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## **Indian Navy Chief Strengthens Maritime Security Cooperation with Myanmar**

Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi visited Myanmar and boarded a Myanmar Navy vessel during engagements with senior military leaders. Discussions focused on maritime security cooperation, naval interoperability, capacity building, regional stability, and strengthening bilateral defence ties, highlighting the growing strategic importance of maritime collaboration in the Bay of Bengal.



## **Oman Ports Emerge as Critical Trade Gateway for India and GCC**

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Omani ports have become vital logistical hubs supporting Indian exports and regional trade amid disruptions affecting traditional shipping routes. Discussions focused on supply chain resilience, trade connectivity, maritime infrastructure, and economic cooperation, reinforcing Oman's strategic position as a gateway linking India with Gulf Cooperation Council markets.



## **India Successfully Tests Agni Missile Equipped with MIRV Capability**

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India successfully conducted a test of its Agni missile equipped with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology. The test demonstrated advances in strategic deterrence capabilities and missile technology, strengthening India's defence posture while underscoring continued investments in indigenous strategic and security infrastructure.



## **India and Italy Advance Indo-Mediterranean Strategic Vision**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni outlined an Indo-Mediterranean vision aimed at expanding bilateral cooperation. Discussions focused on connectivity, maritime security, trade, technology, energy transition, defence collaboration, and strengthening strategic linkages between the Indo-Pacific and Mediterranean regions through enhanced political and economic engagement.



## **India Launches Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool to Strengthen Shipping Resilience**

India launched the ₹12,980 crore Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool to enhance maritime risk coverage and strengthen domestic shipping resilience. The initiative aims to reduce dependence on foreign insurers, improve risk management capabilities, support Indian shipping interests, and reinforce the country's broader maritime and trade security objectives.



## **INSV Kaundinya Voyage Showcases India–Oman Maritime Heritage**

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A United Nations event highlighted India-Oman maritime ties through the maiden voyage of the stitched-sail vessel INSV Kaundinya. Discussions focused on historical maritime connectivity, cultural exchanges, traditional navigation practices, and the enduring civilisational links between India and Oman, reinforcing shared maritime heritage and people-to-people relations.



## **Multinational Military Exercise in Meghalaya Focuses on Counterterrorism**

A joint military exercise involving forces from thirteen countries commenced in Meghalaya with emphasis on counterterrorism operations and multinational interoperability. Discussions and drills focused on coordinated responses to security threats, intelligence sharing, operational cooperation, and strengthening regional security partnerships among participating nations.



## **Quad Raises Concerns Over Maritime Coercion in South and East China Seas**

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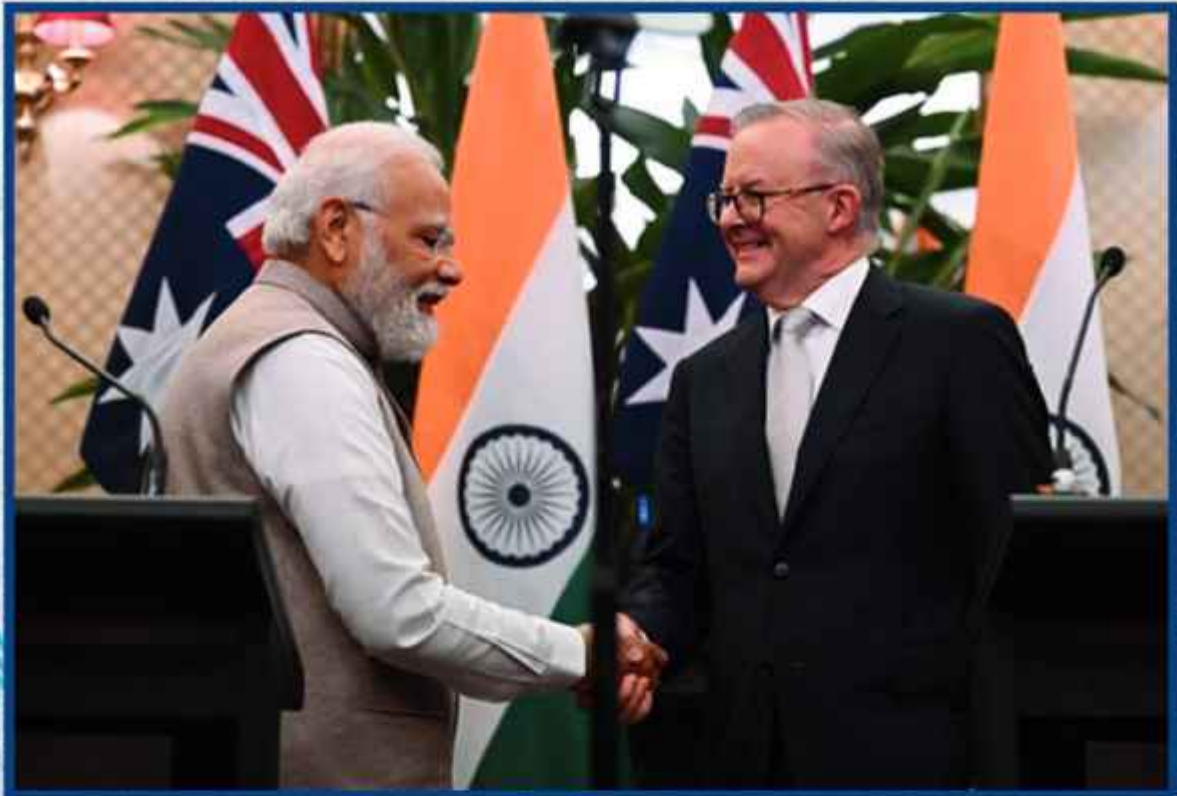
The Quad nations expressed serious concern regarding the use of water cannons, obstruction of vessels, and coercive activities in the South and East China Seas. Discussions highlighted the importance of freedom of navigation, adherence to international law, maritime security, and maintaining stability across critical Indo-Pacific sea lanes.



## **Indian Naval Ship Visits Sri Lanka for Operational Deployment**

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An Indian naval vessel arrived in Sri Lanka as part of an operational deployment aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and regional engagement. The visit focused on naval collaboration, maritime domain awareness, interoperability, and reinforcing the longstanding defence and security partnership between India and Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean Region.



## **Australia Reaffirms Commitment to Stronger Strategic Partnership with India**

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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese highlighted the growing strength of India-Australia relations and expressed anticipation for hosting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Discussions centred on trade, security cooperation, critical minerals, education, Indo-Pacific stability, and advancing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries.



## **Indian Navy Responds Swiftly to Piracy Threat at Sea**

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The Indian Navy deployed a helicopter and boarding team following a piracy alert in regional waters. The operation demonstrated India's commitment to safeguarding maritime commerce, ensuring navigational security, and countering non-traditional maritime threats while maintaining a strong security presence across critical shipping routes.



## India and United States Discuss Indo-Pacific Security Challenges

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Indian and US officials held discussions on Indo-Pacific security challenges on the sidelines of a summit in Singapore. Key topics included maritime security, regional stability, strategic competition, defence cooperation, and maintaining a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific amid evolving geopolitical and security dynamics.



## India Introduces Port Performance Index and Digital Maritime Reforms

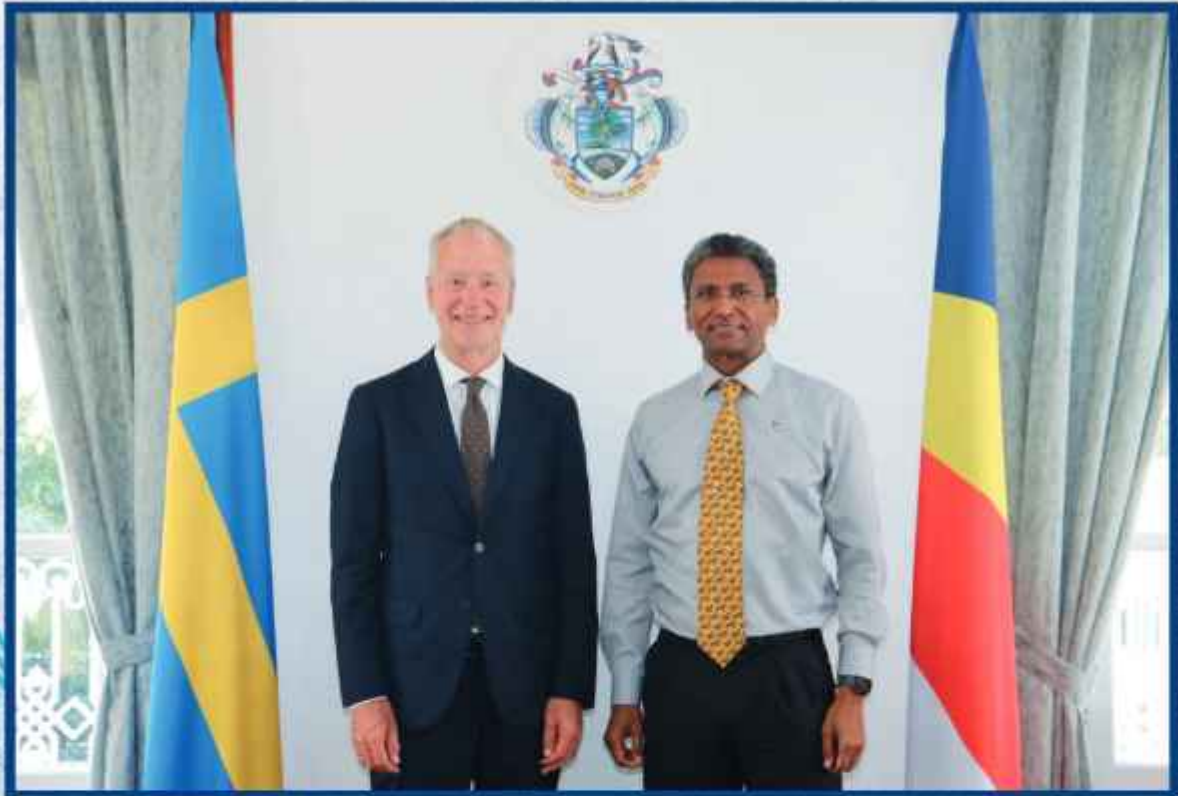
India unveiled a Port Performance Index alongside major digital maritime reforms and a new ship recycling portal. Discussions focused on enhancing efficiency, improving ease of doing business, promoting sustainability, modernising port operations, and accelerating digital transformation across the maritime sector to strengthen global competitiveness.



## **NSA Doval and Patrushev Discuss Maritime and Defence Cooperation**

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National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev in Moscow to discuss defence cooperation, maritime security, and regional developments. The discussions reflected continued strategic engagement between India and Russia, focusing on security cooperation, geopolitical issues, and strengthening bilateral defence relations.



## **Seychelles and Sweden Expand Cooperation in Maritime Security and Sustainability**

Seychelles and Sweden discussed expanding cooperation in maritime security, tourism, environmental sustainability, and blue economy initiatives. Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral engagement, promoting sustainable ocean governance, enhancing maritime resilience, and supporting collaborative efforts addressing climate and development challenges affecting island and coastal communities.



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