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TANEJAERO	459.1	437.25	+5.0%
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DRONACHRYA	86.46	82.35	+4.99%
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GOODLUCK	1137.8	1176.35	-3.28%
MARINE	207.29	213.44	-2.88%
AXISCADES	1443.2	1480.9	-2.55%
SOLARINDS	17196.0	17598.0	-2.28%

Defense Business and Industry

India to Approve ₹1 Lakh Crore Defense Upgrades Amid Operation Sindoor



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The Indian government is set to approve defense upgrades exceeding ₹1 lakh crore amid Operation Sindoor, focusing on counter-terrorism and strategic surveillance. Key proposals include the acquisition of DRDO-developed Quick Reaction Surface-To-Air Missile systems for enhanced air defense, I-STAR spy planes for improved reconnaissance, pressure-based sea mines for naval security, modernizing Sukhoi Su-30MKI fighters, and deploying unmanned underwater drones for maritime capabilities. These initiatives underscore India's proactive approach in strengthening national security and technological advancement in defense, ensuring readiness against evolving threats while fostering public-private partnerships in defense manufacturing.

DEAL Successfully Tests Advanced Communication Systems in Uttarakhand



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Defence Electronics Application Laboratory (DEAL) in Dehradun conducted comprehensive field trials of two advanced indigenous communication systems—the Software-Defined Radio (SDR) Manpack and the Compact Transhorizon Communication System (CTCS)—in the rugged terrains of Joshimath, Uttarakhand. This initiative, led in close coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Central Armed Police Forces, district-level user agencies, and DEAL's technical teams, saw

active participation from paramilitary forces including the ITBP, SSB, BSF, Assam Rifles, IB, NSG, CRPF, CISF, among others. The trials subjected both systems to a variety of demanding real-world environments, with performance assessed against Qualitative Requirements and Technical Document benchmarks. Both systems not only met but surpassed operational expectations, demonstrating robust, secure voice and data communication across multiple frequency bands (V/UHF/HF for SDR, and long-hop high-data-rate backhaul for CTCS). These results mark a significant milestone in advancing India's self-reliance in defence technology, enhancing the situational communication capabilities of paramilitary forces, and reinforcing national security readiness through cutting-edge, mission-critical systems.

India accelerates Agni missile's bunker-buster warhead development.



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India is accelerating the development of advanced bunker-buster warheads for a variant of the Agni missile, designed to target deeply buried enemy facilities that conventional weapons cannot destroy. Following the success of US strikes on fortified targets, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is modifying the Agni-5 missile to carry a heavier 7,500 kg warhead, capable of penetrating 80 to 100 metres underground. This new missile variant, expected to reach speeds between Mach 8 and Mach 20, will enhance India's operational flexibility and strategic deterrence by effectively targeting enemy command-and-control centres and critical military infrastructure within a range of 2,500 kilometres, a sufficient distance for its intended operational context.

Brazil Eyes Indian Defense Systems as Modi's BRICS Visit Set to Boost Strategic Ties SHARE

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India is actively pursuing defense indigenisation and self-reliance, leading to Brazil's significant interest in acquiring Indian defense innovations, with discussions anticipated during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Brazil for the BRICS Summit. The Ministry of External Affairs has highlighted potential areas for collaboration, notably in joint research, technology sharing, and co-development of defense platforms, including the Garuda 105_v2 artillery system, Akash air defense systems, and Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs). With Brazil expressing a need to upgrade its air defense capabilities, the Akash system stands out due to its extended operational range and effectiveness demonstrated in Indian military operations. Furthermore, collaborations between Indian and Brazilian companies, such as Mahindra and Embraer, underline the strengthening of bilateral ties and the potential for joint defense ventures. The Indian government's aim to boost defense exports—with a target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029—complements Brazil's strategic initiatives to secure its territory and enhance its military capabilities. This burgeoning partnership, accentuated by high-level engagements between PM Modi and President Lula da Silva, highlights a significant shift in global defense ties, where both nations can leverage each other's technological strengths for mutual benefit, thereby positioning India as a critical player in the global defense market, particularly in Latin America.

Udaygiri, Second Stealth Frigate of Project 17A, Delivered to Navy SHARE

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The Indian Navy has received the Udaygiri, the second stealth frigate of Project 17A, delivered by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) on July 1, 2025. This frigate, part of a series of seven being constructed, represents a significant upgrade over the earlier Shivalik class, featuring enhanced stealth capabilities and advanced weaponry, including supersonic surface-to-surface and medium-range surface-to-air missile systems. The delivery showcases India's growing ship design and construction capabilities, emphasizing the government's Make in India initiative, and highlights the involvement of over 200 MSMEs in the project, generating direct employment for around 4,000 personnel. The Udaygiri was constructed in a record time of 37 months post-launch, demonstrating MDL's

expertise in creating complex naval platforms. The successful delivery reinforces the Indian Navy's operational readiness and strategic capabilities in maintaining maritime security, effectively addressing both conventional and non-conventional threats. With five more frigates of the P-17A class planned for delivery by the end of 2026, this project not only strengthens India's defense posture but also contributes significantly to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, economic growth, and the development of a robust industrial ecosystem.

Tejas Mk2 Set for First Flight in Q1 2026, Assembly Progressing SHARE

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India's Tejas Mk2, an advanced indigenous fighter jet, is on track for its maiden flight in Q1 2026, with assembly by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited expected by March 2026. This medium-weight fighter, featuring the powerful General Electric F414 engine and indigenous Uttam AESA radar, aims to enhance the Indian Air Force's capabilities by replacing aging fleets. With a requirement of around 120 aircraft, the Tejas Mk2 is pivotal for achieving the IAF's squadron strength and supports India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in defense manufacturing, fostering a self-reliant aerospace ecosystem. The aircraft is poised to significantly bolster India's military aviation landscape.

Air Marshal Urges Fast-Tracking of Project Kusha to Counter J-20 Jets SHARE

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India's Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has urged for the expedited development of Project Kusha and advanced VHF/UHF anti-stealth radar systems to counter the threat posed by China's Chengdu J-20 fifth-generation fighter jets. He emphasized the strategic necessity of enhancing India's air defence capabilities, particularly in light of heightened regional tensions and the need for early detection of stealth threats. Project Kusha aims to create a layered defence with interceptor missiles covering ranges of up to 350 km, supporting India's self-reliance initiative. The integration of low-frequency radars with existing systems is crucial for accurately tracking and engaging these advanced aerial threats, reinforcing India's commitment to maintaining air superiority.

Kaveri Derivative Engine Nears Certification for Ghatak UCAV



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India's Kaveri Derivative Engine (KDE) is nearing certification as it undergoes final inflight testing in Russia, crucial for the development of the Ghatak Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV). The KDE, derived from the original Kaveri engine, aims to provide a thrust of approximately 55-60 kN, enhancing India's aerospace self-reliance. The Ghatak UCAV, designed for precision strikes and air-to-air combat, will significantly strengthen India's defense capabilities, complementing its manned fighter fleet. Successful certification by 2026 will position India as a noteworthy developer of advanced jet engines, marking a pivotal advance in indigenous defense technology.

Indian Army Investigates eVTOL Technology for Military Use



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The Indian Army is exploring the use of electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) technology for military applications, focusing on indigenous development to enhance operational efficiency and reduce costs. Startups like ePlane and Sarla Aviation are leading this initiative, creating versatile eVTOLs for troop transport, logistics, and medical evacuation, which offer lower maintenance and operational costs compared to traditional helicopters. This aligns with India's goals of fostering domestic manufacturing under the Make in India initiative and addressing modern battlefield needs in remote or contested areas. Potential challenges include infrastructure and regulatory hurdles, but collaborations with institutions are aimed at overcoming these issues, showcasing a robust shift towards innovative defense solutions.

Tejas Mk1A Set to Outpace JF-17 and T-50 in Five Years



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India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A is set to become the leading light combat fighter globally, projected to surpass the production of Pakistan's JF-17 and South Korea's T-50 within five years. With orders for 180 units expected by 2031-32 and enhanced production capacity, HAL aims to deliver 12 Mk1A jets by 2025-26, potentially reaching 30 jets annually by 2028. The Tejas Mk1A boasts advanced avionics and a 70% indigenous content, aligning with India's self-reliance goals, though it faces challenges in export markets due to competition and geopolitical factors. Despite initial delays, HAL's involvement with

private players aims to accelerate production and bolster India's defense export ambitions.

Reliance Defence and Coastal Mechanics to Upgrade 200+ Aircraft in India



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Reliance Defence, led by Anil Ambani, has partnered with US-based Coastal Mechanics to upgrade over 200 aircraft and helicopters in India, significantly enhancing the country's defence maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) sector. This collaboration, aligning with the Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, will establish a joint venture in Nagpur, focusing on the comprehensive sustainment of platforms like the Jaguar fighter jets, MiG-29s, and Apache helicopters. Leveraging Coastal Mechanics' expertise as a veteran Department of Defense contractor, the partnership aims to bolster India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing while creating jobs and driving technological innovation, positioning India as a global player in defence MRO services.

DRDO Develops Stealth ALCM 'Gandiva' Using SFDR Technology



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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a next-generation stealth air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) named Gandiva, leveraging Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology. This missile aims to operate at supersonic speeds while maintaining a low radar cross-section, making it harder for enemy air defense systems to detect and intercept. The emphasis on SFDR technology enhances missile performance and reduces size and weight, aligning with stealth requirements. This development signifies a strategic shift in India's defense capabilities, providing the Indian Air Force with a potent tool for precision strikes against high-value targets deep within enemy territory, thereby bolstering national security.

IAF Considers Air LORA Missile to Enhance Long-Range Strike Power



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The Indian Air Force is considering acquiring the AirLORA, an air-launched variant of Israel Aerospace Industries' LORA missile, to significantly expand its long-range strike capabilities. With a range of 400 km, AirLORA enables platforms like the Su-30MKI—and potentially Rafale and Tejas—to engage high-value targets from well beyond enemy air defenses, reducing risk to aircraft. Following the deployment of the

250km-range Rampage missile during Operation Sindoor in May 2025, the IAF aims to further enhance stand-off precision strike reach. AirLORA, locally produced under technology transfer to Bharat Electronics Ltd, features supersonic speed, fire-and-forget navigation with INS/GPS, jamming resistance, and the option of blast fragmentation or deep-penetration warheads, making it suitable for a range of hardened and soft targets. Its deployment reflects India's strategic pivot to deeper deterrence vis-à-vis Pakistan and China, aligns with the "Make in India" initiative, and deepens Indo-Israeli defense collaboration, following existing agreements for LORA production for tri-service use

HAL's HTT-40 Trainer Aircraft Attracts Global Interest, Says Chairman

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is poised to roll out its first HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) by September 2025, addressing the need for a modern training platform and generating international interest. HAL Chairman D.K. Sunil emphasized the growing inquiries from global customers, highlighting the aircraft's cost-effectiveness and robust design tailored for basic flight training. This initiative aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign, promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing and establishing HAL as a notable player in the global aerospace market. The HTT-40's successful flypast at Aero India 2025 further enhances its appeal, signaling a promising future for Indian defense exports.

Indian Army's Apache AH-64E Helicopters Arrival Delayed to 2025

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The Indian Army's Boeing AH-64E Apache attack helicopters are now set to arrive in July 2025, significantly delayed from the initial February 2024 schedule due to supply chain disruptions and technical issues. With geopolitical tensions possibly influencing these delays, analysts highlight India's reliance on foreign defense suppliers while also noting the strategic importance of the Apache acquisition for enhancing close-air support. This development aligns with the Army's push for independent attack helicopter squadrons to address regional threats, particularly from Pakistan, and is complemented by Boeing's partnership with Tata Advanced Systems, bolstering local aerospace manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.

India to Test K-6 Hypersonic Missile from Submarine, Enhancing Deterrence

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India is set to test the K-6 hypersonic missile, a breakthrough in strategic capabilities with speeds of Mach 7.5 and an operational range of 8,000 kilometers, significantly enhancing its nuclear deterrence. This missile features advanced MIRV technology allowing multiple warheads to target different locations, further bolstering its effectiveness against missile defenses. Designed for the future S-5 class submarines, the K-6 exemplifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Its deployment will strengthen India's nuclear triad and provide robust second-strike capabilities, ensuring regional stability and enhancing strategic autonomy amid evolving security dynamics.

Big Bang Boom Launches YUDHIKSHANA 360-Degree Awareness System

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Big Bang Boom Solutions has developed the YUDHIKSHANA, a 360-degree situational awareness system for armored vehicles, integrating RGB and thermal cameras for high-resolution feeds. This system enhances crew safety by providing a panoramic view with features like an 8x digital zoom and impressive detection ranges for both humans and vehicles. It operates efficiently in extreme temperatures and can seamlessly integrate into existing platforms, reflecting India's commitment to indigenous defense advancements. Such innovations enhance operational effectiveness and significantly mitigate risks in modern warfare, showcasing the potential of Indian defense technology to improve tactical decision-making and crew protection.

Paras Anti Drone Tech to Provide Counter-Drone Tech to France

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Paras Anti Drone Tech is set to supply counter-unmanned aerial vehicle technology to a French firm, marking a significant step in enhancing global defense cooperation and showcasing India's growing capabilities in advanced defense technologies. This collaboration not only strengthens India's position in the defense industry but also reflects the increasing importance of counter-drone technologies in modern warfare. As unmanned aerial vehicles pose growing threats, such partnerships are vital in developing robust defense solutions. This move underscores the potential for India to become a key player in the global defense

market, contributing to strategic alliances while promoting technological advancements in defense systems.

China's Feitian 2 hypersonic missile test highlights advanced tech.



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China has successfully tested its Feitian 2 hypersonic missile, showcasing significant advancements in propulsion technology with a unique kerosene-hydrogen peroxide fuel mix and the ability to switch between propulsion modes mid-flight. This development positions China as a formidable competitor in hypersonic technology, emphasizing autonomous flight capabilities and real-time airflow control, which could enhance both military and civilian applications. The implications of such advancements highlight the need for India to bolster its own defense capabilities, ensuring strategic parity in an increasingly competitive geopolitical landscape where hypersonic systems are likely to play a crucial role in future warfare.

DRDO 2.0: Advancing India's Warfare with AI and Laser Technologies



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is undergoing a significant transformation known as DRDO 2.0, shifting its focus from conventional weapon systems to advanced technologies like directed energy weapons, quantum systems, and artificial intelligence, as articulated by Dr. B.K. Das. This strategic pivot aims to prepare India for modern warfare, with DRDO now collaborating closely with the private sector to enhance production capabilities while concentrating on long-term research. Notable achievements include the development of India's first photonic radar and a 30-kilowatt laser weapon for counter-drone operations, highlighting India's commitment to innovation in defense technology to address evolving global threats effectively.

Indian Navy Enhances Operational Capability with Tug Ojas Induction



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The Indian Navy has recently inducted the Tug Ojas at its base in Visakhapatnam, enhancing its operational capabilities. This addition signifies the Navy's commitment to strengthening maritime operations and logistical support, vital for national security. The induction of modern tugs like Ojas is crucial for ensuring efficient naval operations, particularly in a

dynamic geopolitical environment. The Indian Navy continues to bolster its fleet with advanced vessels, reflecting its proactive stance in maritime defense and its focus on maintaining a robust naval presence in the region. This move aligns with India's broader strategy of enhancing naval capabilities amidst regional maritime challenges.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Jaishankar: Pahalgam attack is economic warfare; India won't bow to Pakistan's nuclear threats.



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed the recent Pahalgam terror attack as an act of economic warfare aimed at crippling Kashmir's tourism, emphasizing that India will not succumb to nuclear blackmail from Pakistan. He asserted that India has faced terrorism emanating from Pakistan since independence, with a notable surge over the last four decades. Jaishankar highlighted India's response to such threats, including Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. He reiterated India's stance of zero tolerance for terrorism, stating that any state sponsorship should be exposed and penalized, and underlined the necessity for retribution against terrorists. Furthermore, Jaishankar revealed that during a critical moment prior to retaliation, Prime Minister Modi remained resolute against Pakistani threats of escalation. He affirmed that India would not allow nuclear threats to restrain its defensive actions, reinforcing a broader message of accountability for terrorism at global forums such as the UN. Jaishankar's remarks signify a decisive shift in India's approach to handling cross-border terrorism, clearly delineating the nation's commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty and citizens without yielding to external pressure, thus marking a pivotal moment in India's defense strategy.

Jaishankar: India-US Ties Go Beyond China's Influence



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that the India-US relationship should not be oversimplified as merely a response to China, highlighting its multifaceted nature, including significant economic ties and a large Indian diaspora in the US. He noted that while both nations navigate their competitive dynamics with China, India's approach seeks to balance its

relationship with both the US and China, aiming for stability and mutual benefit. Jaishankar urged a nuanced understanding of global relations, advocating for India to strengthen its convergences with the US while maintaining a fair equilibrium with China, which remains an important trade partner despite the current challenges.

Pakistan calls for India to restore Indus Waters Treaty operations.



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Pakistan has urged India to resume the normal functioning of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), which India has put on hold since May following a terror attack. Pakistan claims that a recent ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration validates the IWT's operational status, asserting that India cannot unilaterally suspend it. India's Ministry of External Affairs firmly rejected this ruling, maintaining that it does not recognize the court's jurisdiction in this matter. The situation reflects ongoing tensions between the two nations, with India prioritizing national security while Pakistan emphasizes adherence to international agreements, showcasing contrasting perspectives on treaty obligations.

Jaishankar's Washington Visit Highlights India's Role in Quad Security



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent visit to Washington, DC, for the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting underscores India's proactive role in regional security and counter-terrorism efforts. The meeting, with participation from the United States, Japan, and Australia, aims to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, focusing on upholding sovereignty, enhancing maritime security, and fostering resilient supply chains. Jaishankar also inaugurated an exhibition at the United Nations titled "The Human Cost of Terrorism," which emphasizes the global impact of terrorism and India's commitment to combatting state-sponsored terrorism, particularly from entities linked to Pakistan. The discussions during the Quad meeting reflect the collective resolve of the member nations to address growing regional challenges and to prepare for the upcoming Quad Leaders' Summit in India. Additionally, developments related to a potential India-US trade agreement indicate a strengthening bilateral relationship, further cemented by high-level engagements, including a forthcoming visit from US President Donald Trump. This evolving partnership is crucial for counterbalancing China's influence in the

region, highlighting India's strategic importance in promoting a rules-based order and ensuring regional stability, which aligns with both nations' shared objectives.

China calls border talks with India "complicated," open to conditions.



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China has described the border dispute with India as "complicated," emphasizing that resolution will take time while indicating a willingness to engage in delimitation talks under certain conditions. This was articulated by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning in response to Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's calls for de-escalation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) following their recent meeting. Despite ongoing communication efforts, including 23 rounds of Special Representatives-level talks, the lack of a definitive timeline for resolution underscores the persistent trust deficit between the two nations, complicating the path toward improved relations and border management.

Pakistan to assume UNSC presidency in July 2025 amidst tensions.



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Pakistan officially assumed the presidency of the United Nations Security Council on July 1, 2025, marking the culmination of its non-permanent two-year term that began on January 1. The irony of this leadership role is unmistakable: Pakistan, accused for decades of exporting terrorism—providing safe havens, funding, and training to militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and the Taliban—now chairs the very Council tasked with combating such threats. Notably, Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the September 11 attacks, was discovered hiding in Abbottabad, mere kilometers from Pakistan's premier military academy, and several 9/11 hijackers were Pakistani nationals. Over the years, Pakistan's own officials have admitted to supporting extremist groups as strategic proxies, even while claiming to wage domestic operations like "Operation Azm-e-Istehkam." As India and other nations decry this contradiction—labeling Pakistan's UNSC leadership akin to "asking the cat to guard the milk"—the country's tenure is overshadowed by a stark dissonance: a supposed champion of international peace presiding over a body it has long helped destabilize.

Kim Jong Un Honors North Korean Troops Killed in Ukraine War

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently honored soldiers killed while fighting in support of Russia during the ongoing Ukraine conflict, as showcased by state media images. Approximately 600 North Korean troops have reportedly died, with thousands more injured, during their deployment, which was confirmed by North Korea earlier this year. Despite South Korean intelligence suggesting further troop deployments may occur, Seoul's defense ministry currently observes no such preparations, attributing the lack of movement to summer training. This reflects the growing military alliance between North Korea and Russia, raising concerns about regional security implications for nations like India, which advocates for stability and non-aggression in geopolitics.

Marco Rubio Hosts Quad Meeting Amid Bilateral Tensions

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U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio hosted a meeting with his Australian, Indian, and Japanese counterparts to strengthen Quad ties amid tensions stemming from trade disagreements and U.S. demands for increased defense spending. Despite these frictions, Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar emphasized the importance of addressing regional issues collaboratively, including maritime security and technology. Analysts noted that while U.S.-India relations may face challenges, the strategic rationale for deeper cooperation remains strong, underscoring India's vital role in countering China's influence in the Indo-Pacific. Overall, the meeting aimed to reaffirm commitments to a free and open Indo-Pacific amidst various bilateral complexities.

Israeli Officials in Washington for Ceasefire Talks Amid Gaza Crisis

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Israeli officials are engaged in ceasefire talks in Washington amid escalating military actions in Gaza, where airstrikes and ground assaults have resulted in significant civilian casualties and displacement. While Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is set to meet U.S. President Trump to discuss broader regional challenges including Iran, Hamas demands a ceasefire linked to the release of hostages. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is dire, with over 56,000 Palestinians reportedly killed and nearly the entire population displaced. The situation underscores the complexities of achieving a

lasting peace, as both sides maintain firm positions on disarmament and hostage negotiations.

Military Operations

Indian Navy Successfully Rescues Crew from Burning Tanker in Arabian Sea

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On June 29, 2025, the Indian Navy showcased its operational readiness and commitment to maritime safety by successfully conducting a high-risk firefighting and rescue operation on the Palau-flagged tanker MT Yi Cheng 6 in the North Arabian Sea, approximately 80 nautical miles east of Fujairah, UAE. The INS Tabar, while on a mission-based deployment, responded to a Mayday distress call from the tanker, which was experiencing a significant fire outbreak in its engine room. Swiftly reaching the distressed vessel, INS Tabar established communication and initiated firefighting operations, prioritizing the safety of the crew. Seven of the 14 crew members were promptly evacuated to INS Tabar without any injuries reported, and all crew were examined by the ship's medical team. The remaining crew, including the Master, assisted in fire containment as the naval personnel deployed a dedicated firefighting and damage control team. Initial efforts significantly reduced the fire's intensity, and with the reinforcement of additional personnel from the Indian Navy, the blaze was ultimately brought under control. Continuous monitoring and temperature checks were implemented, with INS Tabar remaining on station for ongoing support. This incident not only underscores the Indian Navy's rapid response capability and operational preparedness but also reaffirms India's vital role as a first responder in the Indian Ocean Region, emphasizing its humanitarian approach to maritime safety and commitment to safeguarding seafarers.

Indo-French military exercise Shakti 2025 successfully concludes.

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The Indo-French Joint Military Exercise Shakti 2025 concluded in France, marking a significant collaboration between the Indian and French armed forces. Conducted from June 18 to July 1, it involved over 500 personnel and focused on enhancing tactical interoperability and modern military technology. The exercise comprised two phases: joint training in weapon handling and a semi-urban combat exercise

that tested troops under realistic conditions. This initiative reflects the growing strategic partnership between India and France, offering a platform for sharing best practices and reinforcing defense cooperation, thereby contributing positively to regional security and stability.

INS Tamal, India's new warship, commissioned in Russia today **SHARE**

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The Indian Navy's latest stealth frigate, INS Tamal, was commissioned in Russia, marking a significant step in Indo-Russian defense cooperation. As the eighth ship in the Krivak class, Tamal boasts 26% indigenous components, including advanced weapon systems like the BrahMos missile, enhancing India's naval capabilities. This warship not only demonstrates India's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat but also highlights the collaborative strength with Russia in defense technology. With a crew of over 250 and extensive upgrades, INS Tamal symbolizes the evolving capabilities of the Indian Navy and stands as a testament to a longstanding strategic partnership that has adapted over time.

Jaishankar: UNSC-backed Operation Sindoor targets Pahalgam terrorists. **SHARE**

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized India's firm stance against terrorism during the inauguration of the exhibition "The Human Cost of Terrorism" at the UN headquarters, linking it to the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 lives. He pointed to the UN Security Council's condemnation of the attack and highlighted India's Operation Sindoor. The Council statement on April 25 "demanded that its perpetrators be held accountable and brought to justice", Jaishankar said. "We have since seen that happen.", resulting in significant casualties among terrorist groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba. Jaishankar underscored the principles of zero tolerance for terrorism, urging the global community to hold terrorists accountable, reject their use as proxies by states, and counter state sponsorship of terrorism, with a particular focus on Pakistan's actions. He framed the exhibition as a tribute to terrorism victims, stressing that it serves as a reminder of the urgent need for international unity against such threats, encapsulating the sentiment that "terrorism anywhere is a threat to peace everywhere." This effort aims to galvanize global support for India's anti-terrorism stance, reinforcing the

message that terrorism, often supported by state actors, undermines human rights and global stability. Jaishankar's remarks convey a strong call to action for nations to uphold the values threatened by terrorism and to collectively act against its insidious presence, particularly in the context of ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Pak Army Chief Calls J-K Militancy a "Legitimate Struggle" **SHARE**

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Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir has described the militancy in Jammu and Kashmir as a "legitimate struggle for self-determination," directly opposing India's stance that labels it terrorism. Speaking at the Pakistan Naval Academy, Munir warned of severe consequences in the event of future military confrontations with India, citing examples like Operation Sindoor and the Balakot airstrike. His remarks come amid growing unrest in Pakistan, particularly in Balochistan, where anti-military sentiments are on the rise. Analysts view this narrative as an attempt to divert public attention from internal crises and rally domestic support. India, meanwhile, maintains that Jammu and Kashmir are integral to its sovereignty and remains firm on countering cross-border provocations.

Gunmen kill four in Manipur; Kuki group claims attack **SHARE**

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In Manipur's Churachandpur district, unidentified gunmen shot dead four individuals, including a 72-year-old woman, during an ambush near Mongjang village. The incident, occurring around 2 PM while the victims were traveling in a car, has been claimed by the United Kuki National Liberation Army (UKNLA). The attack highlights the ongoing violence in the region, prompting authorities to deploy additional security forces to ensure public safety. This tragic event underscores the urgent need for effective counter-insurgency strategies and peacebuilding initiatives in Manipur to stabilize the area and protect innocent lives from such targeted violence.

High Court Denies Bail to Man for Pro-Pakistan Facebook Post SHARE

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The Allahabad High Court has denied bail to Ansar Ahmed Siddique, 62, for sharing a Facebook post with a pro-Pakistan slogan, citing concerns over increasing anti-national sentiments and the need to uphold national integrity. The court emphasized that such acts undermine the Constitution and challenge India's sovereignty. The prosecution highlighted Siddique's post followed a deadly terror attack, indicating support for terrorism, while his defense argued for leniency due to his age and health. This case underscores the judiciary's stance on maintaining national unity against expressions perceived as threatening to India's sovereignty, reflecting the ongoing struggle against anti-national ideologies in society.

Dalit girl coerced into terror recruitment, two suspects arrested SHARE

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A minor Dalit girl from Uttar Pradesh was lured and coerced into converting for recruitment into terrorist activities by a radicalization network, as revealed by local police. After escaping from Kerala, she contacted her mother with the help of authorities and was subsequently returned to Prayagraj, where two suspects, Darkhsha Bano and Mohammed Kaif, were arrested. The girl reported that other minors were also being targeted by this organized syndicate aimed at entrapment into anti-national activities. This incident highlights the pressing issue of radicalization targeting vulnerable youth, prompting law enforcement to investigate further and dismantle the network.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

AI Security Surges as Cloud Threats Rise in India: Thales Survey SHARE

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The Thales Cloud Security Study reveals a significant shift in India's enterprise security focus, with AI security now a top concern alongside cloud security due to increasing threats. Notably, 56% of Indian respondents reported that AI security spending is overtaking traditional security budgets. The report highlights that credential theft is the fastest-growing attack vector, while only a small percentage of organizations encrypt sensitive cloud data, exposing critical infrastructure. This underscores the urgent need for Indian enterprises

to enhance their security measures amidst rising complexities from AI and cloud adoption, indicating that proactive investments in security readiness are essential for safeguarding digital environments.

US warns of potential Iranian-backed cyber threats amid tensions SHARE

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A recent joint assessment by US law enforcement agencies warns of potential Iranian-backed cyber threats, highlighting that hacktivist groups may intensify malicious activities targeting US networks amid ongoing geopolitical tensions. Notably, the alert emphasizes the vulnerability of defense industrial base companies linked to Israeli firms and mentions that such cyber activities, including DDoS attacks and leaks of sensitive information, have been prevalent for years, especially following the 2023 Israel-Hamas conflict. The agencies urge critical infrastructure organizations to bolster their defenses against these threats, despite no immediate malicious activity detected. This situation underscores the growing need for vigilance in cyberspace, particularly in light of Iran's aggressive cyber posturing.

Sebi extends cybersecurity compliance deadline to August 31, 2025. SHARE

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the compliance deadline for regulated entities to adopt its Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) by two months, now set for August 31, 2025. This decision responds to multiple requests for extensions to facilitate easier compliance. The CSCRF aims to enhance the cybersecurity posture of entities, ensuring they can withstand and recover from cyber threats. This initiative is a crucial step in protecting data and IT infrastructure amidst evolving cyber risks, demonstrating Sebi's commitment to strengthening the resilience of financial markets in India.

RBI calls for AI-driven, zero-trust cybersecurity in finance. SHARE

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has urged financial institutions to adopt zero-trust cybersecurity frameworks and AI-aware defense strategies to counter the rising threat of cyberattacks and financial frauds linked to digital financial services. In its Financial Stability Report, the RBI highlighted the growing risks from social engineering, including phishing scams

exacerbated by generative AI tools, and warned against vendor lock-in risks due to overreliance on major cloud providers. Key recommendations include the implementation of graded monitoring, behavioral analytics for threat detection, and uniform incident reporting frameworks to strengthen cyber resilience and maintain public trust in the financial ecosystem.

ICC Contains New Cybersecurity Incident Amidst Scrutiny



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The International Criminal Court (ICC) reported a new, sophisticated cybersecurity incident that has been contained, marking the second such occurrence in recent years. Previously, in 2023, the ICC faced a significant hack that disrupted its operations for weeks. These incidents occur amid heightened scrutiny of the ICC, particularly following arrest warrants issued for high-profile figures like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who both reject the court's jurisdiction. This situation underscores the challenges facing international judicial institutions and highlights the need for robust cybersecurity measures to protect their integrity and operations.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Air Marshal S. Sivakumar Appointed Air Officer-in-Charge Administration



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Air Marshal S Sivakumar, VSM, officially assumed charge as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) at Air Headquarters, New Delhi, on July 1, 2025. Commissioned into the IAF's Administration branch in June 1990, he brings over 35 years of experience across key command and staff roles—including Senior ATC Officer at a forward base, Chief Administrative Officer of a premier flying station, Air Officer Commanding of an Equipment Depot, and significant positions such as Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Works) and Director General (Administration). He also represented India in a United Nations mission in the Congo, is an alumnus of Pondicherry University (MBA in HRM) and Osmania University (MPhil in Defence and Strategic Studies), and is a Vishisht Seva Medal awardee, poised to strengthen the IAF's administration and operational readiness.

Indian Army launches 'Carvan Talkies' to inspire rural youth.



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The Indian Army has launched a digital outreach initiative named 'Carvan Talkies' to engage and motivate rural youth in remote areas of Uttar Pradesh, starting with Mahoba district. This campaign features a specially designed vehicle equipped with an LED display and interactive elements to attract students at local colleges. Army representatives are providing crucial information on recruitment processes, training, and career development while also conducting games and quizzes to foster enthusiasm. The four-day campaign aims to enhance awareness and encourage youth participation in the armed forces, reflecting the Army's commitment to strengthening its recruitment efforts by reaching out to the grassroots level.

4,500 Join Panchshil Soldierathon to Honor Indian Armed Forces



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Over 4,500 participants gathered for the Panchshil Soldierathon Bombay Sappers in Pune, organized to celebrate the valor and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces while promoting fitness as a patriotic endeavor. The event featured a 10 km timed run, a 5 km fun run, and a 3 km walk, with soldiers joining civilians in a display of unity and respect. Major Surendra Poonia emphasized the importance of embodying the discipline and sacrifice of the military in daily life, making the event not just a run but a tribute to wounded soldiers, advocating for a stronger, healthier nation. This initiative aligns well with India's broader Fit Bharat Movement, fostering a spirit of fitness and patriotism.

Chetak Corps Marks 47th Raising Day at Bathinda Military Station



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The Chetak Corps of the Indian Army celebrated its 47th Raising Day at the Bathinda Military Station, a testament to its evolution into a highly professional and battle-ready formation since its inception on July 1, 1979. During the ceremony, Lieutenant General Shamsher Singh Virk laid wreaths at the 'Yodha Yaadgar' War Memorial to honor the sacrifices of those who fought valiantly for the nation. He commended the Corps for their readiness demonstrated during 'Operation Sindoor' and urged them to maintain their operational capabilities to address future challenges with courage and dedication. This event underscores the commitment of the Indian Army to uphold its traditions and safeguard national boundaries.

Miscellaneous

Fraudulent Sale of Historic IAF Airstrip Sparks Scandal



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A significant scandal has emerged involving the fraudulent sale of a strategic Indian Air Force (IAF) airstrip in Ferozepur, Punjab, which was used during the 1962, 1965, and 1971 wars. The airstrip, part of a 982-acre area acquired during British rule for military purposes, was allegedly sold in 1997 by Usha Ansal and her son Naveen Chand, with the assistance of corrupt revenue officials. A retired revenue official, Nishan Singh, played a pivotal role in uncovering the deceit, leading to an inquiry that ultimately restored the land to the Defence Ministry in May 2025. The Punjab and Haryana High Court, emphasizing the land's military significance and potential national security implications, has ordered a thorough investigation into the matter. The FIR filed against the mother-son duo outlines charges of fraud, forgery, and criminal conspiracy, echoing concerns about negligence among local authorities that allowed this land scam to persist for nearly three decades. This episode highlights the vulnerabilities in land management linked to national security, as strategic military assets can be compromised if oversight mechanisms fail. It underscores the necessity for meticulous vigilance to safeguard defense assets, ensuring that such incidents do not undermine India's military readiness and security apparatus. The case serves as a critical reminder of the importance of transparency and accountability in the management of land associated with national defense.

Tragic death of Pakistani couple highlights border crossing risks



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A tragic incident unfolded as a young Pakistani couple, seeking a new life in India, died of dehydration after crossing the border into the Thar desert. The 17-year-old boy and 15-year-old girl, who previously struggled to secure an Indian visa, embarked on this perilous journey in desperation. Their bodies were discovered in Jaisalmer, highlighting the harsh realities faced by individuals pursuing a better future. Advocacy groups emphasize the need for systemic improvements in visa processes to prevent such tragedies, illustrating the urgency for India to address the humanitarian concerns of Pakistani migrants while maintaining its border security.

INS Teg Completes Successful Visit to Seychelles, Strengthening Ties



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INS Teg, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, successfully concluded a port visit to Port Victoria, Seychelles, enhancing maritime ties between India and Seychelles. The visit included high-level discussions with Seychellois officials, cultural outreach activities such as yoga, and a guided ship tour that attracted significant local interest. Notably, INS Teg participated in the Seychelles National Day parade, showcasing India's naval capabilities, while jointly patrolling the Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone to combat illegal fishing. This engagement underscores India's commitment to regional security and cooperative defense partnerships, reinforcing its role as a stabilizing maritime force in the Indian Ocean region.

India Fast-Tracks Phase-3 Space Surveillance Post Operation Sindoor



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India is expediting its Phase-3 Space-Based Surveillance programme (SBS-3) following Operation Sindoor, recognizing the urgent need for enhanced intelligence gathering over adversarial regions. This ₹26,968 crore initiative aims to launch 52 dedicated defense satellites by 2029, with the first set to orbit by April 2026, managed by ISRO and three private companies. The satellite constellation will enhance real-time, high-resolution imagery capabilities, focusing on monitoring China, Pakistan, and the Indian Ocean Region, thereby significantly strengthening India's strategic surveillance under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision. This proactive step underscores India's commitment to bolstering national security and maintaining regional stability amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to Engage Students via Ham Radio



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Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, currently piloting the 14-day Axiom-4 mission aboard the International Space Station (launched June 25, 2025), will conduct a historic ham-radio conversation with Indian students and ISRO scientists on Friday, July 4 at 10:17 UTC (3:47 PM IST), relayed via the K6DUE telebridge at U.R. Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru. Operating under his call sign VU2TNI, he'll transmit on the standard ARISS downlink frequency of 145.800 MHz FM—though the signal will be rerouted, meaning direct reception in India isn't

guaranteed. This marks the first live space-to-Earth radio interaction by an Indian astronaut on the ISS. During his time in orbit, Shukla has been busy with more than 60 international experiments, including cultivating microalgae and traditional Indian crops like fenugreek and moong beans to explore sustainable food production, as well as studying tardigrades, muscle regeneration, and human cognition through the Neuro Motion VR project using VR headsets and brain-monitoring fNIRS. He's also participating in the Telemetric Health AI study, which integrates biometric and mission data to monitor cardiovascular and balance system changes in microgravity. As the first Indian to pilot a private ISS mission and the second Indian in orbit since 1984, his outreach aims to inspire the next generation of Indian STEM enthusiasts while demonstrating India's growing footprint in global space research.

MDL's Colombo Dockyard Acquisition Boosts India's Maritime Strategy

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Mazagaon Docks Ltd (MDL) has made a strategic move by acquiring a controlling stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC for \$53 million, which is crucial for enhancing India's maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region. This acquisition enables MDL to diversify its market reach beyond the Indian Navy and into East Asia, West Asia, Europe, and Africa. It reflects India's growing influence in global maritime trade and defense, underlining the importance of structural reforms in the defense sector to support such initiatives. Strengthening India's maritime capabilities is essential for maintaining regional security and countering external pressures in a strategically vital area.

Army XI Claims Victory in Sindoor Cup Against MP XI

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The Army XI triumphed in the Sindoor Cup, defeating MP XI by 9 wickets in a rain-affected match at Green Park stadium, Kanpur. MP XI scored 95 runs, but Army XI chased it down with impressive batting, led by Akhil Kumar, who scored an unbeaten 54. The match was inaugurated by Defence State Minister Sanjay Seth, who highlighted the event's significance, complemented by an Army band that entertained the crowd with patriotic songs. This victory showcases the Army's spirit and camaraderie, reinforcing the importance of sports in building community ties and morale among the forces and civilians alike.

Upper Siang Dy Commissioner Engages Indian Army for Local Organic Produce

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Upper Siang Deputy Commissioner Talo Jerang has initiated discussions with the Indian Army to promote local organic produce from farmers and self-help groups (SHGs) in Upper Siang district. This initiative is part of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, which aims to empower rural women through socioeconomic activities. The DC highlighted the formation of farmer-producer companies to enhance marketing strategies and urged local producers to adopt organic farming practices. The recent Udyami Panjikaran Mela facilitated product registration and provided essential support to SHG entrepreneurs, demonstrating a significant step towards improving the local economy and promoting sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
MACPOWER	0.0	992.7	992.7	992.7	2004	5.65	68.95	866.78	1184.01
TANEJAERO	449.1	459.1	430.0	459.1	63625	5.0	77.64	394.16	386.64
SWANDEF	217.69	217.69	217.69	217.69	132	5.0	99.96	142.47	21.07
DRONACHRYA	86.46	86.46	86.46	86.46	12000	4.99	49.28	91.55	100.8
LOKESHMACH	174.35	183.06	174.35	182.68	24749	4.78	57.52	172.44	264.04
HBLPOWER	594.0	644.0	594.0	620.4	23588789	4.64	62.69	594.56	558.94
AVANTEL	159.79	165.7	158.8	163.87	3410735	3.48	60.65	160.76	144.71
BEL	424.8	436.0	424.1	432.25	35405785	2.55	73.89	403.79	305.08
DCXINDIA	276.3	284.4	276.3	281.0	1063753	2.11	41.22	295.72	305.38
BDL	1962.1	2009.5	1957.0	1980.3	4257314	1.91	61.94	1907.67	1318.18
PARAS	1597.6	1635.0	1597.6	1627.4	448364	1.87	53.42	1632.82	1143.7
TEMBO	577.7	577.7	526.05	559.9	108753	1.76	76.35	487.94	577.57
PREMEXPLN	565.05	582.45	565.05	571.15	456774	1.2	49.77	595.78	468.92
DATAPAT'TNS	2900.0	2964.9	2895.0	2929.1	265534	0.98	53.76	2968.89	2294.2
MAZDOCK	3270.0	3341.0	3251.5	3275.0	3087567	0.95	51.16	3279.02	2496.34
HAL	4877.9	4955.0	4877.0	4912.2	1332940	0.87	50.61	4967.4	4274.95
NIBE	1659.0	1693.7	1655.05	1670.7	4934	0.83	48.48	1741.18	1546.86
LMW	16807.0	16868.0	16648.0	16832.0	4041	0.75	56.91	16357.85	16203.56
JYOTICNC	1065.0	1075.9	1056.1	1066.4	427419	0.7	35.49	1153.81	1140.6
WALCHANNAG	227.88	228.5	221.0	227.06	90071	0.64	48.93	238.66	237.76
CFF	645.0	652.0	627.1	639.05	43400	0.42	58.96	627.53	584.97
MTARTECH	1594.5	1609.4	1582.6	1590.5	76405	0.25	40.32	1682.65	1579.03
DYNAMATECH	7190.0	7260.5	7137.5	7207.0	7105	0.24	57.35	7044.7	7151.03
ROSSELLIND	69.8	69.8	68.49	69.08	19421	0.12	44.88	69.99	95.08
ADANIENT	2624.9	2645.0	2603.0	2621.8	729197	0.09	61.21	2534.75	2531.69
MIDHANI	438.0	445.0	433.75	435.1	965643	0.02	55.67	434.06	341.66
LT	3669.8	3678.9	3645.0	3666.7	1054380	-0.08	57.51	3638.97	3514.32
ZENTEC	1992.2	2026.3	1965.1	1978.0	362923	-0.17	55.34	1982.19	1763.9
APOLLO	193.25	195.5	190.66	191.77	4047439	-0.31	53.99	197.55	123.84
KRISHNADEF	900.25	907.0	889.0	892.7	12250	-0.43	50.42	920.59	728.81
BEML	4470.0	4529.0	4421.0	4432.2	381627	-0.57	57.12	4416.98	3637.17
URAVIDEF	499.0	500.0	480.0	496.15	3802	-0.57	48.5	495.35	443.08
SUNITATOOL	776.0	776.0	772.1	775.0	1375	-0.64	50.74	789.7	730.03
RELINFRA	412.0	415.8	402.0	406.4	1780712	-0.79	65.05	390.17	283.38
PTC	181.03	181.45	178.25	178.8	854168	-0.88	54.13	175.61	169.67
HIGHENE	782.1	790.1	782.1	790.0	33070	-0.94	66.1	723.81	598.0
IDEAForge	595.95	601.45	583.5	586.1	391467	-1.0	54.33	591.14	530.04
COCHINSHIP	2085.0	2092.1	2036.6	2045.2	1893630	-1.0	48.78	2171.98	1587.63
GRSE	3029.3	3062.2	2969.0	2983.2	1201055	-1.06	50.32	3162.85	1836.21
AZAD	1664.6	1676.9	1636.0	1646.5	123139	-1.09	48.89	1650.36	1560.56
ASTRAMICRO	1040.0	1045.9	1009.5	1025.1	830118	-1.22	41.43	1112.95	820.55
CENTUM	2434.0	2434.0	2340.0	2355.0	19872	-1.66	53.63	2328.95	1816.27
BHARATFORG	1314.9	1314.9	1270.0	1284.2	1356145	-1.83	51.92	1299.89	1267.42
SIKA	1400.0	1405.0	1345.15	1351.95	45722	-1.96	57.61	1364.02	638.5
RTNINDIA	65.21	65.48	63.25	63.65	10419299	-1.97	66.26	57.7	57.37
SOLARINDS	17648.0	17648.0	17176.0	17196.0	128622	-2.28	63.43	17000.75	11518.1
AXISCADES	1470.0	1477.0	1430.0	1443.2	69634	-2.55	70.22	1272.01	752.91
MARINE	214.8	214.95	205.35	207.29	256412	-2.88	44.38	220.68	216.49
GOODLUCK	1181.1	1189.0	1100.2	1137.8	323629	-3.28	69.06	1054.0	905.33
TECHERA	209.25	209.25	198.8	199.3	36000	-4.76	50.48	207.28	-