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Defense Business and Industry

Union Minister launches India's first indigenous Hansa-3(NG) pilot trainer aircraft, enhancing aviation self-reliance.

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Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh recently inaugurated the production version of India's first indigenous all-composite pilot trainer aircraft, the Hansa-3(NG), developed by CSIR National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) in partnership with Pioneer Clean Amps, which is setting up a 150 crore facility in Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh to produce up to 100 aircraft annually. This initiative is part of India's broader strategy to meet the projected demand for 30,000 pilots over the next 15 to 20 years, aiming to reduce dependence on imported training aircraft and foster local aviation entrepreneurship. Additionally, the launch event highlighted the advances in the SARAS Mk-2 Light Transport Aircraft, designed for both civilian and military roles, which features significant technological enhancements such as a pressurized cabin and digital avionics. The establishment of the Iron Bird Facility will facilitate extensive ground testing and validation for the SARAS Mk-2, underpinning a commitment to reliable and safe aviation solutions. These developments underscore India's focus on self-reliance in aviation technology, reinforcing its position as an emerging player in domestic aircraft manufacturing and enhancing short-haul regional connectivity.

TEJAS: India's Fighter Jet Progresses Despite Recent Tragedy and Challenges

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The recent tragic incident involving the TEJAS fighter jet, which resulted in the death of Wing Commander Namansh Syal during a high-risk manoeuvre, has prompted robust defense from HAL Chairman DK Sunil, who lauds the fighter's safety record. Despite the accident, officials emphasize the importance of contextual analysis, asserting the TEJAS MK-1A's advancements, including enhanced avionics and weaponry, contribute to its operational reliability. With indigenisation reaching 65%, HAL aims for higher production rates amid export aspirations targeting Southeast Asia and Africa. The ongoing development of the TEJAS MK-2, set to incorporate advanced features like GE-F414 engines and canards, highlights India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, reaffirming the program's strategic significance despite challenges.

Navy Chief Tripathi emphasizes technology's key role in future defense.

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Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi emphasized the critical role of technology in shaping the future of the armed forces during the Passing Out Parade of the 149th course at the National Defence Academy in Pune. He lauded the 328 graduating cadets, including the second batch of women cadets, underscoring their readiness to protect national security and collaborate with allied nations. Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Admiral Tripathi highlighted that military strength is essential for peace, stating, "the path of peace also goes through power." This event reaffirms the academy's high standards and the rigorous training that transforms cadets into capable leaders, reflecting India's commitment to bolster its defense capabilities in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

BSF boosts drone warfare capabilities to counter rising aerial threats.

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The Border Security Force (BSF) is enhancing its drone warfare capabilities in response to escalating aerial threats, as evidenced in recent conflicts worldwide and Pakistan's attempts to exploit airspace during Operation Sindoor. BSF Inspector General Shashank

Anand highlighted ongoing advancements in drone technology and counter-drone systems, including the establishment of forensic laboratories and a School of Drone Warfare in collaboration with leading engineering institutes. The BSF's strategic focus extends beyond border security to encompass social and economic safety for border populations, with government initiatives supporting community bunkers in Jammu and Kashmir. These developments underscore the BSF's commitment to adapting to modern warfare challenges and ensuring national security in a complex geopolitical landscape.

Indian Army deploys indigenous vehicles in UN missions, enhancing peacekeeping efforts. SHARE

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The Indian Army has enhanced its participation in UN peacekeeping operations by deploying indigenous armoured vehicles, including the KalyM4 and Sherp ATVs, which provide improved protection and mobility for troops. This strategic initiative aligns with India's self-reliance objectives and also focuses on efficient logistical support through the swift delivery of essential supplies. Currently, over 5,000 Indian peacekeepers are engaged in nine active missions worldwide, showcasing India's commitment to global peace and security. These advancements not only reinforce India's military capabilities but also bolster its reputation as a responsible contributor to international peacekeeping efforts.

CATS Warrior UCAV first flight delayed to 2027, HAL confirms. SHARE

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HAL Chairman DK Sunil announced that the first flight of the CATS Warrior UCAV, initially set for 2026, has been postponed to 2027 due to complexities in flight-control software and weapons integration. While ground testing has progressed well, integration challenges and the need for advanced systems testing—especially in light of lessons learned from Ukraine—have contributed to the delay. The CATS Warrior is envisioned to enhance India's autonomous combat capabilities, complementing existing manned aircraft like the TEJAS MK-1A and Su-30MKI. Additionally, a future 5-tonne variant, CATS Warrior II, is anticipated to enter testing between 2028 and 2031, marking significant advancements in India's defense strategy and operational readiness.

India faces challenges in advanced jet engine manufacturing despite collaboration with Safran. SHARE

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is confronting significant challenges in scaling up advanced jet engine manufacturing, despite a landmark technology transfer agreement with French aerospace major Safran. The partnership, approved in 2025, involves complete transfer of critical technologies, including advanced single-crystal turbine blade technology essential for high-performance engines. Key hurdles persist in mastering sophisticated manufacturing processes such as single crystal superalloy casting, precision investment casting, advanced thermal barrier coatings, and micro-machining cooling passageways, which require infrastructure and expertise currently limited in India. The collaboration aims to develop nine engine prototypes over 12 years, with initial thrust of 120 kN potentially scaling to 140 kN to power India's fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). This strategic partnership ensures Indian intellectual property ownership, marking a pivotal step toward self-reliance and enhanced indigenous aerospace capability. Safran's long-standing presence and collaboration in India underscore a deepening of Indo-French defense ties, complementing India's broader efforts to overcome previous setbacks from the Kaveri engine project and establish a sovereign aerospace ecosystem capable of supporting future strategic needs. The project aligns with government policies favoring domestic defense manufacturing and reduced import dependency.

India plans to acquire five more S-400 units at Modi-Putin summit after Operation Sindoor success. SHARE

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Following the successful deployment of the S-400 Triumf air defence system during "Operation Sindoor," India is poised to procure five additional squadrons of this advanced missile system, with discussions set for the upcoming Modi-Putin summit. The S-400, lauded for its exceptional battlefield performance—including the interception of various aerial threats—has proven instrumental in enhancing India's air superiority. The Defence Ministry has also approved a procurement plan to replenish S-400 missiles, ensuring robust war reserves for potential future conflicts. Additionally, a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul facility is to be established in India to support long-term operational

sustainability, reflecting India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities amid evolving geopolitical challenges.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

India's Defence Secretary suggests adopting a hybrid model for enhanced national security and innovation.

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Defence Secretary Rajesh K. Singh advocated for India to adopt a hybrid defence model akin to China's, emphasizing the integration of public-sector strengths with private-sector agility to enhance the national defence industrial base. He outlined the necessity for reforms, such as merging Defence Public Sector Undertakings with private firms and establishing clear operational targets, to foster indigenous innovation and self-reliance. Singh's approach aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, aiming for a cohesive defence ecosystem that emphasizes collaboration among the military, industry, and academia. This strategic shift is crucial for positioning India as a formidable global defence power by 2047, enhancing national security and technological superiority.

Politics

BJP accuses Congress and Rahul Gandhi of supporting Maoist insurgents.

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On November 29, 2025, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) publicly accused the Congress party and its leader Rahul Gandhi of fostering a nexus with Maoist insurgents, posing a threat to India's national sovereignty. The BJP alleged that Rahul Gandhi has been fueling sympathies for Maoists, including by sharing videos featuring supporters of the slain Maoist commander Madvi Hidma during protests in Delhi. The BJP accused Congress of tolerating "urban Naxals" and promoting "Naxalite apologists" within its leadership, linking this to a long history of policy paralysis during the Congress-led UPA government that allowed the insurgency to grow. The BJP highlighted the decline in Maoist influence under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government while criticizing Congress for what it called a dangerous flirtation with Naxalite terrorism. This issue has intensified political tensions as the BJP pushes its agenda to eradicate Maoist extremism by March 2026, emphasizing a strong security stance against the insurgency. Congress has yet to issue an official response to these charges.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Putin to discuss India-Russia strategic partnership and defense ties.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is scheduled to visit India from December 4 to 5, where he will engage in discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi concerning their privileged strategic partnership. The agenda encompasses critical topics such as defense procurement, notably India's intention to acquire additional S-400 surface-to-air missile systems, energy cooperation, and broader geopolitical issues, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. India has maintained its defense ties with Russia, while also diversifying its military suppliers, having invested significantly in U.S. arms recently. Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh emphasized the importance of timely deliveries of military equipment and the need for clarity on these issues during the talks. Amid complex international sanctions impacting energy procurement, Russia's offer of further discounts on crude oil is expected to be a significant point of negotiation. This visit underscores the resilience of India-Russia relations at a pivotal moment in global politics, facilitating dialogue on mutual concerns and reaffirming India's commitment to its strategic autonomy in defense and foreign policy.

Russia investigates Pakistan's possible role in Tajikistan drone attack on Chinese nationals.

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Russia has initiated an investigation into Pakistan's suspected involvement in a drone attack in Tajikistan that resulted in the deaths of three Chinese nationals. The attack, attributed to "criminal groups" potentially linked to Pakistan, occurred at a gold mine in Khatlon province, raising tensions between China and Pakistan. Tajikistan's government condemned the assault and emphasized the need for regional stability, while Afghanistan expressed condolences and pledged cooperation with Tajikistan to identify the perpetrators. This incident further strains Sino-Pak ties and highlights the intricate security dynamics in Central Asia, where

external influences and regional rivalries continue to exacerbate tensions.

Military Operations

INS Vikrant Aids Sri Lanka Flood Relief with Helicopters and UAVs

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India has rapidly deployed significant humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka in response to the devastating impacts of Cyclone Ditwah, which has left over 190 people dead and nearly a million affected by flooding and landslides. Under Operation Sagar Bandhu, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has dispatched C-130 and IL-76 aircraft carrying essential supplies and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel, with two IL-76 aircraft delivering around 21 tonnes of relief materials, including tents and hygiene kits, to Colombo. Furthermore, two Chetak helicopters from the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant have been conducting search and rescue operations in collaboration with Sri Lankan authorities, successfully rescuing stranded civilians, including families trapped on rooftops. The Indian High Commission in Colombo is actively facilitating the evacuation of Indian nationals, with over 800 expected to be airlifted to Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, as part of broader relief efforts. These measures underscore India's commitment to its Neighbourhood First policy, demonstrating solidarity and support during Sri Lanka's critical time of need while reinforcing regional ties through humanitarian aid and cooperative disaster response initiatives.

Navy Chief highlights Operation Sindoor's success and India's decisive counter-terrorism capability.

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Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi emphasized the operational readiness demonstrated during Operation Sindoor, which was launched in response to the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. The operation showcased swift deployment and precise strikes that neutralized over 100 terrorists across nine camps, as detailed by Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Command. Admiral Tripathi pointed out that the operation's execution kept the Pakistan Navy constrained within its harbors, reinforcing India's capability to safeguard its maritime interests and act decisively against terrorism. He further indicated that Operation Sindoor remains ongoing, serving as a warning to Pakistan, while highlighting the Indian Navy's role as a stabilizing force in global maritime security, especially as non-state actors increasingly employ tactics previously associated with state conflicts. The effectiveness of the operation and the Indian armed forces' preparedness signal a significant shift in India's defense posture and counter-terrorism strategy, indicating a readiness to respond decisively to any future provocations.

Defence Minister praises Operation Sindoor as exemplary civil-military collaboration for national security.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised Operation Sindoor as a prime example of effective civil-military collaboration, emphasizing the essential role of civil servants in national security during a recent address at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. He highlighted the successful destruction of terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir while maintaining a balanced response, underlining the importance of improved governance and national security coordination for India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047. Furthermore, he urged young administrators to leverage technology for transparency and public welfare, while acknowledging the growing representation of women in civil services as vital to India's development journey. This comprehensive approach is seen as crucial for India's emergence as a major global economy.

Indian Army promptly aids victims of Gurez Valley vehicle accident.

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The Indian Army promptly launched a humanitarian assistance operation following a vehicle accident near Khapuri village in the Gurez Valley on Saturday. The incident, which occurred at approximately 12:40 hours, saw Army personnel rapidly mobilizing to the scene, providing essential first aid, and ensuring timely medical care for the injured. Their swift and coordinated response played a crucial role in controlling the situation and preventing further casualties. This incident underscores the Indian Army's commitment to humanitarian duties and highlights its readiness to assist local communities in times of crisis, reinforcing its integral role in maintaining public safety and security in sensitive regions.

India strengthens Siliguri Corridor with new military bases amid regional tensions.

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India has significantly bolstered its military presence along the Siliguri Corridor by establishing new bases at Lachit Borphukan Military Station in Assam, Kishanganj in Bihar, and Chopra in West Bengal, equipped with rapid deployment forces and advanced surveillance capabilities. This strategic enhancement comes in response to geopolitical shifts following the rise of an interim government in Bangladesh that leans towards China and Pakistan, alongside Bangladesh's plans to acquire Chinese fighter jets. The fortified corridor, vital for connecting over 45 million people in Northeast India, now features advanced systems including Rafale fighters and BrahMos missiles, reflecting India's proactive defense strategy aimed at ensuring national integrity against emerging threats. The operational readiness of the Tri-Shakti Corps underscores India's commitment to safeguarding this crucial chokepoint amidst evolving regional dynamics.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

BSF identifies 72 terror launchpads in Pakistan post Operation Sindoor.

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The Border Security Force (BSF) has reported the presence of 72 active terror launchpads operating from depth areas in Pakistan, a strategic shift following Operation Sindoor. BSF officials indicated that while operations have paused, they remain prepared to resume military actions if directed by the government, emphasizing their capabilities in conventional and hybrid warfare. After the destruction of several launchpads during Operation Sindoor, many facilities were relocated deeper into Pakistani territory. The BSF monitors these developments closely, with an assurance that they can inflict significant damage if given the opportunity. This situation underscores the ongoing challenges of cross-border terrorism and the BSF's readiness to respond to emerging threats.

BSF aims to eliminate Maoist presence in Odisha by March 2026.

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The Border Security Force (BSF) has pledged to eradicate Maoist influences in Odisha by March 2026, focusing on technology-driven operations in collaboration with state police and central forces. BSF IG Shiv Aadhar Shrivastava highlighted the transformation of previously Maoist-dominated areas into safer regions, with operations resulting in the neutralization of 86 Maoists, 710 arrests, and the surrender of over 2,500 individuals. While significant progress has been made, challenges persist, particularly in dense forest areas plagued by Maoist activity and narcotics trafficking. The BSF's holistic approach emphasizes not only military action but also civic engagement and economic incentives to encourage Maoists to reintegrate into society.

BSF assures adequate forces to tackle Naxal threats in Odisha.

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During a recent press conference, Inspector General Shiv Adhar Shrivastava of the BSF Frontier HQ addressed the Naxal situation in Odisha, affirming the adequacy of current forces with six battalions deployed. He emphasized the capability of these forces to conduct operations from newly established Company Operating Bases (COBs) and noted that while no immediate increase in troop strength is planned, the government remains prepared for any necessary adjustments. Highlighting the role of technology, he mentioned the use of advanced weapons, drones, and sensors tailored for the challenging forest terrain, which enhance operational effectiveness against Naxals. Stressing the importance of intelligence and tactical coordination, he stated that ongoing operations target key Naxal commanders, reinforcing the BSF's commitment to combating anti-national elements effectively.

NIA court convicts two for Lucknow Al-Qaeda terror conspiracy.

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On November 29, 2025, a special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) convicted two individuals, Mohd. Mustaqueem and Shakeel, in the Lucknow Al-Qaeda terror conspiracy case. The court sentenced both to 20 months imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000 each. This case stems from the investigation into the activities of Umar Halmandi, an Al-Qaeda affiliate based at the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, who was involved in the recruitment and radicalization of youth in Lucknow for terrorist acts planned before Independence Day 2021. Alongside Mustaqueem and Shakeel, another accused, Mohammad Moid, was convicted earlier in October 2025. The NIA uncovered that these accused aided in procuring weapons and

ammunition to support the terror module linked to the banned outfit Ansaar Ghazwatul Hind (AGH). The convictions highlight India's vigilant and proactive counter-terrorism efforts to thwart militant networks targeting national security. This case exemplifies the nation's resolve to combat terror conspiracies emanating from cross-border terror handlers.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Quick Heal Technologies wins Rs 64 crore cybersecurity contract from NFSU-RIC.

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Quick Heal Technologies has secured a Rs 64-crore cybersecurity contract from the National Forensic Sciences University - Research and Innovation Centre (NFSU-RIC), emphasizing its commitment to providing comprehensive security solutions to government institutions. The contract, valid for five years, reinforces Quick Heal's strategic engagement in the cybersecurity sector, where it delivers AI-powered solutions across various segments. The company's financial performance has also shown significant improvement, with a 90.6% rise in net profit and a 13.65% increase in revenue for Q2 FY26 compared to the previous year. This development highlights the growing importance of cybersecurity in governmental operations, particularly in an era of increasing digital threats.

Albiriox Malware Targets Android Users, Enabling Total Device Control

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A new Android malware, Albiriox, has emerged, posing significant risks to users by granting attackers complete control over infected devices through advanced remote access capabilities. Identified by Cleafy researchers, the malware operates as a Malware-as-a-Service, allowing criminals to execute on-device fraud while bypassing security measures like two-factor authentication. Albiriox employs a deceptive two-stage infection process, initially targeting users with fraudulent applications and utilizing sophisticated evasion techniques to remain undetected. With a focus on financial applications, this malware represents a critical threat to both individual users and financial institutions globally, highlighting the urgent need for heightened cybersecurity measures in the rapidly evolving digital landscape.

OAST Tool Exploits 200 CVEs via Google Cloud for Major Attacks

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A sophisticated threat actor has leveraged a private Out-of-band Application Security Testing (OAST) service hosted on Google Cloud to conduct large-scale attacks targeting over 200 CVEs, primarily focusing on Canary Systems in Brazil. Researchers from VulnCheck noted approximately 1,400 exploit attempts, employing modified Nuclei templates and custom Java payloads to probe vulnerabilities, including a notable remote code execution flaw in Ivanti Endpoint Manager Mobile. Utilizing Google Cloud infrastructure, the attackers can blend malicious activities with legitimate traffic, complicating defenses. Security teams are urged to monitor callbacks to the domain detectors-testing.com and ensure patching against the identified vulnerabilities, emphasizing the critical need for ongoing network vigilance and regular vulnerability assessments.

VPN services suspended in Rajouri for two months due to security threats.

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Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district have suspended all Virtual Private Network (VPN) services for two months, citing security concerns and public safety. District Magistrate Abhishek Sharma issued the directive under Section 163 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita following alarming reports from Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Sikarwar regarding suspicious use of VPNs to facilitate unlawful activities. The order aims to prevent the potential misuse of these platforms for anti-national purposes, including the dissemination of inflammatory content and coordination of activities threatening public order. This action underscores the ongoing challenges of ensuring cybersecurity and maintaining law and order in a region with heightened sensitivities.

Pakistan exploits AI deep fakes of Indian leaders to spread misinformation.

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Pakistan has increasingly resorted to AI-generated deep fake videos to disseminate misinformation about Indian military leaders, including recent fabricated clips featuring Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi and General Upendra Dwivedi. These videos, aimed at undermining India's military credibility and inciting unrest, coincided with Pakistan's test of a new anti-ship ballistic missile, during which exaggerated claims of their naval capabilities were circulated. Despite India's undisputed

naval superiority and successful military operations, the emergence of such deceptive tactics underscores a new dimension of warfare where misinformation could influence public perception and geopolitical dynamics. This highlights the critical need for vigilance against technological exploitation in modern conflict scenarios.

Government mandates WhatsApp to enforce SIM binding and session logout every six hours.

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The Union government of India has mandated that messaging platforms like WhatsApp enforce SIM binding, requiring users to have the SIM card used for registration in their device, and to log out of web sessions every six hours, effective February 2026. This directive aims to enhance traceability of cyber fraud linked to international misuse of SIMs, a growing concern for authorities. Critics argue that the measures may not effectively deter fraudsters and represent an overreach of regulatory authority, potentially impacting a wide range of digital services that rely on telecommunications identifiers. The telecom industry has long urged the Department of Telecommunications to adopt stricter regulations to curb such fraudulent activities.

Amazon alerts 300 million users about Black Friday impersonation scams targeting personal data.

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Amazon has issued a warning to its over 300 million users regarding a surge in Black Friday impersonation scams aimed at compromising personal data. These scams involve deceptive alerts, fake browser notifications, and counterfeit websites that mimic delivery issues to pilfer users' credentials and financial information. According to FortiGuard Labs, there are over 700 harmful domains linked to these scams, while Darktrace reported a staggering 620% increase in phishing attempts, with Amazon being the target in 80% of cases. The situation underscores the critical need for consumer vigilance during the holiday shopping season, as attackers intensify their efforts to exploit unsuspecting users.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

NDA convocation celebrates 328 cadets as future "scholar-warriors" for India's defense.

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The National Defence Academy (NDA) held its convocation ceremony for the 149th course at Habibullah Hall, where 328 cadets were awarded degrees and course completion certificates, with 216 receiving bachelor's degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Ajay Kumar, chairman of the Union Public Service Commission, emphasized the need for these new graduates to embody the ideals of "scholar-warriors" amidst a rapidly changing security landscape, urging them to integrate intellect with valour and uphold the nation's moral compass. Reflecting on past conflicts, including the Galwan clashes with China and the Balakot airstrikes against Pakistan, Kumar highlighted the importance of innovation, integrity, and disciplined messaging in modern warfare, arguing that future battles will be fought as much in the realm of ideas as on the battlefield. The ceremony also recognized outstanding academic performers, reinforcing the NDA's commitment to cultivating leadership and excellence in defense forces, which is vital for India's strategic resilience in a complex geopolitical environment.

IAF concludes Navigation and Weapon Systems courses at Begumpet, enhancing operational capabilities and international cooperation.

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The Navigation Training School and Weapon Systems School at Air Force Station Begumpet recently held a valedictory ceremony for the 109th Advanced Navigation Course and 141st ab-initio Navigation Course, along with the Stage-II & III Weapon System courses. Graduates included officers from the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, and international forces such as the Royal Malaysian Air Force and Sri Lankan Air Force. Notable trainees received awards for their exceptional performance, and these officers are set to be commissioned during the Combined Graduation Parade on December 13. This event underscores the Indian Air Force's commitment to enhancing its operational capabilities and fostering international cooperation in defense training.

Miscellaneous

Cyclone Ditwah: 177 stranded in Sri Lanka return; Tamil Nadu aids relief efforts. SHARE

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Cyclone Ditwah has caused catastrophic damage in Sri Lanka, resulting in at least 193 deaths and hundreds missing due to severe flooding and landslides across multiple provinces since late November 2025. The storm triggered deadly landslides in mountainous tea-growing regions such as Badulla and Nuwara Eliya and led to the destruction of over 25,000 homes, displacing nearly one million people who require urgent aid. Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Centre evacuated over 43,900 people to shelters, deployed around 20,500 army personnel for rescue operations, and faced road blockages and transport disruptions while searching for stranded residents. The cyclone intensified as it moved northwest toward India, prompting heavy rainfall and destruction in coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andhra Pradesh, where multiple districts were placed under red and yellow alerts and disaster response teams mobilized. Tamil Nadu reported 3 deaths from rain-related incidents, with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin coordinating relief efforts and offering support to Sri Lanka.In response to the crisis, India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu, dispatching National Disaster Response Force teams, Indian Air Force aircraft carrying 12 tons of humanitarian aid including tents, blankets, and food supplies, and naval vessels like INS Vikrant to assist Sri Lankan authorities. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed solidarity and commitment to aid Sri Lanka's recovery. Meanwhile, nearly 300 Indian nationals, predominantly from Kerala, were stranded at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport due to disrupted flights. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan appealed to the Union government for assistance, emphasizing the urgency of repatriating stranded passengers. Indian diplomatic missions provided food, water, and assurance of support to the affected citizens. The crisis highlights the importance of regional cooperation in disaster management amid growing humanitarian challenges.

Anmol Bishnoi seeks court protection from threats by Pakistani gangster. SHARE

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Anmol Bishnoi, younger brother of notorious gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, has sought court protection from threats by Pakistani gangster Shehzad Bhatti, citing fears for his life following threatening social media posts. On November 27, Anmol's legal counsel filed a plea requesting armed police protection during his transit from the NIA headquarters to court, as well as bulletproof vehicle and jacket usage. The plea referenced a March 2025 grenade attack in Jalandhar linked to the same Pakistani gangster, underscoring a pattern of real-world violence following online threats. On November 29, a Special Judge held court at the NIA headquarters—a rare move—to hear the plea and extended Anmol's custody until December 5. Anmol, deported from the US on November 18, is accused in several high-profile cases, including the 2024 killing of NCP leader Siddique and the Sidhu Moosewala murder, with the NIA investigating an international crime network possibly linked to arms supplies from Pakistan. This case highlights ongoing cross-border criminal and terror syndicate threats facing India's internal security.

Vice-President Radhakrishnan urges NIT Kurukshetra graduates to innovate for India's future. SHARE

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Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, addressed the 20th Convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, emphasizing India's transition from a technology consumer to a global creator of advanced solutions. He highlighted the role of technological innovation in addressing national challenges and urged graduates to engage in responsible research and entrepreneurship, aligning their efforts with initiatives like Digital India and Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Radhakrishnan commended NIT Kurukshetra for its contributions to defense research, including AI-based warfare and space missions, and called on graduates to play a pivotal role in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. His remarks underscored the importance of integrating ethical considerations into technological advancements and fostering a culture of innovation that bridges urban-rural divides and empowers local economies.

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