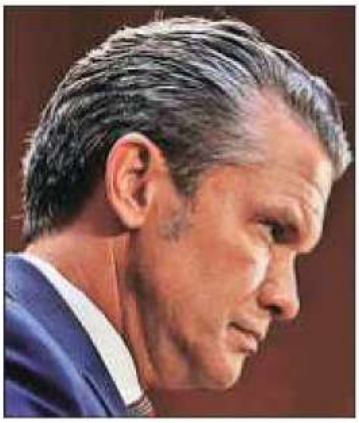
After midterm rout

War Secy Hegseth gets ultimatum; 'resign or face impeachment'



WASHINGTON, Nov 5 (ANI)

US REPUBLICAN Congressman Thomas Massie has issued an ultimatum to Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, stating that he will not reintroduce the impeachment effort if the Pentagon chief steps down. This pressure intensifies as fallout grows following the Republican Party's setbacks in the November 3 midterm elections.

"There is one contingency in which I won't reintroduce the articles of impeachment: Hegseth resigns," Massie posted on X on November 4, addressing a report published by 'CNN'.

According to 'CNN's' November 4 coverage, Massie intends to trigger a House vote on the impeachment effort when federal legislators return for the next session. Citing multiple Republican insiders, the report noted that parliamentarians anticipated the measure would successfully clear the chamber.

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Hakeem Jeffries to run for 1st Black Speaker



US HOUSE Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries has formally announced his bid to become the next Speaker of the House of Representatives, seeking to make history as the first Black leader to hold the position.

Gor tipped for big promotion

WASHINGTON, Nov 5 (ANI)



AS POLITICAL circles in Washington DC recalibrate after Republicans endured a midterms thrashing on Tuesday night, attention has increasingly turned towards potential administration shifts, with United States Ambassador to India Sergio Gor emerging in internal discussions as a contender for a senior promotion, according to a report by 'The Washington Sun' citing multiple individuals familiar with the matter. Gor was reported as having been laying the groundwork for an expanded role following the midterms.

Vance seeks new 'right alliance' ahead of 2028

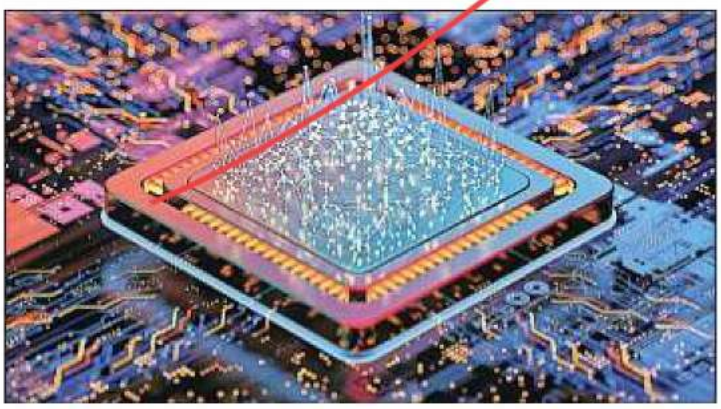
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IN THE wake of major electoral setbacks during the November 3 midterm elections, United States Vice President J D Vance is reportedly working to forge a new political alliance targeting disaffected supporters of President Donald Trump in anticipation of the upcoming 2028 presidential election cycle, according to a 'Fox News Digital' report citing multiple individuals familiar with the situation.

India's chip industry push moves from policy to execution under Semicon 2.0, says Govt

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (IANS)



INDIA'S semiconductor strategy has moved from policy design to building the ecosystem with early manufacturing projects already underway, said Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and CEO of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

Speaking on the second day and final day of the ISIG Executive Summit India 2026, Sinha said India has approved 12 manufacturing projects, of which five have already begun commercial production.

"Semicon 2.0 is about building the broader ecosystem, including design companies, materials, chemicals, gases and equipment, alongside manufacturing, R&D and talent," he said.

According to the Government Official, India's market, talent pool and Government incentives are key advantages but global technology partnerships and resilient supply chains will be essential. The summit held under the theme 'Enabling the Intelligent Future: Advanced Semiconductors, AI, Data Centers and Power Electronics -- was the first ISIG Executive Summit held in India.

The event brought together senior executives, global technology leaders, researchers, investors and Government stakeholders to chart India's next phase in the global semiconductor ecosystem.

Moreover, the discussions covered advanced packaging and outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT), power electronics and wide-band gap technologies such as silicon carbide (SiC) and gallium nitride (GaN), AI and data-centre demand and development of India's domestic design, materials, equipment and supply-chain ecosystem.

India test-fires indigenous quasi-ballistic missile Pralay off Odisha coast

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (PTI)

INDIA on Thursday successfully test-fired quasi-ballistic missile Pralay which is capable of carrying conventional warheads. The missile was test-fired from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, the Defence Ministry said.

Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Pralay is a short-range surface-to-surface missile with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.

"With this successful test, the induction of the system has become imminent," the Ministry said.

The indigenously developed solid propellant quasi-ballistic missile employs state-of-the-art guidance and navigation to ensure high precision. The tactical missile is capable of carrying multiple types of warheads against various targets.



In a post on X, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "DRDO successfully conducted the flight test of the indigenously developed Pralay Missile off the coast of Odisha today at 1110 hrs. The test was conducted as part of user evaluation trials and successfully met all the stipulated objectives, as validated by data captured through various range instruments."

This successful trial marks "another significant milestone" in strengthening India's indigenous defence capabilities, he said.

The Defence Ministry said that all the test objectives were fully met as confirmed by the test data captured by various range instruments deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.

Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, along with other DRDO laboratories, has indigenously developed the missile, it said.

Bharat Dynamics Limited, one of the development-cum-production-partners, has produced the system.

GRSE delivers fifth anti-submarine warfare shallow-water craft to Navy

KOLKATA, Nov 5 (PTI)

DEFENCE PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) on Thursday delivered the fifth of the eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC) to the Indian Navy, an official said.

Designed for coastal operations, ASW-SWC 'Amini' is capable of undertaking comprehensive sub-surface surveillance, search and attack missions, and coordinated anti-submarine warfare operations in conjunction with aircraft, the Kolkata-headquartered GRSE's official said.

Delivered to the Navy in Chennai, the warship is equipped with an advanced combat management system, lightweight torpedoes and anti-submarine warfare rockets, he said.

The warship is capable of detecting, tracking and engaging underwater threats, significantly enhancing the Navy's capabilities to safeguard India's maritime interests and coastal waters, the official said.

Measuring approximately 77.6 metres in length, the vessel is powered by marine diesel engines coupled with waterjets, providing enhanced agility and manoeuvrability, he said.

With a shallow draught of approximately 2.7 metres, the warship is ideally suited for littoral operations, enabling it to access shallow coastal waters and effectively undertake missions involving the detection and neutralisation of sub-surface threats.

The ASW-SWCs incorporate approximately 88 per cent indigenous content and are equipped with a 30 mm naval surface gun manufactured by GRSE, the official added.

India, Israel vote against Pak-backed UN arms control resolution: Sources

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (PTI)

INDIA voted against a Pakistan-sponsored UN resolution on conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels, in line with its long-held stance that arms control is a global issue and security concerns extend beyond sub-regional boundaries, people familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

While India and Israel both opposed the resolution this week, the people firmly dismissed any impression of diplomatic coordination between the two nations.



Describing the shared vote as a joint stance shows a "serious lack of nuanced understanding", they noted.

The notion of a conventional balance in South Asia is not acceptable to New Delhi, they said while referring to the Disarmament Commission's guidelines on regional disarmament (1993), conventional arms control (1999) and conventional confidence-building measures (2017).

The resolution, jointly initiated by Pakistan and Belarus, titled 'General and complete disarmament: Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional levels', was approved by the UN General Assembly's First Committee on Monday with 180 votes in favour, two against and no abstentions.

After midterm loss, Trump left to weigh his next move in Iran war

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WASHINGTON, Nov 5 (AP)

AS HE takes stock of his Republican Party's midterm drubbing, President Donald Trump now faces the difficult question of what to do about his unpopular 8-month-old war against Iran.

For weeks, Trump has threatened to return to a full-scale bombardment of Iran once the US elections were in the rearview mirror if Tehran did not come to a settlement under terms acceptable to him. In his first comments on Wednesday after Democrats' resounding election victory - a wave powered in part by the American electorate's dissatisfaction with the war - Trump largely agreed with Vice President JD Vance, who publicly ruminated on the war being a catastrophe for Republicans.



"It's largely true because it drove gasoline up a little bit," Trump said. Still, he doubled down on his decision to launch the conflict despite its big political cost. "At the same time, if I had to do it again, I'd do it again," he said. The strikes, and counterstrikes, have caused tens of billions of dollars of damage in the region. And the conflict has reached into the pocketbook of families around the globe with elevated gas prices and rising costs in just about every sector.

Now, as Trump ponders his next move, the stakes couldn't be higher for Iran, the Middle East and the global economy writ large. Trump may be less restrained, but the conflict is now more complicated.

While oil is flowing again from the Strait of Hormuz with the help of US Navy escorts for international tankers, the conflict has spread to the Red Sea with Iran-backed Houthi rebels and a Saudi Arabia -led coalition fighting it out.

EAM meets Australian, UK PMs; discusses bilateral cooperation

ST. JOHN'S, Nov 5 (ANI)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar met the Prime Ministers of Australia and the United Kingdom on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026 in St. John's, with discussions centred on bolstering bilateral collaboration across multiple domains.

Sharing insights from his meeting with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, EAM Jaishankar took to X and posted, "Good to see PM Albanese at CHOGM2026." This interaction follows a series of high-level engagements aimed at further cementing the strategic partnership between the two nations.



EAM S Jaishankar during a meeting with PM of the UK Andy Burnham, (R) Australian PM Anthony Albanese on the sidelines of 28th CHOGM 2026 in Antigua and Barbuda. (PTI)

Last week, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a meeting with Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles on the sidelines of the 13th Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in the Philippines to review defence cooperation, boost military interoperability and address regional security challenges.