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SWANDEF	668.0	636.2	+5.0%
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TANEJAERO	369.0	356.35	+3.55%
LMW	15440.0	14917.0	+3.51%

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AXISCADES	1522.2	1602.3	-5.0%
MIDHANI	377.6	386.35	-2.26%
URAVIDEF	241.31	245.88	-1.86%
AZAD	1650.2	1678.0	-1.66%
MARINE	216.9	220.55	-1.65%

Defense Business and Industry

DRDO's Military Combat Parachute System successfully tests free-fall from 32,000 feet.



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In a landmark achievement for India's defense self-reliance, the DRDO successfully conducted a combat free-fall jump at 32,000 feet using its indigenously developed Military Combat Parachute System (MCPS) on October 14, 2025. The test was executed by Indian Air Force test jumpers Wing Commander Vishal Lakshesh, VM (G), Master Warrant Officer R J Singh, and Master Warrant Officer Vivek Tiwari. Developed by DRDO's Agra and Bengaluru labs, the MCPS features enhanced steering, a lower descent rate, and integration with India's NavIC satellite system, ensuring operational autonomy. It is now the only operational parachute system in the Indian Armed Forces capable of deployment above 25,000 feet. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed the success as a major milestone in indigenous defense technology, emphasizing its role in reducing reliance on foreign systems and enabling rapid maintenance during conflicts, thereby strengthening India's strategic airborne capabilities.

TEJAS MK-1A's inaugural flight scheduled for October 17 amid engine delays.



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to witness a historic milestone with the inaugural flight of the indigenous TEJAS MK-1A fighter jet scheduled for October 17, 2025, from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Nashik facility. Despite ongoing delays in the delivery of

crucial F404-IN20 engines from the US-based General Electric, which have pushed the first full deliveries to March 2026, the symbolic first flight marks significant progress towards operationalizing the aircraft. The TEJAS MK-1A, an advanced Light Combat Aircraft, integrates key systems such as the Astra beyond-visual-range missile and an indigenous UTTAM AESA radar, reinforcing India's self-reliance ambition in defense manufacturing. HAL is ramping up production across three facilities, aiming to deliver 83 jets under the existing contract by 2029, with an additional 97 jets ordered for delivery starting 2027-28, making a total of 180. This program addresses the IAF's pressing need to replace retiring older fleets and strengthen squadron strength, though further tests on hardware, software, and weapons are required before full combat readiness. The program underscores the complexities and importance of indigenization amidst evolving geopolitical challenges for India's defense preparedness.

India, Brazil Discuss Akash Missile Deal to Boost Defence Ties and Joint

Production



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India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh engaged in talks with Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin, emphasizing the potential supply of the Akash missile system to Brazil. This meeting, which also included Brazil's Defence Minister Jose Mucio Monteiro Filho, aimed to enhance bilateral defence cooperation through military exchanges, joint exercises, and exploring co-development and co-production opportunities for defence equipment. The discussions reaffirmed the strategic partnership between India and Brazil, highlighting their commitment to advancing defence collaboration. This initiative not only

strengthens ties between the two nations but also positions India as a key player in the global defence market, promoting indigenous technology and capability development.

AUSA 2025 Annual Meeting Showcases Breakthroughs in Military Technology and Strategy SHARE

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The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition 2025, held from October 13 to 15 in Washington, D.C., showcased significant advancements in land power and military technology over its first three days. Day 1 featured major unveilings including Lockheed Martin Sikorsky's autonomous S-70 U-Hawk helicopter and General Dynamics' Nexus command system on a Stryker vehicle. The show highlighted next-generation air defense solutions such as the Patriot system upgraded with LTAMDS radar and RTX DeepFires autonomous missile launchers. Day 2 included forums on human resources transformation, counterintelligence, and advanced manufacturing, while Day 3 involved discussions on Northern European military transformation and presentations by Medal of Honor recipients. Also notable were efforts to streamline sustainment through the agility layer and joint interagency task forces demonstrating rapid delivery of counter-drone capabilities. Exhibitors opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing a hands-on look at over 700 industry innovations. The event culminated with the prestigious George Catlett Marshall Medal presentation, reinforcing ties between defense industry, military leadership, and innovation. This exposition remains a critical forum for India to monitor U.S. military advancements and explore potential bilateral collaboration avenues.

IG Drones Delivers JAGA UAVs to Indian Army, Boosting Surveillance Capabilities SHARE

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Noida-based IG Drones has delivered the first batch of its indigenous JAGA UAVs to the Indian Army, a significant milestone in boosting India's defense surveillance capabilities. Announced in early October 2025, this delivery enhances the Army's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capacities, especially for operations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LoC). The JAGA UAV is designed for rugged, multi-mission adaptability with advanced electro-optical and infrared imaging systems for day-and-night use, secure communications, and

autonomous navigation even in electronically contested environments. It supports vertical take-off and landing, operates at altitudes up to 6,000 meters, carries a payload of 6 to 10 kg with endurance around five hours, and is IP67 rated for durability. Its integration with navigation via NavIC and GPS ensures secure connectivity in remote areas. The drone's deployment aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, underscoring India's increasing self-reliance in defense technology and enhancing operational readiness against hybrid threats in challenging terrains. IG Drones' success highlights the growing potential of Indian aerospace firms in modernizing the nation's defense infrastructure.

AMCA's Kevlar and glass epoxy enhance stealth; upgrades underway. SHARE

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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program is making significant strides with advancements in stealth technology and eco-friendly manufacturing processes. The aircraft, expected to enter prototype testing by 2028 and achieve full operational capability by 2034, will utilize a composite core of Kevlar and glass epoxy for enhanced strength and reduced radar visibility, making it a cornerstone of India's aerial supremacy. Notably, the AMCA will be the first Indian fighter jet to feature a revolutionary green coating—Analakshya Metamaterial Surface Cloaking System—developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, which is free of harmful chemicals and enhances stealth capabilities against enemy radar systems. This development aligns with India's commitment to self-reliance in defense under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and positions the AMCA to compete alongside other advanced fifth-generation aircraft globally. As India faces rising geopolitical tensions, the AMCA's advanced capabilities, coupled with its environmentally sustainable technology, could redefine regional air power dynamics and foster international partnerships, notably in collaboration with France for engine development. Overall, the AMCA represents a significant leap for Indian defense capabilities, merging cutting-edge technology with a commitment to sustainability.

GRSE begins construction of advanced acoustic research ship for DRDO. SHARE

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Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) laid the keel for an advanced Acoustic Research Ship (ARS) in Kolkata, intended for the Defence Research and

Development Organisation (DRDO) and its Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL). The 93-meter vessel, equipped with cutting-edge research technology, will enhance capabilities in underwater acoustic research, including deployment and retrieval of equipment, meteorological surveys, and real-time data collection. With a speed range of 4 to 12 knots and a substantial operational endurance, the ARS is set to significantly advance India's maritime research capabilities. This development underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense research infrastructure while enhancing indigenous shipbuilding capabilities, marking another milestone in GRSE's contribution to the nation's strategic maritime interests.

Indian Navy prefers German AIP subs over French Scorpene for enhanced IOR capabilities.

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The Indian Navy is reconsidering its submarine acquisition strategy, favoring the procurement of six advanced German-designed stealth submarines equipped with Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) technology over three additional French Scorpene-class submarines. This shift aims to enhance India's underwater combat capabilities in response to increasing naval threats in the Indian Ocean Region, particularly from China and Pakistan. The proposed Project 75-India (P-75I) will involve the construction of these submarines at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, emphasizing technology transfer and indigenization. While the project could bolster India's defense manufacturing ecosystem and create jobs, concerns about potential delays echo past experiences, underscoring the critical need for timely execution to maintain naval readiness and strategic deterrence.

Indian Army and DTU collaborate to enhance defense innovation and security.

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The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Delhi Technological University (DTU) to foster innovation in critical areas such as Defence Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cyber Security, Geoinformatics, and Data Analytics. Announced on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday, this partnership aims to enhance India's self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) and support the nation's transformative goals. By focusing on research and development, the MoU also prioritizes training and upskilling of soldiers, thereby blending operational

expertise with academic knowledge. This collaboration is significant as it seeks to build resilient forces ready to address emerging security challenges, reinforcing India's commitment to advancing its defense capabilities and technological prowess.

India aims for Rs 3 lakh crore in defense manufacturing growth.

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India is on track to achieve its ambitious Rs 3 lakh crore target for defense manufacturing, as highlighted by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. He emphasized the critical role of technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), in enhancing defense capabilities, while addressing concerns about job displacement. Singh reassured that AI is intended to augment human skills rather than replace them, underscoring that technology should serve as a tool to retain human values and ethics. This initiative not only signifies India's commitment to bolstering its indigenous defense industry but also positions the country as a competitive player in the global defense market, promoting self-reliance and technological advancement in the sector. The emphasis on responsible technology use is crucial for sustainable growth in defense manufacturing.

IIT Delhi and Indian Navy partner to enhance warship crew welfare.

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The Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to establish a research and design center aimed at enhancing the Quality of Life (QoL) aboard naval vessels. This partnership focuses on analyzing existing ship designs and developing new interventions to improve ergonomics, comfort, and safety, ensuring that Indian warships not only excel in combat capabilities but also prioritize crew welfare. Rear Admiral Arvind Rawal emphasized the initiative's significance in advancing naval architecture through a scientific approach by incorporating ergonomics and human factors into design processes. This collaboration reflects a strategic move to bolster the Indian Navy's operational efficiency and crew satisfaction, ultimately contributing to a more capable maritime force.

Rolls-Royce and Bharat Forge collaborate to enhance Pearl 10X engine parts manufacturing in India. SHARE

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British aerospace and defense company Rolls-Royce has expanded its collaboration with Bharat Forge through a new agreement to manufacture fan blades for the Pearl 700 and Pearl 10X engines, signed at Rolls-Royce's facility in Germany. This partnership, which began in 2020, aims to enhance India's aerospace manufacturing capabilities and significantly increase local sourcing by 2030. The Pearl 10X engine represents a leap in propulsion technology, providing superior thrust for high-performance business jets. With over 1,400 Rolls-Royce engines already operational in India's military, this agreement underscores the strategic significance of bolstering indigenous manufacturing and showcases India as a vital player in the global aerospace supply chain.

HAL to launch second HTT-40 trainer aircraft production line by October 2025. SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to commission its second production line for the HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft on October 17, 2025, at its Aircraft Division in Bangalore. This expansion aims to enhance production capacity and ensure timely deliveries to the Indian Air Force (IAF), aligning with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative focused on self-reliance in defense manufacturing. The HTT-40, an indigenous turboprop trainer, is designed to replace outdated foreign systems while incorporating advanced technology. This initiative not only strengthens India's defense capabilities but also bolsters local employment, supplier networks, and potential export opportunities, positioning India as a competitive player in the global aerospace sector. The move signifies a strategic shift toward indigenous design and manufacturing leadership in military aviation.

Govt ends missile parts tax exemption amid Adani investigation concerns. SHARE

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The Indian government has rescinded a previous policy that exempted all missile parts from import taxes, reverting to older regulations that only exempt certain parts for long-range missiles. This change follows an investigation into the Adani Group, specifically its

defense arm, over allegations of tax evasion concerning imports of short-range missile components. The reversal, issued via a correction notice, raises questions about the government's transparency and its implications for domestic defense manufacturing. As Adani Defence Systems and Technologies continues to import substantial defense parts, this decision reflects the complexities of India's defense procurement policies and their potential impact on domestic manufacturers' competitiveness in a growing defense landscape.

Armory Shield's SURGE: Indigenous C-UAS Developed in Six Months. SHARE

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Hyderabad-based Armory Shield Private Limited has achieved a groundbreaking milestone by developing its flagship Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS), SURGE, entirely in-house within just six months, securing a ₹200 crore contract from the Indian Army for 40 units. This innovation reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense, moving away from reliance on imported solutions to engineering indigenous technologies capable of addressing asymmetric threats like rogue drones. Armory emphasizes a rigorous, ground-up approach to innovation, critiquing the defense sector's dependence on rebranded foreign products. The success of SURGE not only enhances national security but also embodies India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, turning vulnerabilities into strengths in the face of evolving threats.

ADAs MUWLT Enhances Tejas Armament Efficiency for IAF Readiness SHARE

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is advancing India's indigenous defense capabilities with the development of the Motorized Universal Weapon Loading Trolley (MUWLT) for the Tejas fighter aircraft. This innovation aims to enhance armament loading efficiency by automating processes that have historically been manual, reducing turnaround times and ensuring higher operational readiness for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The MUWLT, designed to carry various payloads and equipped with advanced safety features, addresses critical logistical challenges and strengthens India's self-reliance in defense. As the IAF seeks to increase its fleet with 83 Tejas Mk1A jets, the introduction of the MUWLT is pivotal for maintaining agility in high-stakes scenarios, particularly along the Line of Actual Control, reinforcing India's strategic defense posture.

Russia proposes upgraded BMP-3 IFV to modernize India's armored forces.



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Russia has offered India its upgraded BMP-3 infantry fighting vehicle (IFV) to modernize the Indian Army's aging fleet of BMP-1 and BMP-2 vehicles, which have been operational since the late 1970s. The BMP-3, showcased at the Vietnam International Defence Expo 2024, features advanced capabilities, including autonomous operation enhancements informed by combat experience, improving its firepower, mobility, and survivability. This proposal not only strengthens the long-standing defense ties between India and Russia but also aligns with India's strategy to enhance its armored capabilities amid evolving military demands. The integration of the BMP-3 could significantly modernize India's ground forces, reinforcing its defense posture in a complex geopolitical landscape.

Goodluck India invests ₹500 crore to triple artillery shell production amid global shortages.



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Goodluck India Limited has announced a significant investment of ₹500 crore to enhance the production capacity of its artillery shell casings at its Saharanpur facility, increasing output from 150,000 to 400,000 units within a year. This expansion, aligning with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, aims to meet rising domestic and European demands for ammunition amid global shortages exacerbated by the Ukraine conflict. The move also diversifies the company's capabilities into aerospace components, positioning it strategically within India's defense ecosystem. Analysts suggest this initiative could yield revenues exceeding ₹300 crore from shell sales alone, reinforcing India's role as a reliable defense partner in an increasingly competitive international landscape.

BonV Aero completes India's first 60 km BVLOS drone flight with 20 kg payload.



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Odisha-based startup BonV Aero has achieved a significant milestone in Indian aviation by completing the country's first 60 km Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone mission, successfully transporting a 20 kg payload over 75 minutes. This accomplishment not only demonstrates the company's advancements in heavy-lift unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology but also underscores its potential for military logistics and

humanitarian efforts, particularly in challenging terrains. Following a prior record-setting flight at an altitude of 19,024 feet in Ladakh, BonV Aero is now poised to integrate its innovative drone solutions into operational frameworks aimed at enhancing national resilience and connectivity in disaster-prone regions and underserved areas. This development marks a transformative step for India's UAV capabilities, reinforcing the country's commitment to advancing indigenous defense technologies.

Defence Consultative Committee visits DRDO's ARDE to review military technologies.



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On October 16, 2025, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh led the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Defence on a visit to the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune, where they reviewed advanced military technologies, including the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System and AKASH-New Generation missile. Emphasizing the need for India to become a leader in defence technology, Singh reiterated the government's commitment to self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) and innovation in response to evolving global threats. He highlighted the collaborative efforts between DRDO, industry, academia, and start-ups in fostering a supportive ecosystem for defence research. This initiative not only aims to modernize India's armed forces but also positions the nation as a trusted global defence partner, underscoring the importance of technological supremacy in national security.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Operation Sindoor highlights India's growing self-reliance in indigenous defense capabilities, says Defence Minister.



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, speaking at the convocation of Symbiosis Skills and Professional University in Pune, emphasized that Operation Sindoor exemplifies India's growing self-reliance in the defence sector, showcasing the significant use of indigenous equipment by the armed forces. He articulated that the journey towards self-reliance began as a challenging task due to India's historical dependence on foreign weapons, but persistent efforts under Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's leadership have led to a substantial transformation. Singh highlighted the impressive increase in annual defence production from Rs 46,000 crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore over the past decade, with a target of reaching Rs 3 lakh crore by 2029. He underscored the necessity for a skilled workforce and urged the youth to embrace innovation and contribute to national development. The significance of Operation Sindoor extends beyond immediate tactical achievements; it represents a pivotal shift towards a robust domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem, reducing reliance on imports and fostering national security. This development is crucial as India aims to establish itself as a formidable player in the global defence landscape, aligning with its aspirations of becoming self-reliant and capable of supporting its armed forces effectively.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

U.S. B-52 Bombers Patrol Near Venezuela Amid Rising Tensions and Drug War Escalation



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A trio of U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bombers flew for approximately two hours off Venezuela's coast on October 14, 2025, in a significant military display amid escalating tensions. The bombers, with call signs BUNNY01, BUNNY02, and BUNNY03, departed from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and orbited over international airspace within the Maiquetía Flight Information Region near Venezuela. This operation aligns with broader U.S. efforts to pressure Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's regime, including lethal CIA-authorized covert actions and strikes against drug-trafficking vessels attributed to Maduro's cartels. The U.S. campaign recently saw missile strikes on drug-running speedboats, resulting in multiple fatalities. Maduro condemned these activities as attempts at regime change and coups orchestrated by the U.S. government. The B-52 deployment signals heightened U.S. readiness and deterrence in the Caribbean, supporting President Donald Trump's intensified drive against narcotics trafficking and Maduro's government. This military maneuver also included support aircraft such as F-35 fighters and aerial tankers operating in the region.

Trump Claims Modi Assured Halt to Indian Oil Purchases from Russia



16-Oct-25

US President Donald Trump recently claimed that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him that India would cease purchasing oil from Russia, which Trump characterized as a significant step towards economically isolating Moscow amidst the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. While the Indian embassy did not confirm Trump's assertion, halting Russian oil imports could notably alter the global energy landscape, compelling other nations to reconsider their energy dependence. Trump acknowledged that India would need time to implement such a change, highlighting the complexities involved in energy diplomacy. This development is crucial as it reflects India's position in international energy politics and its potential alignment with Western efforts to counter Russian influence, which may reshape geopolitical relations in the region.

Pakistan and Afghanistan agree to 48-hour ceasefire amid border clashes.



16-Oct-25

A temporary ceasefire has been agreed upon between Pakistan and Afghanistan for 48 hours, following intense cross-border clashes that have resulted in significant casualties on both sides, including military personnel and civilians. Pakistan's military conducted precision air and artillery strikes against Taliban targets in Kandahar and Kabul, claiming to have destroyed key Taliban battalions and infrastructure. The ceasefire, prompted by the Afghan Taliban's request, allows both parties to engage in dialogue to address underlying border issues, although longstanding mistrust remains. Pakistan's Defence Minister has described the bilateral relations as effectively broken down, cautioning that the potential for renewed hostilities persists. This volatile situation underscores the ongoing challenges of cross-border militancy and the need for diplomatic engagement to prevent further escalation, amidst mutual accusations of aggression and a fragile security environment in the region.

India and Indonesia conduct Exercise Samudra Shakti from October 14-17 to enhance maritime cooperation.



16-Oct-25

The Indian Navy is set to host the Indo-Indonesian maritime exercise, Exercise Samudra Shakti, from October 14 to 17 in Visakhapatnam. This exercise aims to enhance interoperability and mutual understanding between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy,

featuring the participation of INS Kavaratti and Indonesian Navy Ship KRI John Lie. The collaboration underscores both nations' commitment to maintaining stability and peace in the strategically important Indo-Pacific region. This initiative not only strengthens bilateral ties but also reflects India's proactive role in fostering regional security partnerships amidst rising geopolitical tensions. The exercise symbolizes a shared vision for a cooperative maritime environment, emphasizing the importance of joint efforts in addressing emerging security challenges.

Jaishankar urges UN reforms to reflect modern realities, not 1945. SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the urgent need for reforms in the United Nations, stating that it reflects the realities of 1945 rather than those of 2025, during his address at the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries Chiefs Conclave in New Delhi. He underscored the importance of formulating realistic mandates for peacekeeping missions through thorough consultation with both troop-contributing countries and host states, ensuring that these mandates align with available resources and prioritize the host state's responsibility for civilian protection. Jaishankar also highlighted the critical role of technology as a force multiplier in peacekeeping operations and reiterated India's commitment to demonstrating technological advancements to enhance operational capacities. He raised concerns about the rising challenge of misinformation affecting peacekeeping efforts and called for a stronger strategic communication approach. This discourse reflects India's growing influence in global peacekeeping, advocating for a more inclusive and effective multilateral framework while underscoring the significance of justice and cooperation in addressing contemporary global challenges. The emphasis on reform, innovation, and safety for peacekeepers signals India's proactive stance on enhancing the efficacy and relevance of international peacekeeping operations amidst changing geopolitical dynamics.

Trump lauds Modi's leadership and India's strategic global role. SHARE

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In a recent Oval Office briefing, U.S. President Donald Trump expressed strong admiration for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, hailing him as a "great man" and a friend. Trump emphasized the importance of Modi's stable leadership, which has transformed India

from a nation with frequent leadership changes to one with remarkable continuity and global significance. He noted that Modi had assured him of India's commitment to gradually phasing out oil imports from Russia, a move Trump believes would contribute positively to international efforts to resolve the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Trump highlighted the enhanced strategic and economic ties between the United States and India, underscoring that this friendship is built on mutual respect and shared objectives in areas such as energy security and regional peace. The President's remarks not only reaffirmed the importance of India as a key global player but also reflected Washington's strategic approach in strengthening alliances to promote stability in the region. This development signifies a clear alignment between the U.S. and India on critical international issues, reinforcing India's role in global diplomacy while fostering a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

Geopolitical tensions threaten semiconductor supply chains across Europe and Asia. SHARE

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The recent seizure of the chipmaker Nexperia by the Dutch government underscores the escalating geopolitical tensions surrounding semiconductor supply chains, particularly as nations vie for technological supremacy. This incident highlights the strategic importance of semiconductors amid a broader conflict involving China, Russia, and Western powers, where economic security has become paramount. With the West perceiving a decline in its technological dominance, recent U.S. sanctions on Chinese firms and China's subsequent export restrictions on rare earth materials further intensify these competitive dynamics. This situation reflects a critical juncture in securing key technological assets essential for national security and economic stability, particularly for countries like India, which are navigating their own defense and tech strategies in the face of global challenges.

India, South Korea to Enhance Naval Cooperation through INRoKN Exercise SHARE

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India and South Korea are set to conduct a significant naval bilateral exercise, referred to as INRoKN, aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability between the two nations' naval forces. This exercise reflects India's commitment to strengthening strategic

partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly in the face of growing maritime challenges. The collaborative effort underscores both countries' dedication to fostering peace, stability, and security in the region, while also demonstrating India's increasing naval capabilities. The INRoKN exercise is expected to bolster defense ties and promote effective maritime domain awareness, which is crucial amid evolving geopolitical dynamics in the area.

Trump shifts focus from Gaza ceasefire to addressing Russia and Ukraine conflict.



16-Oct-25

President Trump, buoyed by a fragile ceasefire in Gaza, is shifting his focus to ending the war in Ukraine, indicating a potential sale of long-range Tomahawk missiles to Kyiv to enhance pressure on Russia. He emphasized the urgency of addressing the conflict, stating, "First we have to get Russia done." While this move could escalate tensions with Moscow, analysts suggest that the immediate supply of Extended Range Attack Munition (ERAM) missiles may be more beneficial for Ukraine. Amid ongoing discussions of tougher sanctions against Russia, Trump's administration appears to be aligning with legislative efforts designed to cripple Moscow's economy. This pivot reflects a broader strategy to reshape U.S. foreign policy and reassert American influence in global conflicts, particularly in the face of Russian aggression.

Trump warns Israel may resume Gaza fighting if Hamas violates ceasefire.



16-Oct-25

In a recent statement to CNN, U.S. President Donald Trump indicated that Israel might resume military action in Gaza if Hamas does not adhere to the ceasefire agreement. He emphasized that Israel is prepared to take decisive action, asserting, "If Israel could go in and knock the crap out of them, they'd do that." This assertion underscores the ongoing volatility in the region and raises questions about the efficacy of diplomatic efforts to stabilize the situation. The potential for renewed conflict highlights the precarious balance of power in the Middle East and the complexities of U.S. involvement in Israeli-Palestinian relations, which could have significant implications for regional security and international diplomacy.

UK faces rising threats from Russia, Iran, and terrorism, warns MI5 chief.



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MI5 Director General Ken McCallum recently highlighted an escalating threat to the UK from hostile states, particularly Russia, Iran, and China, alongside a significant rise in terrorist activity from groups like al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. He reported a 35% increase in investigations related to state threats, noting that hostile nations are adopting increasingly aggressive tactics similar to terrorism. The agency has disrupted numerous surveillance plots linked to Russia and Iran and stressed the continuing ambition of extremist groups amid global instability. This situation underscores the complex and multifaceted nature of modern security threats, reinforcing the need for robust international cooperation and vigilance in safeguarding national security against diverse adversaries.

Brazil's VP visits India to enhance defense and economic ties.



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Brazil's Vice President, Maria Lucia Alckmin, is visiting India to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two nations, focusing on defense, trade, and energy cooperation. Meeting with Indian officials, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Alckmin's discussions will explore collaboration in defense production and enhance economic ties, particularly aiming to elevate bilateral trade to USD 20 billion within five years. The visit follows a successful India-Brazil Strategic Dialogue, which reviewed key areas such as healthcare, critical minerals, and multilateral collaboration. As both countries seek to deepen their strategic and economic relationship, this visit lays the groundwork for future cooperation, culminating in President Lula's anticipated state visit to India in 2026, reflecting a shared commitment to mutual growth and sustainable development.

Afghan Foreign Minister Muttaqi's six-day visit to India concludes, enhancing bilateral relations.



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Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi concluded a significant six-day visit to India, marking a pivotal moment in India-Afghanistan relations since the Taliban's return to power in 2021. The visit included discussions with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on trade, humanitarian aid, and regional security, emphasizing India's ongoing support for Afghanistan's development aspirations. Notably, Muttaqi's visit to the

historic Darul Uloom Deoband seminary underscored the cultural ties between the two nations. His positive remarks on the interactions in India reflect a cautious yet pragmatic approach by New Delhi towards the Taliban regime, aiming to foster constructive communication and stability in the region. This diplomatic engagement highlights India's commitment to maintaining ties despite the complexities of Afghanistan's political landscape.

India and Ethiopia strengthen defense ties for strategic partnership and regional stability. SHARE

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India and Ethiopia have strengthened their bilateral defense ties with the inaugural Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) meeting held in New Delhi on October 15, 2025. This meeting, co-chaired by Indian Joint Secretary Amitabh Prasad and Ethiopian Maj. Gen. Teshome Gemechu, signals a transformation from a development-centric relationship to a strategic partnership based on mutual respect and shared growth. The signing of a Defence Cooperation MoU in February 2025 aims to enhance collaboration in areas such as joint training, military medicine, and cyber security. This partnership not only reinforces regional stability but also aligns with India's broader strategy to expand its influence in the Indian Ocean and Horn of Africa, promoting an Afro-Asian alliance grounded in historical ties and modern imperatives.

UK sanctions Nayara Energy over Russian oil imports amid tensions. SHARE

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The UK government has imposed new sanctions on 90 entities, including India's Nayara Energy Limited, over its significant import of Russian crude oil. These measures aim to reduce Russian oil availability and undermine funding for the war in Ukraine. Nayara Energy, which has previously faced sanctions from the European Union, has condemned the actions, arguing they hinder energy trade and economic growth. This development highlights the complex interplay between geopolitical tensions and global energy markets, affecting Indian companies' operations and their role in international energy security. As India continues to navigate its energy needs amidst these sanctions, the situation underscores the challenges of balancing economic interests with international political pressures.

Military Operations

Tri-services exercise enhances military coordination for future warfare. SHARE

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A tri-service multi-domain exercise focused on futuristic warfare concluded at the Northern Command, enhancing coordination among various military branches and agencies. Over four days, the exercise simulated intense scenarios involving cyber, space, electromagnetic, and cognitive threats, emphasizing the need for a cohesive national security approach. Participation from indigenous defense industry players highlighted India's commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliance) and innovation in defense. Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma underscored the necessity of leveraging advanced technology and seamless teamwork in modern warfare to protect national interests and respond decisively to adversaries. This exercise not only strengthens India's defense preparedness but also sets a precedent for future collaborative military initiatives against evolving threats.

Future conflict exercise concludes, highlighting deadlier operations against evolving threats. SHARE

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A four-day tri-service military exercise simulating future conflict scenarios concluded in Jammu & Kashmir, focusing on threats in cyber, space, and cognitive domains. Conducted by the Northern Command, it involved collaboration among the Central Armed Police Forces, sister services, government agencies, and private sector entities. Northern Army Commander Lt General Pratik Sharma emphasized the necessity of niche technology and a unified national approach to safeguarding India's territorial integrity. Western Army Commander Lt General Manoj Kumar Katiyar warned of potential attacks from Pakistan and stated that any future operation would be significantly more lethal, reflecting India's commitment to a robust defense posture amid evolving security challenges. This exercise underscores India's proactive stance in adapting to modern warfare dynamics.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Amit Shah urges Naxals to surrender or face security force action. SHARE

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In a significant development in India's fight against Left Wing Extremism (LWE), Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that two regions in Chhattisgarh, Abujmahar and North Bastar, have been declared free from Naxal terror, following a wave of surrenders that saw 170 Naxalites lay down their arms in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. This comes as part of the government's strategy to encourage Naxal militants to renounce violence, with Shah emphasizing a firm stance against those who refuse to surrender. The recent surrender includes high-profile Naxalite leaders, such as Mallojula Venugopal Rao, alongside 139 others over two days, demonstrating a marked reduction in the influence of Naxalism, with the number of LWE-affected districts declining significantly from 18 to 11. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis underscored the surrenders' importance, linking them to ongoing developmental initiatives aimed at integrating former militants into society, particularly in Gadchiroli, which is poised to become a major industrial hub. This coordinated effort illustrates the government's commitment to eradicating the Naxal menace by March 2026, marking a pivotal shift towards peace and stability in the region and reinforcing the central government's resolve to uphold constitutional values and justice.

India warns NAM members: terrorism support will have severe consequences. SHARE

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At the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting, India asserted the need for zero tolerance towards terrorism, emphasizing that any support or cover-up would eventually have repercussions for those responsible. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh highlighted India's long history as a victim of terrorism, specifically referencing the recent attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. He criticized certain member states, implicitly naming Pakistan and China, for defending terrorist entities. Singh called for a reformed multilateralism and stressed the importance of collaboration among nations to address global issues, including terrorism and climate change. This stance underscores India's

commitment to international cooperation and its leadership role within the Global South in combatting shared threats.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Zerodha CEO Nithin Kamath's X Account Briefly Hacked After Phishing Attack, Highlights Human Side of Cybersecurity SHARE

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Zerodha co-founder and CEO Nithin Kamath recently experienced a hacking incident when he inadvertently clicked on a phishing email, leading to a temporary breach of his personal X account. Although the attackers managed to post scam cryptocurrency links during the brief lapse, Kamath's implementation of two-factor authentication (2FA) successfully prevented them from fully taking over his account. This incident has sparked significant discussions regarding the increasing prevalence of phishing attacks, underlining the necessity for holistic cybersecurity measures that extend beyond technical safeguards to encompass human behavior and awareness. Kamath emphasized that even the most vigilant individuals can fall victim to minor lapses, asserting that cybersecurity is not solely reliant on technology but also hinges on the psychology and conduct of users. He called for a more comprehensive approach to cybersecurity that integrates both technical defenses and robust human-centric policies, highlighting that despite regular security training and awareness initiatives at Zerodha, even slight mistakes can lead to vulnerabilities. The episode has resonated with many online, where users echoed Kamath's sentiments about the frequency of phishing attempts and the urgent need for platforms like X to enhance their security measures. This incident serves as a stark reminder of the critical balance required between technological solutions and human diligence in the ongoing battle against cyber threats.

F5 cybersecurity breach linked to Chinese state-sponsored hackers raises alarms. SHARE

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A significant cybersecurity breach at F5, a U.S.-based cybersecurity company, has raised alarms as it has been linked to state-sponsored hackers, believed to be Chinese in origin. The breach, which reportedly lasted for at least 12 months, involved unauthorized access to

F5's systems, allowing attackers to exfiltrate sensitive files, including portions of the BIG-IP source code and information on undisclosed vulnerabilities. The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an emergency directive warning that federal networks using F5 products are under imminent threat due to these vulnerabilities. Despite the severity of the incident, F5 has asserted that its operations remain unaffected and that no critical software development processes were compromised. The company has engaged external experts, including CrowdStrike and Mandiant, to bolster its security measures and has urged its clients, including government entities, to implement immediate software updates to mitigate risks. This incident underscores the persistent and advanced nature of cyber threats faced by critical infrastructure, emphasizing the need for robust security practices across all sectors utilizing such technologies.

Indian Navy hosts seminar on cybersecurity in maritime sector. SHARE

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The Indian Navy recently hosted a significant seminar titled "Impact of Cyber Attacks on Maritime Sector and Its Effects on National Security and International Relations" at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, aimed at enhancing awareness of cyber vulnerabilities within the maritime domain. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi underscored the urgent need for cybersecurity as India's maritime sector evolves with digital technologies, emphasizing that every vessel, port, and operational asset has become part of a comprehensive digital network, increasing exposure to cyber threats. The seminar featured panel discussions involving experts from various ministries and organizations, focusing on the necessity of designating the maritime sector as Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) and establishing a dedicated Maritime Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT). It was highlighted that the rapid digitalization of the maritime sector, which significantly contributes to India's GDP and trade, necessitates a proactive cybersecurity framework, as evidenced by past cyber disruptions affecting global trade. The broader implications of these developments signal India's commitment to fortifying its cybersecurity posture in an increasingly interconnected maritime landscape, thereby safeguarding economic interests and enhancing national security.

Hackers exploit Cisco SNMP flaw to deploy Linux rootkits in attacks. SHARE

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Cybersecurity researchers have revealed a new campaign, dubbed Operation Zero Disco, which exploited a critical vulnerability (CVE-2025-20352) in Cisco IOS Software, enabling attackers to deploy Linux rootkits on older systems. This stack overflow flaw allowed remote code execution via crafted SNMP packets, targeting legacy devices like the Cisco 9400 and 9300 series. Notably, attackers utilized modified Telnet vulnerabilities for unauthorized access while employing spoofed identities to evade detection. Cisco patched the flaw recently, but the zero-day exploits highlight the ongoing risks to unprotected systems, particularly those lacking endpoint detection measures. This incident underscores the importance of timely updates and robust cybersecurity protocols in safeguarding critical infrastructure against evolving threats.

India's fintech growth faces increasing cybersecurity challenges, warns PwC-UFF report. SHARE

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A recent report by PwC India and the Unified Fintech Forum highlights that India's booming fintech sector, with over 10,200 companies and a projected market value of USD 400 billion by 2030, faces escalating cybersecurity threats. As digital payments and innovations proliferate, vulnerabilities have also surged due to reduced cybersecurity budgets and a skills shortage. Experts emphasize the critical need for robust cybersecurity measures, including Zero Trust Architecture and AI-driven threat detection, to ensure customer trust and secure financial growth. This situation underscores a pivotal moment for India, where embedding cybersecurity into fintech development is essential for sustaining its leadership in the global digital finance landscape.

Mysuru to host national cybersecurity conference on October 17. SHARE

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A national conference on cybersecurity will take place at Maharanis Arts College for Women in Mysuru on October 17, organized in collaboration with the National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. Titled "Social Awareness on Cybersecurity and Phishing Attacks: Challenges and Preventive Strategies," the event aims to address critical issues such as data

breaches and online fraud, emphasizing the importance of community awareness and ethical responsibilities in cybersecurity. Esteemed experts will present lectures and papers, providing a platform for discourse on technical and social dimensions of cybersecurity. This conference underscores the growing recognition of cybersecurity in safeguarding both individual and institutional integrity in an increasingly digital world.

CERT-In urges updates for Google Chrome, Edge to fix security flaws.



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The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a warning regarding high-risk security vulnerabilities in older versions of Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge browsers, which could allow hackers to gain unauthorized access to users' systems. Specifically, flaws related to "Use after free" in Safe Browsing and Heap buffer overflow in Sync can enable attackers to execute arbitrary code and conduct denial-of-service (DoS) attacks. CERT-In has urged users to update their browsers to the latest versions to mitigate these risks, as both Google and Microsoft have yet to release patches. This incident underscores the critical need for timely software updates to protect user data and privacy, highlighting broader vulnerabilities that can affect cybersecurity on a national scale.

Mysterious Elephant APT hackers target Asia-Pacific government entities to steal sensitive data.



16-Oct-25

A new advanced persistent threat (APT) group, dubbed Mysterious Elephant, has emerged as a significant threat targeting government and diplomatic entities across the Asia-Pacific region. Identified by Kaspersky's Global Research and Analysis Team in 2023, the group has evolved its tactics, utilizing sophisticated spear-phishing schemes and custom malware, including a PowerShell loader known as BabShell. This loader enables it to execute complex attacks while minimizing forensic traces. The group's adept use of open-source code and proprietary enhancements showcases its technical sophistication, necessitating equally advanced defensive measures for organizations tasked with protecting sensitive data. The implications of this development underscore the urgent need for robust cybersecurity strategies to counteract evolving cyber threats targeting critical institutions.

India's National Cybersecurity Strategy progresses after delays, enhancing digital defense.



16-Oct-25

India's long-awaited National Cybersecurity Strategy (NCS) is back in progress, with consultations across ministries and industry stakeholders, as announced by Narendranath Gangavarapu, Joint Secretary at the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). The strategy aims to unify efforts in safeguarding India's digital infrastructure and improve its ranking in the International Telecommunication Union's cybersecurity index. Gangavarapu highlighted that despite the absence of a formal strategy, the NSCS has been proactive in addressing cyber threats, particularly during recent border skirmishes with Pakistan. This development underscores the Indian government's commitment to enhancing national security through a cohesive cybersecurity policy, reflecting India's strategic focus on strengthening its defenses in an increasingly digital world.

Vodafone Idea's AI-driven autonomous SOC enhances cybersecurity amid rising threats.



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In response to escalating cyber threats, Vodafone Idea Limited has successfully implemented a nearly fully autonomous Security Operations Center (SOC), utilizing AI-driven systems that enhance real-time threat detection and response while mitigating the shortage of skilled cybersecurity professionals. The integration of machine learning and behavioral analytics allows these autonomous SOC's to predict potential breaches and prioritize genuine risks, marking a shift from reactive to proactive cybersecurity defenses. Experts highlight the necessity for data quality and the development of purpose-built AI models to ensure effectiveness, pointing to a future where human analysts focus on strategic tasks while AI handles routine operations. This evolution in cybersecurity infrastructure is significant for India, as it enhances the resilience of digital assets in a rapidly changing threat landscape.

Reddit co-founder warns internet's authenticity declines due to bots and AI dominance.



16-Oct-25

Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian has raised concerns about the future of the internet, suggesting it is

increasingly dominated by bots and AI-generated content, leading to a decline in genuine human interaction. He highlighted findings from cybersecurity researchers indicating that over half of internet traffic may originate from bots, which he believes creates a landscape where authentic engagement is compromised. Ohanian advocates for the establishment of "verifiably human" online spaces, emphasizing the need for platforms that prioritize real interactions. This perspective reflects a growing unease about the erosion of genuine communication in digital environments, underscoring the importance of fostering authenticity amid technological advancements.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

EME Corps Day honors achievements and unveils new tech facilities at MCEME. SHARE

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The 83rd Corps Day of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) was celebrated at the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME) in Secunderabad, with Lieutenant General Neeraj Varshney leading the commemorative activities. He praised the commitment of EME personnel in maintaining the Indian Army's combat readiness and highlighted their exemplary performance during Operation Sindoor. The event also acknowledged outstanding achievements in various departments and inaugurated two advanced training facilities, Dronalaya and Yantralaya, to enhance capabilities in drone technologies and robotics. This development underscores India's strategic focus on modernizing its defense forces and reinforcing technical proficiency, which is vital for maintaining operational effectiveness in an increasingly technology-driven warfare landscape.

Miscellaneous

U.S. Defense Secretary's Plane Makes Emergency UK Landing Due to Windshield Crack SHARE

16-Oct-2025

A U.S. Air Force Boeing C-32A carrying War Secretary Pete Hegseth was forced to make an emergency landing at RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom on October 15, 2025, after a crack appeared in the aircraft's windshield. The incident occurred during the

plane's return journey from the NATO Defense Ministers meeting in Brussels. Flight tracking showed the aircraft rapidly descended to below 10,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, following standard emergency procedures for a compromised windscreen. Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell confirmed the unscheduled landing was carried out safely with all onboard, including Hegseth, unharmed. Hegseth reassured the public on social media, stating, "All good. Thank God. Continue mission!" The C-32A, a militarized Boeing 757, serves as a key transport for senior U.S. officials and is known for its long service life, currently undergoing upgrades as replacement efforts begin. The cause of the windshield crack is under investigation, and it remains unclear when Hegseth will resume his travel.

GE Aerospace Pune Celebrates 10 Years, Boosting India's Aviation Role SHARE

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GE Aerospace's Pune facility recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, underscoring India's pivotal role in the global aviation supply chain. Over the past decade, the site has developed into a manufacturing hub producing components for high-demand jet engines like the GEnx and GE9X, while also creating a skilled workforce through extensive training programs for over 5,000 production associates and engineers. The facility operates under GE's FLIGHT DECK, enhancing efficiency and safety across operations. Its commitment to environmental stewardship is reflected in its ISO certifications and use of renewable energy. This milestone not only strengthens India's aerospace capabilities but also aligns with the country's broader defense strategy to enhance self-reliance in high-tech manufacturing.

IAF to showcase air power in Guwahati on November 9. SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is poised to showcase its capabilities with a spectacular air display over Guwahati on November 9, celebrating Air Force Day. The event, themed "Infallible, Impervious and Precise," will feature a range of frontline fighter aircraft, transport aircraft, and helicopters executing coordinated formations. This display not only highlights the IAF's operational excellence and cutting-edge technology but also aims to inspire youth in the Northeast by promoting career opportunities within the force. The public is invited to witness this aerial spectacle, reinforcing a spirit of patriotism and service to the

nation, while also emphasizing the importance of the IAF's role in ensuring national security. This initiative reflects the IAF's commitment to engaging with and educating the community about its vital mission.

IAF and Coast Guard complete joint scuba diving mission in Goa.

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A joint scuba diving expedition by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Coast Guard concluded in Goa, emphasizing inter-service collaboration and marine conservation. The initiative, titled "Forging Bonds Beneath the Waves," involved 20 divers, 10 from each service, who conducted dives at Angria Bank, a site rich in biodiversity. Flagged off on October 8, the week-long mission aimed to enhance operational interoperability and refine joint diving procedures, marked by a symbolic underwater flag-in ceremony. This endeavor not only underscores the commitment of the IAF and Coast Guard towards safeguarding marine ecosystems but also highlights the importance of synergistic training among India's defense forces, fostering unity and operational readiness in maritime operations.

Sebi chief warns of urgent cybersecurity risks from quantum computing advancements.

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Securities Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has warned of potential cybersecurity risks posed by advancements in quantum computing, likening it to the Y2K crisis. Unlike the Y2K bug, which had a clear deadline, the quantum threat lacks a definitive timeline, raising concerns about inaction and data vulnerability. Sebi is proactively developing a roadmap to implement post-quantum cryptography by 2028-29, while the government has allocated significant resources for quantum research under the National Quantum Mission. Experts emphasize the urgency for a comprehensive national strategy to safeguard sensitive data and ensure a smooth transition to quantum-safe systems, highlighting that proactive measures are crucial to avoid future crises.

ISRO plans crewed lunar mission by 2040, launches Gaganyaan in 2027.

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ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan announced ambitious plans for India's space exploration, targeting a crewed lunar mission by 2040 and initiating the Gaganyaan human spaceflight in 2027. With three uncrewed

Gaganyaan missions planned by 2026 and a national space station set for 2035, India aims to enhance its launch capacity and space infrastructure significantly. The transformative role of reforms under IN-SPACe has led to over 300 startups in the space sector, crucial for meeting rising demands for satellite applications. This strategic development underscores India's commitment to becoming a self-reliant space power, reflecting its growing economic stature and technological prowess on the global stage.

Sri Lanka PM Amarasuriya visits Hindu College, strengthening India ties.

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Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya visited her alma mater, Hindu College at Delhi University, from October 16-18, marking her first official trip to India since taking office. The visit was met with significant enthusiasm from students and faculty, who celebrated her achievement as a distinguished alumna. Amarasuriya engaged with current students and faculty members, reliving memories from her time at the college while fostering educational and cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka. This visit underscores the importance of bilateral relations and the role of educational diplomacy in strengthening ties, reflecting the shared values and history between the two nations.

SC stays Indian nurse's execution in Yemen, no immediate threat reported.

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The Supreme Court of India has announced that the execution of Indian nurse Nimisha Priya, currently on death row in Yemen for murder, has been stayed, with no immediate threat reported. Attorney General R. Venkataramani informed the court that a new mediator has engaged in the situation, offering some hope for Priya's legal team, which is urging the Indian government to utilize diplomatic channels for her release. The court, while acknowledging the stay, has scheduled the matter for review in January 2026 but allowed for earlier listings if conditions require. This development underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Indian nationals abroad and highlights the importance of diplomatic measures in protecting citizens' rights.

Father of deceased pilot seeks independent inquiry into Air India crash causes.



16-Oct-25

The father of an Air India pilot who died in a crash that killed 260 people in June has petitioned the Supreme Court of India for an independent investigation into the disaster, arguing that it should consider factors beyond pilot error. This legal action, supported by the Federation of Indian Pilots, criticizes the government's

investigation as overly focused on pilot actions, suggesting a lack of attention to other technical or procedural causes. Preliminary reports indicate that fuel switches were turned off just after takeoff, which could indicate pilot actions rather than systemic issues. This case reflects broader concerns about accountability and thoroughness in aviation safety investigations in India, emphasizing the need for transparency and expert oversight in such critical matters.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SUNITATOOL	830.6	830.6	830.6	830.6	4000	5.0	55.87	808.58	793.18
SWANDEF	668.0	668.0	668.0	668.0	3682	5.0	100.0	437.21	68.09
LOKESHMACH	176.25	185.0	176.25	183.11	74188	3.93	41.6	191.03	203.33
TANEJAERO	361.0	374.0	356.4	369.0	12215	3.55	45.4	373.29	371.4
LMW	14897.0	15550.0	14797.0	15440.0	6104	3.51	60.96	14895.05	15700.38
HBLPOWER	900.0	926.0	900.0	921.45	1463041	2.79	65.68	857.41	611.48
BHARATFORG	1234.0	1275.9	1230.0	1265.2	1695549	2.64	62.43	1226.53	1186.06
ROSSELLIND	61.09	64.74	61.09	63.78	25345	2.31	47.34	64.09	68.0
DYNAMATECH	7880.0	8259.0	7829.0	7984.0	75920	2.18	74.29	7219.45	6857.83
NIBE	1313.0	1340.0	1313.0	1334.0	2400	1.91	48.95	1372.01	1404.59
AVANTEL	196.0	201.4	193.7	198.32	5370864	1.84	57.93	191.25	142.17
DATAPAT'TNS	2707.0	2744.1	2685.0	2731.7	184246	1.28	51.04	2748.23	2386.54
JYOTICNC	912.6	929.9	909.5	920.0	241289	1.28	50.17	912.81	1056.78
ADANIENT	2544.8	2579.7	2540.9	2557.6	1020102	0.98	57.58	2551.88	2411.29
BEL	409.1	412.7	409.05	411.8	11479498	0.91	57.7	406.45	343.69
LT	3830.3	3885.9	3830.0	3861.8	2330283	0.86	70.17	3720.8	3505.29
APOLLO	293.05	301.75	289.1	293.45	5609398	0.79	41.5	327.32	178.6
MTARTECH	2190.1	2228.6	2112.2	2220.2	990587	0.65	78.79	1934.95	1554.02
RTNINDIA	51.0	51.45	50.8	51.05	1204079	0.61	38.01	52.83	52.17
PTC	165.0	166.44	164.41	165.42	970871	0.54	35.27	168.0	167.8
RELINFRA	229.9	234.5	226.5	230.01	673265	0.34	37.7	245.03	287.49
HAL	4860.0	4888.7	4827.2	4861.3	721461	0.33	59.15	4806.35	4380.77
BDL	1500.9	1511.4	1487.6	1504.9	659335	0.27	45.32	1541.26	1492.75
WALCHANNAG	172.9	176.0	170.71	172.06	210399	0.22	31.74	193.64	205.34
TEMBO	541.75	555.0	540.0	549.1	32929	0.21	39.81	578.0	560.92
MACPOWER	818.1	838.15	818.1	826.45	4857	0.03	43.36	840.35	951.98
PARAS	704.9	708.9	698.1	703.1	220384	-0.06	49.69	710.51	642.02
GOODLUCK	1305.0	1325.0	1282.5	1294.0	437809	-0.1	60.18	1230.35	945.06
SOLARINDS	14052.0	14134.0	13960.0	14035.0	81585	-0.12	48.28	14035.2	12976.55
COCHINSHIP	1799.0	1814.8	1782.8	1791.0	586614	-0.23	48.5	1838.96	1671.65
GRSE	2620.0	2641.0	2590.1	2613.0	613347	-0.24	50.06	2646.8	2191.93
KRISHNADEF	798.7	805.0	791.05	795.25	22750	-0.43	45.04	817.53	771.38
HIGHENE	596.4	614.95	596.0	600.2	2819	-0.65	46.07	602.12	600.78
DCXINDIA	235.0	236.3	232.27	232.82	273903	-0.66	31.79	250.63	281.41
MAZDOCK	2852.4	2881.1	2829.1	2831.9	783680	-0.72	48.6	2873.29	2751.46
DRONACHRYA	53.0	53.45	52.16	52.3	70000	-0.76	19.7	60.03	79.68
CENTUM	2531.8	2550.0	2501.9	2510.9	9424	-0.83	42.7	2654.67	2089.2
IDEAFORGE	478.65	481.9	473.25	474.55	103989	-0.86	41.09	502.22	481.62
CFF	628.7	631.75	620.0	622.0	32800	-0.96	44.47	631.55	580.39
BEML	4481.5	4535.0	4409.6	4425.8	280336	-1.01	58.01	4325.63	3728.87
TECHERA	304.0	304.0	282.0	286.65	327200	-1.05	71.04	245.82	183.28
ZENTEC	1370.0	1376.0	1346.2	1349.7	318206	-1.29	33.07	1471.24	1648.85
ASTRAMICRO	1077.9	1081.85	1050.0	1053.7	336672	-1.44	46.91	1085.94	901.25
PREMEXPLN	639.9	642.75	623.55	627.45	567860	-1.56	55.93	616.6	485.97
SIKA	1235.3	1264.95	1205.0	1215.95	24655	-1.64	49.28	1236.0	899.14
MARINE	221.7	222.6	214.0	216.9	375602	-1.65	57.52	215.98	197.79
AZAD	1675.1	1677.0	1644.0	1650.2	143779	-1.66	52.35	1640.24	1562.11
URAVIDEF	250.8	258.0	233.58	241.31	13739	-1.86	31.93	251.5	428.69
MIDHANI	388.0	389.15	376.8	377.6	358866	-2.26	44.1	389.57	355.63
AXISCADES	1608.0	1628.0	1522.2	1522.2	56403	-5.0	43.69	1654.61	1091.21