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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SIKA	2400.0	2230.0	+7.62%
BDL	1049.3	979.75	+7.1%
MIDHANI	244.69	233.73	+4.69%
PARAS	870.45	834.95	+4.25%
GRSE	1263.8	1214.35	+4.07%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	566.15	679.1	-16.63%
NIBE	902.45	939.55	-3.95%
HIGHENE	423.4	437.85	-3.3%
LOKESHMACH	148.78	153.42	-3.02%
ROSSELLIND	55.12	56.61	-2.63%

Defense Business and Industry

DRDO, DPSUs, and private firms unite for stronger Aatmanirbharta in IAF. [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Defence Ministry is actively enhancing the capabilities of the Indian Air Force (IAF) through increased participation from the private sector, as emphasized in a recent report by the Empowered Committee for Capability Enhancement. With a pressing need to address a significant shortfall in fighter jets—current operational strength at 31 squadrons versus 42 sanctioned—recommendations include the induction of 35-40 new jets annually, alongside the procurement of advanced platforms like TEJAS and Rafale. The committee advocates for a collaborative approach between Defence Public Sector Undertakings, DRDO, and private companies to bolster indigenous production and reduce dependency on foreign technologies. This initiative aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission, aiming for self-reliance and a robust defense infrastructure to ensure national security amid regional challenges.

Indian Defense Stocks Surge Amid Global Military Spending Boost [SHARE](#)

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Shares of Indian defense companies, including Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL), and Cochin Shipyard, surged between 3% to 10%, influenced by substantial gains in European defense stocks amid rising military spending commitments in Europe. This rally follows a strong push from European leaders for increased defense budgets, spurred by

geopolitical uncertainties. Notably, India's defense exports rose by 32.5% to ₹21,000 crore in FY2024, highlighting a growing presence in the global defense market. The Indian government has allocated ₹6.21 lakh crore for defense in this year's budget, aiming for a significant increase in domestic production and exports, which should keep investor sentiment strong in the sector, especially as initiatives for indigenisation and private sector participation are prioritized to enhance capabilities.

IAF Prioritizes Indigenous AMCA Over Foreign Fighters for Self-Reliance [SHARE](#)

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In a decisive move to bolster its air capabilities, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is prioritizing the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program over foreign acquisitions like the F-35 and Su-57, focusing on self-reliance amid regional security challenges. While the IAF is also reviewing the long-delayed Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) program, which aims to procure 114 jets, concerns about Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) production capacity have prompted calls for private sector involvement. The IAF faces a critical juncture as it seeks to modernize its fleet, currently operating below sanctioned capacity, while balancing between domestic development and reliance on foreign aircraft. Experts highlight the need for timely deliveries and overcoming bureaucratic delays to ensure that the IAF meets its operational requirements effectively.

PM Modi to Inaugurate ₹20,000 Crore Missile Testing Range in Andhra [SHARE](#)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for a new missile testing range in

Nagayalanka, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of 20,000 crores (approximately \$2.4 billion USD). This state-of-the-art facility, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), will focus on testing crucial surface-to-air and anti-tank missile systems, enhancing India's defense capabilities in light of regional security challenges. The strategic coastal location minimizes risk to civilians while providing the necessary geography for effective testing. Additionally, the approval of this facility aligns with broader efforts to bolster India's defense infrastructure, including the acquisition of advanced drones and nuclear submarines. This development is anticipated to create numerous jobs and strengthen India's deterrent capabilities against evolving threats in the Indo-Pacific region, marking a significant step in India's defense modernization efforts.

Army Seminar Explores Future of Mechanized Warfare and Tech SHARE

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A two-day seminar titled "Mech Tech," inaugurated by Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani, focused on the future of mechanised warfare, addressing the integration of cutting-edge technologies such as AI and autonomous systems. Senior military officials and industry representatives discussed enhancing the Indian Army's mechanised platforms for improved mobility, firepower, and survivability amidst evolving threats. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar emphasized the importance of indigenous defense capabilities and urged investment in R&D to foster innovation among startups and educational institutions. This initiative aligns with India's vision of self-reliance in defense, reflecting a proactive approach to modernizing military capabilities and ensuring readiness for future challenges.

Impact of \$65.9B US Weapons Pause on Ukraine's Defense Efforts SHARE

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The recent pause in U.S. military aid to Ukraine, following President Trump's directive, raises concerns about Ukraine's defense capabilities amidst ongoing Russian aggression. The suspension halts critical supplies of artillery and sophisticated air defense systems, which have been essential for Ukraine's operations, though experts suggest the impact may not be immediate due to Ukraine's reduced dependence on U.S. aid and increased support from European allies. Analysts indicate that while Ukraine has adapted to using domestically made drones, the loss of U.S. artillery could still strain their inventory over time. The

future of military support now hinges on diplomatic negotiations, highlighting the shifting dynamics of international assistance as Ukraine seeks alternatives to maintain its defensive posture. This situation underscores the importance of continued cooperation among allies to ensure Ukraine's sovereignty and operational effectiveness against Russian forces.

PTC Industries Honored by BAE Systems for M777 Project Excellence SHARE

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PTC Industries has received the Special Recognition Award from BAE Systems for its critical role in the M777 India Offset Project, showcasing its excellence in advanced titanium castings for defense applications. This accolade highlights the company's contribution to India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aligning with the government's Make in India initiative. By producing key components for the lightweight M777 Ultra-Light Howitzer, PTC Industries is not only meeting global standards but also enhancing India's position as a competitive player in the defense sector. The award reflects the successful technology transfer and local production commitments integral to the \$737 million deal signed in 2016.

Gandiva Trials Propel Tejas MkII and AMCA Ahead of Rafale SHARE

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India's defense landscape is undergoing a transformation with the successful in-flight trials of the Astra MkIII missile, now named Gandiva, which could surpass the Rafale's Meteor missile in the IAF's MRFA competition. Gandiva's advanced Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet technology offers a range of 300-350 km, while the Tejas MkII and AMCA are set to feature superior Gallium Nitride-based AESA radars, enhancing their combat capabilities. This shift emphasizes India's commitment to indigenous defense solutions, potentially diminishing the Rafale's technological edge. While critics note Gandiva's combat readiness remains unproven, the IAF's support for domestic innovations signals a strong preference for homegrown military assets over foreign imports.

India's Defence Production Soars 60% to ₹1.27 Lakh Crore SHARE

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India's defence production has soared to Rs 1.27 lakh crore in FY 2023-24, reflecting a 60% increase since FY 2019-20, as the country commemorates National Security Day. Defence exports also rose to Rs 21,083

crore, bolstering the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. The Ministry of Defence has declared 2025 the 'year of reform' to enhance the armed forces' technological capabilities, with a goal of achieving Rs 3 lakh crore in defence production by 2029. The shift from 65-70% imports to 65% domestic production underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defence, aligning with national security objectives and aspirations for global prominence in the defence sector.

Collins Aerospace Unveils Advanced Cooling System for F-35 [SHARE](#)

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Collins Aerospace has successfully tested its next-generation Enhanced Power and Cooling System (EPACS) for the F-35, doubling the cooling capacity needed for advanced upgrades. This development aims to meet the increased thermal demands of modernized weapons and mission equipment, ensuring operational readiness for service members. The successful demonstration positions Collins to begin integration with Lockheed Martin, moving towards the Engineering & Manufacturing Development phase. Such advancements in thermal management are crucial for maintaining the F-35's performance and operational efficiency, highlighting the ongoing commitment to enhancing the capabilities of modern combat aircraft.

ANA Orders 15 Eco-Friendly E190-E2 Aircraft from Embraer [SHARE](#)

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ANA Holdings has placed an order for 15 E190-E2 aircraft from Embraer, with an option for five more, as part of its fleet renewal strategy. The E190-E2, noted for its fuel efficiency and passenger comfort, will enhance Japan's nationwide connectivity and is set to commence deliveries in 2028. Embraer's commitment to sustainability is highlighted by the aircraft's ability to operate on sustainable aviation fuel, contributing to the industry's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. This order reflects the growing demand for environmentally friendly and comfortable aviation solutions in Japan, reinforcing Embraer's position as a leader in the commercial aviation sector.

Boeing Selects Collins Aerospace for F-15EX Ejection Seats [SHARE](#)

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Boeing Defense has awarded Collins Aerospace a contract to provide 144 ACES II ejection seats for the U.S. Air Force's F-15EX fleet, which is hailed as the most advanced version of the F-15, featuring cutting-edge

technology. The ACES II seats are noted for their safety, having saved over 700 lives since their introduction in 1978 and currently in service with 29 air forces globally. This development underscores the importance of advanced safety measures in modern military aviation, reinforcing confidence among aircrew during critical missions. Such innovations highlight the ongoing evolution in defense technology, which also serves as a benchmark for India's own advancements in military capabilities.

Indra Wins \$13M Contract to Boost Canada's Air Defense Communication [SHARE](#)

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Indra has secured a significant contract exceeding \$13 million from Canada's Department of National Defence to enhance its ground-to-air communications system by supplying approximately 600 advanced radios. This upgrade promises to significantly improve communication clarity and reliability for pilots and defense agents, thereby optimizing operational efficiency. The contract aligns with NATO interoperability standards and reinforces Indra's strategic partnership within NATO countries, marking a pivotal expansion in its global defense business. Additionally, the project fosters Indra's role in transforming Canada's air traffic management through sustainable aviation solutions, showcasing their commitment to innovation in aerospace and defense technologies.

Safran to Deliver Advanced Geonyx INS to Finnish Military [SHARE](#)

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Safran Electronics & Defense has secured a significant contract with the Finnish Defence Forces to supply advanced Geonyx Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) from 2024 to 2031. This long-term agreement aims to enhance Finland's military capabilities by providing precise navigation and targeting solutions, particularly in GNSS-denied environments, thereby improving operational accuracy for artillery systems. The compact and shock-resistant Geonyx INS is suitable for various military platforms, reflecting a strategic partnership with a proven industry leader. This development underscores the importance of investing in modern defense technologies to address evolving military challenges, showcasing Finland's commitment to maintaining a capable and resilient defense posture.

Saab to Supply Advanced Combat System for Colombian Frigate

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Saab has secured a contract with Damen Naval to provide the Colombian Navy with a comprehensive combat system for their new Plataforma Estrategica de Superficie (PES) frigate programme, which includes advanced technologies such as the 9LV Combat Management System and various radar and fire control systems. This collaboration, marking Saab's first partnership with Damen Naval, aims to enhance the naval capabilities of Colombia, with the frigate set for delivery by 2030. The initiative underscores the growing emphasis on modernizing naval forces globally, and it reflects the increasing collaboration between nations in defense technology, positioning Colombia strategically within the regional maritime landscape.

GA-ASI Unveils Groundbreaking Unmanned ASW Capability with MQ-9B

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General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) has made a significant advancement by demonstrating the first-ever unmanned Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability on the MQ-9B SeaGuardian. During tests conducted from January 20-30, 2025, the SeaGuardian successfully deployed anti-submarine sensors using pre-production Sonobuoy Dispensing System pods, showcasing its ability to detect and analyze underwater targets. This innovation highlights the potential for unmanned systems to enhance maritime operations, offering a cost-effective alternative to traditional manned platforms. GA-ASI's collaboration with the U.S. Navy further reinforces its commitment to developing advanced solutions for evolving naval warfare challenges.

UK to Fast-Track Defense Contracts to Boost Military Readiness

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The UK government is accelerating its defense procurement process, as Finance Minister Rachel Reeves aims to streamline contracts and reduce bureaucratic hurdles, following increased military spending urged by the U.S. Amidst this drive, more defense contracts will be accessible to small and medium-sized enterprises to foster innovation. Prime Minister Keir Starmer's commitment to raise defense spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2027, with aspirations for 3%, reflects a strategic pivot to bolster the UK's military capabilities in response to emerging global threats.

This proactive approach underscores the importance of enhancing defense readiness while potentially benefiting the British defense industry significantly.

Goa Shipyard to Deliver First Adamya-Class Fast Patrol Vessels

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Goa Shipyard is set to deliver the first two Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), following successful launches. These vessels are 51 meters long and can reach speeds of 27 knots, designed for crucial roles in patrolling, anti-smuggling, and anti-terrorism within India's exclusive economic zone. Equipped with advanced weaponry and capable of supporting the navy during wartime, they enhance India's maritime security framework significantly. The development reflects India's commitment to bolstering its naval capabilities and ensuring the protection of vital maritime resources, demonstrating proactive measures in defense strategy and cooperation with the domestic defense industry.

Vijayan Trishul Defence Expands Small-Caliber Ammo Production in UP

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Vijayan Trishul Defence Solution Pvt Ltd has secured a 20-hectare plot in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, for a new facility focused on small-caliber weapons and ammunition manufacturing. This move is integral to India's defense modernization efforts, enhancing self-reliance and reducing imports. The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor aims to attract investments and spur job creation, with the Jhansi node emerging as a strategic hub. The company plans to integrate advanced technologies and has partnered with Poland's WB Group to expand its capabilities, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and adapting to modern warfare demands. This initiative reflects a significant step in strengthening India's national security.

S5 Class SSBNs May Feature Upgraded Reactors Exceeding 200MW

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The Indian Navy's next-generation S5 Class SSBNs may feature upgraded nuclear reactors exceeding 190MW, with the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) exploring more powerful designs to meet future operational needs. While the initial S5 submarines will utilize the 190MW pressurized light-water reactor, subsequent batches could implement more robust reactors, potentially surpassing 200MW, ensuring that India maintains a technological edge. This strategy allows for incremental advancements in the fleet while

also applying the same reactor design to upcoming nuclear attack submarines. Such adaptability in India's naval capabilities highlights its commitment to enhancing maritime security and operational readiness in an evolving geopolitical landscape.

Hansa-NG: India's All-Composite Trainer Overcomes Engine Challenges

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India's Hansa-NG, an indigenous all-composite light aircraft developed by CSIR-NAL, aims to enhance flight training and hobby aviation. Despite recent engine supply issues from Rotax due to military concerns, negotiations have allowed development to continue, highlighting India's vulnerability in foreign component reliance. With a competitive price and lower operational costs, the Hansa-NG is well-positioned for the growing aviation training market in India, where over 300 flying clubs require affordable options. To secure future projects, developing an indigenous engine alternative could mitigate risks and foster collaboration with entities like HAL and DRDO, further strengthening India's aerospace capabilities.

EU Unveils Ambitious €800 Billion Defense Strategy to Boost Security

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The European Commission has proposed a significant 800 billion euros defense plan, which includes 150 billion euros in joint borrowing to enhance EU defense capabilities across various domains, including air defense and cyber capabilities. This initiative aims to foster collaboration among member states, reduce costs, and strengthen the European defense industrial base while potentially increasing defense spending across the EU by 1.5% of GDP, generating approximately 650 billion euros. Commission President Ursula von der Leyen emphasized Europe's commitment to bolster its defense posture, highlighting a collaborative approach with NATO. This bold move reflects a strategic shift in Europe's defense policy amidst contemporary geopolitical challenges.

MoD Revamps Defence Procurement for Faster, Indigenous Acquisitions

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The Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) is set to expedite its procurement processes to address critical capability gaps, especially for the Indian Air Force, by targeting a streamlined acquisition timeline within six months. The proposed reforms, aimed at reducing the current 5-7 year procurement cycle, include engaging with various stakeholders and promoting indigenous manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With a budget of 6,81,000 crore for FY 2025-26, the MoD emphasizes optimizing resource utilization and may restrict foreign military procurement to those with local IP rights. This strategic shift aims to enhance national security while fostering a robust domestic defense industry.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Taiwan to Boost Defense Spending Amid Rising China Threats

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Taiwan plans to increase its defense spending in response to escalating threats from China, currently allocating about 2.45% of its GDP to military expenditures, with intentions to deepen cooperation with the U.S. and other allies for regional stability. Concurrently, China hinted at a potential hike in its defense budget, which has seen consistent growth and is estimated to be over three times that of India's. Chinese officials emphasize that peace can only be secured through military strength, and they maintain that their defense spending as a percentage of GDP remains below the world average. This situation highlights the growing military tensions in the Indo-Pacific, as both nations prepare to bolster their defenses against perceived threats, with Taiwan focusing on readiness and China pursuing extensive military modernization.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India Rejects UN Rights Chief's "Unfounded" Kashmir Claims

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India has rebuked the UN Human Rights Chief, Volker Turk, for his "unfounded" remarks regarding the situations in Kashmir and Manipur, emphasizing that India's vibrant democracy is often misrepresented. India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, highlighted significant achievements in Jammu and Kashmir, such as high voter turnout in elections and a booming tourism sector, which contradict Turk's claims about unrest. He

criticized the UN's oversimplification of complex issues and urged a deeper understanding of India's diverse society, while also pointing out the selective focus of Turk's report, which notably omitted Pakistan. This response underscores India's commitment to its democratic institutions and challenges the UN's representation of its socio-political landscape.

India Vigilantly Monitors Bangladesh's Deployment of Armed Drones

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India is closely monitoring the deployment of Turkish Bayraktar drones by the Bangladeshi military near its border, amid rising concerns over Pakistan's influence in Bangladesh. The drones, capable of long surveillance missions and armed operations, have been observed conducting sorties within Bangladeshi territory. Indian defense sources emphasize proactive measures, including enhanced radar installations, to track these activities, particularly given the growing cooperation between Bangladesh and Pakistani intelligence. Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi has raised alarms about potential security threats stemming from this collaboration, underscoring the need for vigilance against terrorism emanating from neighboring territories.

EU Eyes India as Key Supplier of Ammunition for Ukraine

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The European Union is considering India as a key supplier of artillery shells and small arms ammunition for Ukraine following a suspension of U.S. arms shipments due to political disagreements. This shift highlights India's growing defense manufacturing capabilities under the "Make in India" initiative, with companies like Munitions India Limited and Tata Advanced Systems ready to meet NATO standards. While this collaboration could enhance India's global defense standing, challenges remain, including logistical issues and India's strategic autonomy, which necessitates balancing relations with Russia and the West. Nonetheless, India's potential role signifies a transformative shift in international arms trade dynamics.

Trump's \$350B Ukraine Aid Claim vs. Actual \$100B Support

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President Donald Trump claimed that the U.S. has sent \$350 billion to Ukraine, a figure that far exceeds the Congressional Research Service's reported \$175 billion

in assistance. This inconsistency highlights the complexities of military aid, with various reports suggesting the U.S. has mainly provided military support, including advanced weapons and systems. Despite oversight concerns regarding the allocation of funds, the U.S. remains the largest donor, while European nations collectively contribute more overall. As U.S. support could shift under changing political sentiments, the future of Ukraine's military capability and its resistance against Russia hinges on continued international aid.

Russian Missile Experts Visit Iran Amid Israel Tensions

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Several senior Russian missile specialists have recently visited Iran, coinciding with the country's intensified military clashes with Israel. Travel records reveal that these experts, associated with military roles in Russia, have been seen at Iranian missile production sites, raising concerns about Iran's missile capabilities amid ongoing geopolitical tensions. This growing defense cooperation between Russia and Iran, particularly following their 20-year military pact, potentially enhances Iran's military resources, which could have implications for regional stability and security dynamics, particularly for India, which closely monitors these developments given its strategic interests in the region.

Taiwan's Defense Minister: US Must Stay Committed to Indo-Pacific

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Taiwan's Defence Minister Wellington Koo emphasized that the United States cannot abandon its commitments in the Indo-Pacific, as it is integral to U.S. national interests. Amid rising military pressure from China, Koo expressed concerns regarding U.S. reliability as a security partner for Taiwan, particularly following political tensions highlighted by the U.S.-Ukraine discord. He reaffirmed the long-standing consensus between Taipei and Washington that achieving peace through deterrence is crucial for regional stability. This situation underscores the geopolitical stakes in the Indo-Pacific and reinforces the importance of U.S. engagement to counterbalance Chinese assertiveness, which aligns with India's strategic interests in maintaining a stable regional order.

Trump Criticizes Zelenskyy Amid Concerns Over U.S. Aid to Ukraine SHARE

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President Trump has criticized Ukrainian President Zelenskyy following a contentious White House meeting that ended without a signed military aid deal. Trump's threats to cut US military assistance, vital for Ukraine's defense against Russia, have raised concerns about future support, despite Zelenskyy's optimism regarding US collaboration. European leaders have shown solidarity with Ukraine, suggesting peacekeepers to secure a ceasefire, underscoring the importance of continued US backing. This situation reflects escalating tensions between the US and Ukraine and highlights the complexities in achieving a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict with Russia, emphasizing the need for a united front among allies in support of Ukraine.

Ukrainian Border Guards Reluctant to Combat Russian Forces SHARE

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Ukrainian border guards are reportedly refusing to engage in combat against Russian forces in the Kursk region, citing poor morale, lack of support, and fears for their lives, as revealed by video reports. The Russian military claims to have gained significant ground, controlling around 64% of the region initially captured by Ukraine. Ukrainian losses are claimed to have exceeded 61,000, raising concerns about the effectiveness of their military strategy, particularly as the conflict shifts to the Sumy region. Notably, former Ukrainian Army General Dmitry Marchenko criticized the invasion's lack of clear objectives, underscoring the strategic challenges facing Ukraine in this ongoing conflict.

Omar Abdullah: China's Role in PoK Development, Not Pakistan SHARE

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In a recent Jammu and Kashmir Assembly session, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasized that the development in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is primarily driven by China, dismissing Pakistan's role. He criticized the portrayal of progress in PoK as mere facade, stating that while India has not sought foreign assistance for its border infrastructure, PoK's advancements are misleading. The session also saw discussions on alleged malpractice in the Rs 401 crore National Saffron Mission, with calls for an inquiry into the project's management. This highlights ongoing governance and developmental challenges in the region

and the contrasting narratives concerning regional progress, underscoring India's commitment to self-reliance in border development.

Military Operations

Indian Army's Trishakti Corps Enhances High-Altitude Warfare Skills SHARE

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The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps recently concluded a month-long high-altitude warfare exercise in Sukna, West Bengal, focusing on enhancing armoured warfare tactics with T-90 tanks. The drills emphasized precision strike capabilities, night combat, and integration of UAVs and advanced technologies, showcasing India's commitment to bolstering defenses along the Siliguri Corridor amid rising tensions with China. This exercise reflects India's evolving military doctrine aimed at multi-domain warfare, ensuring the army's readiness to respond effectively to operational contingencies. The strategic importance of the Siliguri Corridor highlights the need for enhanced military preparedness in response to China's aggressive posture along the borders.

Indian Navy's TROPEX 2025: Strengthening Maritime Readiness SHARE

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The Indian Navy's Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) 2025 showcases its military prowess in the Indian Ocean Region, featuring over 65 vessels, nine submarines, and 80 aircraft. This biennial exercise validates joint warfare tactics and preparedness against diverse threats. Historical iterations have progressively enhanced operational capabilities, demonstrating successful amphibious and network-centric warfare. TROPEX 2025 not only emphasizes power projection and joint operations but also reinforces India's strategic posture amid regional challenges posed by China's naval expansion. Ultimately, this exercise reflects India's commitment to securing maritime interests while adapting to evolving military dynamics in a complex geopolitical landscape.

Indian Army and Air Force Showcase Multi-Domain Warfare in 'Yudh Kaushal' Exercise



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The Indian Army and Air Force conducted a joint exercise, 'Yudh Kaushal,' at Umroi military station in Meghalaya, demonstrating advanced multi-domain warfare capabilities. This two-day exercise involved helicopters, drones, and automated mobility vehicles, showcasing the seamless coordination between the forces and their operational readiness for modern warfare. Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh praised the integration of cutting-edge technology and the role of academia and the civil defense industry in enhancing military effectiveness. The exercise highlighted India's commitment to modernizing its defense forces through innovation, precise strikes, and improved communication, reinforcing operational excellence in joint operations.

BSF Shoots Pakistani Intruder Refusing to Halt Near Amritsar



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Border Security Forces (BSF) fatally shot a Pakistani intruder who crossed the international boundary near Amritsar on March 3, 2025. The BSF troops, on high alert, noticed suspicious movement and instructed the individual to halt; however, he advanced towards the border security fence, prompting the BSF to open fire in self-defense. A mobile phone was recovered from the intruder, and legal formalities for handling the body are underway. This incident follows recent BSF operations that intercepted six Pakistani drones and seized significant quantities of heroin and firearms, underscoring the BSF's commitment to countering cross-border threats and smuggling activities. The vigilance displayed by the BSF reflects their dedication to maintaining national security amidst ongoing challenges along the border.

India and Egypt Successfully Conclude Joint Military Exercise Cyclone-3



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The joint military exercise Cyclone-3 between India and Egypt has successfully concluded, with each country deploying 25 personnel, including troops from Indian Special Forces Battalions and Egypt's Special Forces Group. The exercise emphasized advanced military strategies like counter-terrorism operations and desert warfare techniques, featuring both theoretical and practical drills, including live-fire exercises that highlighted precision and operational readiness. This

collaboration not only enhances military coordination and operational efficiency but also fosters regional stability and trust between Asian and Middle Eastern nations, setting a solid precedent for future military cooperation to address modern security threats effectively.

Philippine FA-50 Fighter Jet and Crew Go Missing During Operations



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A Philippine Air Force FA-50 fighter jet and its two-man crew went missing during a tactical operation near Cebu, sparking extensive search efforts. The incident marks a significant event for the squadron, which has conducted joint patrols in the contested South China Sea amidst escalating tensions with China. The Philippines, which has a fleet of FA-50s acquired from South Korea, remains optimistic about the crew's safety and is considering further purchases to bolster its defense capabilities. This situation underscores the critical need for enhanced operational readiness in the region, highlighting the importance of partnerships and strategic defense investments for Philippine security.

Pakistani Pilot Admits PAF Violated Engagement Rules in 2019 Clash



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In a recent interview, a Pakistani Air Force pilot admitted that the PAF may have breached its own Rules of Engagement during the 2019 aerial skirmish with the Indian Air Force (IAF), raising questions about the legality of targeting an Indian Su-30 MKI that was reportedly shot down on the Indian side of the LoC. This acknowledgment could embolden the IAF to adopt a more aggressive stance in future encounters. With India's enhanced air defense capabilities and a diverse fleet, including Rafales and Su-30s, a shift in engagement rules could lead to increased aerial clashes, potentially escalating tensions between the two nations.

Stryker IFV Struggles in Ladakh, Highlighting WhAP's Superiority



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The Stryker Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) faced significant challenges during high-altitude trials in Ladakh, struggling with maneuverability and overheating issues, contrasting sharply with the superior performance of India's indigenous Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 88. While General Dynamics plans to upgrade the Stryker's engine to address its power deficiencies, the WhAP's tailored

design and higher power-to-weight ratio proved effective in the same environment. This underwhelming performance raises concerns about the Stryker's future in ongoing U.S.-India defense negotiations for co-producing IFVs, emphasizing India's commitment to enhancing its mechanized infantry capabilities through indigenous solutions.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Fourteen CPI (Maoist) Members Surrender in Telangana, Inspired by Government Welfare Initiatives SHARE

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Fourteen members of the CPI (Maoist) surrendered to police in Telangana, influenced by government welfare initiatives aimed at supporting former insurgents and local tribal populations. The police highlighted the advantages of surrendering, particularly through Operation Cheyutha, which has provided substantial benefits to both tribals and former Maoists. This trend has seen a total of 44 Maoists surrender in the past two months, showing a shift towards peaceful living. The Superintendent of Police encouraged others contemplating surrender to reach out, reflecting effective community engagement and the positive impact of welfare programs on counterinsurgency efforts.

Police Foil ISI-Backed Attack on Ayodhya Temple; Suspect Arrested SHARE

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A sabotage plan targeting the Ayodhya Ram Temple was thwarted by police in Faridabad, resulting in the arrest of Abdul Rehman, a 19-year-old linked to Pakistan's ISI. The police recovered two hand grenades intended for use in the attack, which had been planned for several days, according to intelligence sources. Rehman, who had been gathering information for ISI under the guise of local activities, was apprehended following a coordinated effort by the Special Task Force and Anti-Terrorism Squad. This incident underscores ongoing threats to India's cultural heritage and the vigilance required by law enforcement to counter such plots effectively.

Indian Authorities Seize Properties of PoK Terrorists in Poonch SHARE

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Indian authorities have attached properties of three terrorists from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)—Najab Din, Mohd Latif, and Mohd Bashir alias 'Tikka Khan'—in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. This action, conducted under a court order, highlights the commitment of law enforcement to combat terrorism and maintain regional stability. By targeting the financial assets of these individuals, the Indian government aims to dismantle terrorist support structures and reduce local sympathy for such activities. This initiative aligns with broader efforts to ensure peace in Jammu and Kashmir, following similar actions against Hizbul Mujahideen operatives, reinforcing the strategic approach to counter-terrorism in the region.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Rajnath Singh Calls for Adaptive Security Strategies Against Emerging Threats SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the need for India's security apparatus to adapt to evolving threats, including cyber warfare, hybrid challenges, and transnational crime, during the MHA-DRDO conference on advanced technologies for internal security and disaster relief. He highlighted the integration of conventional and unconventional threats and the importance of leveraging advanced technologies for enhancing security and disaster preparedness. Singh praised the DRDO's contributions, noting its innovations in small arms, surveillance systems, and disaster management tools, which are crucial for empowering security forces. The conference aims to foster collaboration among security agencies and technological institutions, ensuring a comprehensive approach to national security and disaster management, thereby reinforcing India's commitment to self-reliance.

China's New Spy Drone Enhances Tracking of US Stealth Jets SHARE

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China has developed the WZ-9 high-altitude, long-endurance drone, featuring a radar range of 310 miles, capable of tracking US stealth aircraft like the F-22 and

F-35. This drone, based in Hainan Island, enhances China's anti-access/area denial strategy in the South China Sea, potentially shifting air combat dynamics. The radar technology, including a passive system leveraging BeiDou satellite signals, allows for undetected surveillance, presenting a challenge to US aerial dominance. In response, the US and allies may need to bolster their electronic warfare and counter-surveillance measures, highlighting the ongoing technological arms race in the region. This development underscores the importance of India strengthening its own defense capabilities in a volatile geopolitical landscape.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Defence Minister urges national unity in supporting soldiers' welfare



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the collective responsibility of the nation to support military personnel and their families, urging corporate leaders to deepen their contributions through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). He highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening national security and fostering private sector participation, which he believes will help India become one of the top three global economies by 2027. Singh commended corporate houses for their donations to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFD) and encouraged public contributions to assist war widows and ex-servicemen. This initiative reflects a strong governmental strategy to involve society in the welfare of defense personnel, reinforcing the ethos of national unity and support for the armed forces.

Indian Navy's Kolkata Motor Rally Inspires Youth to Join Forces



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A motor car rally expedition by the Indian Navy was launched from Kolkata to inspire youth to join the force and promote maritime awareness, covering approximately 3,800 km along the eastern coast. Participating naval personnel and their families will engage with local communities, schools, and colleges, emphasizing career opportunities, including the Agnipath Scheme, and supporting the government's women empowerment initiative, Naari Shakti. The rally will also honor naval veterans and explore India's maritime heritage by visiting historical sites. This initiative highlights the Navy's commitment to

increasing recruitment and fostering community relations, showcasing a proactive approach in capitalizing on India's rich maritime legacy.

Indian Army Boosts Gender Inclusion with 2,000 New Women Officers



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The Indian Army is making significant strides in gender inclusion by planning to induct over 2000 women officers, increasing their current count from 1732 to 2037. With strong communication and interpersonal skills, women are set to play crucial roles in humanitarian and peacekeeping operations. The Army aims to include women as soldiers in various roles beyond the Corps of Military Police, pending amendments to The Army Act 1950. Notable examples like Colonel Ponung Doming, who commanded a Border Task Force, highlight their exemplary contributions, while Major Radhika Sen's recognition by the UN underscores the effectiveness of women in military leadership roles. This progressive step not only promotes gender equality but also enhances the operational capabilities of the Indian Army.

Miscellaneous

CDS General Anil Chauhan Visits Australia to Boost Defense Ties



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Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan is visiting Australia from March 4 to 7 to enhance bilateral defense cooperation and collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly in light of ongoing challenges posed by China. During his visit, he will engage with senior Australian defense officials, including a speech at the Australian Defence College and a roundtable at the Lowy Institute, focusing on regional security dynamics. This visit highlights the deepening Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Australia, with discussions aimed at exploring joint operational opportunities and professional military training. Importantly, the CDS's engagement with key military leaders emphasizes India's commitment to strengthening its defense ties within the Quad framework, reinforcing a collaborative stance on regional security challenges.

EAM Jaishankar and Princess Astrid Forge Stronger India-Belgium Ties SHARE

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Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with Belgian Princess Astrid, leading a substantial delegation to enhance economic and trade relations between India and Belgium. Their discussions highlighted potential collaborations in key sectors like renewable energy, defense, and technology, emphasizing India's growing strategic role and aspirations for a balanced global order. Princess Astrid noted Belgium's position as a gateway to the EU, offering strategic access to Indian businesses while supporting a proposed India-EU free trade pact. She underscored the importance of fostering talent exchange and collaboration, reflecting the shared vision of both nations for sustainable growth and innovation. This visit marks a significant step towards strengthening bilateral ties, showcasing the potential for mutual growth in various industries, particularly defense and clean energy technology.

Jaishankar's UK and Ireland Visit: Strengthening Defense Ties SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is set to visit the UK and Ireland from March 4-9 to enhance bilateral cooperation, particularly in defense, security, and trade. In London, he will engage with British counterpart David Lammy on various issues, including the India-UK free trade deal, recently revitalized during the visit of British Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds. Jaishankar will also meet Irish counterpart Simon Harris and engage with the Indian community, further solidifying India's strategic partnerships with both nations. This visit underscores India's commitment to fostering strong international ties amidst a dynamic geopolitical landscape.

Magisterial Inquiry Launched Following Uttarakhand Avalanche Tragedy SHARE

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On February 28, 2025, a devastating avalanche struck the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) camp in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, between 5:30 am and 6 am, trapping 54 workers, of whom 46 were subsequently rescued alive, while eight were confirmed dead. The incident has prompted the local administration to initiate a magisterial probe into the circumstances surrounding the disaster, which occurred amidst heavy snowfall and rain that hampered rescue efforts. Uttarakhand, located in the Himalayas, faces significant

risks from avalanches due to its steep topography and heavy snowfall, with certain regions already identified as high-risk zones. Factors contributing to the heightened threat include global warming, which destabilizes snowpacks, and human activities such as road construction that disrupt natural landscapes. Various preventive measures, including avalanche detention walls and controlled detonation techniques, are employed to mitigate risks, although accurate prediction remains a challenge. Overall, this tragic event underscores the importance of enhancing preparedness and improving infrastructure resilience in vulnerable areas, reflecting the need for a proactive approach to disaster management in Uttarakhand.

Indian Navy Training Squadron Arrives in Thailand, Boosting Ties SHARE

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The first Indian Navy Training Squadron arrived in Thailand, showcasing India's commitment to enhancing naval cooperation in Southeast Asia. This development underscores India's strategic approach to strengthening its maritime presence and fostering regional partnerships, particularly given the evolving geopolitical landscape. The decision to engage with Thailand reflects India's focus on enhancing its defense ties in the region, promoting stability, and countering any potential threats. Additionally, it reaffirms India's role as a proactive player in ensuring maritime security and collaboration within the Indo-Pacific framework, crucial for national interests and regional peace.

Bangladesh Delegation Visits India to Strengthen Water Sharing Talks SHARE

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A 12-member technical delegation from Bangladesh visited India to discuss the sharing of water resources, particularly focusing on the Ganges River. This visit includes observing the river's flow at Farakka and subsequent meetings to address the implementation of the Ganges Water Treaty, which is due for renewal in 2026. The delegation's talks signify ongoing cooperation between India and Bangladesh amid historical water-sharing challenges; however, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's opposition to the Teesta River agreement highlights regional complexities. The established flood forecasting system is crucial for mitigating disaster impacts in Bangladesh, reflecting India's commitment to regional stability and humanitarian assistance.

Sajad Lone exits J&K Assembly after Article 370 motion blocked. [SHARE](#)

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Sajad Gani Lone, president of the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Conference, walked out of the J&K Assembly after his motion for amendments regarding Article 370 and police verification was disallowed by the Speaker. Lone argued that important issues such as the restoration of Article 370 and the alleged rigging of the 1987 elections were omitted from the Lt. Governor's address. Although supported by Congress MLA Nizamuddin Bhat, the Speaker maintained that such matters fall under the Ministry of Home Affairs and cannot be amended without statehood restoration. The BJP's stance emphasizes preventing any unconstitutional actions in the Assembly, reflecting ongoing tensions regarding governance and representation in Jammu and Kashmir.

SC: Calling someone Mian-Tiyan or Pakistani is inappropriate, not a crime. [SHARE](#)

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The Supreme Court of India has ruled that calling someone Mian-Tiyan or Pakistani is inappropriate but does not constitute an offense under Section 298 of the Indian Penal Code, which addresses the hurting of religious sentiments. The case involved Hari Nandan Singh, who was accused of derogatory remarks by an Urdu translator, Md Shamimuddin, during an RTI interaction. The court found no evidence of assault or intent to provoke a breach of peace, leading to the discharge of all charges against Singh. This ruling highlights the balance between free speech and sensitivity in a diverse society, reaffirming the need for evidence-based legal proceedings.

Dhruv ALH Fleet's Future Hangs in Balance After HAL Deadline Missed [SHARE](#)

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The operational status of India's Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) fleet remains uncertain as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) missed a three-week deadline to deliver a probe report following a fatal crash in January. Grounded since January 5, the fleet's return hinges on investigations into a critical swashplate defect. HAL maintains confidence in the design

integrity, attributing issues to training and maintenance lapses rather than systemic flaws. With over 400,000 flight hours logged, a favorable report could enhance HAL's reputation and bolster its export ambitions, while prolonged grounding strains military operations and reliance on older platforms. The outcome is pivotal for India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.

Air Chief Marshal Launches 16th Jumbo Majumdar Seminar on Aerospace Power [SHARE](#)

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Air Chief Marshal AP Singh inaugurated the 16th Jumbo Majumdar International Seminar organized by the Centre for Air Power Studies on March 4, 2025, focusing on the "Evolving Dynamics of Aerospace Power." The seminar featured discussions on critical topics such as Integrated Aerospace Management, drone exploitation, and the future of 5th generation aircraft in the Indian Air Force. This annual event, commemorating ace pilot Wg Cdr Karun Krishna Majumdar, successfully engaged officials, researchers, and aviation enthusiasts, fostering interest in aerospace advancements. The discussions highlighted India's commitment to enhancing its aerospace capabilities, reflecting a proactive stance in adapting to modern warfare dynamics.

INS Kuthar Arrives in Colombo to Strengthen Maritime Ties [SHARE](#)

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INS Kuthar, part of the Eastern Fleet under the Eastern Naval Command, has arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to strengthen maritime ties. During this mission in the Indian Ocean Region, Commander Nitin Sharma engaged with RAdm MHCJ Silva of the Sri Lankan Navy, highlighting the significance of professional interactions and joint activities aimed at enhancing operational synergy. This visit reinforces the longstanding partnership between India and Sri Lanka, aligning with India's Neighbourhood First and SAGAR initiatives, which emphasize regional security and cooperation. Such engagements are crucial for bolstering maritime security and fostering regional stability amidst geopolitical challenges.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SIKA	2230.0	2446.9	2206.05	2400.0	4635	7.62	50.24	2416.67	2646.5
BDL	975.0	1055.0	958.75	1049.3	2193751	7.1	44.1	1089.6	1264.87
MIDHANI	232.5	245.61	231.21	244.69	547534	4.69	33.7	273.25	383.17
PARAS	834.9	884.0	822.05	870.45	163148	4.25	39.26	929.18	1103.05
GRSE	1191.0	1331.05	1190.95	1263.8	3853810	4.07	38.24	1372.05	1718.19
HAL	3162.0	3330.0	3108.95	3311.15	2598027	3.89	40.4	3488.5	4470.1
COCHINSHIP	1205.1	1307.9	1205.1	1261.85	1787579	3.62	40.6	1308.3	1785.66
DCXINDIA	224.0	240.01	222.0	234.12	748108	3.59	29.75	273.48	336.38
ZENTEC	1040.9	1107.95	1029.15	1076.4	1033000	3.41	28.88	1288.04	1661.28
HBLPOWER	419.95	444.6	414.55	438.75	1523974	3.38	34.76	493.53	574.89
BEML	2370.2	2516.85	2364.4	2491.45	316269	3.19	27.6	2810.71	3957.62
BEL	253.89	266.5	252.5	264.71	24998454	2.84	50.8	261.82	290.74
CFE	395.0	416.7	395.0	408.0	13000	2.8	30.32	483.15	654.07
AZAD	1220.95	1279.4	1201.2	1259.25	275922	2.66	39.42	1358.71	1593.76
LMW	14025.0	14748.0	13839.05	14644.0	5478	2.49	46.82	14673.87	16046.31
PREMEXPLN	323.8	342.3	313.25	331.4	124394	1.59	32.09	380.98	534.48
APOLLO	107.81	113.59	107.17	111.74	5176377	1.38	42.58	118.37	109.13
ADANIENT	2085.1	2154.0	2080.0	2144.8	852978	1.31	40.89	2214.57	2814.68
KRISHNADEF	503.0	566.0	503.0	538.25	34250	1.14	35.35	613.12	713.75
MARINE	141.0	150.6	138.9	146.35	175200	1.06	29.16	174.81	219.71
ASTRAMICRO	597.7	624.8	592.2	611.8	362734	0.83	35.94	645.53	816.04
SOLARINDS	8879.0	9140.0	8759.7	9038.4	138848	0.67	48.59	8960.33	10256.68
MTARTECH	1259.2	1320.4	1250.0	1277.9	133555	0.67	36.52	1403.25	1725.65
LT	3171.05	3221.0	3167.8	3213.0	1442098	0.49	40.18	3272.36	3577.35
MAZDOCK	2125.55	2272.0	2123.15	2162.5	4105980	0.43	48.45	2155.21	2188.09
TANEJAERO	251.95	272.85	241.65	254.7	37285	0.2	24.7	311.25	475.2
PTC	142.31	145.01	139.36	144.13	1568457	-0.03	51.01	142.35	185.93
AVANTEL	108.51	113.09	107.84	109.74	757573	-0.7	36.92	118.26	-
BHARATFORG	1010.3	1032.75	1006.25	1022.8	708878	-0.72	27.31	1084.13	1438.68
IDEAFORGE	344.1	352.0	330.45	341.6	456651	-1.27	21.92	400.3	641.65
DATAPATNS	1400.0	1462.5	1385.5	1411.6	892244	-1.56	28.64	1662.84	2553.01
ROSSELLIND	56.59	56.59	54.0	55.12	45548	-2.63	21.72	62.69	283.17
LOKESHMACH	150.0	155.0	145.74	148.78	61419	-3.02	15.26	213.9	358.91
HIGHENE	437.65	437.65	420.05	423.4	10591	-3.3	26.1	484.45	672.78
NIBE	895.25	958.0	893.1	902.45	26590	-3.95	23.82	1201.54	1721.55
TEMBO	0.0	589.25	566.15	566.15	32362	-16.63	37.1	656.98	466.49