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## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
AVANTEL	123.86	115.06	+7.65%
APOLLO	124.93	116.39	+7.34%
ADANIENT	2455.5	2294.2	+7.03%
WALCHANNAG	188.91	178.99	+5.54%
AZAD	1635.9	1551.1	+5.47%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
PTC	175.76	180.64	-2.7%
CFF	502.65	512.9	-2.0%
ROSSELLIND	68.88	69.83	-1.36%
DATAPAT'TNS	2285.4	2310.3	-1.08%
ZENTEC	1378.2	1389.5	-0.81%

## Defense Business and Industry

### INS Tamal: India's Stealth Frigate Returns Home, Boosting Naval Power



05-May-25

India's stealth warship INS Tamal, the second of four Talwar-class frigates built under a 2016 Indo-Russia defense agreement, arrived home on May 28 after a six-week trial. This advanced frigate, equipped with capabilities such as the supersonic BrahMos missile and radar-evading technology, highlights India's commitment to enhancing its naval power. With over 200 Navy personnel involved in training and trials, Tamal is expected to be commissioned by June, marking a significant step in India's defense modernization efforts, as it will be the last imported warship, emphasizing a shift towards indigenous naval capabilities.

### India and Pakistan Boost SAM Capabilities Post-2019 Skirmish



05-May-25

India and Pakistan have both significantly advanced their Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) capabilities since the 2019 Balakot airstrike, with India focusing on a multi-layered air defense system that includes the indigenous Akash and Barak-8, as well as the long-range S-400 from Russia, enhancing its strategic deterrent against both Pakistan and China. Meanwhile, Pakistan has bolstered its air defense with Chinese systems like the HQ-9P and LY-80, yet these systems lag in technological sophistication compared to India's offerings. Amid rising tensions, India is also pursuing indigenous projects like Project Kusha, aiming to

develop long-range air defense systems that surpass foreign models. This strategic shift underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense and addresses its unique threat landscape, positioning it advantageously in the regional security dynamics.

### Drones Offer Superior Security Over Satellites, Says COAI Chief



05-May-25

Telecom industry leader COAI's Director General S P Kochhar emphasized the advantages of High Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS) over traditional satellites, highlighting their rapid deployment, lower costs, and lower latency crucial for military operations and real-time communications. He advocated for India's regulatory framework to support HAPS, given their resilience against threats like anti-satellite weapons and their capability for persistent surveillance without violating international treaties. Kochhar called for increased investment in indigenous research and development through DRDO, ISRO, and private sectors to tailor solar-powered UAVs for India's diverse climate, underscoring the need for strategic action to leverage HAPS technology for national security and disaster management.

### DRDO and Indian Navy successfully test indigenous Multi-Influence Ground Mine



05-May-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have successfully conducted a combat firing trial of the indigenously developed Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM), enhancing India's undersea warfare capabilities against modern stealth ships and submarines. Developed by

the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory in collaboration with other DRDO entities, the MIGM is now poised for induction into the Indian Navy. Production partners include Bharat Dynamics Limited and Apollo Microsystems Limited. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh praised the collaborative efforts, emphasizing the importance of homegrown technology in strengthening national defense. This development marks a significant step towards self-reliance in defense capabilities for India.

## Defence stocks soar 5% as India faces rising tensions with Pakistan SHARE

05-May-25

Defence stocks in India, including Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) and Mazagon Dock, surged by nearly 5% due to escalating tensions with Pakistan, which reported missile tests and unprovoked cross-border firing. This uptick followed a notable meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, highlighting a potential increase in defence manufacturing and revenues amidst ongoing hostilities. The Nifty Defence index rose 1.8%, reflecting investor confidence in the sector's resilience and growth potential despite recent setbacks. The situation underscores the strategic importance of enhancing India's defensive capabilities in response to regional threats.

## India Enhances Maritime Surveillance with US HawkEye 360 Deal SHARE

05-May-25

India has secured a \$131 million deal with the US for HawkEye 360 technology, enhancing its maritime surveillance capabilities amid rising regional tensions. This advanced system can detect vessels that "go dark," significantly improving India's ability to monitor its Exclusive Economic Zone and the Indian Ocean Region. The technology complements existing assets like the P8i Poseidon aircraft and Sea Guardian drones, creating a multi-layered surveillance network for comprehensive maritime domain awareness. This acquisition not only strengthens India's security posture but also reinforces US-India defense cooperation, aligning with broader regional security initiatives like the QUAD's Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness program.

## Pakistan's J-10CE Jamming Claims Fall Flat Against Rafale's Edge SHARE

05-May-25

Pakistan's Defense Minister claimed that J-10CE fighter jets disrupted the radar of Indian Rafales, a statement

met with skepticism from defense analysts who highlighted the technological superiority of the Rafale's SPECTRA electronic warfare suite over the KG600 jamming pod. Critics argue that the KG600's capabilities are outdated and ineffective against modern systems like the Rafale's AESA radar, which has proven combat effectiveness. The timing of Pakistan's claims, following a terrorist attack in Kashmir, suggests an attempt to bolster domestic morale amid heightened tensions. Overall, the disparity in technology and combat experience raises doubts about Pakistan's assertions, underscoring the IAF's strategic advantage in electronic warfare.

## India Enhances INS Vikrant for Seamless Rafale-M Integration SHARE

05-May-25

India is set to modify the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant to seamlessly integrate the advanced Rafale-M fighter jet, which will require adjustments to the carrier's compact infrastructure, including its elevators and ski-jump configuration. The Rafale-M's larger wingspan necessitates the removal of wing pylons for transport on the carrier's elevators, while fine-tuning of its landing gear and thrust settings will be essential for optimal operations on the ski-jump deck. These modifications, although minor, underscore the Indian Navy's commitment to enhancing operational capabilities in collaboration with Dassault Aviation, ensuring that INS Vikrant remains a formidable asset in India's naval arsenal.

## Indian Army Shifts Focus to Indigenous AAP, Rejects Stryker APCs SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Army has recommended halting the procurement of Stryker Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) due to underperformance in trials, particularly in challenging high-altitude conditions, and is now backing the indigenous Advanced Armoured Platform (AAP) Wheeled variant. Developed by the DRDO and private sector partners, the AAP promises enhanced adaptability with over 80% local components, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The decision underscores a strategic shift towards self-reliance in defense capabilities, ensuring better operational effectiveness in India's unique combat environments while sidestepping foreign dependence, thus reinforcing the Army's commitment to indigenous solutions amidst ongoing border tensions with China and Pakistan.

## IAF Boosts Electronic Warfare with New SIGINT and COMJAM Aircraft SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is prioritizing the acquisition of three advanced Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) and Communication Jamming (COMJAM) aircraft for the financial year 2025-26, aimed at enhancing its electronic warfare capabilities along volatile borders with China and Pakistan. Based on a pre-owned Airbus A321 airframe, these indigenous platforms will bolster intelligence-gathering and disrupt adversary operations with advanced sensors and automated jamming capabilities. This strategic move addresses the current limitations of outdated systems, providing the IAF with a modern solution to effectively monitor and operate in contested regions, thereby reinforcing India's security posture and aerial dominance.

## HAL's CATS Warrior to Integrate Astra Mk1 BVRAAM and ASRAAM SHARE

05-May-25

HAL's CATS Warrior loyal wingman, currently in development, will enhance the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities by integrating advanced weaponry, including the Astra Mk1 BVRAAM and ASRAAM. With a payload capacity of 650 kg and capabilities for both close and long-range combat, the CATS Warrior is designed to operate alongside manned jets like the HAL Tejas. Its potential use of a small AESA Fire Control Radar or datalink guidance from the Tejas underscores a strategic manned-unmanned teaming approach, allowing for effective BVR engagements while keeping pilots safe. This advancement positions India at the forefront of modern aerial warfare technology, significantly boosting its combat readiness.

## DRDO Seeks Proposals for Advanced UAV Radar Jammer Radomes SHARE

05-May-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for developing Radar Warning Receiver and Jammer (RWJ) radomes for UAVs, enhancing India's electronic warfare capabilities. This initiative, part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign, aims to bolster indigenous design and production of lightweight, high-performance radomes critical for detecting and countering enemy radar threats. The RFP outlines stringent specifications for operational performance, environmental resilience, and electromagnetic compatibility, reflecting India's strategic need to modernize its UAV fleet in response to

regional threats. By fostering collaboration with private industry, this effort signals a significant step towards self-reliance in advanced defense technologies.

## India to Approve ₹25,000 Crore QRSAM Order, Enhancing Air Defense SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Ministry of Defence is poised to approve a ₹25,000 crore order for the indigenous Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) system, significantly enhancing the Indian Air Force's air defense capabilities amid rising tensions with Pakistan. Developed by DRDO in collaboration with BEL and BDL, the QRSAM provides mobile, 360-degree defense against diverse aerial threats. While its deployment addresses critical short-range defense gaps, challenges in supply chain and reliance on foreign systems like the S-400 highlight vulnerabilities. This strategic procurement aligns with India's push for self-reliance, yet the IAF's operational strength remains a concern, operating below its sanctioned capacity.

## BDL Boosts Astra Mk1 Production to Strengthen IAF Amid Tensions SHARE

05-May-25

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has ramped up production of the Astra Mk1 missile system to enhance the Indian Air Force's (IAF) long-range air power amid ongoing tensions with Pakistan. The Astra Mk1, an indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile, significantly boosts India's aerial combat capabilities, with integration on platforms like the Sukhoi Su-30MKI and Tejas Mk1. BDL's efforts to establish a robust domestic production line for such advanced weaponry reduce reliance on international suppliers, which is crucial for maintaining operational readiness. Furthermore, the upcoming Astra Mk2 is expected to offer an even greater range and enhanced performance, marking a substantial leap in India's indigenous defense capabilities.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

## India and Japan Strengthen Defense Ties Amid Regional Challenges SHARE

05-May-25

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi, underscoring their commitment to combat terrorism, especially in light of the recent

Pahalgam attack. Both leaders reiterated the need for global cooperation against terrorism and discussed enhancing bilateral defence cooperation, particularly in emerging domains such as Cyber and Space, as well as industry collaboration in areas like tank and aero engines. They also reviewed the evolving security dynamics in the South China Sea amid China's military assertiveness and acknowledged the growing frequency of defence exercises between India and Japan. This meeting, the second within six months, reflects the strengthening of Indo-Japanese ties since their partnership was elevated to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership in 2014, emphasizing the mutual commitment to regional peace and security.

## India Halts Indus Treaty, Cuts Chenab Flow Amid Tensions



05-May-25

India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan following a terror attack in Kashmir that killed 26 people, primarily tourists. This decision has prompted India to cut water flow through the Baglihar Dam and initiate hydroelectric projects aimed at increasing reservoir capacity without prior notification to Pakistan. While India insists that these measures are necessary for efficient power generation, Pakistan has threatened international legal action and warned that any diversion of water would be viewed as an act of war. India's recent actions reflect a shift in strategy, allowing it to pursue hydroelectric projects with greater autonomy and potentially renegotiating aspects of the treaty, which has been a source of contention since its inception in 1960. This situation underscores the complex interplay of water security and geopolitical tensions between the two nations, with significant implications for regional stability.

## Jaishankar Urges Europe to Embrace Genuine Partnerships with India



05-May-25

India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the country's quest for genuine partnerships based on mutual respect and shared interests, urging European nations to adapt to a multipolar world and engage with India without ideological pretense. He articulated a foreign policy grounded in "realism," advocating balanced engagement with both Russia and the United States, while maintaining India's diplomatic autonomy. Jaishankar criticized those who preach standards abroad that they do not uphold at home, particularly addressing Europe, and highlighted India's expanding

role in the Arctic and its pragmatic approach towards international relations. This perspective positions India as a confident global actor committed to practical, interest-driven diplomacy amid shifting global dynamics.

## Pakistan Seeks UN Security Council Meeting Amid Regional Tensions



05-May-25

Pakistan has announced its intention to brief the UN Security Council regarding the regional developments following the recent Pahalgam terror attack, which resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals in Jammu and Kashmir, marking the deadliest incident in the Valley since the Pulwama attack in 2019. The Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has instructed the country's UN Permanent Representative, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar, to take immediate steps to convene a Security Council meeting, where Pakistan intends to highlight India's so-called aggressive actions, including its alleged suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. The Pakistani foreign office claims this diplomatic initiative aims to present what it describes as factual information to the international community, emphasizing that India's actions are jeopardizing peace and security in the region. In response, Greece's UN Permanent Representative and President of the Security Council for May, Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris, indicated that if such a request for a meeting arises, it could serve as an opportunity for dialogue and potentially help defuse escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. The situation underscores the ongoing conflict dynamics in South Asia, where Pakistan seeks to garner international support by framing India's actions in a negative light, while India consistently maintains that its operations in the region are aimed at combating terrorism and ensuring national security.

## Rajnath Singh vows strong response to threats against India



05-May-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized his commitment to protect India and respond decisively to threats during an event in Delhi, particularly in light of the recent Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in 26 fatalities. He underscored Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and risk-taking approach, assuring the public that appropriate retaliatory measures against Pakistan are being considered due to its alleged involvement in the attack. Singh's remarks reflect a firm stance on national security, highlighting the



government's resolve to collaborate with armed forces to safeguard the country's borders and deliver a strong response to any adversarial actions.

## BJP Slams Congress for Undermining Morale of Armed Forces



05-May-25

The BJP has accused the Congress of demoralizing the Indian armed forces after Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai mocked the Rafale jets, suggesting they remain unused and adorned with nimbu-mirch. BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi condemned these remarks, emphasizing the operational readiness of the Rafale jets and highlighting the contrasting stances of the current Modi government and the previous UPA government regarding Pakistan. Trivedi argued that the Congress's statements parallel actions that undermine national security, and he called on the opposition to support the armed forces instead of attempting to lower their morale. This incident reflects the broader political discourse on defense readiness and national unity in India.

## India Calls for ADB to Halt Pakistan Funding Amid Regional Tensions



05-May-25

India has raised concerns over the fallout from the Pahalgam terror attack by demanding the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to halt funding to Pakistan, reflecting its commitment to countering cross-border terrorism. This move underscores India's proactive stance in regional security, especially in light of heightened tensions involving Iran's criticism of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for allegedly dragging the US into a regional disaster. India's strategic positioning emphasizes a strong response to terrorism while navigating complex geopolitical dynamics, reinforcing its stance against nations perceived to support such activities. Overall, these developments highlight India's unwavering resolve to ensure national security and regional stability.

## Iran Stays Committed to Nuclear Talks Amid U.S. Tensions



05-May-25

Iran reaffirmed its commitment to diplomatic negotiations with the U.S. concerning its nuclear program, despite the postponement of the fourth round of talks, citing logistical reasons. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei emphasized Tehran's readiness for dialogue while criticizing contradictory U.S. statements as counterproductive. Iran maintains

that its nuclear ambitions are purely civilian, countering allegations of weaponization. The ongoing uncertainty raises concerns about regional stability, particularly for nations like India that seek to maintain strategic balance in the face of potential Iranian nuclear advancements. India's defense posture may need to adapt to evolving geopolitical dynamics emerging from these nuclear negotiations.

## Air India Halts Flights to Tel Aviv After Houthi Missile Strike



05-May-25

Air India's operations to and from Tel Aviv have been suspended following a Houthi missile attack on Ben Gurion Airport, which resulted in significant damage and injuries. The airline diverted its flight from Delhi to Abu Dhabi for safety and is offering refunds and rescheduling options for affected passengers. This incident highlights the increasing security risks in the region, prompting other international airlines to also halt flights. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's vow for a forceful response underscores the escalating tensions and the failure of Israel's defense systems raises concerns about civilian safety and regional stability. Air India's prompt actions reflect a commitment to passenger safety amid these challenges.

## Jaishankar Advocates for India's Strategic Role in the Arctic



05-May-25

India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, emphasized the Arctic's growing significance for India, linking the region's developments to the future of the country's youth and economic interests. As climate change accelerates new shipping routes and resource access, India aims to enhance scientific exploration and economic cooperation in the Arctic, with a policy focused on environmental sustainability and governance. The geopolitical dynamics, particularly the collaboration between China and Russia, further elevate the Arctic's importance, prompting India to actively engage as a key stakeholder in this shifting landscape. This proactive stance positions India strategically amidst global climatic and political changes, recognizing both opportunities and risks in the Arctic region.

## India Suspends X Accounts of Pakistani Leaders Amid Tensions



05-May-25

India has suspended the X accounts of Pakistani leaders Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Imran Khan amid

escalating tensions following the Pahalgam attack, which India attributes to Pakistan-based terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba. This reflects a broader strategy of digital and diplomatic retaliation as India aims to combat misinformation and hostility. The attack, deemed the deadliest since the 2008 Mumbai attacks, has prompted heightened military readiness along the border. Despite Bhutto's acknowledgment of Pakistan's past extremism and desire for peace, his provocative remarks have intensified the already strained relations, showcasing the deep-rooted mistrust and complexity of security dynamics in the region.

## Russia Offers to Mediate India-Pakistan Kashmir Dispute



05-May-25

Russia has expressed its willingness to mediate in the escalating conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, following Pakistan's request for diplomatic intervention. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov engaged with both nations, urging bilateral dialogue based on the 1972 Simla Agreement and the 1999 Lahore Declaration, which oppose third-party mediation. While Pakistan is open to Russia's role, India maintains its firm stance against external involvement, advocating for direct negotiations. This situation underscores the delicate balance of regional diplomacy and the importance of bilateral engagement for a lasting resolution, reflecting India's commitment to sovereignty and self-determination in resolving disputes.

## Iran's FM Araghchi to Visit Pakistan Before Trip to India



05-May-25

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi is set to visit Pakistan on Monday before heading to India, amid heightened tensions following the recent Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. His discussions in Islamabad, focusing on bilateral relations and regional stability, will precede his official engagements in New Delhi later in the week. Araghchi has expressed Tehran's willingness to mediate between India and Pakistan, emphasizing the need for greater understanding in light of escalating hostilities. This diplomatic initiative underscores Iran's role in regional geopolitics and highlights India's ongoing challenges in addressing cross-border terrorism while maintaining strategic relations with neighboring nations.

## Pakistan Navy Requests F-16s to Counter Indian MiG-29K: A Tactical Blunder?



05-May-25

The Pakistan Navy has requested the deployment of 12 F-16 Block 52 jets from the Pakistan Air Force to counter potential threats from the Indian Navy's MiG-29K fighters amid heightened tensions following a terrorist attack in April 2025. However, the F-16's lack of anti-ship capabilities and the PAF's limited training for maritime operations raise doubts about the effectiveness of this strategy. In contrast, India's navy boasts advanced carrier-based capabilities and experience in maritime operations, positioning it advantageously in the region. This request highlights Pakistan's vulnerabilities in naval defense and its reliance on air power, underscoring the growing asymmetry in naval capabilities between the two nations.

## Pakistan Issues Nuclear Threat to India Amid Rising Tensions



05-May-25

Pakistan's ambassador has issued a nuclear threat in response to India's actions following the Pahalgam terror attack, emphasizing that Islamabad is prepared to respond with a "full spectrum of force" if provoked, particularly regarding water rights under the Indus Water Treaty. The escalating tensions, exacerbated by the attack that killed 26 individuals, have prompted Pakistan to call for de-escalation while also seeking international involvement in investigations. Notably, the ambassador warned of the serious implications of nuclear weapons in the conflict, highlighting the critical need for dialogue. This situation underscores the precarious balance between conventional military power and nuclear deterrence in South Asia.

## Pakistan's leadership unites parties on India tensions after attack



05-May-25

The civil and military leadership of Pakistan has briefed political parties about escalating tensions with India following the Pahalgam terror attack, with nearly all parties expressing support for a strong response against any Indian aggression. The briefing, led by ISPR Director General Lt-Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry and Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, aimed to consolidate a unified stance among political forces in light of the situation. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif emphasized the importance of this collaboration to address perceived threats to regional peace. This

development reflects Pakistan's heightened military-political coordination, while India remains vigilant in safeguarding its national security and regional stability.

necessitate a robust Indian defense strategy to counteract these provocations effectively.

## Military Operations

### India Boosts Military Readiness Amid Rising Tensions with Pakistan



05-May-25

India is significantly ramping up its military readiness in response to heightened tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which resulted in the death of 26 civilians. In a series of high-level meetings, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conferred with military chiefs, including Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, to assess operational preparedness and formulate potential retaliatory actions. Recent military drills by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, including blackout drills and anti-ship firings in the Arabian Sea, underscore India's commitment to safeguarding its national security. Concurrently, the Indian government is leveraging diplomatic and economic moves to isolate Pakistan, such as suspending mail exchanges, banning imports, and halting cultural interactions, alongside a suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. The government has expressed a clear stance that it will hold Pakistan accountable for its sponsorship of terrorism, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh affirming a readiness to deliver a strong response to threats against India. This situation reflects India's resolve to adopt a comprehensive approach involving military, diplomatic, and economic strategies to counter Pakistan's alleged support for terrorism, reinforcing New Delhi's commitment to national security and regional stability.

### Unprovoked Firing by Pakistan Along LoC Escalates Tensions



05-May-25

Pakistani troops have engaged in unprovoked firing across eight sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, marking 11 consecutive nights of violations amid escalating tensions following a recent terror attack. The Indian Army has responded promptly to these provocations, which began after India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty, leading to Pakistan's retaliatory measures, including blocking airspace and trade. This situation has rendered the February 2021 ceasefire agreement ineffective, raising concerns over border stability. The ongoing violations highlight the fragility of peace in the region and

### BSF to add 16 battalions and 2 HQs for enhanced border security.



05-May-25

The Border Security Force (BSF) is poised to receive approval for the establishment of 16 new battalions, adding approximately 17,000 personnel to its ranks, alongside two field headquarters to enhance security along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders. This initiative responds to evolving security challenges, notably increased vigilance in the eastern sector following political shifts in Bangladesh and recent threats from Pakistan. The BSF, currently managing 6,726 km of borders, plans to commence recruitment drives to staff these new units over the next five to six years, reflecting a proactive approach to bolster national security in a changing geopolitical landscape.

### INS Sharda Arrives in Maldives for Humanitarian Relief Exercise



05-May-25

INS Sharda has arrived at Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives, for a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise from May 4 to 10, 2025, showcasing India's commitment to regional cooperation and maritime security. This initiative exemplifies the strong defense ties between India and the Maldives and aligns with India's "MAHASAGAR" vision for stability in the Indian Ocean Region. The exercise aims to bolster interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) through activities such as disaster response coordination, search and rescue operations, and community engagement. Such collaborative efforts highlight the ongoing partnership and readiness of both nations to address humanitarian challenges effectively.

### Israel's new strategy aims to seize Gaza, raising humanitarian fears.



05-May-25

Israel has approved a plan to capture the entire Gaza Strip, aiming to defeat Hamas and secure the release of hostages while moving hundreds of thousands of Palestinians south, raising humanitarian concerns. This expansion could lead to prolonged occupation amid intense international criticism. The Israeli military has intensified strikes, claiming to dismantle Hamas' capabilities, yet the humanitarian crisis worsens, with aid distribution methods under scrutiny. The U.S. supports Israel's plan despite concerns from aid

organizations about potential manipulation and risks to civilians. This situation reflects the complexities of military strategy juxtaposed with humanitarian obligations and the need for a balanced resolution.

## Pakistan's Abdali Missile Test: India's Strong Defense Readiness SHARE

05-May-25

On May 3, 2025, Pakistan conducted a second missile test, launching its Abdali (Hatf-II) tactical ballistic missile as part of Exercise INDUS, amid escalating tensions with India following a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir. Official Pakistani sources claim the Abdali has a range of 450 km, although independent assessments suggest it may be limited to 180-200 km. This missile is designed for tactical strikes against military installations, but its fixed trajectory and high Circular Error Probable (CEP) of 100-150 meters limit its effectiveness against India's advanced air defense systems, including the S-400, MR-SAM, and Akash-NG, which are well-equipped to intercept such threats. India's recent military activities, including the successful interception of a low-flying target by its Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) system, reflect its preparedness to counter potential provocations from Pakistan. The Pakistani military's assertion of operational readiness through these tests, emphasized by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, highlights its intention to project strength; however, strategic experts underline that the limited range and precision of the Abdali missile make it a minor threat compared to Pakistan's more sophisticated nuclear-capable systems. Additionally, while both countries have bolstered their military capabilities since their last major confrontation in 2019, the international community continues to urge de-escalation amid concerns that even limited military exchanges could escalate uncontrollably. The situation underscores the ongoing volatility in the region, particularly over Kashmir, which remains a critical flashpoint between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

## Indian Army conducts long-range Pinaka missile drills in Pokhran SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Army recently conducted practice firings of the indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher system at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan, amid rising tensions with Pakistan following a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir. The Pinaka system, capable of launching 72 rockets in 44 seconds and reaching up to 90 kilometers with advanced models

targeting even longer ranges, is a cornerstone of India's artillery capabilities, emphasizing self-reliance through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With its precision targeting and potential for international exports, including interest from countries like France, the Pinaka enhances India's military readiness and showcases its growing defense manufacturing prowess.

## Indian Army Holds Blackout Drill in Ferozepur Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Army conducted a blackout drill in Ferozepur, Punjab, for 30 minutes amidst heightened tensions with Pakistan, following a recent terror attack. The drill involved switching off all lights to prepare for potential threats, emphasizing the nation's commitment to security. Prime Minister Modi, after a strategic defense meeting, granted the armed forces operational freedom to respond robustly to threats, highlighting India's proactive stance against cross-border terrorism. This event echoes India's historical responses, including surgical strikes in 2016 and airstrikes in 2019, showcasing a readiness to defend national security and deter terrorist activities originating from Pakistan.

## Indian Army Enhances Air Defense with Igla-S Missiles Amid Tensions SHARE

05-May-25

The Indian Army has bolstered its air defenses with the induction of Russian Igla-S Very Short Range Air Defence Systems amid heightened tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. This rapid deployment, enabled by an emergency procurement contract, equips frontline troops to counter aerial threats, including drones. The integration of Igla-S with existing Indian drone detection systems exemplifies a multi-layered defense strategy, enhancing tactical flexibility and deterrence without escalating to full-scale air confrontations. This modernization underscores India's commitment to safeguarding its borders and responding decisively to provocations, reflecting a strategic shift towards agile and layered defense capabilities.

## Tragic Accident Claims Lives of 3 Soldiers in J&K Gorge SHARE

05-May-25

Three soldiers were tragically killed when an Army truck fell into a 700-foot gorge along National Highway 44 in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district. The incident occurred around 11:30 am while the vehicle was part of an Army convoy traveling from Jammu to Srinagar,



highlighting the risks associated with challenging terrain in the region. Such accidents underscore the need for enhanced safety measures and vehicle protocols to protect personnel in transit. While this incident is unfortunate, it reflects the Indian Army's commitment to operating in difficult environments, demonstrating both resilience and the importance of continual assessment of operational safety standards.

## Home Ministry orders civil defence drills amid rising India-Pak tensions. SHARE

05-May-25

Amid rising tensions following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, India's Ministry of Home Affairs has ordered civil defence drills across multiple states to enhance emergency preparedness. The Indian government has taken significant measures, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and ramping up military readiness, as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Prime Minister Modi emphasize a strong response to terrorism. With Pakistan escalating military activities and missile tests, global powers have urged de-escalation, yet India remains steadfast in its commitment to national security and territorial integrity. The geopolitical landscape underscores the complexities of India-Pakistan relations and the potential for broader regional implications.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Army Uncovers Militant Hideout in Poonch, Seizes Explosives SHARE

05-May-25

In a significant security operation, Indian security forces, including the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Army's Romeo Force, uncovered a militant hideout in Surankote, Poonch, seizing five Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), two wireless sets, and various supplies, including urea and a gas cylinder. This operation followed a series of unprovoked small arms fire incidents from the Pakistan Army across the Line of Control (LoC), which the Indian Army responded to decisively, demonstrating effective and calibrated retaliation. The recovery of the IEDs, with varying weights and hidden in unique containers like steel buckets and tiffin boxes, reflects the ongoing threat from militant groups in the region, particularly following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam that resulted in multiple casualties. The coordinated efforts of the security forces indicate a heightened focus on counter-terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, as they continue to

search for infiltrators and militants responsible for violence, underscoring India's commitment to maintaining stability and security in its border areas while effectively confronting threats to the nation.

### Terror Suspect Drowns While Fleeing; Family Demands Inquiry SHARE

05-May-25

A 23-year-old man, Imtiyaz Ahmed, from Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir, drowned in the Vaishow stream while allegedly attempting to escape police custody during questioning related to his suspected ties with a Lashkar-e-Taiba sleeper cell. While police assert he jumped in to flee, his family claims foul play and demands accountability, leading to widespread outrage and calls for a judicial inquiry from political leaders. The incident follows a recent surge in violence attributed to terrorist groups in the region, emphasizing the ongoing security challenges faced by Indian forces who are committed to counter-terror operations despite public scrutiny.

### PM Modi Leads Urgent Military Strategy Meetings Post-Pahalgam Attack SHARE

05-May-25

Following the Pahalgam terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken decisive control over potential military actions against Pakistan, engaging in multiple meetings with the chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to discuss strategies. He has granted the military leaders autonomy in planning the timing and method of retaliatory actions, emphasizing a strong response to terrorism emanating from Pakistan. Concurrently, the Ordnance Factory Board has canceled employee leaves to bolster defense readiness, reflecting a heightened state of alert amid rising tensions. This unified military and political strategy underscores India's commitment to ensuring national security and addressing cross-border terrorism effectively.

### BSF Apprehends Pakistani Intruder at Punjab Border Amid Tensions SHARE

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The Border Security Force (BSF) recently detained a Pakistani national who illegally crossed the border in Punjab's Gurdaspur area while on patrol. This incident highlights the heightened tensions along the sensitive India-Pakistan border, which spans 3,323 km. Following a recent case where a BSF trooper was inadvertently detained by Pakistan Rangers, the BSF has issued advisories for heightened vigilance among its personnel to prevent further incidents. While such accidental

crossings have historically been addressed through flag meetings, Pakistan's lack of response amid ongoing tensions complicates these diplomatic efforts. The situation emphasizes the importance of maintaining alertness and communication in border security operations.

## **Pahalgam Terror Attack Affects Tourism, Confidence on the Rise**



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The recent terror attack in Pahalgam has slightly impacted tourism, yet Union Tourism Minister Shekhawat remains optimistic about the sector's recovery and long-term growth. He highlighted that tourist arrivals in Kashmir increased by 80% from 2016-2018 to 2021-2023, and with collaborative efforts from the government and private sector, India's tourism share of GDP could rise to 10%. The focus on MICE tourism and hosting international events positions India, especially Kashmir, as a promising global tourism destination. Despite short-term setbacks, the government is committed to restoring confidence and enhancing infrastructure to ensure sustainable growth in the tourism sector.

## **42 Arrested in Assam for Supporting Pakistan After Pahalgam Attack**



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In Assam, a total of 42 individuals have been arrested for allegedly defending Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives and injured several others. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasized the government's firm stance against such anti-national sentiments, threatening severe consequences for those promoting pro-Pakistan slogans. This crackdown follows a broader context of heightened tensions in Jammu and Kashmir, underscoring India's commitment to national security and the resolve of its leadership to counter any endorsement of terrorism. The state's swift action reflects a strong message against supporting adversarial narratives, reinforcing the unity of the Indian populace against external threats.

## **Cybersecurity and Information Warfare**

### **India Boosts Cybersecurity Amid Claims of Military Website Breach**



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Cybersecurity measures in India are being significantly strengthened following a series of cyberattacks allegedly linked to Pakistan, targeting military and educational institutions. Claims made by the Pakistan Cyber Force regarding access to sensitive data from the Indian Military Engineering Service and the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses have prompted active monitoring and precautionary measures, including the temporary suspension of the Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited's website for a security audit. Despite denials from the affected institutions about successful breaches, the Indian Army is prioritizing the enhancement of digital defenses in light of escalating tensions with Pakistan after a recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. The situation underscores the critical need for robust cybersecurity protocols as India faces persistent threats in cyberspace, necessitating proactive and resilient measures to safeguard national interests and military assets.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Posters of Pakistan flag, army chief found at Jharkhand HC premises.**



05-May-25

Posters of the Pakistan national flag and its Army chief were discovered inside and outside the Jharkhand High Court, including a washroom, shortly after the Pahalgam terror attack and amidst deteriorating India-Pakistan relations. The Registrar General, Manoj Prasad, stated he would investigate the incident, which remains unexplained and has not yet prompted a formal inquiry. Ritu Kumar, president of the Jharkhand High Court Advocates Association, confirmed the incident but emphasized that it is under the High Court's jurisdiction. This provocative action raises concerns over national security and the escalating tensions between the two nations, further challenging India's diplomatic efforts amidst threats from Pakistan.

## Piyush Goyal and Belgian Defence Minister Discuss Trade and Investment



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Piyush Goyal's meeting with the Belgian Defence Minister focused on enhancing bilateral trade and investments, particularly in strategic sectors such as defence production and clean energy. This engagement builds on prior collaborations, highlighted by a significant Belgian economic mission to India. With bilateral trade reaching USD 15.07 billion and Belgian FDI increasing notably in the past year, both nations aim to foster industrial collaboration and address trade barriers, emphasizing India's role as a trusted economic partner. The discussions underline India's commitment to strengthening ties with Belgium, showcasing its transformative economic journey and potential for mutual prosperity amidst global challenges.

## Japanese Delegation Visits IIT-Guwahati to Strengthen Research Ties



05-May-25

A Japanese delegation visited IIT-Guwahati to enhance Indo-Japan collaborations in research and innovation. The delegation, which included members of the Japanese Parliament and industry representatives, engaged with IIT officials to discuss advancements in emerging technologies like nanotechnology and AI. Key discussions focused on increasing research exchanges to 50,000 and strengthening partnerships that could lead to greater Japanese investment in Assam. This visit underscores the commitment of both nations towards collaborative efforts in education, technological innovation, and sustainable development, reflecting their shared democratic values and mutual goals in enhancing regional stability and economic growth.

## Assam CM Highlights Japan's Role in Boosting Tech and Economy



05-May-25

Assam's Chief Minister highlighted the growing strategic partnership with Japan during a recent Japanese delegation visit, focusing on the TATA Semiconductor facility, India's first indigenous semiconductor assembly plant. With a ₹27,000 crore investment, the facility aims to revolutionize Assam's industrial landscape, generating over 27,000 jobs by mid-2025 and enhancing technological capabilities. The collaboration includes initiatives in health and infrastructure, with ongoing discussions for continuous engagement, showcasing Japan's commitment to strengthening Assam's semiconductor ecosystem. This

partnership marks a significant step in fostering economic growth and technological advancement in the region, aligning with India's broader defense and industrial strategies.

## Nirmala Sitharaman in Milan for ADB's 58th Annual Meeting



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's arrival in Milan for the ADB's 58th Annual Meeting highlights India's active role in regional cooperation and sustainable development. The meeting will address economic growth, climate resilience, and innovation, with Sitharaman participating in key sessions and bilateral talks with counterparts from Italy, Japan, and Bhutan to strengthen economic partnerships. Her engagements also include interactions with the Indian diaspora and business leaders, emphasizing India's commitment to multilateral cooperation and its increasing influence in shaping the economic and climate agenda in Asia. This visit underscores India's proactive approach to fostering international collaboration for future resilience.

## India's ISRO Set for Major Space Missions: May-July 2025



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ISRO has lined up a series of significant space missions from May to July 2025, including the historic spaceflight of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to the ISS, enhancing India's human spaceflight capabilities. Key missions include the PSLV-C61 launch of the EOS-09 Earth observation satellite, crucial for surveillance and disaster management, and the TV-D2 test for the Gaganyaan program's safety systems. Additionally, ISRO will collaborate with NASA on the NISAR satellite for global Earth observation and execute the LVM3-M5 mission, underscoring India's growing presence in the global commercial space market. These endeavors align with India's strategic objective of establishing itself as a leader in space exploration and technology.

## Anti-Hindu Parade in Toronto Raises Concerns Over Extremism



05-May-25

A recent anti-Hindu parade at the Malton Gurdwara in Toronto has sparked significant controversy, with calls from Khalistani groups for the deportation of 800,000 Hindus to India, raising alarm over anti-Hindu sentiments. Journalist Daniel Bordman highlighted the incident, noting a pattern of vandalism against Hindu

temples in Canada, including repeated attacks on the Lakshmi Narayan temple in Surrey. As Canada's new Prime Minister Mark Carney takes office, concerns are mounting about his approach to addressing the rising Khalistani extremism and its implications for community safety and social cohesion. The situation underscores the urgent need for a robust response to hate-driven agendas that threaten the fabric of multicultural society.

## ISRO Executes Space Dogfight with SpaDeX Satellites, Showcasing Advanced Capabilities



05-May-25

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted a mock dogfight in space using

its SpaDeX satellites, SDX01 and SDX02, showcasing India's advanced capabilities in autonomous satellite operations. This maneuver, executed at speeds of 28,800 km/h and involving precise proximity operations down to 3 meters, emphasizes India's growing technological prowess in space, particularly in contrast to China's similar exercises. The mission aligns with India's strategic goals amid regional tensions, demonstrating cost-effective innovation with a budget of approximately \$27 million, while involving significant private sector participation. Such advancements position India as a formidable player in global space technology, with both civilian and potential dual-use applications.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
AVANTEL	116.54	125.0	115.8	123.86	2647365	7.65	53.36	120.96	-
APOLLO	120.0	125.75	119.11	124.93	22467624	7.34	58.08	117.3	111.14
ADANIENT	2312.6	2497.0	2297.8	2455.5	4227194	7.03	59.14	2365.67	2648.33
WALCHANNAG	179.41	191.9	178.38	188.91	413218	5.54	53.75	184.04	265.09
AZAD	1585.0	1674.9	1582.0	1635.9	870906	5.47	66.12	1456.22	1540.93
BDL	1500.0	1572.0	1491.1	1563.9	3295090	5.19	70.54	1401.85	1222.74
SIKA	695.25	740.0	695.25	707.05	32512	3.73	59.35	675.54	534.98
MAZDOCK	3024.1	3128.0	2964.6	3099.5	4769236	3.43	69.56	2704.99	2314.18
KRISHNADEF	762.0	799.95	761.65	786.6	27500	3.28	55.46	772.51	698.66
HIGHENE	483.35	495.95	473.05	491.35	4982	2.66	52.81	484.64	609.99
GRSE	1894.6	1938.0	1849.6	1929.9	2828373	2.5	65.99	1724.13	1691.85
MIDHANI	309.95	317.7	308.85	315.6	438359	2.43	62.19	289.27	349.32
ASTRAMICRO	830.1	850.4	824.3	848.25	252182	2.19	68.9	764.54	782.38
HAL	4536.8	4598.5	4511.9	4590.8	1497722	2.19	68.1	4281.08	4258.4
DCXINDIA	283.8	291.0	281.3	289.75	482874	2.1	61.64	258.81	316.5
PARAS	1372.2	1395.8	1326.4	1375.6	1547331	2.06	80.13	1086.84	1078.21
TANEJAERO	286.0	295.0	284.2	289.75	18611	1.95	44.28	294.23	432.1
MARINE	195.0	203.9	192.61	193.99	462891	1.62	54.81	189.12	226.77
HBLPOWER	495.95	503.6	490.35	500.3	843388	1.4	51.07	506.46	569.32
BEL	313.95	316.9	313.2	315.3	10955763	1.27	64.37	296.32	289.17
BHARATFORG	1108.9	1124.4	1095.1	1119.6	672694	1.14	53.68	1074.83	1339.26
SOLARINDS	13101.0	13224.0	12900.0	13191.0	56819	1.09	69.24	12196.61	10479.12
IDEAFORGE	384.65	386.0	373.7	384.45	132990	1.05	55.53	363.39	568.87
BEML	3217.0	3258.3	3193.3	3232.8	264881	0.97	60.44	3090.79	3668.02
COCHINSHIP	1540.5	1556.0	1508.3	1544.7	2055329	0.95	57.72	1462.83	1649.86
LOKESHMACH	166.01	170.0	157.75	168.22	30174	0.94	46.68	152.95	339.32
DYNAMATECH	6382.0	6497.0	6336.0	6450.0	5906	0.91	52.52	6305.36	7216.76
LT	3350.0	3350.0	3300.7	3330.2	1947332	0.01	53.36	3264.75	3520.63
PREMEXPLN	412.9	428.2	408.0	410.05	764325	-0.17	55.14	389.33	481.23
MTARTECH	1404.0	1457.5	1390.0	1422.2	118640	-0.18	55.51	1378.65	1621.45
NIBE	1359.65	1398.5	1322.35	1355.3	9932	-0.32	56.33	1329.31	1592.6
LMW	16168.0	16168.0	15932.0	15992.0	12846	-0.67	52.21	15762.14	15931.87
ZENTEC	1390.9	1399.5	1367.0	1378.2	300348	-0.81	44.26	1444.44	1712.19
DATAPAT'TNS	2332.0	2340.0	2205.0	2285.4	1316590	-1.08	63.63	1990.02	2333.88
ROSSELLIND	71.0	72.0	68.0	68.88	16561	-1.36	47.58	73.33	200.04
CFF	502.65	502.65	502.65	502.65	2000	-2.0	55.24	486.92	618.24
PTC	176.9	176.9	171.64	175.76	1043379	-2.7	54.76	175.11	177.13