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## Defense Business and Industry

### Rajnath Singh praises Operation Sindoor as a testament to defense self-reliance and innovation. [SHARE](#)

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Rajnath Singh has hailed Operation Sindoor as proof of India's growing defence self-reliance, linking the mission's swift, precise cross-border strikes to rapid adoption of indigenous systems and startup-DRDO collaborations, including three products developed in 14 months and fielded during the operation on August 29, 2025 statements in Noida. Speaking after inaugurating Raphe mPhibr's engine and defence testing facility in Noida on August 29, he asserted that India is moving from being a buyer to a defence exporter, reiterating earlier figures that exports have surged from around Rs 600-700 crore in 2014 to about Rs 24,000 crore, with a goal of Rs 50,000 crore by 2030. Emphasizing drones' centrality to modern warfare, Singh said Indian-made drones will be undetectable by systems developed by the US or China and urged formal integration of unmanned systems into war policy, citing lessons from recent conflicts and India's shift to domestic design and manufacturing. In May, Singh called Operation Sindoor a symbol of India's political, social, and strategic will, detailing that it targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK and was paused after stated objectives were met, rejecting claims of foreign pressure, with parliamentary remarks noting a Pakistan DGMO outreach on May 10 preceding a pause. He also highlighted the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility inaugurated in Lucknow on May 11, positioning Uttar Pradesh as a key defence hub.

### India set to finalize two major submarine deals to boost naval power. [SHARE](#)

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India is poised to finalize two significant submarine deals, totaling over Rs one lakh crore, aimed at

enhancing its undersea warfare capabilities in light of China's growing naval strength. The first deal concerns the procurement of three Scorpene submarines, which will be jointly produced by state-run Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) and the French firm Naval Group, with negotiations for this nearly Rs 36,000 crore project reportedly nearing completion after previous delays. The second deal involves acquiring six diesel-electric stealth submarines, estimated at around Rs 65,000 crore, with the German firm ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems partnered with MDL. Both projects, part of India's ambitious 'Make in India' initiative, are expected to be finalized by mid-next year, although the delivery timelines will begin approximately six years post-contract signing. The Indian Navy's urgency in operationalizing these contracts underscores its strategic need to bolster underwater capabilities amid regional security challenges. Overall, these developments reflect India's commitment to strengthening its defense infrastructure while fostering international collaborations to enhance indigenous production capabilities.

### Defence Secretary: First Two Tejas Mk1A Jets to Arrive by September [SHARE](#)

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In a significant development for India's defense capabilities, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh announced that Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) is set to deliver the first two Tejas Mk1A fighter jets to the Indian Air Force (IAF) by the end of September 2025, following successful weapon trials, including the integration of the Astra Mk1 Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile. This delivery is a key milestone in India's push for self-reliance in defense manufacturing, with the Tejas Mk1A aimed at replacing the aging MiG-21 fleet. The government is poised to sign a contract for an additional 97 Tejas jets valued at over Rs 67,000 crore, contingent on the successful delivery of the initial aircraft. Despite facing delays largely due to engine supply issues from GE Aerospace, the momentum towards operational readiness is maintained with HAL's ongoing efforts to integrate advanced systems like the EL/M-2052 AESA radar and the indigenous weapons

suite. The Tejas Mk1A is expected to emerge as the IAF's primary workhorse alongside the Sukhoi Su-30MKI, reinforcing India's strategic goal of enhancing its air defense capabilities amidst decreasing fighter squadron numbers. This initiative not only signifies a leap in indigenous defense production but also aims to address the operational requirements of the IAF effectively.

## India to integrate first indigenous AIP system by mid-2026. SHARE

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The Indian Navy is set to integrate its first indigenous air-independent propulsion (AIP) system into the INS Khanderi by July 2026, marking a significant step in indigenisation. Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with industry partners L&T and Thermax, the prototype is expected to be ready by December 2023. The integration process will conclude by July 2027, with initial sailing trials commencing in March-April 2027. This development positions India among a select group of nations that have successfully created their own fuel cell-based AIP technology, enhancing the operational capabilities of its submarine fleet and bolstering national security.

## Norway to procure British-made T-26 frigates for naval defense. SHARE

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Norway's government has announced plans to order British-made T-26 City-class frigates to enhance its maritime defense, marking a significant military procurement aimed at reinforcing national sovereignty amid heightened tensions with Russia. Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre emphasized the United Kingdom as both Norway's most strategic partner and the provider of superior frigate designs. This decision reflects Norway's commitment to increasing defense spending in response to regional threats and NATO's collective security expectations. As Norway enters final contract negotiations, the selection underscores the importance of strong defense partnerships and the evolving landscape of European military procurement.

## Indian Army Seeks 6,000 Hand Held Software Defined Radios SHARE

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The Indian Army has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for the procurement of 6,000 Hand Held Software Defined Radios (HH SDR) as part of its modernization efforts to enhance communication capabilities. These advanced radios will improve interoperability,

situational awareness, and security across the Army, Navy, and Air Force, enabling secure, real-time communication in various operational environments. The initiative aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat goal of self-reliance in defense, emphasizing domestic development and production. The RFI underscores the Army's commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to counter electronic warfare threats while ensuring robust communication in modern battlefield scenarios.

## DRDO Collaborates with Apollo for Vighana Mines for Indian Navy SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has partnered with Apollo Micro Systems Limited to produce the advanced Vighana Multi-Influence Ground Mines (MIGM) for the Indian Navy, enhancing India's indigenous defense capabilities under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. These underwater mines are designed to respond to various threats, boosting the Navy's mine warfare and securing vital maritime zones amidst rising geopolitical tensions in the Indo-Pacific region. This collaboration signifies a crucial step towards self-reliance in defense technology, with AMSL ensuring compliance with rigorous quality standards. The Vighana MIGM will serve as a formidable deterrent, reinforcing India's maritime security and protecting its coastal interests.

## Godrej Defence and L&T Propose 90kN Engine for Tejas Mk1A/MkII SHARE

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In a significant move to enhance India's aerospace capabilities, Godrej Defence and L&T have proposed developing a 90kN derivative of the Kaveri Derivative Engine (KDE) to support the Tejas Mk1A and MkII aircraft programs. This initiative seeks to reduce dependency on foreign engines amid geopolitical tensions and supply chain issues from the U.S. Their collaborative approach aims to integrate advanced technologies, potentially leading to a more powerful engine that meets the Indian Air Force's evolving needs. The success of this project could pave the way for greater self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aligning with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and long-term strategic objectives.

## Indian Army to Equip Drones with Every Main Battle Tank by 2028

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The Indian Army is set to revolutionize its armored warfare capabilities by integrating dedicated drones with every Main Battle Tank (MBT) starting in 2028. This initiative, covering over 3,000 tanks like the T-90 Bhishma and Arjun, aims to enhance Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities, allowing real-time situational awareness and improved target identification. The drones will enable tank commanders to detect threats and navigate complex terrains effectively, countering increasingly sophisticated adversarial defenses. By adopting AI-driven technologies and advanced sensors, this strategic move positions the Indian Army at the forefront of modern warfare, ensuring enhanced combat effectiveness in diverse operational environments.

## ADE to Enhance India's LR-LACM Range to 2,000 km

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India's Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) is set to enhance the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LR-LACM), initially tested at 1,000 km, with plans to extend its range to 1,500 km and eventually 2,000 km. This missile, featuring advanced indigenous technologies such as a locally developed turbofan engine and an AESA seeker, aims to boost India's long-range precision strike capabilities significantly. The LR-LACM's development underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, addressing regional strategic needs while complementing existing missile systems for deterrence and conventional strike roles, thus solidifying India's position as a formidable power in the region.

## YFQ-42A Prototype Successfully Completes Flight Testing

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The U.S. Air Force has achieved a significant milestone in its Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) program with the successful flight of the YFQ-42A prototype, developed in collaboration with General Atomics. This marks a shift in acquisition strategies, focusing on rapid, modular, and cost-effective uncrewed aircraft that will operate alongside advanced crewed fighters. The program emphasizes a competitive approach and open-system architectures to enhance capabilities swiftly. This initiative aims to enhance combat effectiveness through innovative human-machine teaming, optimizing

performance in evolving battlefield scenarios, a strategy that underscores the importance of agility and technological advancement in modern warfare.

## Air Cmde Gyan Deep Singh Advocates Dual-Use Tech for Defense

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Air Commodore Gyan Deep Singh emphasized the importance of dual-use aerospace technologies at RANSAMWAD 2025, advocating for civil-military fusion as a pivotal element of India's defense self-reliance. He highlighted initiatives like the Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020 and IDEX to encourage indigenous innovation, streamline procurement, and foster partnerships between the military, academia, and industry. Singh stressed that establishing dual-use hubs can enhance operational capabilities and reduce dependency on imports, advocating for proactive policy measures to accelerate technology integration into the Indian Air Force. This strategic approach aligns with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, bolstering defense readiness and efficiency.

## Russia Proposes Orion MALE UAV to Support India's Defense Needs

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Russia has offered the Orion MALE UAV to India to fulfill its tri-service requirements for advanced drones, enhancing its ISR and precision strike capabilities. This proposal aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing localization and technology transfer while competing with indigenous options. The Orion-E variant boasts impressive features, including a 24-hour endurance, a payload capacity of 250 kg, and advanced sensors for precision strikes, making it a valuable asset for India's defense forces. The offer underscores the strengthening defense ties between India and Russia, while also presenting a strategic option amid India's push for self-reliance in defense technology.

## Private Sector Bid Deadline for AMCA Extended Due to No Responses

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The deadline for private sector bids to co-develop India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) has been extended from August 31 to September 30, 2025, due to a lack of responses. This ambitious project, vital for enhancing the Indian Air Force's capabilities and achieving strategic autonomy, aims to produce a state-of-the-art fifth-generation stealth fighter. The absence of bids may reflect concerns over the significant

financial and technological commitments required. The government hopes the extension will encourage more participation from private players, aligning efforts to bolster India's indigenous defense aerospace industry while leveraging the expertise of established entities like ADA and HAL.

## GTRE to Test 49kN Kaveri Engine on Ghatak UCAV for Faster Clearance SHARE

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India's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) is set to directly test its 49kN Kaveri Derivative Engine (KDE) on the Ghatak Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV), bypassing initial plans with the Tejas aircraft to expedite clearance. This strategic shift underscores India's commitment to strengthening its indigenous defense capabilities, with crucial tests scheduled in Russia soon. The KDE aims to replace the American-made F404 engine, enhancing self-reliance in military technology. The Ghatak platform's use as a testbed highlights a synergistic approach in India's aerospace development, aligning with broader national objectives of innovation and reduced dependence on foreign military hardware.

## Politics

### Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to attend Hyderabad Liberation Day on Sept

17.  SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be the chief guest at the Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations on September 17, highlighting the significance of this event, which coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday and Vishwakarma Day. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy emphasized Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in Hyderabad's integration into India and criticized the Congress party for alleged derogatory remarks against Modi and alleged corruption in the Telangana government. Reddy called on the public to hold the opposition accountable for their actions, asserting that unfulfilled promises have harmed the region's development. This robust political discourse underlines the ongoing struggle for accountability and effective governance in Telangana.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India prioritizes national interests amid US tariff tensions SHARE

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Amid escalating tariff tensions with the United States, Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized that international relations are driven by interests rather than permanent friendships or enmities. He affirmed India's unyielding commitment to protect the welfare of its farmers and citizens, asserting that external pressures will only strengthen India's resolve. Singh articulated a vision of self-reliance, or Atmanirbhar Bharat, as crucial for India's strategic autonomy and security in an increasingly protectionist global landscape. Highlighting the need for indigenous defense capabilities, Singh referenced historical strategic preparations, underscoring that self-reliance is essential not only for defense but also for economic stability. His remarks coincided with Prime Minister Modi's attendance at the SCO summit, where he is expected to engage in discussions with Chinese and Russian leaders. This strategic approach positions India as a resilient force amidst geopolitical challenges, showcasing its dedication to prioritizing national interests over external pressure. By advocating for self-sufficiency and strengthening defense capabilities, India is poised to secure its status as a leading power in the shifting global order.

### Yemen's Houthi prime minister killed in Israeli airstrike SHARE

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The prime minister of Yemen's Houthi-run government was killed in an Israeli airstrike in Sanaa, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict. The strike targeted multiple senior officials, including the Houthi chief of staff and defense minister, amid heightened tensions following the Gaza conflict. In retaliation, the Houthis vowed to confront Israel, continuing their missile attacks towards the nation. Israeli officials described the strike as a "crushing blow" to the Houthis, suggesting a broader strategy to weaken Iran-aligned groups in the region. This incident underscores the volatile dynamics in the Middle East, with implications for regional security and power balances.



## Modi reaffirms India's role in promoting peace in Ukraine SHARE

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed the nation's commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict during a call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Modi emphasized that dialogue and diplomacy are essential, echoing past statements about the futility of warfare. Zelenskyy expressed Ukraine's readiness for discussions with Russia and highlighted India's potential role in signaling to Moscow during the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit. The conversation also covered bilateral relations and preparations for future visits, underscoring India's proactive stance in international diplomacy and its aim to bolster partnerships while advocating for peace in the region.

## India's Russian oil purchases stabilize global markets and fuel prices SHARE

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India's ongoing purchase of Russian oil has been pivotal in stabilizing global energy markets during a time of potential crisis, preventing crude prices from soaring. Despite allegations of financial support to Russia, India's trade is legitimate and compliant with G7 and EU regulations, with praise from US officials for its stabilizing role. The country has managed to keep domestic fuel prices lower while fulfilling a significant portion of its energy needs, with 70% of refined fuels consumed domestically. Furthermore, India's strategic defense partnerships with the US, including co-producing technology, underline its commitment to global security and regional stability, particularly in countering China's influence.

## Xi Jinping and Modi Discuss Strengthening India-China Relations SHARE

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Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi engaged in talks in Tianjin, emphasizing the importance of fostering strong bilateral ties, likening their relationship to a "dragon and elephant" that can succeed together. Both leaders acknowledged their historical responsibilities to promote the well-being of their nations and support the Global South, advocating for multilateralism and a multipolar world. Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to advancing relations based on mutual respect and trust, marking a positive shift following recent border tensions. This dialogue signifies a constructive step towards

stabilizing India-China relations, enhancing regional peace and cooperation.

## Indian envoy to Germany discusses defense and transport cooperation SHARE

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India's Ambassador to Germany, Ajit V. Gupte, met with Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to enhance cooperation in defense and infrastructure sectors, reflecting the strengthening ties between India and Germany. The discussions emphasized military collaboration and sustainable transportation innovations, including hydrogen buses. As both countries aim to stabilize the volatile international order, there is optimism regarding the India-EU free trade agreement, with expectations for fruitful negotiations by the end of 2025. This partnership highlights India's strategic approach to diversifying alliances and advancing its defense and infrastructure capabilities amid global challenges.

## US Increases Military Presence in Caribbean Amid Venezuela Tensions SHARE

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The US Navy has increased its military presence in the Caribbean amid growing tensions with Venezuela, deploying seven warships and a nuclear submarine under the guise of combating drug trafficking. While US officials insist the operation is not an invasion, critics suggest it may signal a push for regime change in Venezuela, which has been labeled a "narco-terror cartel" by the Trump administration. Venezuelan leaders have dismissed the claims, mobilizing local militia in response. This situation reflects longstanding concerns over US interventions in Latin America, raising questions about the true intent behind military deployments in the region.

## Modi to Meet Xi Jinping at SCO Summit Amid Tensions SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in Tianjin during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, marking their first meeting in about ten months. This meeting is crucial amid recent tensions in India-US relations, particularly regarding trade. Modi is also scheduled to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin before returning to India. The summit comes as China hosts a significant military parade celebrating the 80th anniversary of its victory in World War II, showcasing its

military capabilities. This high-level diplomacy underscores India's strategic engagement with regional powers while navigating complex geopolitical dynamics.

## Expert Critiques Trump Tariffs as Undermining India's Influence



31-Aug-25

Geopolitics expert Einar Tangen criticized the US for imposing hefty tariffs on India, arguing that this move aims to diminish India's global influence and leadership, particularly in the non-aligned movement. As Prime Minister Modi met with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Tangen suggested that the bilateral discussions signal India's potential to resist US pressure and foster cooperation with China, promoting peace and stability following past border tensions. He emphasized that India's strategic importance in the global market makes it unwise for the US to belittle the nation, as it could lead to stronger ties among countries resisting Washington's "colonial games."

## Military Operations

### Indian Army's Yudh Kaushal 3.0 Exercise Showcases Combat Readiness



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The Indian Army successfully conducted the Yudh Kaushal 3.0 exercise in Arunachal Pradesh's Kameng region, demonstrating its combat readiness in challenging high-altitude conditions while integrating advanced technologies such as drone warfare and precision weaponry. This exercise marked the operational debut of the ASHNI platoons, showcasing their ability to combine next-generation technology with traditional tactics to gain a decisive edge in future conflicts. The collaboration with the Indian civil defense industry highlighted the ongoing shift towards indigenous defense innovation, strengthening national security and self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Additionally, a parallel exercise, Achook Prahar, involved the Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police validating their operational preparedness through coordinated drills, underscoring the interoperability between the armed forces and central police. This comprehensive approach not only enhances combat readiness but also establishes a robust framework for responding to potential threats in India's challenging border environments. Overall, these exercises signify the Indian Army's commitment to modernization and the effective integration of emerging

technologies, ensuring a future-ready force capable of addressing diverse operational scenarios.

## IAF Successfully Struck Key Radar at PAF Shahbaz Airbase



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Recent developments confirm that the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully struck key infrastructure at the Pakistan Air Force's (PAF) Shahbaz Airbase during Operation Sindoor in May 2025. The IAF targeted the RAC 3D Radar, a vital part of the PAF's Spada 2000 air defense system, and the power supply center, resulting in significant degradation of Pakistan's air defense capabilities and operational tempo. The strikes, executed with advanced precision munitions, not only destroyed critical surveillance and power infrastructure but also compromised the operational readiness of two F-16 squadrons stationed at the airbase. Post-strike assessments revealed extensive damage, including craters and structural collapses, contradicting initial claims from Pakistani officials regarding minimal impacts. The operation underscored the effectiveness of the IAF's Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS) and its capability to conduct precise strikes, significantly altering the balance of air power in the region. The successful execution of such operations reflects India's commitment to maintaining strategic superiority and responding decisively to security threats, ensuring that its defense infrastructure and capabilities remain robust against regional adversaries. The operation's implications stress the importance of advanced military technologies and the ability to neutralize threats before they escalate.

## Army and CRPF launch rescue ops in Ramban after cloudburst kills four



31-Aug-25

The Indian Army, along with the Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF, launched rescue operations in the Rajgarh area of Ramban district following a cloudburst that resulted in four fatalities and multiple affected locations. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan oversaw the efforts, with additional support from State Disaster Response Force and Quick Response Team personnel. Heavy rainfall also triggered flash floods in neighboring Doda district, prompting extensive damage and relocation of families. The timely response showcases the Indian defense forces' commitment to disaster management and humanitarian assistance, reflecting their capability to swiftly mobilize in times of crisis for the safety and support of affected communities.

## Indian Army conducts awareness lectures on Op Sindoor in Arunachal



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The Indian Army's Spearhead Corps recently conducted awareness lectures on Operation Sindoor at various educational institutions in Arunachal Pradesh, emphasizing the nation's resolute stance against state-sponsored terrorism. Over 180 university students and more than 200 schoolchildren participated, reflecting a proactive approach to instill national security awareness and patriotic values among the youth. The initiative highlights the Army's commitment to engaging with the younger generation and reinforcing their understanding of India's defense strategies in the face of external threats. Such educational endeavors are crucial for fostering a sense of responsibility and national pride, ultimately contributing to a stronger, more informed citizenry.

## IAF's daring rescue of NDRF personnel from Ravi River barrage



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully executed a challenging rescue mission over the Ravi River near Madhopur, aiding National Disaster Rescue Force (NDRF) personnel stranded on a broken barrage. Utilizing a Mi-171V helicopter, the IAF displayed exceptional skill by conducting a one-wheel hover on treacherous terrain to insert and extract NDRF personnel and a Garud commando. This operation underscores the IAF's dedication to disaster response and highlights its capability to perform complex rescues in difficult conditions, reinforcing India's commitment to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Such missions strengthen national security and demonstrate the IAF's operational readiness and versatility.

## IAF rescues 11 civilians, delivers 2,150 kg of essentials in Punjab floods.



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully evacuated 11 civilians and delivered 2,150 kg of essential supplies in flood-hit areas of Punjab, demonstrating its commitment to humanitarian service. The IAF, alongside the Indian Army's Western Command, has deployed 24 aircraft, including helicopters, to aid extensive rescue and relief operations following severe flooding. Lt General Manoj Kumar Katiyar commended the collaborative efforts with civil authorities to restore normalcy. This operation underscores the Indian Armed Forces' readiness and efficiency in managing disaster

relief, showcasing their vital role in national resilience and community support during crises.

## Army Soldier Killed in Accidental Rifle Discharge in Ganderbal



31-Aug-25

A soldier from the Army's Rashtriya Rifles, Constable Chotu Kumar, tragically lost his life due to an accidental discharge of his service rifle in Ganderbal district, Jammu and Kashmir. The incident occurred when he jumped from a truck, inadvertently pressing the trigger of his weapon and sustaining a fatal injury. This sad event underscores the need for stringent safety protocols in handling firearms, particularly in sensitive regions like Kashmir. Despite the challenges faced by security forces in the area, their dedication remains unwavering, emphasizing the importance of training and operational safety to prevent such unfortunate incidents in the future.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## Ukrainian MP Andriy Parubiy assassinated in planned shooting.



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Ukrainian MP Andriy Parubiy was shot dead in Lviv in what authorities are calling a meticulously planned attack. President Zelensky and former President Poroshenko condemned the act as a targeted murder against Ukraine's sovereignty and identity, highlighting Parubiy's instrumental role in pivotal political movements like the 2014 Maidan protests. Parubiy, who was a significant voice for national identity policies, including language laws, is mourned as a courageous patriot. This assassination not only underscores the ongoing violence in Ukraine but also reflects deeper political tensions, emphasizing the need for decisive action from law enforcement to bring the perpetrators to justice.

## Two terrorists arrested with weapons in Poonch, J-K



31-Aug-25

Police in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, have apprehended two terrorists, Tariq Sheikh and Riyaz Ahmad, who were found in possession of two assault rifles and ammunition. The arrests occurred during a raid on Sheikh's residence in Azamabad, following intelligence that led to a subsequent search of his rented accommodation in Jallian village. This operation

underscores the ongoing efforts of Indian security forces to combat terrorism in the region and enhance stability along the border areas. Such proactive measures reflect India's commitment to maintaining law and order and safeguarding its national security interests amidst persistent threats.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### DHS Secretary Noem Dismisses 24 FEMA Employees Over Cyber Issues



31-Aug-25

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem has terminated two dozen FEMA employees due to significant cybersecurity failures identified in audits, which revealed vulnerabilities that could affect emergency responses and national readiness. These dismissals underscore the urgent need for improved cybersecurity measures within federal agencies, especially against threats from adversaries like China and Russia. The DHS plans to enhance training and technology to bolster defenses, emphasizing a comprehensive government approach to protect critical infrastructure. This incident highlights the vital intersection of cybersecurity and disaster management, reinforcing the necessity for accountability and proactive strategies in safeguarding national interests.

### Ransomware Attack Disrupts 200 Swedish Municipalities' Services



31-Aug-25

A ransomware attack on Swedish IT provider Miljödata has disrupted operations in around 200 municipalities, affecting 80% of local government services. The attackers are demanding 1.5 Bitcoin (\$168,000) for the release of sensitive personal data, including medical and rehabilitation documents. This incident highlights vulnerabilities in municipal cybersecurity, prompting Swedish authorities, including CERT-SE and law enforcement, to take urgent action. The relatively low ransom demand raises questions about the attackers' strategy, either underestimating the data value or aiming for higher payment likelihood. This incident underscores the need for enhanced cybersecurity measures, particularly in critical infrastructure sectors.

### DragonForce Ransomware Attacks ABM Wireless Inc, Threatens Data Leak



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On August 30, 2025, the ransomware group DragonForce claimed responsibility for a cyberattack on ABM Wireless Inc., a major U.S. wireless distribution company, threatening to leak sensitive data unless negotiations were initiated. This incident underscores the growing threat to critical telecommunications infrastructure as ransomware groups increasingly target such sectors, potentially disrupting supply chains and communications networks. Experts recommend immediate incident response and enhanced security measures to mitigate these risks. The attack reflects the evolving cyber threat landscape and highlights the urgent need for robust cybersecurity frameworks to safeguard vital infrastructure against similar future threats.

### WhatsApp Resolves Zero-Click Bug Threatening Apple User Security



31-Aug-25

WhatsApp has fixed a critical zero-click vulnerability that allowed hackers to remotely deploy spyware on Apple devices, raising concerns over user privacy and security, particularly among defense personnel and government officials in regions like India and Pakistan. This incident underscores the escalating arms race in cyber warfare, where common platforms are targets for espionage. The collaboration between Apple and WhatsApp on enhancing security measures, including strengthened end-to-end encryption, highlights the necessity of timely software updates and user vigilance to counter advanced threats. Such vulnerabilities could be exploited for intelligence gathering, emphasizing the need for robust cybersecurity frameworks in sensitive sectors.

### Google Alerts 2.5 Billion Gmail Users on Salesforce Data Breach



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Google has alerted over 2.5 billion Gmail users about a significant data breach at Salesforce, which compromised sensitive information and raises concerns about potential phishing and espionage attacks. This breach poses heightened risks, particularly for users in defense and critical infrastructure sectors, as adversaries could exploit the exposed data. While Google is enhancing security measures, this incident highlights the urgent need for robust data protection across digital platforms, especially in a climate of increasing cyber warfare. The



situation underscores the importance of vigilance and proactive security protocols to safeguard sensitive information from malicious exploitation.

disaster underscores the importance of effective flood management strategies and the need for improved infrastructure to mitigate such crises in the future. The response from the Indian Army and local organizations highlights the resilience and unity of communities during emergencies, showcasing India's capability to manage natural disasters effectively while reinforcing the call for better preparedness and infrastructural support.

## Miscellaneous

### Punjab Flood Crisis: Indian Army and NGOs Unite for Rescue Efforts



31-Aug-25

Punjab is currently facing its worst floods in nearly four decades, with over 1,018 villages submerged and crops on 300,000 acres severely damaged due to heavy rainfall in the catchment areas of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian Army, along with local NGOs and community organizations, has mobilized extensive resources for rescue and relief operations, deploying 47 columns and 20 aircraft, including advanced helicopters. The Punjab government has set up relief camps and sought financial assistance from the Central Government, emphasizing the need for increased compensation for the affected farmers. Amid the chaos, political blame has arisen, with opposition leaders criticizing the government's flood management strategies. The situation remains precarious, with expectations of additional rainfall, complicating recovery efforts. This

### India and Japan Sign Agreement for Chandrayaan-5 Moon Mission



31-Aug-25

India and Japan have signed an agreement for the Chandrayaan-5 mission, a collaborative effort to explore the lunar South Pole, focusing on volatile materials including water. The mission, set to be launched by JAXA with an ISRO-developed lunar lander and Japan-made rover, aims to enhance our understanding of permanently shadowed regions on the moon. Prime Minister Modi emphasized that this partnership fosters innovation and cooperation in space science, which has tangible benefits for daily life, such as in agriculture and disaster management. This agreement signifies a strengthening of Indo-Japanese ties in high-tech sectors, showcasing India's growing prowess in space exploration.

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