 2023. Meanwhile, similar extensions are declared in nine districts of Nagaland and specific districts in Arunachal Pradesh. While AFSPA is often criticized for its stringent provisions, Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that it has been revoked in 70% of northeastern areas, indicating a gradual approach towards normalization in a region historically affected by unrest. The developments underscore the delicate balance between security needs and civil rights in volatile regions.

Sonam Wangchuk detained under NSA for inciting violence in Ladakh SHARE

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The Ladakh administration has detained climate activist Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act (NSA), citing his provocative speeches that allegedly incited violence, resulting in four deaths and multiple injuries during protests in Leh. The administration emphasized that Wangchuk's actions, including references to political agitations, were detrimental to public order and security, necessitating his removal to Jodhpur prison to restore normalcy. Despite prior dialogue opportunities with the government regarding demands for statehood and constitutional provisions, Wangchuk's hunger strike continued, prompting this decisive action. This incident underscores ongoing tensions in Ladakh, highlighting the delicate balance between activism and maintaining public order in a region with significant geopolitical importance.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India rebuffs Sharif's 'victory' claims, rejecting Pakistan's nuclear threats. SHARE

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In a robust response at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), India has firmly rejected Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's claims of victory following recent military conflicts, specifically during Operation Sindoor. India's First Secretary, Petal Gahlot, highlighted that Pakistan's military requested a cessation of hostilities on May 10, immediately after suffering extensive damage to its airbases due to Indian strikes, contradicting Sharif's assertions of repulsing Indian attacks and destroying multiple aircraft. Gahlot emphasized that public images of the destruction in Pakistan discredit Islamabad's narrative, and she condemned Pakistan's longstanding practice of sponsoring terrorism, pointing to its protection of terrorist groups like The Resistance Front (TRF), which claimed responsibility for a deadly attack on civilians in Pahalgam. She reiterated India's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism, stating that both terrorists and their sponsors would be held accountable, and dismissed any notion of international mediation in bilateral issues, asserting that Pakistan must shut down terrorist camps and hand over individuals wanted for terrorism in India for dialogue to progress. This exchange underscores the deep-seated tensions between the two nations, with India continuing to frame its military responses as necessary for national security while challenging Pakistan's credibility on the global stage. The significance of these developments lies in the persistent and complex nature of Indo-Pak relations, where narratives of victory and defeat are intricately tied to national identities and international perceptions, highlighting the challenges in achieving lasting peace and security in the region.

Russia to Equip and Train Chinese Airborne Battalion, Leaks Reveal SHARE

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Russia is reportedly enhancing China's military capabilities through a suite of military equipment and training, particularly aimed at bolstering the People's Liberation Army's airborne operations. Leaked documents analyzed by the Royal United Services Institute indicate that Russia will supply China with high-altitude parachute systems, amphibious assault

vehicles, and other critical equipment, along with training to prepare a Chinese airborne battalion for potential operations, including a possible invasion of Taiwan. The collaboration reflects a deepening military partnership between Moscow and Beijing, as both nations view it as essential to their strategic objectives amid growing tensions with the United States and its allies. Analysts suggest that while Russia seeks to bolster its defense industry and finance its ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the implications for regional stability are significant; improved Chinese airborne capabilities could accelerate its timeline for military action concerning Taiwan, thereby heightening security concerns for neighboring countries. The agreement underscores the urgency for India and other nations in the region to strengthen their defense postures and enhance regional cooperation to counterbalance the evolving military landscape in East Asia.

India Asks Russia to Free 27 Indians in Military Recruitment SHARE

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India has urged Russia to release 27 Indian nationals reportedly recruited into the Russian military amidst the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The Ministry of External Affairs expressed concern over the safety of these individuals, noting that the situation is complicated by reports of Indians being coerced into military roles while on student or business visas. This call for action follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's previous discussions with Russian authorities on the matter. With over 150 Indians now involved with the Russian military, and several fatalities reported, India's proactive stance highlights its commitment to safeguarding its citizens abroad and underscores the geopolitical complexities involved in the India-Russia relationship amidst the war.

India Establishes Strategic Military Facility in Morocco SHARE

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The inauguration of Tata Advanced Systems Limited's military manufacturing facility in Morocco during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit signifies India's strategic foothold in Africa and its burgeoning role in the global defense sector. This move positions India to compete directly with established players like Turkey and China, as it aims to address the continent's specific military needs through local partnerships. The report highlights the significance of leveraging India's engineering talent and soft power to cultivate long-term relationships in Africa, emphasizing that success relies

not only on delivering products but on understanding local dynamics. As India embarks on this ambitious venture, its ability to adapt and engage meaningfully with African stakeholders could redefine international defense collaborations on the continent.

Kim Jong Un calls for strengthening North Korea's nuclear arsenal. SHARE

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has prioritized the enhancement of the nation's nuclear capabilities, declaring the need to "sharpen the nuclear shield and sword" to protect national sovereignty and security. In a meeting with officials and scientists from the country's nuclear weapons research institutes, Kim emphasized the importance of developing a robust nuclear response posture as a crucial top priority. Reports from South Korean authorities suggest that North Korea's nuclear program is capable of producing up to 20 nuclear weapons annually. This aggressive stance underscores the ongoing regional security challenges, highlighting the imperative for nations, especially India, to bolster their defense strategies in response to evolving threats in the geopolitically sensitive Korean Peninsula.

UN to Reinstate Sanctions on Iran After Failed Delay Vote SHARE

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The United Nations is set to reinstate sanctions on Iran following a failed Security Council resolution that sought to delay their implementation, with both Russia and China backing the delay while Western powers initiated the snapback process. Iran has warned of potential repercussions and reiterated its stance of not pursuing nuclear weapons, claiming the purpose of the sanctions is to hinder its nuclear development capabilities. This development underscores escalating tensions over Iran's nuclear ambitions and the geopolitical complexities faced by nations involved. The situation is significant as it highlights the divisions within the UN Security Council and the potential impact on regional security dynamics, particularly for countries like India, which may be navigating their own diplomatic strategies in a volatile landscape.

India-South Africa Conclude Naval Talks on Indian Ocean Security SHARE

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India and South Africa have successfully concluded the 13th Navy Staff Talks from September 24 to 26, focusing on enhancing operational ties and maritime

security in the Indian Ocean. Co-chaired by Rear Admiral Nirbhay Bapna of the Indian Navy and Rear Admiral M Nkomonde of the South African Navy, the discussions aimed to explore technical collaborations and strengthen bilateral cooperation. This dialogue underscores the historical ties between the nations rooted in India's support for South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle and reflects ongoing military cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic relations. The enhanced naval collaboration is crucial for promoting peace and stability in the Indian Ocean Region, reinforcing India's strategic partnerships in a geopolitically vital area.

Pakistan Reaffirms China's Role as Key Defence Partner Amid U.S. Ties SHARE

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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has reaffirmed the nation's strategic reliance on China, noting that approximately 80% of its arms imports in recent years have come from Beijing, emphasizing the robust Sino-Pak alliance as essential for national security. This statement comes amid Pakistan's attempts to strengthen ties with the U.S., which Asif characterized as opportunistic and transactional. Concurrently, Pakistan formalized a Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement with Saudi Arabia, enhancing regional security cooperation. Notably, Asif's remarks follow PM Shehbaz Sharif's praise for U.S. President Donald Trump's purported role in mediating a ceasefire with India, a claim disputed by New Delhi, highlighting the complexities of regional diplomacy. This evolving geopolitical landscape underscores the shifting alliances in South Asia and the implications for Indian defense strategies and regional stability.

Pakistan PM Sharif Calls for Comprehensive Dialogue with India SHARE

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Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, addressing the UN General Assembly, expressed his country's readiness for a comprehensive dialogue with India on unresolved issues, particularly emphasizing Kashmir. He referred to historical military engagements, including Operation Sindoor, while criticizing India's actions regarding the Indus Waters Treaty, labeling any violation as an act of war. Sharif reiterated Pakistan's commitment to peaceful resolutions, highlighting external terrorism threats faced by his nation. This call for dialogue reflects Pakistan's long-standing position, yet India's consistent stance on national security and

counter-terrorism remains paramount. The broader significance lies in the ongoing tensions between the two countries and the delicate balance necessary for regional stability, underscoring India's strategic posture in countering external threats.

Trump reports ongoing intense Gaza peace talks with Mideast nations



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U.S. President Donald Trump announced that intense negotiations regarding the Gaza situation with various Middle Eastern nations are ongoing, aiming for a comprehensive peace agreement. This follows a series of meetings with leaders from Muslim-majority countries, where Trump conveyed a 21-point peace plan. The discussions acknowledge the awareness of both Hamas and Israel, despite the ongoing violence, which has resulted in significant casualties and global outrage. While Trump expressed optimism for a potential breakthrough, the complexity of the conflict and the humanitarian crisis raises substantial concerns about the feasibility of a swift resolution. This situation underscores the urgent need for diplomatic efforts in addressing longstanding tensions in the region.

India Rejects Erdogan's Kashmir Remarks, Affirms Sovereignty



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India has firmly rejected Turkish President Erdogan's remarks at the UNGA regarding Kashmir, emphasizing that the region is an integral part of India and dismissing any suggestions for third-party mediation. The External Affairs Ministry underscored that Pakistan's role in fostering terrorism is the real issue affecting Jammu and Kashmir, urging Turkey to recognize this instead of commenting on India's internal matters. India's rapid and strong protest against Erdogan's comments reflects its commitment to sovereignty and territorial integrity while simultaneously engaging with global partners, such as the US and Cyprus, to enhance cooperation and support multilateral efforts. This incident highlights the complexities of South Asia's strategic environment, particularly in light of growing defense ties between Turkey and Pakistan.

India Faces No Sanctions on Russian Crude Oil Purchases: Puri



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Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri affirmed that there are no sanctions on India's purchase of crude oil from Russia, emphasizing

the potential global repercussions if supply chains are disrupted. He highlighted India's compliance with international sanctions while underscoring that many nations, including members of the EU and Turkey, continue to source oil from Russia. Puri noted that the global oil market is sensitive to price fluctuations, particularly due to the U.S. interest in maintaining stable fossil fuel prices. This situation illustrates India's strategic positioning amidst geopolitical tensions and its commitment to ensuring energy security while navigating complex international trade dynamics.

Military Operations

Israeli Airstrikes Devastate Yemen's Capital, Sanaa



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Yemen's capital, Sanaa, faced unprecedented Israeli airstrikes on September 27, 2025, as reports indicate that 65 missiles were launched, targeting various neighborhoods and critical infrastructure, including a power station and a correctional facility linked to the security and intelligence agency. The attacks have resulted in significant destruction and raised humanitarian concerns, as numerous homes were damaged. This escalation signifies a troubling development in an already volatile region, highlighting the complexities of Middle Eastern geopolitics and the potential ramifications for regional stability. The international community is likely to scrutinize Israel's military actions amidst ongoing tensions, emphasizing the need for diplomatic engagement to address the underlying issues contributing to conflict in Yemen.

Unidentified drones spotted over Denmark's largest military base



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Danish military sites, including its largest base, Karup, experienced unidentified drone flights, prompting speculation of a "hybrid attack" potentially linked to Russia amid heightened tensions following its invasion of Ukraine. Danish officials termed the incidents as a threat to national security, with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen directly implicating Russia. In response, Denmark plans to enhance its anti-drone capabilities and collaborate with Sweden for advanced technology, while EU defense ministers have underscored the necessity of establishing a "drone wall" to protect European interests. This development highlights the evolving nature of hybrid warfare and the urgent need

for enhanced defense measures across Europe in light of persistent security threats.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

BSF IG warns of terrorist infiltration attempts at LoC, heightened security.



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A senior Border Security Force (BSF) officer, Inspector General Ashok Yadav, has indicated heightened infiltration attempts by terrorists at launch pads along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir, particularly before the winter months. He emphasized the challenges these groups face due to the robust alertness and preparedness of Indian security forces. Yadav noted that while terrorists aim to exploit inclement weather for infiltration, the BSF and Army effectively dominate the area through advanced surveillance technologies. Two infiltration attempts have already been thwarted this year, underscoring the effectiveness of India's defense strategies in safeguarding its territorial integrity. This vigilance is crucial as the region approaches a period of potential increased infiltration, reflecting ongoing security challenges in India's efforts to maintain stability in Kashmir.

LeT establishes training center in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa near Afghan border.



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Recent developments indicate that Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) is strategically relocating its operations to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, establishing a new training center named Markaz Jihad-e-Aqsa near the Afghan border. This move follows significant disruptions to its infrastructure due to Indian military operations like Operation Sindoor. The new facility, under the command of notorious figures associated with previous terrorist activities, is expected to enhance recruitment and training capabilities for LeT. This trend of expanding terror infrastructure in KPK, coordinated possibly by the ISI, reflects Pakistan's dual struggle with internal security and its support for proxy terrorist organizations, ultimately posing challenges for regional stability and counter-terrorism efforts by India.

Punjab Police Extradite Babbar Khalsa Terrorist from UAE



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In a significant development, Punjab Police extradited Babbar Khalsa International terrorist Parminder Singh Pindi from Abu Dhabi, UAE, following a coordinated effort with Central agencies, showcasing India's commitment to combating terrorism. Pindi, linked to multiple violent crimes and associates of notorious terrorist Harwinder Singh, alias Rinda, was brought back to face justice after a Red Corner Notice was issued. This operation follows the recent arrest of another wanted gangster, Happy Passia, in the US, highlighting the ongoing threat posed by Pakistan-based terrorism in Punjab. The extradition underscores the efficacy of India's law enforcement collaboration with international partners, reinforcing national security and demonstrating a robust stance against organized crime and terrorism in the region.

NIA charges key suspect in 2024 Jharkhand Naxal attack on forces.



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has charged Abhijeet Koda, a key accused in the 2024 Jharkhand Naxal attack on security forces, following comprehensive investigations into the incident. The attack, involving CPI (Maoist) cadres, occurred during a police operation targeting a group camped in the Sundari Pahari forest, where security forces encountered armed resistance. Koda, identified as a courier for Maoist leaders, was implicated in a conspiracy to bolster the terrorist organization's activities. This development underscores the ongoing threat posed by Maoist insurgents in India and highlights the critical role of security agencies in combating such extremist elements, ensuring the safety of civilians and maintaining law and order in affected regions.

NIA Seizes Properties of Hizbul Mujahideen Operative in Shopian



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached the properties of Tariq Ahmad Mir, a Hizbul Mujahideen operative involved in supplying arms to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district. This action, ordered by the NIA Special Court, targets Mir's residential and agricultural properties, as part of a broader initiative to disrupt terror networks threatening India's stability. Following the suspension of Operation Sindoor, security forces have intensified operations

against terrorists and their supporters in the region, amid ongoing concerns over infiltration and funding from Pakistan. The NIA's actions underscore a determined effort to combat not only terrorism but also associated drug trafficking, which is believed to finance militant activities in the Union Territory.

Security forces dismantle Maoist arms factory in Sukma, Chhattisgarh. SHARE

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In a significant counterinsurgency operation, security forces have dismantled a Maoist arms and explosives manufacturing unit in the Sukma district of Chhattisgarh. The operation, executed by a joint team of the Sukma District Force and the elite CoBRA battalion, led to the seizure of various military-grade equipment, including barrel grenade launchers and improvised explosive device components. This operation is part of a broader strategy against Maoist activities, which has resulted in the deaths of 249 Naxalites in encounters this year, significantly crippling their operational capabilities. The ongoing anti-Naxal efforts reflect a commitment to enhancing regional security and stability, highlighting the Indian government's determination to combat insurgency effectively and protect civilian life in affected areas.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Phishing Remains Top Cause of Global Data Breaches, AI Impacting Defense SHARE

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During the Proofpoint Protect 2025 conference, cyber professionals underscored that phishing remains the foremost cause of data breaches globally, with AI significantly influencing both attack strategies and defense mechanisms. Proofpoint scans billions of emails and URLs daily, revealing that 71% of users engage in risky online behavior, often falling victim to AI-enhanced phishing tactics. While AI has streamlined cybercriminal activities, it is also being leveraged to bolster cybersecurity defenses by improving threat detection and response times. However, experts cautioned that AI tools can unintentionally introduce vulnerabilities, particularly in social engineering, emphasizing the need for robust security measures as organizations navigate this evolving threat landscape. The implications of leveraging AI in both offensive and defensive cyber operations are critical for safeguarding digital infrastructures.

U.S. War Department Launches CSRMC to Enhance Military Cybersecurity SHARE

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The U.S. Department of War announced on September 24, 2025, the implementation of the Cybersecurity Risk Management Construct (CSRMC), a comprehensive framework replacing the outdated Risk Management Framework that had governed federal cybersecurity since 2004 under the Federal Information Security Management Act. The CSRMC represents a fundamental shift from static, checklist-driven compliance to dynamic, automated cybersecurity operations designed to match the pace of modern warfare. Unlike the legacy RMF system used across federal agencies and civilian government organizations for over two decades, which relied on periodic assessments and manual processes, the CSRMC implements continuous monitoring, real-time authorization to operate capabilities, and automated workflows through five distinct phases: design, build, test, onboard, and operations. The framework is built on ten strategic tenets including automation, DevSecOps integration, cyber survivability, and threat-informed testing, with acting CIO Katie Arrington describing it as "a cultural fundamental shift" that empowers the department to defend against current adversaries while preparing for future challenges. This initiative extends beyond internal defense systems to mandate alignment from defense contractors, suppliers, and the broader defense industrial base, potentially influencing civilian cybersecurity practices similar to how the original NIST RMF framework shaped government and private sector risk management approaches over the past two decades.

Maharashtra IT Minister Launches Nationwide Cybersecurity Drive SHARE

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The Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has launched a month-long nationwide Cyber Security Awareness Drive, inaugurated by Maharashtra's IT Minister Ashish Shelar at the Bombay Stock Exchange. This multistakeholder campaign aims to educate citizens on digital safety amid rising cybercrime incidents, emphasizing the importance of cybersecurity practices such as social media safety and AI-driven scams. The initiative, supported by multiple government and industry partners, seeks to foster collaboration for building resilient digital systems across India, which boasts over 700 million internet users. By raising awareness and providing essential information, the

campaign highlights the critical need for citizens to safeguard themselves in an increasingly digital world.

MahaMetro partners with IIT Kanpur to enhance cybersecurity. SHARE

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Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MahaMetro) has signed a groundbreaking memorandum of understanding with IIT Kanpur's C3iHub to enhance cybersecurity in its Nagpur and Pune operations. This pioneering initiative aims to fortify IT systems against potential cyber threats, as Metros are particularly vulnerable due to their public interface. The collaboration seeks to align with global standards and benchmarks, focusing on critical operational areas including control systems and data management. This partnership not only underscores the importance of cybersecurity in contemporary urban transport but also sets a precedent for other transport networks, emphasizing the need for robust protective measures to ensure seamless and secure passenger services in an increasingly digital landscape.

India Enhances Telecom Cybersecurity with New MoU SHARE

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India has significantly enhanced its telecom cybersecurity framework through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND). This partnership aims to improve information sharing and coordination to combat cyber-crimes and financial fraud in the rapidly growing digital landscape. By enabling real-time sharing of critical data and utilizing advanced technological platforms, the collaboration enhances the detection and prevention of fraudulent activities, thus safeguarding the nation's digital economy. The proactive measures outlined in the MoU not only strengthen fraud detection capabilities but also signal India's commitment to leveraging technology in securing its telecom and financial sectors against evolving cyber threats.

India Mobile Congress 2025 to focus on AI, 6G, and cybersecurity SHARE

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The India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, Asia's largest digital technology forum, is set to take place from October 8-11 at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi, under the theme 'Innovate to Transform.' The event will gather over 1.5 lakh visitors and feature

innovations in 5G, 6G, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, with a significant focus on India's satellite communications sector projected to reach \$20 billion by 2028. Noteworthy initiatives include the Aspire Startup Program, the Startup World Cup India, and a dedicated International AI Summit, emphasizing India's evolving role in global AI governance. The discussions on cybersecurity and satellite technologies will be crucial for strengthening India's defense and technological infrastructure, showcasing its commitment to innovation and security in a rapidly changing digital landscape.

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DESW National Conclave-2025 to Focus on Veteran Welfare SHARE

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The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW), under the Ministry of Defence, is set to host the National Conclave-2025 on September 29-30, focusing on the theme "Viksit Bharat and Ex-Servicemen Welfare." Inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the conclave aims to enhance veteran reintegration and welfare by facilitating discussions among stakeholders, including representatives from Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) and Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs). This platform will encourage the sharing of best practices and improve the effectiveness of welfare schemes for veterans across India. Additionally, the event will recognize outstanding contributions to ex-servicemen welfare, underscoring the government's commitment to supporting its veterans, a critical aspect of national security and social responsibility.

Delhi HC grants bail to IAF officer, suspends 10-year sentence SHARE

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The Delhi High Court has suspended the 10-year prison sentence of an Indian Air Force officer convicted of raping a colleague in 2021, allowing him bail on the condition of furnishing two sureties of Rs 5 lakh each. This decision overturned a prior ruling by the Armed Forces Tribunal, which had denied the suspension. The High Court noted the officer's clean record and the lengthy delay in addressing his appeal, emphasizing the risk of him serving a significant portion of his sentence before a resolution. This case highlights the complexities of military justice and the pressing need for timely judicial processes within the armed forces,

which can significantly impact the lives of those involved.

MiG-21 Retirement: Celebrating Women Pilots' Trailblazing Journey SHARE

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The retirement of the MiG-21 Bison marks a significant moment in the Indian Air Force's history, especially as it was the first fighter jet flown by women pilots. Squadron Leader Priya Sharma led the final flypast, symbolizing the groundbreaking achievements of female aviators who transitioned from the MiG-21 to advanced aircraft like the Rafale and Su-30MKI. Key figures such as Squadron Leaders Avani Chaturvedi, Bhawana Kanth, and Mohana Singh Jitarwal, who were the first women inducted into the fighter stream in 2016, have showcased remarkable skill and determination, shattering gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated field. This transition not only highlights the IAF's commitment to gender equality but also reflects India's progressive stance on women's roles in defense, underscoring the importance of inclusivity in strengthening national security.

Rajnath Singh honors MiG-21 for shaping IAF pilots and legacy SHARE

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At a decommissioning ceremony in Chandigarh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lauded the MiG-21, referring to it as the "bird of all seasons" that played a crucial role in shaping generations of Indian Air Force pilots since its induction in 1963. The MiG-21 was praised for its versatility as an interceptor and ground attack platform while significantly contributing to India's air defense strategy. Singh underscored the aircraft's legacy as a foundation for developing indigenous platforms like the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, emphasizing the collaborative efforts of India's defense ecosystem, including public sector units and private startups. This recognition of the MiG-21 highlights India's commitment to enhancing its indigenous defense capabilities and fostering a culture of innovation in the aerospace sector.

Indian Army Climbs Mt Gorichen, Promoting Teamwork and Ecology SHARE

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Indian Army soldiers from the Spear Corps successfully scaled Mount Gorichen, Arunachal Pradesh's highest peak at 6,488 meters, on September 19, showcasing exceptional teamwork and resilience despite challenging conditions. This expedition not only

demonstrated the Army's commitment to environmental conservation, with a simultaneous cleanliness drive, but also underscored the importance of sustainable practices in mountaineering. Located near the India-China border, Mount Gorichen holds sacred significance for the local Monpa tribe, symbolizing endurance and spirituality. This achievement highlights the Indian Army's dedication to both military excellence and ecological responsibility, reinforcing its role as a protector of the nation's natural heritage.

Miscellaneous

20-year-old arrested for impersonating IAF officer and fraud. SHARE

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A 20-year-old man, Tasleem Khan, has been arrested in Rajasthan for allegedly impersonating an Indian Air Force officer and committing fraud through fake invoices and letters, resulting in a loss of over Rs 2.5 lakh for a victim from Chhatarpur. The fraud involved Khan posing as an Air Force official, providing misleading information regarding token fees, security checks, and gate pass formalities. Following a complaint, the police registered a case under section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and initiated an investigation, which included tracing the funds transferred from the victim's bank account. This incident underscores the importance of vigilance against fraud related to defense forces, especially as impersonation can undermine public trust in vital institutions like the Indian Air Force, which is crucial for national security. It also highlights the ongoing need for robust measures to protect citizens from such fraudulent activities, reflecting the challenges faced by law enforcement in combating deception and maintaining integrity within defense-related interactions.

Cosmoserve Space Secures \$3.17M for Space Debris Solutions SHARE

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Cosmoserve Space has successfully secured \$3.17 million in pre-seed funding, led by venture capitalist Alan Rutledge, with contributions from AUM Ventures and Shakti VC, highlighting growing global confidence in India's space capabilities. The startup aims to tackle the critical issue of space debris, developing robotic systems for autonomous tracking, capture, and deorbiting of hazardous materials, thereby ensuring

safer orbital environments essential for satellite constellations. With industry backing from notable figures like Pawan Kumar Chandana of Skyroot Aerospace, CosmoServe is poised to thrive in India's burgeoning private space sector. This initiative not only underscores the importance of sustainable space practices but also positions India as a potential leader in the global market for space debris solutions.

OnePlus smartphones vulnerable to SMS hacking risks



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A critical security vulnerability affecting OnePlus smartphones running OxygenOS versions 12 to 15 has been identified, allowing malicious apps to read and send SMS messages without user permission. Tracked as CVE-2025-10184, this flaw risks exposing sensitive information, including two-factor authentication codes, impacting millions of devices. Following the disclosure by cybersecurity firm Rapid7, OnePlus acknowledged the issue and announced plans for a global software update to resolve it by mid-October. Until then, users are urged to install only trusted apps and utilize encrypted messaging platforms for sensitive communications. This incident underscores the ongoing security challenges faced by Android device manufacturers, particularly those that customize the operating system, emphasizing the need for robust security protocols in safeguarding user data.

OpenAI's Sam Altman warns AI superintelligence may arrive by 2029.



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OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has predicted that artificial intelligence will surpass human intelligence by the end of this decade, possibly as soon as 2029, emphasizing the rapid advancement in AI capabilities. He acknowledged that while AI systems like GPT-5 exhibit remarkable abilities, they still lag behind humans in various tasks. Altman warned about the existential risks associated with unregulated AI development and underscored the necessity for global regulatory frameworks to ensure safe progression in the field. This prediction highlights the urgent need for governments and industries to prepare for the profound implications of advanced AI technologies on society and the economy, balancing innovation with responsibility.

Over 2,400 Indians deported from the US since January 2023.



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Over 2,400 Indians have been deported from the United States since January, as reported by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasized India's commitment to combating illegal migration while advocating for legal pathways for mobility. This development highlights India's stance against unlawful migration practices, reflecting a proactive approach to safeguard its citizens abroad. The MEA's firm position indicates a broader strategy aimed at enhancing regulatory frameworks for migration, ensuring that Indian nationals can pursue opportunities in a lawful manner. This incident underscores the importance of diplomatic engagement in migration issues, which can improve relations between India and the US while supporting the welfare of Indian expatriates.

India Launches Indigenous 4G Network, Joining Global Leaders



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In a significant advancement for India's telecommunications sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated BSNL's indigenous 4G network, marking India's entry alongside nations like China and South Korea in manufacturing telecom equipment. This initiative saw the commissioning of over 97,500 mobile 4G towers, built at a cost of approximately Rs 37,000 crore, designed to connect over 20 lakh new subscribers in remote and underserved areas, including 26,700 villages. The cloud-based network is future-ready for seamless upgrades to 5G and includes solar-powered towers, elevating India's commitment to sustainable infrastructure. This development aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of a Digital India, reinforcing connectivity in rural communities and laying the groundwork for subsequent technological advancements.

NTPC and NPCIL to invest ₹42,000 crore in Rajasthan nuclear plant



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2,800 MW Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, a joint venture between NTPC and NPCIL, with an investment of approximately Rs 42,000 crore. This nuclear power plant, aiming to enhance India's energy security, will provide reliable base load energy and bolster the nation's environmental stewardship in nuclear energy. The project is expected to create

numerous job opportunities and foster economic growth in Rajasthan. Additionally, Modi laid the foundation for significant renewable energy initiatives, including a 1560 MW solar power project by Avaada Group. The collective investments underscore India's commitment to advancing sustainable energy solutions and reducing carbon emissions, reflecting a strategic move towards energy self-reliance and environmental responsibility.

Trump calls for Microsoft to fire Lisa Monaco over security risks



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On September 26, 2025, former President Donald Trump publicly demanded that Microsoft terminate Lisa

Monaco, the company's President of Global Affairs and former Deputy Attorney General, citing national security concerns due to her past government role and alleged revocation of her security clearances. Trump characterized her as a "menace to US National Security," urging immediate action from Microsoft, which holds significant government contracts. Monaco, recognized for her leadership in cybersecurity and counterterrorism during her tenure in the Justice Department, has not publicly responded to Trump's claims. This demand underscores ongoing tensions within U.S. political and security spheres, particularly concerning personnel from the Biden administration amidst recent legal controversies involving former officials.

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