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India and Australia Deepen Defence Industrial Cooperation

India and Australia concluded the second Defence Ministers' Dialogue, agreeing to develop a Memorandum of Understanding on defence articles and services. Discussions focused on defence industrial cooperation, supply chain resilience, maritime security, defence technology collaboration, and strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in the Indo-Pacific.



Sri Lanka Welcomes INS Airavat

INS Airavat arrived in Sri Lanka to strengthen bilateral maritime cooperation. The visit included professional exchanges, naval interactions, and discussions on humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, maritime security, and deepening defence cooperation between the two neighbouring Indian Ocean partners.



Oman Ports Strengthen India's Westward Connectivity

Omani ports continued emerging as India's principal maritime gateway to West Asia and Africa. Discussions highlighted logistics integration, trade facilitation, supply chain resilience, energy security, and the strategic role of Duqm and Salalah in India's expanding maritime connectivity architecture.





Indian Navy Commissions Five Indigenous Warships

The Indian Navy expanded its blue-water capabilities with the induction of five indigenously built naval vessels.

The additions strengthen maritime surveillance, operational reach, indigenous defence manufacturing, and India's capacity to secure its interests across the Indian Ocean Region.





IMO Launches Major Strait of Hormuz Seafarer Evacuation

The International Maritime Organization initiated the evacuation of nearly 11,000 seafarers stranded around the Strait of Hormuz amid escalating regional tensions. The operation focused on safeguarding maritime personnel, restoring commercial shipping, and ensuring uninterrupted global energy supply chains.

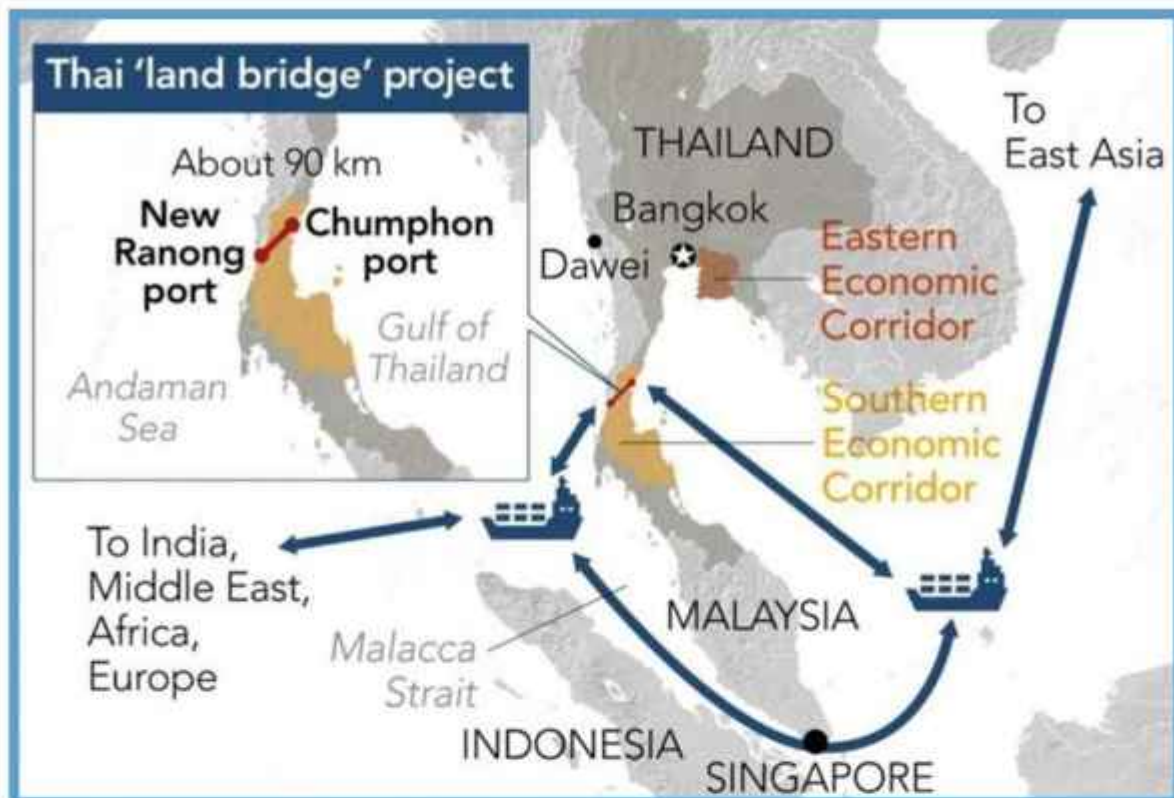




Indian Navy Recovers Missile Warhead Off Kochi

The Indian Navy safely recovered an unexploded missile warhead from a commercial tanker near Kochi. The operation highlighted India's rapid maritime response capabilities, explosive ordnance disposal expertise, and commitment to ensuring navigational safety in busy commercial shipping lanes.





Thailand Revives Strategic Land Bridge Project

Thailand revived its proposed US\$30 billion coast-to-coast transport corridor linking the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand. The project seeks to reduce dependence on the Malacca Strait, strengthen regional logistics, and reshape Indo-Pacific maritime trade connectivity.



West Asia Maritime Crisis Impacts Indian Seafarers

India intensified efforts to repatriate nationals affected by attacks on merchant vessels during the West Asia maritime crisis. Over 3,500 Indian seafarers were evacuated, while discussions focused on maritime security, crisis response, and protecting Indian shipping interests abroad.





India Leads Global Ship Recycling Industry

India retained its position as the world's leading ship recycling nation in 2025. The achievement reflected advances in environmentally sustainable recycling practices, compliance with international standards, circular economy initiatives, and India's growing prominence in the global maritime industry.





India and Seychelles Announce 19 Strategic Outcomes

India and Seychelles unveiled nineteen agreements covering defence cooperation, maritime security, digital payments, healthcare, education, space, renewable energy, and capacity building. The outcomes reinforced their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and strengthened cooperation across the Western Indian Ocean.



Strait of Hormuz Reopens to Commercial Shipping

India-bound commercial vessels resumed transits through the Strait of Hormuz following the easing of regional tensions. Discussions highlighted renewed importance of Chabahar Port, the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), energy security, and resilient maritime trade routes.





Indian Navy Signs Indigenous Electronic Warfare Contract

The Indian Navy signed a ₹449 crore contract for indigenous GNSS jamming systems to strengthen electronic warfare capabilities. The project supports defence indigenisation, maritime situational awareness, anti-navigation warfare, and protection of naval platforms against advanced threats.





India and Oman Conduct Joint Maritime Rescue

The Indian Coast Guard and Royal Navy of Oman jointly rescued twenty-four Indian seafarers following the MT Marivex incident off Oman's coast. The operation showcased strong bilateral maritime cooperation, search-and-rescue coordination, and commitment to regional maritime safety.





INS Sharda Enhances India-Sri Lanka Maritime Partnership

INS Sharda concluded its port visit to Colombo, engaging in professional exchanges and maritime cooperation activities. Discussions focused on coastal security, humanitarian assistance, naval interoperability, maritime law enforcement, and strengthening India-Sri Lanka defence relations.





INS Sudarshini Strengthens India-Caribbean Maritime Engagement

INS Sudarshini completed its visit to Antigua ahead of a US naval review. The deployment promoted maritime diplomacy, naval goodwill, professional exchanges, and India's growing engagement with Caribbean partners under its expanding global maritime outreach strategy.





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