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Ukrainian Drones Hit Russian Refineries and Azov Sea Port

NEWS ITEM

Ukrainian drone strikes hit southern Russian oil refineries and the **Port of Taganrog** on the **Azov Sea**, leading authorities to declare an emergency and evacuate some residents. Russia's Defence Ministry said it downed more than **370 Ukrainian drones**, while Ukraine's army chief **Oleksandr Syrskiy** said the war is still far from a decisive turning point.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Ukrainian drone strikes hit southern Russian oil refineries and the **Port of Taganrog**.
- The **Port of Taganrog** is located on the **Azov Sea**.
- Russian authorities declared an emergency and evacuated some residents after the strikes.
- Russia's Defence Ministry said it downed more than **370 Ukrainian drones**.
- Drones caused a fire at the **Ilsky oil refinery** in Russia's Krasnodar region.
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** acknowledged that strikes were causing fuel shortages.
- Ukraine's army chief **Oleksandr Syrskiy** said the war was still far from a decisive turning point.

Ukrainian drones ने Russian refineries और Azov Sea port को निशाना बनाया

समाचार

Ukrainian drone strikes ने southern Russia की oil refineries और **Azov Sea** पर स्थित **Port of Taganrog** को निशाना बनाया, जिसके बाद authorities ने emergency declared की और कुछ residents को evacuate किया। Russia के Defence Ministry ने कहा कि उसने **370 से अधिक Ukrainian drones** गिराए, जबकि Ukraine के army chief **Oleksandr Syrskiy** ने कहा कि war अभी decisive turning point से काफी दूर है।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- Ukrainian drone strikes ने southern Russian oil refineries और **Port of Taganrog** को hit किया।
- **Port of Taganrog, Azov Sea** पर स्थित है।
- Strikes के बाद Russian authorities ने emergency declared की और कुछ residents को evacuate किया।
- Russia के Defence Ministry ने कहा कि उसने **370 से अधिक Ukrainian drones** गिराए।
- Russia के Krasnodar region की **Ilsky oil refinery** में drones से fire लगी।
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** ने माना कि strikes fuel shortages पैदा कर रही हैं।
- Ukraine के army chief **Oleksandr Syrskiy** ने कहा कि war अभी decisive turning point से दूर है।

PM Modi's New Zealand Visit Elevates Ties to Strategic Partnership

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid an official visit to **Auckland, New Zealand, on 10-11 July 2026**, the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in **40 years**. He held talks with New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon** at **Government House, Auckland**, and both sides elevated India-New Zealand relations to a **Strategic Partnership**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM **Narendra Modi** visited **Auckland, New Zealand** on **10-11 July 2026**.
- It was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in **40 years**.
- PM Modi met New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon** at **Government House, Auckland**.
- India and New Zealand elevated ties to a **Strategic Partnership**.
- Both sides endorsed the **India-New Zealand Strategic Partnership: Roadmap to 2030**.
- The two sides welcomed the conclusion and signature of the **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**.
- Both sides set a target to double bilateral trade to **NZ\$7 billion / ₹35,000 crore by 2030**.
- A **Maritime Cooperation Arrangement** was signed between India's Ministry of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force.
- An arrangement on **Hydrography and Nautical Cartography** was signed.
- A **Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement** was signed between the Indian Navy and the New Zealand Defence Force.
- A **Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism** was established.
- India's **NDMA** and New Zealand's **National Emergency Management Agency** signed cooperation on disaster risk management.
- Cooperation was agreed in **Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.
- A **Tourism MoA** was signed to increase tourist flow and cultural understanding.
- **India-New Zealand Joint Action Plan on Sport** was signed.
- Cooperation was agreed between **NMHC Lothal** and the **New Zealand Maritime Museum**.
- An **Arrangement on Cultural Cooperation** was signed.
- New Zealand nominated **Maritime Security** as its priority pillar under **IPOI**.
- New Zealand joined the **Global Biofuels Alliance**.
- A **Kiwifruit Action Plan** was launched with two Centres of Excellence in **Nagaland** and **Uttarakhand**.
- **NCPOR Goa** and **University of Canterbury** signed an MoU for Antarctic research cooperation.
- **NIFTEM-Kundli** and **Massey University** signed an MoU on food technology, research, academic exchange and student mobility.
- Important places in news: **Auckland, Government House, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Goa, Kundli, Lothal**, and the **New Zealand Maritime Museum**.

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की New Zealand यात्रा से संबंध Strategic Partnership तक पहुंचे

समाचार

प्रधानमंत्री **Narendra Modi** ने **10-11 जुलाई 2026** को **Auckland, New Zealand** की official visit की, जो **40 वर्षों** में किसी भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री की New Zealand की पहली यात्रा थी। उन्होंने New Zealand के प्रधानमंत्री **Christopher Luxon** के साथ **Government House, Auckland** में talks की और दोनों देशों ने India-New Zealand relations को **Strategic Partnership** तक elevate किया।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- PM **Narendra Modi** ने **10-11 जुलाई 2026** को **Auckland, New Zealand** की यात्रा की।
- यह **40 वर्षों** में किसी Indian Prime Minister की New Zealand की पहली यात्रा थी।
- PM Modi ने **Government House, Auckland** में New Zealand PM **Christopher Luxon** से मुलाकात की।
- India और New Zealand ने संबंधों को **Strategic Partnership** तक elevate किया।
- दोनों देशों ने **India-New Zealand Strategic Partnership: Roadmap to 2030** endorse किया।
- दोनों पक्षों ने **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement** के conclusion और signature का स्वागत किया।
- दोनों देशों ने bilateral trade को **2030 तक NZ\$7 billion / ₹35,000 crore** तक double करने का लक्ष्य रखा।
- India's Ministry of Defence और New Zealand Defence Force के बीच **Maritime Cooperation Arrangement** signed हुआ।
- **Hydrography and Nautical Cartography** पर arrangement signed हुआ।
- Indian Navy और New Zealand Defence Force के बीच **Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement** signed हुआ।
- **Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism** स्थापित किया गया।
- India की **NDMA** और New Zealand की **National Emergency Management Agency** ने disaster risk management cooperation पर MoC signed किया।
- **Animal Husbandry and Dairying** में cooperation पर सहमति बनी।
- Tourist flow और cultural understanding बढ़ाने के लिए **Tourism MoA** signed हुआ।
- **India-New Zealand Joint Action Plan on Sport** signed हुआ।
- **NMHC Lothal** और **New Zealand Maritime Museum** के बीच cooperation पर arrangement हुआ।
- **Arrangement on Cultural Cooperation** signed हुआ।

- New Zealand ने **IPOI** के तहत **Maritime Security** को priority pillar nominated किया।
- New Zealand ने **Global Biofuels Alliance** join किया।
- **Kiwifruit Action Plan** launch हुआ, जिसके तहत **Nagaland** और **Uttarakhand** में दो Centres of Excellence बनेंगे।
- **NCPOR Goa** और **University of Canterbury** ने Antarctic research cooperation के लिए MoU signed किया।
- **NIFTEM-Kundli** और **Massey University** ने food technology, research, academic exchange और student mobility पर MoU signed किया।
- News में आए महत्वपूर्ण स्थान: **Auckland, Government House, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Goa, Kundli, Lothal, और New Zealand Maritime Museum.**

PM Modi's Australia Visit Deepens Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited **Australia from 8-10 July 2026** for the **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit** in **Melbourne** with Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese**. The visit produced major outcomes in **defence, maritime security, civil nuclear energy, critical minerals, cyber and critical technologies, education, sports, traditional knowledge and cultural heritage**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM Narendra Modi visited **Australia from 8-10 July 2026**.
- The visit was for the **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit** in **Melbourne**.
- The summit was hosted by Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese**.
- India and Australia completed **six years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.
- Both sides agreed to work towards early finalisation of **CECA**.
- Key outcomes included **Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation** and **Maritime Security Collaboration Roadmap**.
- India and Australia finalised administrative arrangements under civil nuclear cooperation, enabling supply of **Australian uranium to India** for peaceful purposes under **IAEA safeguards**.
- **PACTS** was announced for cyber, critical technologies and supply chains.
- A MoU was concluded between the **Indian Coast Guard** and Australia's **Maritime Border Command**.
- Australia invited an **Indian military instructor** to the Australian Defence College for **2028-29**.
- A Centre of Excellence in **Mining Equipment, Technology and Services** will be set up at **NSTI Bhubaneswar** with TAFE Western Australia.
- Flinders University received a Letter of Intent to set up a campus in **Bengaluru**.
- Victoria University received approval to set up and operate a campus in **Gurugram**.
- Three Indian artefacts of Tamil Nadu origin will be repatriated: **Nandi, Bhadrakali Trident**, and **six-headed Skanda/Karttikeya**.
- A Rooftop Solar Training Academy was operationalised at **Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar**, aiming to train **2,000 women and youth**.
- **CSIR-TKDL** access agreement was signed with **IP Australia**.
- PM Modi addressed the Indian diaspora at **Marvel Stadium, Melbourne**.
- PM Modi and PM Albanese visited the **Melbourne Cricket Ground** and jointly released the **India-Australia Roadmap for Sports Collaboration**.

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की ऑस्ट्रेलिया यात्रा से Comprehensive Strategic Partnership को नई मजबूती

समाचार

प्रधानमंत्री **नरेंद्र मोदी** ने **8-10 जुलाई 2026** तक **Melbourne** में ऑस्ट्रेलियाई प्रधानमंत्री **Anthony Albanese** के साथ **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit** में भाग लेने के लिए **Australia** की यात्रा की। इस यात्रा में **defence, maritime security, civil nuclear energy, critical minerals, cyber and critical technologies, education, sports, traditional knowledge और cultural heritage** जैसे क्षेत्रों में महत्वपूर्ण outcomes सामने आए।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने **8-10 जुलाई 2026** तक **Australia** की यात्रा की।
- यह यात्रा **Melbourne** में **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit** के लिए थी।
- Summit की मेजबानी Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** ने की।
- भारत और ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** के **छह वर्ष** पूरे किए।
- दोनों पक्षों ने **CECA** को जल्द finalise करने की प्रतिबद्धता दोहराई।
- प्रमुख outcomes में **Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation** और **Maritime Security Collaboration Roadmap** शामिल रहे।
- Civil nuclear cooperation के तहत administrative arrangements finalise हुए, जिससे **Australian uranium** की India को peaceful purposes के लिए **IAEA safeguards** के अंतर्गत supply संभव होगी।
- Cyber, critical technologies और supply chains के लिए **PACTS** घोषित किया गया।
- **Indian Coast Guard** और Australia के **Maritime Border Command** के बीच MoU हुआ।
- Australia ने **2028-29** के लिए Australian Defence College में **Indian military instructor** को invite किया।
- **NSTI Bhubaneswar** में TAFE Western Australia के साथ **Mining Equipment, Technology and Services** में Centre of Excellence स्थापित होगा।
- Flinders University को **Bengaluru** में campus स्थापित करने के लिए Letter of Intent मिला।
- Victoria University को **Gurugram** में campus स्थापित और operate करने की approval मिली।
- Tamil Nadu origin की तीन Indian artefacts repatriate होंगी: **Nandi, Bhadrakali Trident**, और **six-headed Skanda/Karttikeya**।

- **Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar** में Rooftop Solar Training Academy operationalise हुई, जिसका लक्ष्य **2,000 women and youth** को train करना है।
- **CSIR-TKDL** access agreement **IP Australia** के साथ signed हुआ।
- प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने **Marvel Stadium, Melbourne** में Indian diaspora को संबोधित किया।
- प्रधानमंत्री मोदी और प्रधानमंत्री Albanese ने **Melbourne Cricket Ground** का दौरा किया और **India-Australia Roadmap for Sports Collaboration** jointly release किया।

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DRDO Tests Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket

NEWS ITEM

DRDO successfully flight-tested the **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR)** at the **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha**. The rocket was tested for a user-defined minimum range of **60 km** and was launched from the in-service Pinaka launcher.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **DRDO** successfully flight-tested **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR)**.
- The test was conducted at **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha**.
- The rocket was tested for a user-defined minimum range of **60 km**.
- The rocket was launched from the **in-service Pinaka launcher**.
- Pinaka LRGR was designed by **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)**.
- **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL)** was associated with the design.
- **Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)** and **Research Centre Imarat (RCI)** provided support.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** called the test a major milestone in indigenous long-range guided rocket capability.

DRDO ने Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket का सफल परीक्षण किया

समाचार

DRDO ने **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha** में **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR)** का सफल flight-test किया। Rocket को user-defined minimum range **60 km** के लिए test किया गया और इसे in-service Pinaka launcher से launch किया गया।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- **DRDO** ने **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR)** का सफल flight-test किया।
- Test **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha** में किया गया।
- Rocket को **60 km** की user-defined minimum range के लिए test किया गया।
- Rocket को **in-service Pinaka launcher** से launch किया गया।
- Pinaka LRGR को **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)** ने design किया।
- Design में **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL)** associated रही।
- **Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)** और **Research Centre Imarat (RCI)** ने support दिया।
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** ने इसे indigenous long-range guided rocket capability में major milestone बताया।

JIM&WS Team Summits Mount Khyam Tso Massif in Ladakh

NEWS ITEM

Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam conducted a **22-member mountaineering expedition** to the **Mount Khyam Tso Massif** in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**. The team successfully climbed multiple peaks between **2 July and 5 July 2026**, despite adverse weather conditions.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **JIM&WS, Pahalgam** conducted a **22-member expedition** to Mount Khyam Tso Massif.
- The expedition was flagged off by team leader **Col Hem Chandra Singh** on **26 June 2026**.
- The massif is located in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**.
- On **2 July 2026**, the team made the first ascent of **Mount Peak Point 5901 m**.
- The team leader made the first paragliding flight from **5600 m** from the same peak.
- On **3 July 2026**, the team climbed a technically challenging **6090 m peak** and **Mount Peak Point 5944 m**.
- On **5 July 2026**, the team climbed **Mount Khyam-III, 6018 m**.
- The expedition highlighted adventure capability, teamwork and India's growing presence in lesser-explored mountain ranges of Ladakh.

JIM&WS टीम ने लद्दाख में माउंट ख्यम त्सो मासिफ पर चढ़ाई की

समाचार

जवाहर पर्वतारोहण एवं शीतकालीन खेल संस्थान (JIM&WS), पहलगाम ने लद्दाख के रुमत्से फू क्षेत्र में स्थित **Mount Khyam Tso Massif** पर **22 सदस्यीय पर्वतारोहण अभियान** आयोजित किया। टीम ने प्रतिकूल मौसम के बावजूद **2 जुलाई से 5 जुलाई 2026** के बीच कई चोटियों पर सफल चढ़ाई की।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- **JIM&WS, Pahalgam** ने Mount Khyam Tso Massif पर **22 सदस्यीय expedition** आयोजित किया।
- अभियान को team leader **Col Hem Chandra Singh** ने **26 जून 2026** को flag off किया।
- यह massif **लद्दाख के Rumtse Phu region** में स्थित है।
- **2 जुलाई 2026** को टीम ने **Mount Peak Point 5901 m** पर पहली बार चढ़ाई की।
- Team leader ने इसी peak से **5600 m** की ऊंचाई से पहली paragliding flight भरी।
- **3 जुलाई 2026** को टीम ने **6090 m** की technically challenging peak और **Mount Peak Point 5944 m** पर चढ़ाई की।
- **5 जुलाई 2026** को टीम ने **Mount Khyam-III, 6018 m** पर चढ़ाई की।
- Expedition ने adventure capability, teamwork और Ladakh की lesser-explored mountain ranges में भारत की बढ़ती उपस्थिति को दिखाया।