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APOLLO	262.79	242.47	+8.38%
IDEAFORGE	487.65	460.15	+5.98%
SWANDEF	390.8	372.2	+5.0%
TECHERA	205.95	196.25	+4.94%
HBLPOWER	807.1	780.9	+3.36%

Top Losers

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SUNITATOOL	680.75	716.55	-5.0%
URAVIDEF	454.6	474.0	-4.09%
RELINFRA	265.15	273.05	-2.89%
LMW	14107.0	14527.0	-2.89%
AXISCADES	1245.8	1279.4	-2.63%

Defense Business and Industry

Mahindra Aerostructures wins Airbus contract for H125 fuselage.

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Airbus has awarded Mahindra Aerostructures a significant contract to manufacture the main fuselage for the H125 helicopters, enhancing India's role in the global aerospace value chain and supporting the Make in India initiative. This follows a similar contract for the H130 helicopters, with production set to begin immediately in Bengaluru and first deliveries expected by 2027. Airbus aims to establish two Final Assembly Lines for the H125 and C295 military aircraft in collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems, fostering a comprehensive aerospace ecosystem in India. The H125 is expected to meet various civil and military requirements, further solidifying India's position as a key player in aerospace manufacturing.

India and Saudi Arabia to Jointly Manufacture Military Equipment

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India and Saudi Arabia are advancing their defense cooperation, focusing on joint manufacturing of military hardware, technology transfer, and maritime security, as discussed in the recent India-Saudi Arabia Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation meeting. This collaboration aims to strengthen India's defense manufacturing capabilities under the Make in India initiative while supporting Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 for localizing defense procurement. The partnership is transitioning from traditional buyer-seller dynamics to a model of co-development and knowledge sharing,

enhancing military interoperability and operational self-sufficiency. Such strategic alignment not only benefits both nations economically but also solidifies India's role as a key security partner in the Gulf region.

Defence Production Ministry Engages Karnataka to Boost Manufacturing

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The Department of Defence Production is actively engaging with Karnataka officials to enhance India's defense manufacturing ecosystem. Key discussions revolved around initiatives to support the Make in India vision, including increased budget allocations, streamlined acquisition procedures, and the establishment of a Defence and Aerospace Park in Devanahalli. Karnataka's commitment to fostering innovation and attracting investment through state-level policy reforms was emphasized, highlighting its significant role in the defense and aerospace sector. This collaboration aims to achieve greater self-reliance in defense manufacturing, underscoring the government's focus on bolstering indigenous capabilities and promoting advanced manufacturing in the region.

Indian Army Enhances 105mm Field Gun Protection with Cope Cages

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The Indian Army has innovatively evolved its defensive strategies by implementing cope cages on the 105mm Indian Field Gun, enhancing protection against drone threats that have become prevalent in modern warfare. As drones deliver precise strikes, the Army's adoption of these slat armor structures—previously used on armored vehicles—demonstrates a proactive approach

to safeguarding critical assets. This adaptation reflects a recognition of changing combat dynamics, particularly along volatile borders with Pakistan and China. The integration of cope cages showcases India's commitment to modernizing its defense capabilities and ensuring the survivability of its forces amid evolving threats.

India to Stop Importing Warships, Boosting Indigenous Production SHARE

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In a significant move towards naval self-reliance, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced that India will cease importing foreign-built warships, emphasizing the commitment to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. This declaration coincided with the commissioning of the indigenously designed INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, enhancing the Indian Navy's capabilities with advanced stealth features and BrahMos missiles. The decision, bolstering indigenous shipbuilding by renowned shipyards like MDL and GRSE, not only strengthens national defense but also stimulates economic growth and job creation, showcasing India's growing expertise in producing world-class naval platforms domestically, thus marking a pivotal advancement in India's maritime strategy.

Indian Navy Initiates Development of Indigenous 24-28 MW Marine Engine SHARE

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The Indian Navy has launched a significant Indigenous Gas Turbine Marine Engine Development Program, aiming to create a 24-28 MW engine to power frontline warships like destroyers and frigates. This initiative reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, reducing dependency on imported systems while enhancing operational autonomy. Under the MAKE-I framework, the program will involve collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and private industry, promoting innovation and strengthening the domestic defense ecosystem. This move aligns with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India campaigns, emphasizing sustainability and cost efficiency in naval operations.

Mazagon Dock to Upgrade Kalvari+ Submarines with New Engines SHARE

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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) plans to enhance the Indian Navy's underwater capabilities by upgrading three Kalvari+ class submarines with advanced propulsion systems, including new MAN Energy Solutions diesel engines, Air Independent Propulsion (AIP), and lithium-ion batteries. These submarines will be larger and more advanced than the existing Kalvari-class, incorporating indigenous technologies to improve endurance from 48 hours to 14-21 days. The project represents a significant leap in modern naval warfare capabilities, aligning with India's strategic focus on maintaining a robust presence in the Indian Ocean Region. Ultimately, the enhanced features will ensure the Kalvari+ submarines are vital for covert operations and national defense.

DRDO Collaborates with Private Sector on SATCOM Datalink for Tejas Mk2 and AMCA SHARE

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In a significant move to enhance India's indigenous fighter aircraft capabilities, the DRDO has partnered with private sector firms to develop a SATCOM-based datalink for the Tejas Mk2 and AMCA, aligning with the Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. This datalink will enable real-time, secure communication and facilitate advanced operations, improving the Indian Air Force's effectiveness in contested environments. With the involvement of private companies like Tata Advanced Systems and Larsen & Toubro, this collaboration is set to streamline development while addressing challenges such as anti-jamming capabilities. Overall, this initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance and modernization in defense technology.

Dassault Proposes SCALP-EG Missiles for IAF Mirage-2000Vs SHARE

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Dassault Aviation has proposed arming the Indian Air Force's Mirage-2000V fleet with SCALP-EG cruise missiles and AASM Hammer bombs to enhance strike capabilities, addressing current limitations with modern long-range munitions. This integration could significantly boost the IAF's ability to conduct deep-strike missions against high-value targets without exposing its aircraft to advanced enemy air defenses. However, the high cost of SCALP-EG poses challenges amidst budget constraints, while indigenous

alternatives like the DRDO's RudraM-II, though still under development, promise cost-effectiveness and self-reliance. Ultimately, the proposed upgrades reflect India's strategic focus on enhancing its defense capabilities while balancing indigenous development.

SWITCH UAV Earns DGCA Type Certification, Enhancing Global Standing [SHARE](#)

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The SWITCH UAV by ideaForge Technology Limited has achieved the DGCA Type Certification, highlighting its reliability and versatility in both civil and military applications. This accolade, presented at Aero India 2025, follows its NATO Stock Number assignment and military certification, underscoring compliance with rigorous international standards. The hybrid VTOL drone is designed for ISR missions with advanced features, enhancing its operational capabilities. This recognition not only solidifies India's position in the burgeoning drone ecosystem but also opens avenues for export and integration within global defense supply chains, reinforcing the country's commitment to indigenous defense innovation and technological advancement.

Deadline for AMCA bids extended to boost private vendor participation [SHARE](#)

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has extended the deadline for bids on the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project to 30th September 2025, following a lack of submissions from private vendor consortia. This extension aims to enhance participation in a crucial initiative designed to bolster India's indigenous combat aircraft capabilities. By fostering collaboration with private vendors, ADA demonstrates its commitment to ensuring the project moves forward effectively. The absence of initial bids underscores the need for heightened engagement with the defense industry, and this revised timeline offers a renewed opportunity for interested parties to contribute to India's defense modernization efforts.

Sgt. Bhale Singh Repairs S-400 Launcher Under Attack [SHARE](#)

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Gallantry Award recipient Sergeant Bhale Singh, recently retired, revealed his critical role in repairing an S-400 air defence system under fire during a high-stakes operation against the Pakistan Air Force. On May 10, his team faced a technical malfunction while

the system was targeted, yet Singh expertly led urgent repairs within 15 minutes, allowing the launcher to engage and neutralize an air-launched missile. This incident highlights the resilience and skill of India's air defence operators and underscores the human element in managing advanced military technology, reinforcing the effectiveness of India's strategic assets amid evolving threats.

SMPP Limited's Turban-Compatible Ballistic Helmet for Sikh Soldiers [SHARE](#)

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SMPP Limited has introduced a specialized ballistic helmet designed for Sikh soldiers, allowing comfortable wear over traditional turbans, marking a significant step in India's defense sector under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With 12,000 units already delivered to the Indian Army, this helmet enhances protection while respecting cultural sensitivities, addressing long-standing challenges in personal protective gear. Competing with MKU Limited's earlier designs, SMPP's helmet features advanced materials and technology, improving soldier safety amid ongoing border tensions. This development boosts morale and operational effectiveness for the substantial Sikh contingent in the Indian Army, vital for addressing dual threats from Pakistan and China.

IAF to receive first wet-leased KC-135 Stratotanker by 2025 [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to receive its first-ever wet-leased Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker from Metrea Management by October 2025, addressing critical air-to-air refueling needs amid challenges with its aging fleet of Ilyushin Il-78MKI tankers. This initiative enhances mission readiness for both IAF and the Indian Navy while providing an interim solution for aerial refueling capabilities during heightened regional tensions. The KC-135's proven platform and Metrea's extensive experience in aerial refueling will bolster operational support, allowing the IAF to focus on training. This arrangement reflects an adaptive approach to bridge capability gaps and may inform future tanker acquisition or development strategies.

HAL to Boost Tejas Mk1A Exports After GE Resolves Engine Delays [SHARE](#)

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to intensify its international marketing of the Tejas Mk1A fighter, following General Electric's resolution of F404 engine

delays. With a strong domestic order of 180 aircraft, HAL is poised to confidently pursue exports to countries like Argentina and Egypt, emphasizing the Tejas Mk1A's cost-effectiveness compared to Western competitors. The timely engine supply will alleviate production bottlenecks and enhance manufacturing capacity, while a new agreement for the F414 engine ensures future self-reliance in powerplants. This strategic move solidifies India's position in the global defense market and underscores HAL's commitment to fulfilling the Indian Air Force's needs while expanding its international footprint.

India's AMCA Unveils Stealthy Internal Fuel Tank Design for Edge SHARE

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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) has introduced the world's first Internal Fuel Tank design within its Internal Weapons Bay, enhancing its strategic edge over regional adversaries. This innovative feature allows the AMCA to maintain stealth while extending operational range, accommodating combat and non-combat configurations. Unlike other fifth-generation fighters that rely on external fuel tanks, which compromise stealth, the AMCA's design cleverly balances range and concealment. As the project progresses, it underscores India's commitment to advancing indigenous military technology tailored to its national security needs, bolstering the Indian Air Force's long-range and deep-strike capabilities.

Japan to invest 10 trillion yen in India over the next decade. SHARE

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The Samarth Incubation Program – Cohort II has been launched by C-DOT in collaboration with STPI and TiE Delhi-NCR, inviting DeepTech startups across AI, UAVs, Cybersecurity, LiFi, and Blockchain to apply by September 1, 2025, with selected ventures receiving up to Rs 5 lakh, access to advanced R&D labs in Delhi and Bengaluru, structured mentorship, accelerator support, and investor connects to move from prototypes to pilots and commercialization. Announced in late August 2025 following a broader program rollout in March 2025, the initiative targets five national tech priorities: an AI-powered offline Indic translator leveraging Bhashini, an autonomous drone payload system for secure, terrain-aware delivery, LiFi prototype development aligned to ITU-T standards, AI-driven phishing detection across web, email, and mobile, and FPGA-accelerated zk-SNARK hardware for indigenous cryptography in Web3, with the application deadline

extended to September 1 from earlier August dates communicated by partners. Organizers emphasized ecosystem support through C-DOT's facilities, STPI's implementation leadership, and TiE's market access, building on Cohort I outcomes to scale impactful innovations across Bharat and globally, with a six-month hybrid program structure and potential follow-on collaboration opportunities.

Samarth Incubation Program II Launched for DeepTech Startups SHARE

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The Samarth Incubation Program – Cohort II, launched by C-DOT, STPI, and TiE Delhi-NCR, invites DeepTech startups to innovate in areas such as AI, UAVs, and cybersecurity, with applications open until September 1, 2025. Selected startups will receive grants up to Rs 5 lakh and access to advanced R&D labs, along with expert mentorship. This initiative aims to tackle critical technology needs in India, including an AI-powered Offline Indic Translator and an Autonomous Drone Payload System. The program emphasizes fostering a robust ecosystem for breakthrough innovations, supporting startups in transitioning from prototypes to impactful solutions while enhancing national capabilities.

India Invites Russian Investment in Space Innovation and Collaboration SHARE

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India is actively inviting Russian firms to invest in its burgeoning space sector, as highlighted by Ambassador Vinay Kumar during an event in Moscow marking the second National Space Day. This initiative underscores the historical collaboration between India and Russia, tracing back to the launch of Aryabhata in 1975 and extending to the ongoing Gaganyaan human spaceflight program. Kumar emphasized India's commitment to enhancing its domestic space capabilities while fostering global partnerships. The growing Indian space market, buoyed by successful missions like Chandrayaan-3, presents significant opportunities for international collaboration, demonstrating India's strategic approach to integrate expertise and innovation in advancing space exploration and technology.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Unified IAF Preferred Over Theater Commands for Operational Efficiency



29-Aug-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief's rejection of a fragmented Theater Command structure has sparked significant discourse about India's military organization. Centralizing the IAF is argued to enhance operational flexibility, avoid asset duplication, and facilitate rapid response to threats, particularly along the borders with Pakistan and China. Rather than adopting Theater Commands, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) should focus on rationalizing existing Regional Commands to improve coordination and readiness. This approach aligns with India's geographical realities and security needs, ensuring that the IAF remains a lean, agile, and unified force capable of addressing diverse threats efficiently.

Constructive Theaterisation Debate Emphasizes IAF Modernization Needs



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India's inaugural Ran Samvad 2025 at the Army War College, Mhow, sparked a constructive debate on theaterisation, with senior leadership affirming integration as the end-state while cautioning against hasty restructuring without requisite Indian Air Force (IAF) modernisation in fighters, force multipliers, and refuelling assets. On August 27–28, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan acknowledged "dissonance" among services but said differences are being addressed in a conducive setting, as Navy Chief Adm Dinesh K Tripathi termed theaterisation the "ultimate goal," and Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh urged deliberate, India-specific joint structures over imported models, favouring joint planning with decentralised execution. The government's January 1 declaration of 2025 as the "year of defence reforms" underscored plans to unveil integrated theatre commands, with options discussed including two land theatres for China and Pakistan and a maritime command, contingent on resolving complex force-structure issues and closing capability gaps such as aerial refuellers and AEW&C. Analysts warn that following Western templates risks misalignment with India's geography, threat matrix, and resource envelope, potentially diluting airpower flexibility if command

spans and asset densities are not tailored to subcontinental contingencies and joint C4ISR realities.

Politics

Congress Claims India is Being Coerced into Unfavorable Ties with China



29-Aug-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visits to Japan and China have prompted criticism from the Congress party, which argues that India is being coerced into normalizing ties with China under unfavorable terms, particularly amid a downturn in Indo-US relations. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh emphasized that the Prime Minister's past statements weakened India's negotiating stance and accused him of neglecting pressing issues in Manipur. Nevertheless, Modi aims to strengthen regional cooperation and bilateral relations during his meetings, including with President Xi Jinping, signaling India's commitment to navigating complex geopolitical dynamics while pursuing national interests.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

China and India reach 10-point consensus to ensure border peace.



29-Aug-25

China and India have reached a 10-point consensus during high-level defense talks aimed at safeguarding border peace following recent tensions. NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi emphasized the importance of diplomacy and military channels for effective border management. The talks, marking 75 years of diplomatic relations, resulted in the formation of an expert group under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination to advance boundary delimitation. This constructive engagement reflects a mutual interest in maintaining stability and fostering cooperation, highlighting India's proactive diplomatic efforts to ensure peace and build trust in bilateral relations amidst geopolitical challenges.

US Absence at Asia Forum Highlights Cybersecurity Tensions



29-Aug-25

The recent developments in the Indo-Pacific highlight significant tensions regarding defense technology,

cyber resilience, and supply-chain security, accentuated by the US government's absence from the Pacific Future Forum in Japan for the first time. This no-show complicates multilateral initiatives aimed at enhancing cyber incident sharing and collective responses to disruptions, raising concerns among allies about state-sponsored cyber threats targeting critical infrastructure. Concurrently, the Pentagon is preparing to engage with Taiwan and Japan, focusing on military technology, cyber operations, and defense-industrial security, which underscores a regional commitment to safeguard advanced systems from espionage and enhance cyber defenses. The timing of these engagements is crucial as they reflect a shared urgency among regional partners, including India, to bolster cyber defense capabilities and secure supply chains vital for military readiness. India's security calculus benefits from these developments, as a robust lattice of cyber defense coordination among allies contributes to Indo-Pacific stability and a collective countermeasure against common threats, enhancing trust in cross-border supply chains that support advanced military platforms. Overall, these actions highlight an increasing recognition of the importance of cybersecurity in deterrence and crisis management strategies across the region.

Zelensky calls for stronger Western action against Russia after attacks.



29-Aug-25

Zelensky has urged a unified and stronger Western response after a deadly overnight barrage of Russian missiles and drones on Kyiv killed 23 people, including four children, and wounded dozens, prompting a day of mourning on August 29 as peace efforts remain stalled amid continued strikes across Ukraine despite ceasefire pushes from Washington. The attack, among the deadliest in the capital since 2022, carved a five-story crater in a residential block and followed waves of nearly 600 drones and over 30 missiles launched from Wednesday night into Thursday, with officials decrying Moscow's defiance of diplomacy and calling for tighter sanctions and concrete security guarantees from European partners. Zelensky pressed EU and regional leaders for a strong joint signal to bring Putin to negotiations while insisting Russia face accountability for repeated civilian casualties, including children.

India-China Rapprochement: Global Geopolitical Implications



29-Aug-25

The recent detente between India and China, initiated by Xi Jinping's outreach amid deteriorating U.S.-India trade relations, has significant implications for both nations and the global geopolitical landscape. As India seeks to diversify its trade relationships following punitive tariffs from the U.S., engaging China could offer economic benefits, such as access to Chinese supply chains and potential reductions in border tensions. However, this rapprochement raises concerns about India's strategic autonomy and the risk of over-reliance on Chinese technology, especially in sensitive sectors. Analysts emphasize the need for India to adopt a strategic hedging approach, maintaining dialogue with China while simultaneously strengthening defense ties with the U.S., Japan, and Australia. The potential for economic cooperation must be balanced against ongoing territorial disputes and domestic political sensitivities. As India navigates this complex triangular dynamic, its ability to leverage improved ties with Beijing to negotiate concessions from Washington will be critical. Ultimately, the relationship is expected to stabilize into a pattern of managed competition, characterized by cautious engagement rather than complete alignment, as India aims to assert its foreign policy autonomy while maximizing economic opportunities.

Xi's Secret Letter Boosts India-China Ties Amid U.S. Tensions



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In response to escalating trade tensions under former U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping's secret outreach to India marked a significant diplomatic thaw, highlighting concerns over U.S.-India relations potentially undermining China's interests. Xi's letter, sent amidst heavy tariffs, underscored fears that Indian cooperation with the U.S. could lead to unfavorable economic and strategic shifts in the region, prompting India to cautiously engage in dialogue with Beijing, including discussions on border issues and economic cooperation. By mid-2023, India had reciprocated China's overtures through various confidence-building measures, such as reopening pilgrimage routes and resuming direct flights. This emerging detente, particularly ahead of the SCO Summit, illustrates a recalibration of India's foreign policy, aiming to balance its strategic autonomy while navigating pressures from both Washington and Beijing. Analysts suggest that this shift could reshape

the power dynamics in Asia, as India seeks economic stability amidst global volatility and reevaluates its role in a potential U.S.-led Indo-Pacific bloc. The Xi-Murmu exchange, therefore, signifies a pivotal moment, potentially redistributing the geopolitical landscape in Asia while challenging the current framework of U.S.-India relations.

Democrats criticize Trump for targeting India with oil tariffs SHARE

29-Aug-25

The US Democrats have criticized President Trump for imposing tariffs on India for purchasing Russian oil while ignoring larger buyers like China, arguing that this approach is damaging the US-India relationship. They describe the tariffs as unjustified, contending that the focus on India rather than broader sanctions undermines the intended objectives regarding Russian energy purchases. India has responded firmly, asserting its right to safeguard its national interests and economic security. This situation highlights the complexities of international relations, where geopolitical strategies must balance economic realities and alliances, particularly in a critical geopolitical landscape where India plays a significant role.

India and Japan Strengthen Security Cooperation on Cyber Threats SHARE

29-Aug-25

India and Japan have issued a Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, emphasizing collaboration on defense, cyber security, and critical infrastructure protection amid rising regional threats. The declaration aims to enhance resilience against cyber-enabled risks, share threat intelligence, and coordinate responses to incidents affecting vital services. This strategic alignment reflects both countries' commitment to bolster their defense capabilities and deter malicious cyber activities targeting government and essential services. The agreement may facilitate joint cyber exercises, benefiting India's domestic defense communications efforts and Japan's growing cyber readiness, thereby reinforcing security in the Indo-Pacific region.

China's military conducts patrols at disputed Scarborough Shoal SHARE

29-Aug-25

China's military and coast guard conducted patrols around the disputed Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea, asserting their commitment to safeguarding what they term "territorial sovereignty." This escalation

follows increased law enforcement activities since August, with Chinese forces on "combat readiness" in the area. Tensions are further heightened by a recent collision between Chinese vessels, marking the first known incident of its kind at the shoal. While China claims almost the entirety of the South China Sea, this provocative stance continues to draw contention from neighboring nations, particularly the Philippines, underscoring the ongoing geopolitical complexities in the region.

Taiwan: China's Military Drills Cost \$21 Billion, Up 40% SHARE

29-Aug-25

China's military expenditure on exercises in the Taiwan Strait and the surrounding regions surged to approximately \$21 billion last year, marking a 40% increase from 2023, according to Taiwanese estimates. This spending reflects China's intensified military activities, including nearly 12,000 flights and over 86,000 naval sailings. Taiwan's defense ministry contends that such aggressive maneuvers undermine regional peace and stability, highlighting concerns over China's military expansion and its implications for the Indo-Pacific. This situation necessitates strengthened defense strategies among regional allies, including India, to ensure a balanced geopolitical landscape amid rising Chinese assertiveness.

U.S. Consul General: India Key Partner in Indo-Pacific Security SHARE

29-Aug-25

The U.S. Consul General Chris Hodges emphasized India's critical role in enhancing governance and security in the Indo-Pacific, particularly through its participation in the Quad and humanitarian efforts. The seminar on Maritime Security highlighted the necessity of regional collaboration among navies and governments to address challenges such as freedom of navigation and transnational crimes. Rear Admiral Satish Shenai reinforced that India's strategic partnerships and naval capabilities position it as a vital contributor to collective security and stability in the region. This underscores India's significance not only as a regional player but as a global stakeholder aligned with U.S. interests in ensuring a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific order.

Ukrainian Envoy: No territorial concessions in war with Russia SHARE

29-Aug-25

Ukrainian Ambassador to India Oleksandr Polishchuk emphasized Ukraine's steadfastness in not conceding any territory amid the ongoing war with Russia. He criticized Russia for using profits from discounted oil trades with India to fund its military efforts instead of improving domestic welfare. Polishchuk acknowledged India's role in advocating for peace and expressed hope for Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's visit to India. The comments highlight the evolving geopolitical dynamics, where India's diplomatic efforts may enhance its global standing and further solidify its strategic partnerships, particularly as it balances relations with both Western allies and Russia.

Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion Concludes at IONS 2025 SHARE

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The Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion under the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) took place at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi from 27 to 28 August 2025, bringing together delegates from 19 member countries. The event focused on the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Region, emerging technologies in maritime security, and the future role of IONS in fostering collaboration. Key discussions emphasized enhancing maritime domain awareness, interoperability, and shared training initiatives. Delegates reaffirmed their commitment to cooperative security, highlighting India's proactive role in encouraging dialogue and mutual trust among naval leaders for regional stability and prosperity.

Dinesh Patnaik becomes India's High Commissioner to Canada, Cooter to India SHARE

29-Aug-25

India has appointed seasoned diplomat Dinesh K. Patnaik as its new High Commissioner to Canada, signaling a commitment to strengthening bilateral ties, which had strained earlier this year due to allegations made by former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding New Delhi's involvement in the killing of a Canadian Sikh separatist—claims India has firmly denied. Concurrently, Canada has appointed Christopher Cooter as its envoy to India, marking a further step in enhancing diplomatic relations between the two nations. This mutual appointment reflects both countries' efforts to improve their diplomatic

engagement and trade partnerships despite prior tensions.

Military Operations

IAF Chief AP Singh calls for unified strategy to counter threats in Shillong. SHARE

29-Aug-25

Indian Air Force Chief Amar Preet Singh underscored the necessity for a unified strategy to address emerging threats during his visit to the Eastern Air Command in Shillong. Addressing the Commanders' Conference, he emphasized the vital role of the Eastern Air Command in securing India's northern and eastern borders, while also advocating for enhanced operational capabilities and coordination with other military services. The conference aimed to boost preparedness for various challenges, with awards presented to Air Force Stations for operational excellence. This approach reflects a proactive stance in safeguarding national security amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

Security forces thwart infiltration, kill 2 terrorists in Bandipora SHARE

29-Aug-25

Indian security forces successfully thwarted an infiltration attempt in the Gurez sector of Bandipora, Jammu and Kashmir, killing two suspected terrorists. This operation was initiated based on intelligence inputs from the J&K Police, highlighting the collaboration between local police and the Indian Army. Following recent escalations, including the Pahalgam terror attack, security forces have neutralized 16 terrorists this year, reflecting their proactive stance and enhanced vigilance in the region. The operation underscores the ongoing commitment of the Indian Armed Forces to maintain security and stability in Kashmir, honoring the sacrifices of its personnel while ensuring the safety of civilians.

Army Rescues 308 People, Including 56 BSF Personnel, Amid Floods SHARE

29-Aug-25

The Indian Army has significantly ramped up rescue operations in response to severe flooding affecting over 835 villages across Punjab and parts of Jammu and Kashmir, deploying a total of 28 columns, including medical and communication teams. In recent efforts, 943 individuals, including 56 Border Security Force (BSF) personnel and 50 children from an orphanage,

have been evacuated, with the Army also providing essential supplies and medical assistance to those in need. The situation remains critical, particularly in Kapurthala district, where the Beas River has reached unprecedented levels, prompting urgent evacuations. Local and state authorities are actively coordinating with the Army to ensure timely relief measures, while calls are being made for the central government to declare the floods a national disaster to facilitate further aid. The overwhelming response exemplifies the commitment and efficiency of the Indian defense forces in humanitarian crises, underscoring their role as critical first responders during natural disasters. This collaborative effort not only highlights the strategic importance of the Army in disaster management but also reinforces the resilience and support of the Indian state in safeguarding its citizens from calamities.

F-16 Crash Kills Pilot During Poland Air Show Rehearsal SHARE

29-Aug-25

A tragic incident occurred during a rehearsal for the Radom Air Show in Poland, where an F-16 fighter jet crashed, resulting in the death of a highly regarded pilot. The crash has raised concerns about the operational readiness of Poland's F-16 fleet, especially as the government recently signed a \$3.8 billion contract to modernize these aircraft. This event has cast a shadow over preparations for the upcoming air show, a key aviation spectacle in Central Europe, highlighting the risks military aviators face and the sacrifices made in national defense. The Polish leadership has expressed deep condolences, acknowledging the pilot's dedication and the broader impact on the military community.

Russia sinks Ukraine's largest warship with naval drone strike SHARE

29-Aug-25

Russia recently claimed a significant naval success by sinking Ukraine's Simferopol warship using a naval drone, marking a notable escalation in maritime warfare tactics. This incident coincided with a large-scale Russian drone assault on Kyiv, resulting in numerous casualties and damage to infrastructure. Analysts point out that while Russia is advancing its naval drone capabilities, including the Katran model, these systems face limitations compared to Ukraine's satellite-linked drones. The UN Security Council will address these developments amidst growing international concerns about the expanding role of drone warfare in the

conflict, indicating a pivotal shift in military strategies between the two nations.

Indian Army Safely Dismantles 15 Unexploded Mortar Bombs in Arunachal SHARE

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The Indian Army's Spearhead Division successfully neutralized a potential threat by safely demolishing 15 unexploded 81 mm mortar bombs in Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. This operation was carried out in coordination with local authorities, ensuring public safety amid challenging weather and terrain. The prompt and professional response not only eliminated a significant danger to civilians but also highlighted the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare and effective collaboration with civil administration. The local population and state officials expressed gratitude for the Army's decisive action, reinforcing the crucial role of military engagement in maintaining safety in remote areas.

Israeli military designates Gaza City as a 'combat zone' amid crisis. SHARE

29-Aug-25

The Israeli military has declared Gaza City a "dangerous combat zone" as it prepares for an expansive offensive, ignoring calls to halt operations amidst humanitarian crises. With nearly a million people trapped, many are being forced to evacuate while facing dire conditions. The Israeli government, under pressure to resolve hostilities with Hamas, has authorized military actions aimed at total dismantlement of the group, even as humanitarian concerns rise, including reports of famine. The situation underscores the complexities of military engagement in densely populated areas, raising questions about civilian safety amidst ongoing conflict.

JSW Deploys Amphibious Vehicles for Punjab Flood Rescue Efforts SHARE

29-Aug-25

JSW Group has deployed four amphibious vehicles to assist in flood rescue operations in Amritsar and Sultanpur Lodhi after a request from local authorities. These vehicles, operated under the District Collector's Office and in coordination with the SDRF, NDRF, and Indian Army, are essential for saving lives and delivering supplies. JSW Gecko Motors aims to encourage the adoption of these vehicles by state rescue agencies after demonstrating their effectiveness in extreme conditions. This initiative underscores the importance of public-private partnerships in disaster response,

showcasing India's capability to mobilize resources for humanitarian aid efficiently.

IAF Boosts Flood Relief Operations in Northern Punjab and Jammu



29-Aug-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has intensified its flood relief operations across Northern Punjab and Jammu since August 27, 2025, responding to severe flooding in these regions. The IAF is committed to deploying necessary resources and personnel, reaffirming its dedication to assisting citizens in distress. This operation showcases the IAF's operational readiness and capability to coordinate effectively with other agencies during humanitarian crises. Such initiatives not only enhance national resilience but also exemplify the IAF's role in ensuring public safety and disaster response, reinforcing its position as a vital element of India's defense strategy.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Bihar on alert as three Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists enter from Nepal.



29-Aug-25

Bihar is on high alert following intelligence reports that three Pakistani terrorists from the banned outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed have crossed the porous Nepal border into the state. Bihar Police have issued alerts across districts, enhancing security at vital institutions and tourist locations. The terrorists, identified as Hasnain Ali, Adil Hussain, and Mohammad Usman, are believed to have entered via Araria, prompting intensified patrolling and search operations. Authorities are offering rewards for information leading to their arrest, highlighting the state's proactive measures to prevent any threats from anti-national elements, thereby reinforcing its commitment to public safety and national security.

NIA reviewing Malegaon blast acquittal, appeal decision pending



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is currently reviewing the acquittal of all seven accused in the Malegaon blast case, including Pragya Thakur and Lt. Col. Shrikant Purohit, following a court ruling that cited insufficient evidence. The NIA is consulting legal opinions before deciding whether to appeal the verdict, which allows for a 30 to 90-day timeframe for such

actions. The 2008 blast, which resulted in six deaths and numerous injuries, led to significant unrest in the region. This situation highlights challenges in securing convictions in high-profile cases, underscoring the need for robust evidence and legal strategies in counter-terrorism efforts.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Videos Misrepresent Indian Defense Leaders Amidst Operation Sindoor



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A series of videos have emerged on social media, one allegedly featuring India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan praising the Pakistan Army during Operation Sindoor, which he described as a learning experience for India in modern conflict. Another doctored video circulated by Pakistani propaganda shows India's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, suggesting that the Modi government prevented the Navy from participating in Operation Sindoor, leading to losses for the Indian Air Force. However, the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has debunked the latter video, confirming that Admiral Tripathi actually praised the government's actions and highlighted the Navy's advanced capability to deliver a decisive strike against adversaries. Operation Sindoor was initiated in response to a terrorist attack that claimed multiple lives, with the Indian Armed Forces poised to execute military action against terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The incidents underscore the ongoing information warfare, with efforts to undermine the credibility of India's defense leadership through misinformation, while reaffirming the nation's strong military resolve in the face of terrorism.

AI-Enhanced Malware Threatens Defense Software Development



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Cyber adversaries, particularly North Korean groups, are increasingly using AI-enhanced malware to infiltrate software development processes within the defense tech sector, targeting supply chains for espionage and sabotage. This evolution in tactics, which includes malicious code injections and the exploitation of open-source repositories, presents significant challenges for detection and demands advanced behavioral analysis. Organizations are urged to adopt secure development practices, conduct thorough code reviews, and deploy AI defenses to mitigate these threats. This trend,

impacting critical infrastructure, underscores the pressing need for vigilance and robust cybersecurity measures within the software ecosystem, particularly for nations like India that are enhancing their defense capabilities.

Chinese Hackers Target Diplomats Using Advanced AitM Techniques SHARE

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Chinese state-sponsored hackers, linked to the Silk Typhoon group, are utilizing advanced adversary-in-the-middle (AitM) techniques to target diplomats by hijacking web traffic and redirecting users to malware-serving sites. This method effectively bypasses traditional defenses, aiming to compromise sensitive communications and exfiltrate information, particularly from government and military targets. The incident underscores the growing sophistication of Chinese cyber operations, necessitating enhanced security measures like secure browsing and traffic inspection tools. This highlights the urgent need for countries, including India, to bolster their cyber defenses to protect against such espionage activities and safeguard national security.

Ukraine Warns of Phishing Attacks on Defense Sectors by UAC-0099 SHARE

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Ukraine's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-UA) has alerted about phishing campaigns by the UAC-0099 group, targeting defense sectors with malware to compromise systems and steal sensitive military data. These attacks, linked to ongoing cyber warfare amid conflicts, have increased by 70% in 2024, particularly from Russian sources. Ukraine emphasizes the importance of email filtering, user awareness, and monitoring networks to counter these threats. The advisory encourages organizations to patch vulnerabilities as international partners step in to bolster response efforts. This highlights the critical need for robust cybersecurity measures within defense sectors globally, including India, where similar threats could emerge amidst rising geopolitical tensions.

Anubis Ransomware Group Targets Canadian Defense Contractor

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The Anubis ransomware group has breached TRAF Industrial Products, a Canadian defense contractor, threatening to leak sensitive data if ransom demands are not met. This incident raises significant national

security concerns, as TRAF supplies critical components to military and aviation sectors. The attackers utilize sophisticated malware and double-extortion tactics, emphasizing the vulnerabilities within the defense supply chain. As the incident unfolds, it underscores the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity regulations and practices for defense contractors, highlighting the necessity for robust measures like multi-factor authentication and employee training to mitigate such threats, ultimately safeguarding national defense infrastructure against rising cyber threats.

US Defense Secretary Ends Microsoft Program with Chinese Coders SHARE

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US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has terminated a Microsoft program that employed Chinese coders for sensitive Defense Department cloud databases, citing unacceptable national security risks, including potential espionage. This decision, reflective of heightened scrutiny on foreign involvement in defense contracts, aims to safeguard military infrastructure against cyber threats, particularly from adversaries like China. The program's halt could impact ongoing projects, necessitating rapid reconfiguration of cloud environments. As the DoD enhances oversight of contractor personnel, this move underscores the critical balance between leveraging technological efficiencies and ensuring national security, particularly in a geopolitical landscape marked by increasing threats.

China-Linked Salt Typhoon APT Breaches 600+ Global Organizations SHARE

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A China-linked advanced persistent threat group, Salt Typhoon, has breached over 600 organizations globally, particularly targeting telecommunications, government, and military sectors, raising alarms about cyber espionage attributed to China's Ministry of State Security. The group exploited vulnerabilities in widely used systems to establish long-term access for data theft, endangering defense-related networks and critical infrastructure. This incident highlights the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity measures, such as zero-trust architectures and international cooperation for threat attribution and detection. The evolving threat landscape underscores that state actors are increasingly focusing on strategic advantages, necessitating proactive vulnerability management and comprehensive audits of critical systems.

Global Security Agencies Warn of Chinese Cyber Threats to Infrastructure [SHARE](#)

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Global security agencies, including the U.S. NSA and FBI, have issued a joint advisory on cybersecurity threats posed by Chinese state-sponsored actors targeting critical infrastructure globally. These actors exploit vulnerabilities in devices like routers to gain persistent access for espionage and potential disruption. The advisory emphasizes the need for robust cybersecurity measures, including timely patching and threat hunting, to counter these sophisticated attacks. This collaborative alert highlights the growing cyber threats from state actors, particularly China, amid escalating geopolitical tensions, urging defense and critical sectors to fortify their networks and safeguard national security interests.

CERT-In Issues High-Severity Advisory on PAN-OS Vulnerabilities [SHARE](#)

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India's CERT-In has reiterated a high-severity advisory regarding vulnerabilities in PAN-OS and Cortex XDR web interfaces, which pose significant risks to large enterprises, telecoms, and sectors critical to national defense. The exploitation of these flaws could allow unauthorized command execution and sensitive data access, highlighting the importance of prompt remediation and enhanced security measures. This advisory underscores the necessity for defense and critical infrastructure operators to implement best practices such as access control and restricted management interfaces to mitigate potential threats. The emphasis on active risk management is crucial for maintaining the integrity of national defense supply chains and protecting against sophisticated adversarial attacks.

China Dismisses Claims of State-Sponsored Cyberattacks [SHARE](#)

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China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has dismissed new multinational cybersecurity advisories alleging state-sponsored cyberattacks on sensitive networks and infrastructure as disinformation driven by political agendas. This response highlights ongoing tensions regarding cyber operations attribution and the geopolitical friction surrounding it. The situation underscores the uncertainty for India and regional actors concerning the scale of Chinese cyber activities, particularly in critical sectors like communications and defense. As cyber threats escalate across Asia,

Beijing's public denials may shape corporate risk assessments and diplomatic narratives, reflecting a complex landscape where cybersecurity is intertwined with broader international relations and strategic interests.

Microsoft's August Patch Tuesday fixes 107 vulnerabilities, including 36 critical RCEs, highlighting urgent cybersecurity needs for defense and infrastructure sectors. [SHARE](#)

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Microsoft's August 2025 Patch Tuesday addressed 107 vulnerabilities, including 36 classified as remote code execution risks, necessitating urgent action from sensitive sectors like defense and critical infrastructure. With no zero-day exploits flagged, the extensive updates highlight the need for robust patch management to mitigate risks of malware deployment and data exfiltration. The emphasis on RCE fixes underscores the importance of implementing compensating controls such as network segmentation and application allowlisting during patch rollout. This proactive approach is vital for maintaining cyber resilience in organizations linked to national security, ensuring their operational integrity against potential cyber threats.

Indian Army's Terrier Cyber Quest boosts cyber defense readiness [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army's Terrier Cyber Quest 2025 is advancing into its final stages, featuring attack-defense challenges that simulate critical infrastructure scenarios. This initiative, in collaboration with IIT Madras and CyberPeace, includes a 36-hour bug hunt and a Datathon focused on threat intelligence. The program aims to enhance indigenous cyber capabilities, addressing rising threats like ransomware and espionage by validating tactics in realistic conditions. By recognizing winning teams and potentially operationalizing their solutions, India is reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding defense networks and critical infrastructure amid increasing regional cyber activities. This proactive approach demonstrates India's strategic investment in cyber readiness.

HAFNIUM's Ransomware Threats Targeting Asia's Sensitive Sectors [SHARE](#)

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A recent threat intelligence summary highlights ongoing activities by the China-linked group HAFNIUM

(Silk Typhoon), focusing on aggressive ransomware tactics targeting sensitive sectors in Asia, particularly in defense and critical infrastructure. The report emphasizes the need for organizations, including those in India, to enhance their cybersecurity measures, such as patching vulnerabilities and strengthening backup strategies, to mitigate risks from escalating ransomware threats. The analysis also underscores the intersection of espionage and financially motivated attacks, indicating a continued focus on high-value data sets with national security implications. This situation necessitates vigilance and proactive defense measures to safeguard India's strategic interests.

Storm-0501 ransomware wipes Azure data post-exfiltration, raising security concerns.



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The recent Storm-0501 ransomware attack highlights a significant escalation in cloud-targeted operations, where attackers not only exfiltrate data from Microsoft Azure but also destroy critical resources post-theft, complicating recovery efforts for affected organizations. This incident raises alarms for sectors such as defense and telecommunications, which increasingly depend on cloud infrastructure. The attackers exploited legitimate administrative tools to undermine system resilience, emphasizing the urgent need for enhanced security measures like least-privilege access and tamper-proof backups. As Indian defense and public sector entities migrate to cloud environments, they must prioritize robust incident response strategies to safeguard sensitive applications against evolving cyber threats.

Sebi clarifies cybersecurity framework for regulated entities



29-Aug-25

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has clarified the applicability of its cybersecurity and cyber resilience framework (CSCRF), stating it only affects systems used for regulated activities, with shared infrastructure also subject to audits. Entities must adopt zero-trust principles and ensure disaster recovery capabilities, including a two-hour recovery time for critical operations. The classification of regulated entities based on Assets Under Management has been revised, introducing categories for portfolio managers and merchant bankers. This proactive approach by Sebi reinforces the importance of cybersecurity in maintaining market integrity and resilience,

emphasizing the need for robust compliance frameworks within the financial sector.

Anthropic strengthens defenses against AI-driven cybercrime threats.



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The report from Anthropic reveals that hackers are exploiting AI models, including Claude, to conduct sophisticated cyberattacks, ranging from data theft to ransomware development. These cybercriminals, often with minimal technical skills, utilize AI for automating various stages of their operations and crafting targeted extortion strategies. Notably, North Korean hackers have also misused AI to create fake identities for remote jobs, bypassing traditional barriers. In response, Anthropic has implemented enhanced security measures and collaborated with authorities to counter these threats, emphasizing the need for ongoing vigilance as AI-driven cybercrime continues to evolve and pose significant challenges to cybersecurity.

SK Telecom fined \$97M for major data leak affecting 27M users.



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South Korea's SK Telecom has been fined approximately \$97 million following a significant cyberattack that resulted in the data leak of nearly 27 million users. The Personal Information Protection Commission criticized the company for inadequate safety measures and delayed notifications to customers, noting that the company's systems were poorly maintained and vulnerable. In response, SK Telecom acknowledged its responsibilities and announced plans to invest about \$700 million over five years to enhance data protection. This incident highlights the critical need for robust cybersecurity protocols in the telecommunications sector to safeguard sensitive user information.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Government extends ECHS benefits to medically boarded-out cadets



29-Aug-25

The government has approved extending the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme to officer cadets medically boarded out due to training-related disabilities, waiving the ₹1.2 lakh subscription and enabling free OPD at ECHS polyclinics with cashless, capless OPD/IPD care at empanelled hospitals; the

order, issued by the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare on August 28–29, 2025, applies to past and future cases from academies including NDA, IMA and OTA, is limited to the affected cadet, and is framed as a humanitarian dispensation without precedent for other categories, augmenting existing monthly ex gratia and disability-linked awards for 20%–100% disability brackets. Officials underscored that only a small cohort is affected each year—estimated cumulatively since the mid-1980s—though families face significant financial and emotional burdens; ECHS, launched in 2003, now spans 30 regional centres, 448 polyclinics and over 3,000 empanelled facilities serving roughly 6.3 million beneficiaries, and the order indicates operationalisation following the public announcement. The step follows sustained campaigns by former cadets and heightened scrutiny after national media reports, with the Supreme Court in mid-August 2025 seeking a comprehensive response on enhanced medical support and insurance, as ex-cadet advocates including Ankur Chaturvedi highlighted prolonged exclusion from entitlement-based care and the lack of ex-servicemen status; notably, a revitalised DESW has accelerated resolution in recent months amid the court’s urgings.

Governor Honors NIMAS and Army Units for Outstanding Service



29-Aug-25

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.), awarded prestigious Governors Citations to the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) and several Indian Army units, including the 1900 Field Regiment and 2 DOGRA, for their exemplary service and operational excellence. The Governor praised the Army's role in maintaining peace in Arunachal Pradesh, which shares borders with China, Myanmar, and Bhutan, and highlighted the importance of initiatives like the Vibrant Villages Programme for strengthening border communities. This recognition underlines the critical partnership between the Indian Army and local administrations, fostering unity and progress in the region.

Havildar Iqbal Ali laid to rest with full military honors in Jhunjhunu



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Havildar Iqbal Ali of the Indian Army, who served with the 21 Grenadiers, was laid to rest in Lalpur village, Jhunjhunu, with full military honors after dying from a heart attack while patrolling the LoC in Kupwara, J&K. His funeral saw thousands participating in a tricolour rally, demonstrating the deep respect and solidarity of

the community. Ali's family, including his 10-year-old daughter, received the national flag during the ceremony, highlighting the sacrifice made by him and his lineage of military service. This event emphasizes the valor of Indian soldiers and the profound impact of their dedication on their families and communities.

KIIT-DU partners with IAF to enhance education for air warriors and families



29-Aug-25

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Air Force to expand higher education opportunities for serving and retired air warriors and their wards, including engineering and medical programs, with admissions via NEET for medical/dental and KIITEE for other courses, and provisions such as tuition fee concessions and support for families of personnel who died in service; the MoU was formalized in Bhubaneswar between Air Vice Marshal Harjit S Sidana, VSM, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education), and KIIT-DU Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh on August 29, 2025, alongside discussions on joint R&D and short-term programs, and follows KIIT's recent defense-sector collaborations with the Navy and Coast Guard to broaden educational access for armed forces families

Sanjay Seth Launches Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen in Delhi



29-Aug-25

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth inaugurated a Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) in Delhi, emphasizing the government's commitment to their welfare and recognizing them as "Brand Ambassadors of Viksit Bharat." Over 1500 ESM participated, with 40 companies offering more than 750 job vacancies across various roles. This initiative, part of a series of eighteen planned fairs, not only provides re-employment opportunities for veterans but also enables corporates to tap into a pool of disciplined and skilled personnel. The event underscores the importance of integrating ESM into the civilian workforce, benefitting both the veterans and the economy.

Miscellaneous

Telangana Floods: Rescue Efforts Amid Criticism of Preparedness

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The recent floods in Telangana, particularly affecting Kamareddy and Medak districts, have led to significant human and material losses, with reports indicating that six individuals are missing and nearly 1,400 people have been rescued. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has called for immediate relief measures and compensation for those affected, specifically emphasizing crop and property losses, while also directing officials to enhance disaster preparedness through high-level bridge construction and continuous monitoring of rainfall data. However, political tensions have surfaced as BRS leader KT Rama Rao criticized the government for inadequate flood preparation and response, claiming that the current administration failed to heed weather warnings and that delays in rescue efforts were exacerbated by the misuse of state helicopters for political activities. Meanwhile, the Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence department has executed extensive rescue operations, successfully saving over 1,600 individuals trapped by the floods, utilizing various resources including boats and Army helicopters. The emotional narratives of families affected by the floods highlight both the dire circumstances and the heroic efforts of first responders, with instances of dramatic rescues underscoring the urgent need for effective disaster management strategies in the face of such unprecedented natural calamities. This situation encapsulates the need for political accountability and the importance of preparedness in mitigating the impact of natural disasters, while also showcasing the resilience and bravery of rescue teams working under extreme conditions.

Punjab Floods: 2,000 Rescued as Army and NDRF Respond

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The recent floods in Punjab have severely impacted 836 villages and affected over 14,000 individuals due to the swelling of the Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej rivers, which have inundated vast agricultural areas, leading to the loss of crops across more than 1.10 lakh acres. Rescue operations are underway, with the deployment of the Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams, and the use of advanced equipment such as

amphibious ATOR vehicles and drones to deliver relief supplies. In Gurdaspur, over 2,000 residents have already been evacuated, and the state government has established multiple relief camps equipped with essential provisions. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann highlighted the unprecedented nature of these floods, noting the record discharge of water in the Ravi river exceeding all previous flood events since 1988, and called for coordination with neighboring states to manage water releases. Furthermore, he and his cabinet have pledged one month's salary toward relief efforts, emphasizing the importance of community solidarity during this crisis. The local administration is working diligently to assess damage and prevent disease outbreaks amid ongoing heavy rainfall, which has exacerbated the situation. The collective response, involving both government agencies and local communities, showcases India's resilience and commitment to disaster management, reinforcing the strategic importance of effective coordination and resource mobilization in addressing such natural calamities.

INS Tamal and Surat Dock in Jeddah to Boost India-Saudi Ties

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INS Tamal and INS Surat, two significant vessels of the Indian Navy, arrived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to foster defense collaboration and enhance bilateral relations. During their port call on 27 and 28 August 2025, the crew will engage with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces through sports, familiarization activities, and cultural exchanges. This visit not only solidifies India's commitment to strengthening ties with Saudi Arabia but also offers opportunities for both navies to share best practices and explore further engagement avenues. Such interactions reflect India's proactive approach in enhancing security partnerships in the region, ultimately contributing to regional stability and cooperation.

Punjab Floods Submerge 2.9 Lakh Acres of Paddy, Affect 400 Villages

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Flooding in Punjab has severely impacted agriculture, inundating approximately 2.9 lakh acres of paddy fields across over 400 villages, primarily along the Ravi and Beas rivers. The situation remains dire, with crop losses anticipated as stagnant water threatens to rot the paddy, which is due for harvest soon. While rescue operations are ongoing, many residents are reluctant to evacuate, risking their belongings and livestock. Early economic assessments indicate that the flood's impact

could be significant, further straining farmers already experiencing financial hardships. Swift drainage and recovery efforts will be crucial to mitigate the agricultural damage and support affected communities.

Indian Army and Bisleri Collaborate on Eco Zone in Sikkim



29-Aug-25

The Indian Army has partnered with Bisleri International to develop an eco zone focused on plastic waste management at the Gangtok Military Station in Sikkim, showcasing a commitment to sustainability through the Bottles for Change program. This initiative aims to recycle post-consumer plastic and promote environmental awareness, reflecting shared values of discipline and community impact between the Army and Bisleri. The collaboration positions the military station as a model for sustainable development in the region, reinforcing the importance of environmental stewardship in India's strategic framework while enhancing community relations and national pride. Overall, this partnership represents a significant step towards ecological responsibility and sustainability in India.

India and Philippines Collaborate on Space Technology Development



29-Aug-25

India and the Philippines have entered a significant collaboration in space and electronics industries to enhance their technological ecosystems, marking the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties. This partnership aims to co-develop satellite communication technologies, integrating manufacturing capabilities to boost innovation and strengthen supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region. By focusing on joint projects and skill development, both nations seek to reduce dependence on external supply chains and position themselves as key players in the evolving global space technology landscape. This initiative not only fosters bilateral ties but also promotes resilience in their respective industries, contributing to regional technological advancement and economic growth.

Enhancing Private Sector Role in India's Civil Nuclear Energy



29-Aug-25

The Indian government is committed to building at least five Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) by 2033 to diversify its clean energy sources amidst rising power demands projected to reach 708 GW by 2047. However, the existing legislative framework, including the Atomic

Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, restricts private and foreign investments in nuclear energy. To attract global technology leaders and ensure energy independence, India must amend these laws, allowing private ownership and a balanced liability framework. This strategic move could enhance India's energy security and position it as a leader in advanced nuclear technology while contributing to a low-carbon future.

Nvidia CEO: Talks on AI chip sales to China may take time



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Discussions between Nvidia and the White House regarding the sale of a less advanced version of its AI chips to China are ongoing and may take time, according to Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang. He indicated that while there are concerns in Washington about China exploiting U.S. AI technology for military use, the potential market for Nvidia in China is significant, estimated at \$50 billion. Huang expressed openness to meeting any conditions necessary to facilitate these sales, emphasizing the broader importance of American leadership in AI technology. This delicate balancing act reflects the strategic competition between the U.S. and China in technology and military advancements.

Kulasekarapattinam launch complex to be ready by December 2026



29-Aug-25

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to complete the Kulasekarapattinam launch complex by December 2026, aiming for 20-25 satellite launches annually. This facility, covering 2300 acres, will support the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), which can carry 500 kg payloads to 400 km altitudes. ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan confirmed that the Prime Minister will announce the launch date, with initial launches targeted for late next year. This expansion signifies India's commitment to enhancing its satellite launch capabilities, complementing the existing facilities in Sriharikota, and reflects a strategic move towards becoming a global leader in space technology and satellite deployment.

ISRO-JAXA Missions to Boost Industry Collaboration: PM Modi



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the significance of India's collaboration with Japan through the ISRO-JAXA joint space missions, particularly

focusing on the upcoming Chandrayaan-5 (LUPEX) mission set for a 2027-28 launch. This partnership aims to explore the lunar south pole for water ice, fostering innovation and collaboration between industries and startups in both countries. Modi highlighted that India's advancements in space science are crucial for societal progress, extending beyond exploration to impact areas such as agriculture and disaster management. He reiterated that space is the next frontier for India, showcasing the nation's determination and innovative spirit in its scientific endeavors.

India to Address Global Semiconductor Talent Shortage by 2030



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India is set to address the global semiconductor talent shortfall projected to reach one million by 2030, as highlighted by Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The recent inauguration of the first end-to-end Semiconductor OSAT Pilot Line Facility in Sanand, Gujarat, marks a significant milestone under the India Semiconductor Mission, aimed at enhancing domestic semiconductor design and manufacturing capabilities. This initiative partners with 270 universities to empower youth with

advanced semiconductor tools, facilitating the development and fabrication of innovative chips. Ultimately, India's strategic focus on building a robust semiconductor ecosystem positions the nation as a potential global hub while promoting self-reliance and meeting international demands.

ISRO plans human Mars landing and lunar station by 2047



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India's space agency, ISRO, aims to achieve a human landing on Mars within four decades, alongside plans for a crew station on the Moon by 2047 and significant upgrades to its launch vehicles. The roadmap, shaped by nationwide consultations, includes the development of the Lunar Module Launch Vehicle (LMLV) by 2035, which will facilitate lunar missions and support payloads of up to 80 tonnes. Prime Minister Modi's ambitious targets for ISRO emphasize a commitment to deep space exploration and human spaceflight, reflecting India's growing capabilities and aspirations in the global space arena. This strategic vision positions India as a key player in the future of space exploration.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
APOLLO	243.5	271.4	243.5	262.79	51575233	8.38	81.54	201.0	142.12
IDEAFORGE	462.2	508.0	460.2	487.65	1453724	5.98	52.92	455.46	497.0
SWANDEF	390.8	390.8	390.8	390.8	4644	5.0	99.99	255.75	39.09
TECHERA	202.5	206.05	196.1	205.95	45600	4.94	54.83	199.34	179.72
HBLPOWER	780.0	835.0	776.55	807.1	8544737	3.36	77.23	709.98	571.59
AVANTEL	145.0	153.2	143.6	149.76	2485669	2.81	60.61	135.77	138.44
GOODLUCK	1165.1	1205.5	1153.0	1191.2	500196	2.7	65.65	1062.48	906.44
CENTUM	2695.0	2787.2	2659.8	2753.5	11148	2.43	64.94	2510.19	1942.37
PREMEXPLN	495.95	526.8	491.1	503.65	656444	1.8	51.7	477.6	468.07
TEMBO	644.15	667.95	644.15	654.6	61921	1.62	76.54	550.75	585.43
BEL	362.3	371.0	361.6	369.4	12739664	1.53	37.59	379.56	327.53
JYOTICNC	904.9	918.2	899.0	911.2	128472	1.33	36.8	952.87	1115.38
PARAS	640.0	655.95	633.9	648.7	372085	1.3	38.4	658.29	613.03
RTNINDIA	60.58	63.04	59.5	61.36	40240277	1.29	67.39	53.85	54.05
HIGHENE	677.0	677.0	650.0	667.15	2973	1.21	56.18	624.95	602.59
LT	3575.6	3615.0	3540.2	3601.0	1678055	1.15	50.61	3623.23	3512.57
DCXINDIA	260.75	267.7	258.5	262.0	571409	0.71	50.58	256.69	293.04
KRISHNADEF	770.0	783.3	770.0	773.1	15750	0.66	38.0	795.9	754.64
GRSE	2344.0	2430.0	2323.0	2351.7	775274	0.6	34.06	2550.72	2032.94
BDL	1425.1	1449.7	1413.6	1435.7	1741846	0.48	29.69	1537.79	1428.7
ASTRAMICRO	1021.95	1032.0	1008.0	1024.05	318860	0.47	54.85	991.16	854.46
NIBE	1170.05	1203.0	1170.05	1195.0	3621	0.37	25.68	1345.13	1477.0
COCHINSHIP	1605.0	1644.0	1594.0	1608.2	648405	0.24	28.51	1690.05	1625.9
DYNAMATECH	6418.5	6510.0	6399.0	6429.5	4101	0.17	38.65	6554.57	6993.1
BEML	3837.0	3898.0	3811.6	3839.4	103992	0.01	36.2	3969.79	3710.55
ZENTEC	1459.7	1478.1	1433.9	1459.6	276086	-0.01	39.87	1452.25	1740.63
SIKA	1130.0	1169.0	1125.0	1140.0	26475	-0.01	40.74	1206.42	785.83
SOLARINDS	13814.0	14066.0	13662.0	13795.0	99713	-0.13	35.09	14567.35	12353.51
CFE	643.0	648.85	630.0	635.0	33400	-0.13	50.98	626.52	585.94
MARINE	166.0	169.7	163.6	166.42	65610	-0.14	31.3	173.1	208.1
ROSSELLIND	65.06	65.85	64.06	64.9	13459	-0.25	39.99	66.95	70.89
HAL	4344.7	4415.0	4320.0	4332.6	1036537	-0.28	32.37	4472.66	4326.26
WALCHANNAG	175.2	181.4	173.25	174.27	64647	-0.51	29.36	184.36	216.24
AZAD	1549.0	1556.9	1523.3	1530.0	119487	-0.73	45.12	1542.29	1574.65
LOKESHMACH	209.99	211.7	204.0	205.42	43127	-0.91	49.7	206.34	230.18
DATAPAT'NS	2430.0	2458.7	2376.0	2402.8	141325	-0.95	35.07	2549.88	2347.68
MAZDOCK	2628.5	2660.0	2596.7	2603.1	1141973	-0.95	34.25	2727.74	2659.43
PTC	177.35	178.42	174.25	175.11	693660	-1.15	39.4	183.4	167.06
ADANIENT	2283.0	2289.7	2240.0	2244.7	795699	-1.34	34.65	2312.04	2418.34
BHARATFORG	1117.0	1127.9	1100.5	1106.7	1414573	-1.59	35.84	1153.58	1206.89
MTARTECH	1428.1	1437.9	1390.5	1396.0	62464	-1.76	34.68	1488.04	1540.99
DRONACHRYA	74.0	74.2	71.1	72.92	48000	-2.03	40.43	74.09	88.63
TANEJAERO	403.25	409.0	391.1	395.0	15922	-2.05	41.64	416.89	380.78
MIDHANI	368.25	373.35	357.4	361.25	319520	-2.13	30.17	389.79	348.84
MACPOWER	827.8	830.6	804.0	809.8	7662	-2.17	36.07	870.69	1045.31
AXISCADES	1282.8	1304.5	1235.0	1245.8	35231	-2.63	46.77	1260.11	915.37
LMW	14590.0	14590.0	14025.0	14107.0	4528	-2.89	30.34	15051.9	15985.54
RELINFRA	275.0	275.9	263.25	265.15	524124	-2.89	36.98	281.46	291.84
URAVIDEF	464.55	464.55	450.3	454.6	765	-4.09	30.88	488.62	452.4
SUNITATOOL	716.55	716.55	680.75	680.75	16000	-5.0	36.32	723.19	770.6