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“India aims to become preferred ship repair hub for Indo-Pacific region”: Rajnath Singh at Samudra Utkarsh seminar (Nov 25)

Addressing the ‘Samudra Utkarsh’ seminar, Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister of India) said, India aims to become preferred repair and sustainment hub for ships in the Indo-Pacific region. He added, “India’s shipbuilding ecosystem today stands on the strength of the multiple world-class platforms that reflect our technological maturity and industrial depth. In the defence sector, our shipyards are delivering some of the most advanced results in the Indo-Pacific. Indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant represents a major milestone”.

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Cyclone Senyar forms over Strait of Malacca, heavy rain alert for region (Nov 26)

According to IMD, a deep depression intensified over the Strait of Malacca into cyclone *Senyar* and made landfall in the Indonesian coast. The IMD posted on X, “The cyclonic storm Senyar over Strait of Malacca and adjoining Northeast Indonesia moved west-south-westwards with a speed of 13kmph in past 6 hours and crossed Indonesia coast...with wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90kmph...”

URL: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/cyclone-senyar-strait-of-malacca-indonesia-imd-bay-of-bengal-low-pressure-tamil-nadu-kerala-2826102-2025-11-26>

India a ‘voice of balance and responsibility’ in a changing global order: Rajnath Singh (Nov 28)

At the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister of India), said that India’s technological progress, economic growth, and foreign policy have portrayed it as a “voice of balance and responsibility” amid global flux, “with countries across the Indo-Pacific and the Global South viewing us as reliable partner”. He also launched Project Ekam, an initiative to strengthen indigenous AI technology for defence use. The defence ministry said, “The project has developed the framework and platform for deployment and hosting of all open-source and indigenous AI models running on state-of-the-art AI applications and thus will be a game-changer for the defence forces”.

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