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LAND AND SEA

The U.S. Navy, alongside 17 NATO allies and partner nations, participated in *Exercise Northern Challenge 2024*. The exercise involved around 330 participants and featured over 500 improvised explosive devices or *IEDs*, 380 land tasks, and 120 maritime tasks. Over two weeks, Explosive Ordnance Disposal or *EOD* technicians tackled increasingly complex simulated IED threats.

Source: [U.S. Navy](#)

SOFTWARE, SYSTEMS, AND CYBER

In August 2024, a U.S. federal district judge ruled against Google in an antitrust case, *United States v. Google*, finding the company guilty of violating U.S. antitrust laws. The lawsuit argued that Google maintained its dominance as the world's default search engine by securing exclusive agreements with tech developers, carriers, and equipment manufacturers. The U.S. Department of Justice has indicated that it's considering a possible breakup of Google as an antitrust remedy.

Source: [Department of Justice](#)

SPACE AND AEROSPACE

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) administrator Bill Nelson and deputy administrator Pam Melroy will lead the agency's delegation at the International Astronautical Congress in Milan from October 14, 2024, to October 17, 2024.

Source: [NASA](#)

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BUSINESS UPDATES

Nortech Systems Inc. certifies trainers and operators to build printed circuit board assemblies or *PCBAs* to the *IPC-J-STD-001* space addendum standard. It is a comprehensive guideline ensuring high-reliability electronic assemblies for space environments.

Source: [Nortech Systems](#)

DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Ltd. signs an agreement with American Blast Systems Inc. to provide advanced drone solutions in the U.S. and Europe, aiming for \$50 million in revenue over the next three years.

Source: [Economic Times](#)

GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The U.S. department of state hosted fifty promising young scholars from Australia, India, Japan, the United States, and Southeast Asia at the second Quad fellowship summit in Washington, D.C., on October 7, 2024.

Source: [U.S. Department of State](#)

Maritime exercise Malabar 2024 is set to take place from October 08, 2024, to October 18, 2024, featuring participation from India, Australia, Japan, and the United States.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The cabinet committee on security approves two major deals for the construction of two nuclear-powered submarines or SSNs and the acquisition of thirty-one predator missile-firing drones from U.S.-based General Atomics.

Source: [India Today](#)

Defence minister Rajnath Singh launched *ADITI 2.0* challenges and Defence India Start-up Challenges or *DISC 12* during DefConnect 4.0 at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi, on October 7, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully conducted three flight tests of the fourth generation, advanced miniaturized Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan from October 03, 2024, to October 04, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

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The Indian Air Force celebrated its ninety-second anniversary at Air Force Station Tambaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on October 8, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

France pledges support for developing a 110kN engine for India's advanced medium combat aircraft program, boosting the nation's defense capabilities.

Source: [Defence.in](#)

From October 07, 2024, to October 08, 2024, under secretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment William LaPlante chaired the inaugural plenary meeting of the partnership for Indo-Pacific industrial resilience in Honolulu.

Source: [U.S. Department of Defense](#)

The twenty-first ASEAN-India Summit convened in Vientiane, Laos, on October 10, 2024, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi joining ASEAN leaders to assess the progress of the ASEAN-India comprehensive strategic partnership.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon's Town, South Africa, for the eighth edition of *IBSAMAR*, a joint maritime exercise with the Brazilian and South African Navies, taking place from October 06, 2024, to October 18, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The U.S. department of state approves a potential foreign military sale to India for *MK 54 MOD 0* lightweight torpedoes and related equipment, valued at an estimated \$175 million.

Source: [Defense Security Cooperation Agency](#)

DCS Corporation announces a \$70.7 million contract award from the U.S. army combat capabilities development command ground vehicle systems center for the Ground Vehicle Simulation Lab or GVSL.

Source: [DCS Corporation](#)

Lockheed Martin Corp. secures a \$12.38 million contract for space based infrared system contractor logistics support, product support, and integration contract evolution.

Source: [U.S. Department of Defense](#)

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