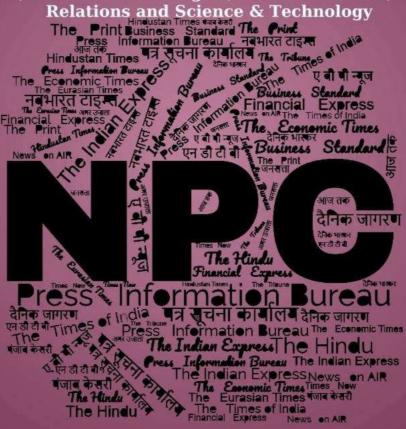
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Defence News

INS SUTLEJ ARRIVES AT PORT LOUIS FOR 18TH JOINT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY MISSION IN MAURITIUS

Source: PIB, Dt. 02 Oct 2025

INS Sutlej, a specialised hydrographic survey vessel of the Indian Navy arrived at Port Louis to undertake 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey at Mauritius on 29 Sep 2025.

This mission is being conducted under the framework of long standing bilateral MoU on Hydrography signed during the 14th Joint Committee Meeting on Hydrography held earlier this year.

The current survey mission will cover an extensive area of approx 35,000 square nautical miles. As part of capacity-building efforts, officers from various Mauritian ministries will embark onboard to receive hands-on training in hydrographic data collection and processing.

Deployment of INS Sutlej to Mauritius stands as reaffirmation of shared commitment of both nations towards advanced scientific collaboration and strategic maritime ties. It reflects deep-rooted maritime cooperation, aimed at enhancing navigational safety, sustainable management of ocean resources, and regional collaboration in the Indian Ocean Region.



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Operation Sindoor Exposed Pakistan's Air Defence, Proved India's Decisive Capability: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

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On the occasion of Vijayadashmi Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh performed Shastra Puja at the Bhuj Military Station, Bhuj, Gujarat on October 02, 2025. In his address, Raksha Mantri lauded the Indian Armed Forces for successfully thwarting Pakistan's attempts to breach India's defence network during Operation Sindoor. "Pakistan had tried to penetrate India's defences from Leh to Sir Creek Sector, but the swift and effective counter-action of the Indian forces not only exposed the weaknesses of Pakistan's air defence system but also sent out a clear message to the world that India can inflict heavy damage at a time, place and manner of its choosing," he said.

Raksha Mantri drew attention to the fact that even after 78 years of Independence, Pakistan continues to create disputes over the Sir Creek Sector, despite India's repeated efforts to resolve the issue through dialogue. He pointed out that Pakistan's recent expansion of military infrastructure in the Sir Creek Sector reflects its ill intent. He also said that any misadventure by Pakistan in the Sir Creek sector will invite a decisive response, stating, "If Pakistan dares to act in Sir Creek Sector, the reply will be so strong that it will change both history and geography. In 1965, the Indian Army showed courage by reaching Lahore and in 2025 Pakistan must remember that the road to Karachi also passes through the Creek."

Lauding the success of Operation Sindoor in record time, Rajnath Singh said that it was possible due to the seamless jointness of the Armed Forces. He congratulated the soldiers and officers for their strategy, courage and capability that proved India's ability to defeat its adversaries under any circumstances.

The Raksha Mantri underlined that despite having the capability, India demonstrated restraint as the Operation Sindoor was aimed at countering terrorism, not provoking a wider conflict. He expressed satisfaction that all military objectives of Operation Sindoor were successfully achieved and reaffirmed that India's fight against terrorism will continue with full resolve. Raksha Mantri assured that Indian Armed Forces and the Border Security Force are vigilantly guarding the nation's borders.

Addressing the armed forces on this occasion, Raksha Mantri highlighted that Shastra Puja is not merely a ritual, but a reflection of India's civilizational philosophy, where weapons are regarded as instruments of dharma, not just tools of violence. He drew parallels from Indian tradition where farmers worship their plough, students revere their books, and soldiers honour their weapons. He stressed that weapons must always be used for the protection of justice and righteousness.

"Knowledge without the power to defend it is vulnerable, and power without the guidance of knowledge leads to chaos. The balance of Shaastra (knowledge) and Shastra (weapons) keeps our civilization vibrant and invincible," he added.

Raksha Mantri underlined that India, which has always been rich in knowledge, is today becoming Aatmanirbhar in defence manufacturing as well. Under the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, India is emerging as a manufacturer and exporter of defence equipment.

Shri Rajnath Singh also praised the jointness of the Army, Navy and Air Force, calling them the three strong pillars of India's national security. Referring to Exercise Varunastra, which was conducted in the sector, he said it demonstrated the combined operational capability of the three services and their readiness to thwart any threat.

Along with highlighting the importance of Shastra (weapons), Raksha mantri also talked about the challenges along the country's borders. He said that the challenges have never been simple, and they come in different forms. "At times, these challenges appear in the form of external aggression, at times as terrorist organizations, and in today's world, they also appear in the form of cyber warfare and information warfare," he added.

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Extending greetings on the occasion of Vijayadashami, Shri Rajnath Singh said the festival reminds us that no matter how powerful evil may appear, it is righteousness that ultimately prevails. "The worship of weapons on this day is deeply connected with India's national life, as it represents respect for the country's collective strength, security and freedom," he added. Raksha Mantri praised the courage, strategy and capability of the Armed Forces, stressing that their preparedness and determination will continue to safeguard India's sovereignty and integrity.

Raksha Mantri also paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, describing him as a shining example of moral courage. He remarked that Gandhiji, with the power of his spirit alone, compelled the strongest empire of the time to bow down. "Our soldiers possess both morale and weapons, and therefore no challenge can withstand their resolve," he said.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the Tidal Independent Berthing Facility and the Joint Control Centre (JCC), in the strategic Creek sector. The facilities will act as major enablers for integrated coastal operations while significantly enhancing joint operational capability, coastal security coordination and rapid response to any threats. Raksha Mantri also interacted with the troops at Bhuj Military station.

The event was also attended by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Southern Army Commander Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, Corps Commander of 12 Corps, Jodhpur, Lieutenant General Aditya Vikram Singh Rathee, and Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station Bhuj, Air Commodore KPS Dham.

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INDIAN NAVY SHIP TRIKAND VISITS TARANTO, ITALY

Source: PIB, Dt. 02 Oct 2025

Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Trikand, called at Taranto, Italy, on 28 Sep 2025 during her ongoing operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.

During the visit, the ship's crew engaged in professional exchanges and cross-deck visits. These interactions focused on sharing best practices and enhancing mutual interoperability between the two navies.

Captain Sachin Kulkarni, Commanding Officer of INS Trikand, paid a courtesy call on Rear Admiral Andrea Petroni, Commander of the Italian Navy's Second Naval Division.



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The port call underscores the importance attached by India to its relations with Italy and reflects the shared commitment of both nations to strengthening their growing defence cooperation and maritime partnership.

The ship has now proceeded for the next phase of deployment.

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MAJOR GENERAL PAUL OWUOR OTIENO, COMMANDER KENYA NAVY VISITS SOUTHERN NAVAL COMMAND

Source: PIB, Dt. 02 Oct 2025

Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, along with a four member delegation, visited Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi from 30 Sep – 02 Oct 2025 as part of his official visit to India.

During the visit, the Commander of the Kenya Navy interacted with Vice Admiral V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, and held discussions on avenues to enhance training engagement and maritime cooperation between the two Navies. The visiting delegation was presented a brief overview of Indian Navy's professional and operational training frameworks. In the deliberations, Major General Otieno appreciated the Indian Navy's maiden initiative Indian Ocean Ship – Sagar (IOS Sagar), jointly crewed by personnel from nine IOR nations including Kenya, as a unique step towards regional maritime synergy. He underscored the importance of strengthening regional cooperation, capability enhancement, and interoperability through training exchanges and adoption of best practices. The recent long-range training deployment of the First Training Squadron (1TS) to Mombasa was also noted as a significant milestone in bilateral ties.



The Kenyan delegation visited various training schools at SNC and witnessed demonstrations on advanced simulators and state-of-the-art training infrastructure. At Headquarters Sea Training, discussions focused on operational sea training and avenues for deeper training cooperation. A visit to Fast Attack Craft, INS Kabra was also undertaken. At the Naval hospital INHS Sanjivani, the delegation was briefed on the wide range of multi-speciality medical facilities available.

Indian Navy has been actively fostering maritime excellence with Kenya Navy through training endeavours since 1990. The visit of the Commander of the Kenya Navy to SNC underscores the growing maritime partnership and reaffirms shared commitment of both Navies towards enhancing maritime security and regional stability.

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Sindoor alters regional geopolitics

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Sindoor alters regional geopolitics

Strikes on Nur Khan, Kirana Hills bases trigger US, China, Global South recalibrations

RAKESH K. SINGH NEW DELHI, OCT 1

Operation Sindoor has unwittingly yielded results beyond its stated operational objectives and operational objectives and helped India consolidate its national security interests. Direct linkages to the slide in the Indo-US relationship and tariff with Operation Sindoor have emerged as the geopolitical churnings post the May conflict between India and Pakistan are also connected to

India and Pakistan are also connected to Washington's desperation to take back Bagram airbase in Afghanistan.

The Indian hits on Pakistani air bases on the intervening night on May 9 and 10, particularly the Pakistan Air Force Nur Khan (Chaklala, Rawelnindi Puniah) and Pakistan Ali Pole Khan (Chaklala, Rawalpindi, Punjab) and Kirana Hills (Sargodha district, Punjab) bases have rubbed Washington

the wrong way which was apparently busy in erect-ing ballistic missile stor-age dump and launch sys-tems. equipped with tems, equipped with AWACS, to bring in its range India China, Russia range India China, Russia (ostensibly to target Global South leaders) and Iran which fall within a range of 2,000 km. Prior to the launch of Operation Sindoor on May 6/7, the US President has asserted that India has a leatitimete right to retall.

5/7, the US President has a legitimate right to retaliate against the Pahalgam terror attack but the tone and tenor changed just after the Pak air bases were hit by the Indian armed forces. Before the initiation of the Operation Sindoor, US President Donald Trump had said India and Pakistan will settle their issues one way or the other.

or the other. When India targeted the Pakistani air bases in retaliation to missile

strikes, President Donald Trump changed course and sought Indian endorsement for the cease-fire but was frustrated that New Delhi denied any

geostrategic presence in the region intact and for this it is is seeking to reassure India that American strategic presence in the region is not aimed against India.

On May 6/7 when India targeted nine terror bases inside Pakistan in retaliation to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attacks, the US again stated that India has a right to hit terror bases. However, India struck back on May 9/10 after Pakistani retaliation on Indian military installations, civillan areas and religious sites a day earlier. Notably, the Nur Kham base also witnessed US military activities regularly during US presence in Afghanistan. However, Bagram airbase was vacated by the US forces during Afghan pullout in 2020.

The US, however, continstrategic presence in the that New Delhi denied any third party Intervention. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself rebuffed the ceasefire claim in the ceasefire

Khan base after vacating
Bagram. The US forces
have restarted using the
Nur Khan air base after
repairing its structural
damage following Op
Sindoor.
India targeted Nur Khan
base as it was used by the
Pak forces for launching
missiles at Indian installations, civilians and reli-

missies at indian installa-tions, civilians and reli-gious sites. After Indian hits, the Nur Khan base was damaged so badly due to accuracy and precision of Indian projectiles, which rendered it inopera-tional and has left Pakistan in no position to reassure the US regarding force protection at Nur Khan base.

Khan base.
The damage inflicted on Nur Khan airbase compelled the US to reach out to India and the so-called American intervention was apparently in the form of request to the Indian leadership.

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Source: The Pioneer, Dt. 03 Oct 2025

Rajnath to celebrate dussehra with soldiers in bhuj

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called on sol-diers to embrace new technologies, prioritise training and stay prepared for prioritise every challenge.

Singh was addressing a group of soldiers at a traditional 'Barakhana' in Gujarat's Bhuj. Wars are not won by weapons alone, but by disci pline, morale, and constant readiness. Embrace new technologies, make training an integral part of your routine, and prepare yourself for every situation," he said.

"In today's world, the force that remains invincible is the one that continuously learns and adapts to new chal-lenges," he added.

The defence minister will celebrate Dussehra ebrate Dussehra and Vijayadashami with the troops in Bhuj. He highlighted that while traditional threats remain, new challenges such as terrorism, cyber-attacks, drone warfare, and informa-tion warfare have added multidimensional risks.



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with soldiers during Barakhana, a feast, on the eve of the Dussehra festival in Bhuj, Kutch district in Gujarat

These cannot be countered by weapons alone. Mental strength, updated knowledge, and quick adapt-ability are equally impor-tant," he emphasised.

Extending his greetings on Vijayadashami, Singh called it a festival that symbolises the victory of good over evil, truth over falsehood, and righteousness over injustice.

The defence minister assured the soldiers that the Government is fully committed to their welfare, modernisation of the armed forces, and respect for veterans.

"The well-being of our oldiers is non-negotiable," he soldiers is non-negotiable, reiterated. "The dream of a strong, self-reliant, and developed India rests on the shoulders of our soldiers. It is through their dedication and sacrifice that this dream is being fulfilled every day."

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Commemorative Postal

A Commemorative Postal Stamp and First Day Cover dedicated to Military Nursing Service was released to commemorate the Centenary of MNS. The stamp was released by Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth during a ceremony organised here on Wednesday.

The stamp stands as a national recognition of the century-long journey of MNS officers, symbolising their compassion, professional excellence, and proud legacy. In addition, a Centenary Diary, chronicling achievements and experiences of MNS officers, was also unveiled, a statement from Ministry of Defence stated. Seth also released a documentary onte MNS, tracing its remarkable journey from inception to its present stature.

Source: The statesman, Dt. 02 Oct 2025

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Source: Hindustan Times, Dt. 02 Oct 2025



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नई तकनीक को अपनाएं और हमें तैयार रखें: राजनाथ

Source: Dainik Jagran, Dt. 02 Oct 2025



भुज मैं रक्षा मंत्री ने की शस्त्र पूजा, सर क्रीक पर पाक को दी चेतावनी

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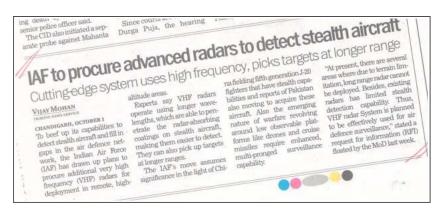
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