

# CDS Anil Chauhan unveils book on AI

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CHIEF of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan unveiled a book, 'Artificial Intelligence and National Security' at the Defence Literature Festival, "Kalam and Kavach," in Pune on Saturday.

Chief Guest General Anil Chauhan, the CDS, inaugurated the event, marking a significant milestone in blending India's rich cultural heritage with contemporary national security strategies.

Army Southern Command along with Pentagon Press hosted the Defence Literature Festival, Kalam and Kavach at the RSAMI Institute in Pune.

Addressing the gathering at the Lit Fest, CDS Chauhan said, "In recent times if we would recall, the art track and college of Defence Management had come out with two or three booklets on ancient Indian stratagems and the Indian Army had also launched project UDBHAV with USI to research on indigenous military systems to integrate age-old wisdom with modern military."

"Like all novel and new ideas, this also ran into a bit of a controversy with some of us military academicians stating that there was no place for ancient



stratagems in an age of nuclear war artificial intelligence-dominated corporations," the official said.

Military weapon systems supporting tactics and military organisations have undergone such a profound change that they are no longer relevant, he said adding that he had different views and would like to present them.

CDS Chauhan also wanted to address this larger question of whether ancient stratagems such as Sun Tzu's 'Art of War' or Kautilya's 'Arthshastra' are relevant today and if they are, how are they applicable.

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## India-Aus friendship: PM Modi an inspiring leader: Ex-Australia PM

■ By Manik Gupta

JAIPUR, Feb 3 (PTI)

FORMER Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has rated the Australia-India friendship 10 out of 10 and called Prime Minister Narendra Modi an inspiring leader who is 'making a huge difference'.

The bonhomie between the two leaders was visible in the many photos from Turnbull's first visit to India in 2017. He has retired since and is currently touring India with his wife. Turnbull, who is one of the speakers at the ongoing 17th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF), recalled his 'lovely visit' to India

in 2017 and the time spent with PM Modi.

"I had a lovely visit here. I have seen him (Modi) in Japan recently at the funeral of our old friend Shinzo Abe... I enjoyed Modi's company enormously. I know he is controversial in his own country naturally. But from the outside, an inspiring leader and clearly making a huge difference," Turnbull, the Liberal Party of Australia leader who served as the prime minister from 2015-2018, told PTI.

The 29th Australian Prime Minister said the two countries have got many things in common -- the love for cricket, rule of law and democracy -- and



Ex-Australia PM  
Malcolm Turnbull

their friendship is "ten out of ten". The only problem, he said, is "we don't do enough trade".

This issue, according to Turnbull, who is also an established businessman, was part of the conversation between him and Modi too.

# Indian economy to grow at 6.7 per cent between fiscals 2024 to 2031: CRISIL

KOLKATA, Feb 3 (PTI)

**THE** Indian economy is expected to grow at an average rate of 6.7 per cent per annum until the end of the decade, CRISIL said in its latest report.

The economy will grow at this rate between the financial years 2024 to 2031, a notch above the pre-pandemic average of 6.6 per cent. According to CRISIL, the key contributor to this

trend will be capital.

This is a result of the investment-driven strategy of the Government when the private sector was shy of making investments. The Government increased capital expenditure significantly to support building expenditure and providing interest-free loans to states to bolster their own investment efforts, the report said. CRISIL said that after a robust 7.3 per

cent growth this fiscal, there will be moderation to 6.4 per cent in the next financial year.

There is also a need to monitor the impact of the escalation of the Middle East conflict on energy and logistics costs, it said. In India, the inflation level of 5.7 per cent in December 2023 was driven solely by volatile vegetable prices and foodgrain inflation, according to the report.

# INS Sandhayak

## Commissioned



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar during the commissioning ceremony of INS Sandhayak, at the Naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

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VISAKHAPATNAM, Feb 3 (PTI)

**INS Sandhayak**, the first of four Survey Vessel Large (SVL) ships, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Saturday at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

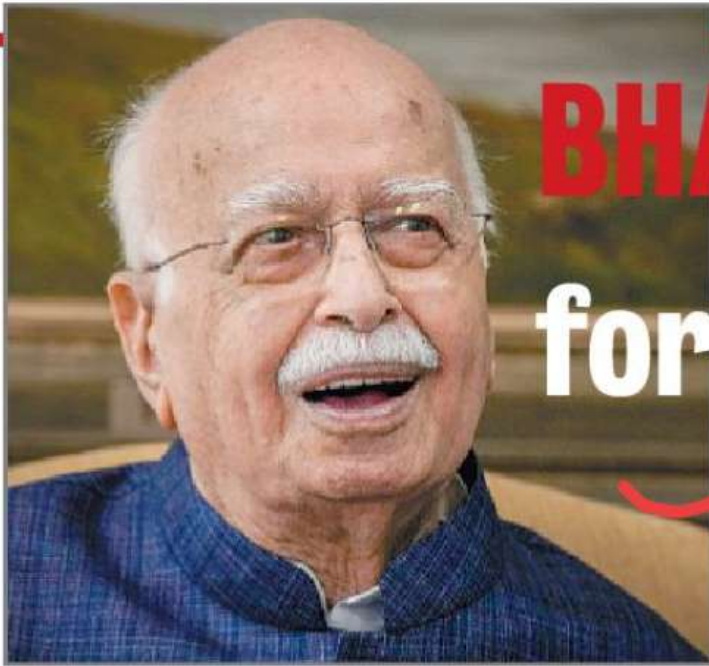
Stating that the SVL ship will go a long way in obtaining information about the oceans and achieving the twin objectives of protecting the country as well as others, Singh warned that those involved in maritime piracy and smuggling will not

be tolerated.

The primary role of INS Sandhayak is to carry out full scale hydrographic surveys of ports, harbours, navigational channels, routes, coastal areas and deep seas to enable safe marine navigation.

“Many choke points, like the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Guinea etc. Are present in the Indian Ocean, through which a large amount of international trade takes place. Many threats remain at these choke points, the biggest being from pirates,” Singh said, referring to the

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# BHARAT RATNA for Advani

**“Very emotional moment for me”, says PM Modi**

NEW DELHI, Feb 3 (PTI)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday that BJP stalwart and former deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani will be conferred the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, and described it as a “very emotional moment for me”.

“One of the most respected statesmen of our times,

his contribution to the development of India is monumental. His is a life that started from working at the grass-roots to serving the nation as our Deputy Prime Minister,” Modi said on X.

His decades-long service in public life has been marked by an unwavering commitment to transparency and integrity, setting an exemplary standard in political ethics, the Prime Minister

said. Advani has made unparalleled efforts towards furthering national unity and cultural resurgence, he said.

“The conferring of the Bharat Ratna on him is a very emotional moment for me. I will always consider it my privilege that I got countless opportunities to interact with him and learn from him,” he said. Modi spoke to the BJP's longest serving President, who is credited with crafting the party's rise through the 90s when it came to power

for the first time with Atal Behari Vajpayee heading coalition Governments, and congratulated him.

Advani's parliamentary interventions have always been exemplary and full of rich insights, Modi said.

Soon after the Prime Minister's announcement, a communication from the Rashtrapati Bhawan said President Droupadi Murmu has been pleased to award the Bharat Ratna to Advani.

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