

मई
May
2026

खंड/Vol. : 51

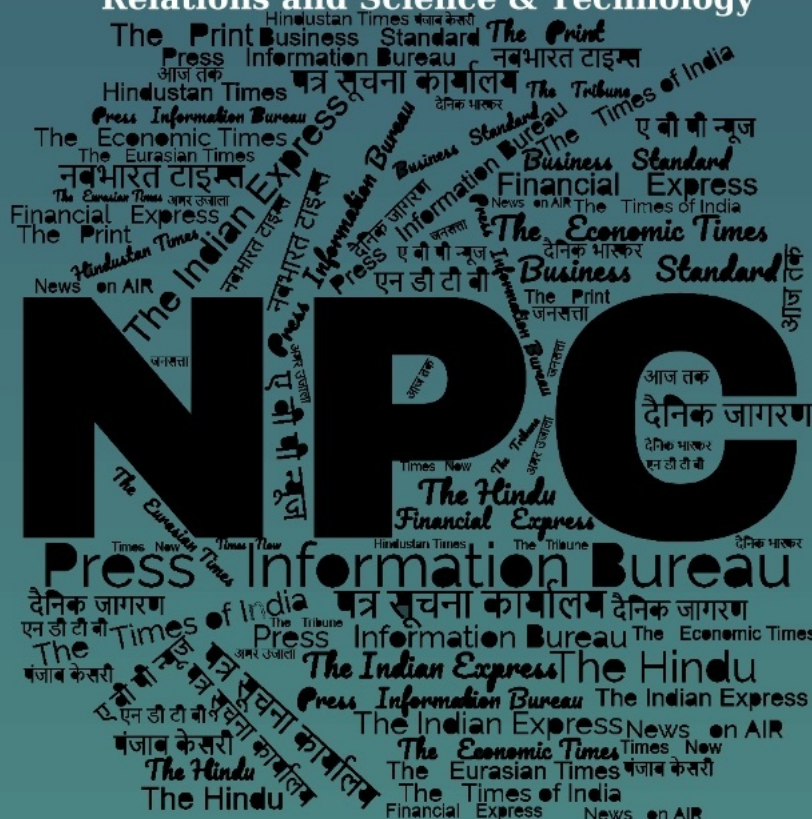
अंक/Issue : 089

14/05/2026

समाचार पत्रों से चयनित अंश Newspapers Clippings

डीआरडीओ समुदाय को डीआरडीओ प्रौद्योगिकियों, रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकियों, रक्षा नीतियों, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संबंधों और विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी की नूतन जानकारी से अवगत कराने हेतु दैनिक सेवा

A Daily service to keep DRDO Fraternity abreast with DRDO Technologies, Defence Technologies, Defence Policies, International Relations and Science & Technology



रक्षा विज्ञान पुस्तकालय

Defence Science Library

रक्षा वैज्ञानिक सूचना एवं प्रलेखन केंद्र

Defence Scientific Information & Documentation Centre

मेटकॉफ हाउस, दिल्ली - 110 054

Metcalfe House, Delhi - 110 054

CONTENTS

S. No.	Title	Source	Page No.
	Defence News		1-3
1	Pokhran II tests showcased that 'no power can bend India', says Modi; Country has increased its N-warhead count from 172 in 2024 to 180 in 2025, says report	<i>The Times of India</i>	1
2	Raksha Rajya Mantri to inaugurate Kalam & Kavach 3.0 themed 'Taking JAI Forward With I ² '	<i>Press Information Bureau</i>	2
3	CAPSS-HQ Maintenance Command Joint Aerospace	<i>Press Information Bureau</i>	2

Defence News

Pokhran II tests showcased that 'no power can bend India', says Modi; Country has increased its N-warhead count from 172 in 2024 to 180 in 2025, says report

Source: The Times of India, Dt. 15 May 2026

PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Pokhran II nuclear tests showcased that “no power can bend India”. Codenamed ‘Operation Shakti’, Pokhran II tests were a series of five nuclear bomb explosions in May 1998 that gave India official entry into the global “nuclear club” and the sixth country to declare itself a nuclear-armed nation. The nuclear tests were conducted over two days in 1998: May 11 (three tests) and May 13 (two tests).

On the Pokhran II anniversary, Modi in a post on X said, “On this very day in 1998, the nuclear tests conducted by India demonstrated to the world just how unwavering our nation's resolve is! After the May 11 tests, the entire world brought pressure to bear on India, but we demonstrated that no power can bend India. And interdependence of power and the powerful is established. There is no power without Shiva, nor Shiva without power.”

India increased its nuclear warhead count from 172 in 2024 to 180 by early 2025 (slightly more than Pakistan's 170 nukes), and estimations indicate further growth to 190 by 2026, according to a SIPRI 2025 report. “India continued to develop new types of nuclear delivery systems. India's new ‘canisterised’ missiles, which can be transported with mated warheads, may be capable of carrying nuclear warheads during peacetime, and possibly even multiple warheads on each missile, once they become operational,” the report said.

India has been upgrading its nuclear delivery systems and actively maturing its nuclear triad — land, air and sea capabilities — with a focus on achieving a “credible minimum deterrence” and an assured second-strike capability. On May 8 this year, India successfully flight-tested an advanced Agni missile equipped with MIRV capability, enabling a single missile to carry multiple nuclear warheads.

The Indian Air Force (IAF), on its part, has also significantly enhanced the aerial component of its nuclear triad, moving towards a more diversified and capable fleet to ensure robust deterrence. While older, battle-proven platforms like Jaguar fighter jets and Mirage 2000 remain in service, the integration of advanced, multi-role fighters like Rafales and Sukhoi is key to this strategic shift.

India has also expanded its Arihant-class submarine programme to four nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) as part of the advanced technology Vessel (ATV) project, aiming to ensure a survivable second-strike capability. INS Arihant, INS Arighaat and INS Aridhaman carrying nuclear-capable K-15 and K-4 missiles have already been commissioned into the Navy. The fourth submarine is in the making and will be commissioned in near future.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/pokhran-ii-tests-showcased-that-no-power-can-bend-india-says-modi-country-has-increased-its-n-warhead-count-from-172-in-2024-to-180-in-2025-says-report/articleshow/131076955.cms>

*

Raksha Rajya Mantri to inaugurate Kalam & Kavach 3.0 themed 'Taking JAI Forward With I²'

Source: Press Information Bureau, Dt. 13 May 2026

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth will inaugurate the third edition of Kalam & Kavach at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on May 14, 2026. The conference will serve as a premier strategic platform bringing together senior policy makers, military leadership, defence industry stakeholders, diplomats, innovators, start-ups, academia & strategic experts to deliberate on India's evolving defence transformation, indigenous capability development, and future warfighting preparedness.

The event is centred around the strategic vision of Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation (JAI), along with emphasis on Indigenisation and International Collaboration (I²). It seeks to advance discussions on integrated military capability development, technological innovation, and strategic partnerships in line with the national security objectives and the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The event includes a series of high-level strategic sessions, keynote addresses, fireside conversations, and industry engagements focusing on the future of India's defence and security landscape. It will witness participation of Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, senior officials from Ministry of Defence, HQ IDS, DRDO, National Security Advisory Board, foreign ambassadors, defence attaches from friendly countries, global defence corporations, Indian industry leaders, MSMEs, start-ups, and leading strategic think tanks. The inaugural session will also feature a special address by the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit along with senior representatives from the strategic & defence ecosystem.

Key thematic discussions include future-proofing India's warfighting edge, focusing on AI-enabled warfare, autonomous systems, hypersonic technologies, quantum-enabled Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities, emerging space and low-earth orbit threats, and Tri-service integration. From partnership to capability, the discussion will examine strategic global partnerships, co-development models, advanced defence manufacturing, and technology transfer frameworks.

Accelerating Aatmanirbharta & scaling defence manufacturing, Kalam & Kavach 3.0 aims to highlight MSME participation, IDEX-driven innovation ecosystems, defence industrial corridors, indigenous production capabilities, and production scalability for achieving Viksit Bharat@2047. The event will focus on global partnerships, Indian advantage and exploring how trusted international collaborations can strengthen India's defence-industrial base while supporting indigenous capability development.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2260748®=3&lang=1>

*

CAPSS-HQ Maintenance Command Joint Aerospace

Source: Press Information Bureau, Dt. 13 May 2026

Headquarters Maintenance Command of the Indian Air Force, in collaboration with the Centre for Airpower and Strategic Studies (CAPSS), an autonomous defence think tank, successfully conducted a one-day Joint Aerospace Power Seminar at Nagpur on 11 May 2026. The seminar,

centred on the theme "Efficient Maintenance and Atmanirbharta Enablers of Airpower," brought together senior military leaders, domain experts, and distinguished participants to deliberate on the critical role of maintenance efficiency and self-reliance in enhancing aerospace capability.

Air Marshal Yalla Umesh, VSM, PhD, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he underscored the pivotal importance of robust maintenance frameworks and indigenous capability development in sustaining operational readiness and strengthening national security. He highlighted that achieving Atmanirbharta in aerospace systems is essential for ensuring resilience, reducing dependency on external sources and enabling mission effectiveness.



The seminar featured insightful presentations and panel discussions focusing on emerging maintenance practices, technological advancements, indigenisation initiatives and policy frameworks aimed at bolstering India's airpower. Experts from the Indian Air Force and CAPSS exchanged perspectives on aligning maintenance strategies with the nation's vision of self-reliance in defence production.

The event provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and fostered deeper synergy between strategic thinkers and operational stakeholders. It reaffirmed the commitment of Indian Air Force's Maintenance Command towards adopting innovative approaches and strengthening indigenous capabilities in support of national objectives. The seminar concluded with a shared resolve to further enhance collaboration between think tanks and the armed forces in driving transformative changes in aerospace maintenance and capability development.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2260492®=3&lang=1>

*

The Tribune
The Statesman
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਕੇਸਰੀ ਜਨਸਤਾ
The Hindu
The Economic Times
Press Information Bureau
The Indian Express
The Times of India
Hindustan Times
नवभारत टाइम्स
दैनिक जागरण
The Asian Age
The Pioneer