

Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
CENTUM	2330.3	2118.9	+9.98%
SWANDEF	337.65	321.56	+5.0%
RELINFRA	295.05	281.35	+4.87%
ROSSELLIND	71.18	67.92	+4.8%
ASTRAMICRO	992.0	948.9	+4.54%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	487.0	542.8	-10.28%
MACPOWER	907.2	954.9	-5.0%
JYOTICNC	982.4	1025.0	-4.16%
ZENTEC	1427.9	1474.4	-3.15%
MAZDOCK	2764.5	2847.8	-2.93%

Defense Business and Industry

Defence Ministry approves Rs 67,000 crore for military upgrades.



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On August 5, 2025, the Indian Defence Acquisition Council, led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved a landmark military modernization package worth approximately Rs 67,000 crore. The approval focuses on significantly enhancing the capabilities of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to address evolving security threats. The procurement includes 87 Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones for all three services to bolster round-the-clock surveillance and combat operations, advanced thermal imaging night sights for the Army's BMP vehicles to enable night-time manoeuvres, and over 110 air-launched BrahMos missiles. The Navy will receive new Compact Autonomous Surface Craft for anti-submarine operations, upgraded BrahMos fire control systems and launchers, and enhancements to the BARAK-1 air defence missile system. The Air Force is set to acquire specialized mountain radars for improved surveillance along India's mountainous borders and upgrades to the SAKSHAM/SPYDER weapon systems to reinforce integrated air defence. The approvals extend to the maintenance of US-origin C-17 and C-130J aircraft and the Russian-origin S-400 missile systems, reflecting India's balanced approach to strategic military partnerships. These decisions come in the aftermath of recent operations, including Operation Sindoor, underscoring a push for advanced indigenous technologies. Defence sector stocks such as Bharat Electronics and Bharat Dynamics registered notable

gains on August 6, 2025, on expectations of substantial new contracts following the announcement.

Army Chief: Integrating Traditional Forces with Modern Technology



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Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi has asserted that the Indian armed forces are ready for fifth-generation conflicts characterized by non-contact warfare, emphasizing the necessity for a blend of traditional military strength and modern technology. During his visit to IIT-Madras, he inaugurated the Agnishodh research cell, aimed at translating academic innovations into defense-ready technologies, thus promoting self-reliance under the vision of Swadeshikaran Se Sashaktikaran. The initiative is part of the Army's broader transformation framework, focusing on modernization and technological infusion. Gen Dwivedi highlighted Operation Sindoor as a landmark mission that showcased India's capability for precise, coordinated military action, compelling Pakistan to seek a ceasefire within 88 hours. Furthermore, he addressed the need for integrated responses to grey zone warfare and emphasized the importance of collaborations with institutions like IIT-Madras and the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Development Centre to develop deployable technologies. The Agnishodh initiative aims to upskill military personnel in key areas such as additive manufacturing, cybersecurity, and unmanned aerial systems, reinforcing India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities while fostering academic-industry partnerships to drive innovation. Overall, this dual focus on modernization and self-reliance is pivotal for India's strategic defense posture in an evolving geopolitical landscape.

## Philippines Plans to Double BrahMos Missile Order with 9 More Batteries



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The Philippines is significantly enhancing its defense capabilities by expanding its inventory of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system, with plans for up to nine additional coastal defense batteries following the initial acquisition of three under a \$374 million contract. This move is part of the country's broader Horizon Modernization Program aimed at bolstering coastal defense amid rising tensions in the South China Sea. Concurrently, discussions are underway for procuring India's Akash-1S air defense missile system, which boasts advanced capabilities to counter various aerial threats and is particularly suited for the Philippines' archipelagic geography. The Akash-1S, with its range and mobile deployment, further complements the Philippines' strategic needs and reduces reliance on traditional defense suppliers. The negotiations for both systems signify deepening defense ties between India and the Philippines, emphasizing India's role as a credible long-term partner in regional security and showcasing its evolving status as a global arms supplier. This collaboration not only enhances the Philippines' military deterrence but also reflects a strategic realignment in Southeast Asia as nations seek to diversify their military technologies in response to increasing regional militarization.

## Defence Ministry allocates Rs 500 crore for deep tech projects



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The Indian Ministry of Defence has announced a Rs 500 crore allocation for deep tech projects under the Technology Development Fund (TDF), focusing on intelligent textiles, desert warfare systems, and wargaming technologies. These innovations aim to enhance India's military capabilities, particularly in specialized combat environments. Currently, nine projects are underway, involving 55 institutes across India, with an emphasis on cutting-edge research areas like AI, quantum technology, and advanced materials. This initiative not only fosters collaboration between academia and defense but also positions India as a proactive player in defense technology development, reinforcing its strategic capabilities in an evolving geopolitical landscape.

## DRDO Awards ₹135 Crore Contract to Astra Microwave for Radar Upgrade



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has awarded a ₹135 crore contract to Astra Microwave for the upgrade of ground-based radar systems, emphasizing the importance of modernizing India's defense infrastructure. This purely domestic order underscores the collaboration between DRDO and Indian defense technology firms, which is vital for enhancing indigenous capabilities. The project, to be completed in 18 months, aims to bolster the nation's radar network crucial for air defense and border security. Additionally, it solidifies Astra Microwave's position as a key supplier in the Indian defense sector, showcasing the government's commitment to strengthening domestic defense manufacturing and technological advancement.

## Indian Army Issues RFI for Air Defense Radar-Drone Detector



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The Indian Army has released a Request for Information (RFI) for the procurement of the Air Defence Fire Control Radar-Drone Detector (ADFCR-DD), which is essential for enhancing ground-based air defense against aerial threats, including drones. This system features advanced radar technologies, capable of tracking multiple targets simultaneously in various terrains while maintaining resilience to electronic countermeasures. With a focus on indigenization and aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the ADFCR-DD aims to bolster India's air defense capabilities amid rising drone threats. Concurrently, DRDO is developing advanced variants integrating Directed Energy Weapons and counter-drone technologies, reflecting a commitment to modernizing India's defense infrastructure.

## IAF's BrahMos success prompts Navy's major procurement plans.



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently showcased the operational effectiveness of the BrahMos missile during Operation Sindoor, executing precise strikes against key military targets in Pakistan. This operation has prompted the Indian Defence Ministry to plan significant procurement of BrahMos variants, including air-launched and naval versions, enhancing India's strategic strike capabilities. The BrahMos system, renowned for its supersonic speed and precision, serves as a vital component of India's deterrence

strategy. This expansion aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, underscoring India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities and readiness to counter future threats effectively.

## India Develops Photonic Radar to Detect Stealth Aircraft



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India has achieved a major defense milestone with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully developing the country's first indigenous photonic radar, as reported on August 6, 2025. Leveraging laser-based technology, this radar delivers ultra-high-resolution detection and exceptional immunity to electronic jamming—capabilities that outpace traditional radar systems. The indigenous photonic radar can identify stealth aircraft and drones which are typically elusive to conventional detection, greatly strengthening India's air defense amid intensifying regional threats. Field trials for the system are set to begin later in 2025, focusing on integration with platforms such as the Su-30 MKI, Rafale, and Tejas jets, as well as ground and mobile units. This development marks India's entry among a select group of nations advancing next-generation radar technology and signals a significant leap in its quest for defense self-reliance.

## India Aims for Complete Ammunition Self-Reliance by 2025



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India is accelerating its drive for complete ammunition self-reliance by the end of 2025, following past shortages highlighted during Operation Sindoor. Officials revealed that 154 out of 175 ammunition variants used by the Army are already indigenously produced, with the remainder in advanced trials. Public sector units like Munitions India Limited (MIL) and new private entrants such as Solar Industries and Adani Defence are expanding production capacities, while SMPP's large ammunition plant in Himachal Pradesh is set to begin operations by March 2026. The defence ministry has prioritised critical raw materials, like propellants and explosives, with both public and private sectors urged to scale up production across the entire value chain. The proportion of imported ammunition has plunged from 30-40% four years ago to under 10% today, reflecting successful indigenisation initiatives. Outgoing export orders and recent orders of smart and precision-guided munitions demonstrate growing global competitiveness. However, challenges remain, including shortages in core raw materials, modernization needs,

and the scaling of production to meet wartime requirements. Despite these hurdles, India's forces are on track to achieve their 2025 target of 100% indigenous ammunition.

## Pratt & Whitney to Manufacture PW127G Engines in India for C-295M



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Pratt & Whitney Canada plans to localize the manufacturing of PW127G turboprop engines in India for the Airbus C-295M aircraft, enhancing India's Make in India initiative. The Tata Group will assemble 40 C-295M aircraft and is in talks for an additional 100. This move aims to reduce import reliance, create jobs, and boost the aerospace supply chain. The localization effort will also involve partnerships with Indian suppliers and is expected to generate substantial employment and technology transfer benefits. Additionally, the C-295M program will modernize the Indian Air Force's transport fleet while positioning India as a potential exporter of aircraft and engines to regional allies.

## Indian Navy Advances MALE UAVs and Loyal Wingman for Carrier Ops



06-Aug-25

Indian Navy is advancing its ambitions for maritime dominance by securing approval for the procurement of 87 indigenous MALE UAVs and accelerating its loyal wingman program, focusing on carrier-based and mid-air refueling operations. This follows recent Defence Acquisition Council clearances totaling ₹67,000 crore for advanced drones and related technology. The loyal wingman initiative, now centered on the development of the N-CCAV based on the Abhimanyu drone design, aims for operational synergy with India's expanding fleet of MiG-29Ks and upcoming Rafale-M jets. These efforts, involving public-private collaboration, emphasize self-reliance and innovation, with successful prototype demonstrations and first flights targeted for 2026. The Navy's strategic vision includes establishing a dedicated aerial refueling fleet to support a projected increase in fighter jets and strengthen the security posture across the Indian Ocean Region.

## Putin to Propose Second Akula Submarine to India in 2025 Visit



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Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to offer India a second Akula-class nuclear-powered attack submarine during his visit in September 2025, as delays continue to plague the delivery of the INS Chakra III,

now rescheduled for handover in 2028. The proposed vessel may be based on the unfinished K-519 Irbis hull, requiring substantial refurbishment before deployment. The Akula class, measuring about 110m in length, displaces 7,500t surfaced and over 9,000t submerged, and boasts advanced stealth, speeds up to 30 knots submerged, and a robust armament suite, including eight torpedo tubes for a range of missiles and torpedoes. In contrast, India's indigenous Arihant-class, also about 110m long but around 6,000t in displacement, serves as a strategic strike platform capable of launching submarine-launched ballistic missiles, powered by an 80MW nuclear reactor. As India continues to emphasize self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the preference for developing homegrown platforms like the Arihant may temper enthusiasm for leasing additional aging Russian submarines, especially amid cost concerns, operational restrictions, and shifting strategic priorities. Recent news affirms no breakthrough in accelerating the Chakra III handover, underscoring the continued impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on India's defense procurement timelines.

## India's AMCA to Use French NGF Engine for Enhanced Capabilities

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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program has crossed a significant milestone with the selection of France's Safran, in partnership with the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE), to co-develop a next-generation 110–120 kN class turbofan engine using the core of the French Next Generation Fighter (NGF) demonstrator. The decision, finalized after months of government-level talks, gives India access to cutting-edge propulsion technology vital for AMCA MkII's stealth and supercruise capabilities, with full technology transfer and joint intellectual property rights. The NGF engine, currently tailored for the European Future Combat Air System (FCAS) and expected to fly in a demonstrator by 2029 for FCAS, is designed to deliver high thrust-to-weight ratios and low thermal signatures, making it more powerful and compact than the Rafale's M88 engine. Ground trials for the Indian variant could begin by 2030, keeping AMCA's prototype rollout on track for 2028 and full-scale production by 2035. This collaboration not only boosts India's aerospace self-reliance but also cements France as India's primary strategic engine partner amidst accelerating global fighter technology races.

## MSF Ishapore Develops Forged Alloy Steel Work Rolls to Cut Imports

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The Metal and Steel Factory (MSF) in Ishapore has achieved a notable breakthrough with the recent development of forged-quality alloy steel work rolls, a move announced this week as part of India's ongoing Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. On August 6, 2025, officials confirmed that the first consignment was sent to the Bokaro Steel Plant for performance trials. Should these trials prove successful, it could pave the way for full-scale commercial production, significantly reducing India's dependence on imported rolls and strengthening domestic manufacturing. Forged alloy steel work rolls are vital for their durability and high-performance properties, benefiting not only the steel industry but also a broad spectrum of defence applications such as artillery, tank gun barrels, armoured vehicle components, and aerospace structures, where strength, impact resistance, and reliability are crucial. MSF's state-of-the-art forging and heat-treatment facilities enable the production of ultra-clean alloy steels, supporting both industrial and military needs. This advancement not only supports self-reliance in material technology but also highlights India's capability to meet demanding defence and industrial requirements with indigenous innovation.

## Japan's i3 Fighter Program Closure: A Boon for India's AMCA Advancement

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The abandonment of Japan's i3 Fighter program presents India a valuable opportunity to enhance its Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) and future sixth-generation fighter initiatives. Key technologies from the i3, such as advanced stealth materials, high-thrust engines, and next-generation AESA radar, could significantly bolster India's capabilities. Japan's collaboration through the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP) offers a pathway for India to access these technologies, although careful negotiations are essential to mitigate risks of technology leakage. Despite challenges in indigenous capabilities, leveraging Japan's i3 advancements could accelerate India's defense ambitions while supporting the broader goal of self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



## BEL Anticipates EW Orders to Exceed ₹6,500 Crore for Army Modernization

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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is set to respond to the Indian Army's Request for Proposal for the Shatrughat Electronic Warfare (EW) System, with the company expecting total orders for both Shatrughat and the Samaghat EW systems to exceed ₹6,500 crore. This development closely follows a high-level review in late July 2025, where Indian Army leadership emphasized rapid modernization, highlighting EW and cyber capabilities as priorities due to evolving threats along the Line of Actual Control and the Line of Control. BEL's expanded focus on customized EW solutions for diverse terrains reflects India's push for self-sufficiency and network-centric warfare. Recent orders secured by BEL, including integrated jammers, secure communications, and drone defense systems, underscore the company's pivotal role in strengthening the Army's technological prowess and operational readiness as of August 2025.

### Defense Policy and Budgeting

## DAC Approves Procurement of 87 Indigenous MALE RPAs for Armed Forces

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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved the procurement of 87 indigenous Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs) for the Indian Armed Forces, significantly enhancing India's unmanned aerial system capabilities. This initiative, part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, aims to bolster self-reliance and reduce dependence on imports. Key contenders include VEDA Aeronautics, Tata Advanced Systems, and others, proposing advanced platforms capable of multiple payloads and real-time surveillance. The MALE RPAs are expected to serve as critical assets for various operations, thereby improving operational readiness and combat efficiency across diverse terrains.

## DAC Approves Upgrade of IAF SPYDER for IACCS Integration

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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved the upgrade of the Indian Air Force's SPYDER air defense system, allowing it to integrate with the

Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS). This enhancement will significantly improve India's real-time aerial defense capabilities against various threats, including drones and cruise missiles, by enabling seamless data exchange and coordinated operations. The upgrade, part of a broader modernization effort across the armed forces, emphasizes indigenous improvements and advanced technologies like AI for threat prioritization. This strategic move enhances India's layered air defense, ensuring quicker response times and robust security, particularly in sensitive areas.

## India Pauses P-8I Aircraft Purchase Due to U.S. Tariffs

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India paused its \$3.6b plan to acquire six more P-8I Poseidon aircraft after the United States imposed an additional 25% tariff on Indian exports—a move triggered by India's continued purchase of Russian oil. This sudden tariff, announced by President Trump, pushed the cost of the maritime patrol aircraft up by nearly 50%, forcing India's Ministry of Defence to reassess the strategic and fiscal viability of the deal. The Indian Navy, which operates 12 P-8Is, remains concerned about maintaining maritime vigilance as Chinese naval activity intensifies in the Indian Ocean. While the purchase is not scrapped, Indian officials signal a renewed emphasis on indigenous alternatives and defense self-reliance should costs remain prohibitively high, with future negotiations dependent on tariff adjustments.

### Politics

## BJP to File Contempt Petition Against Priyanka Gandhi Following SC Criticism

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On August 6, 2025, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) announced it would file a contempt petition against Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra after she publicly criticized the Supreme Court's recent remarks on her brother, Rahul Gandhi. The Supreme Court had reprimanded Rahul Gandhi on August 4 over statements made about the Indian Army during the December 2022 Bharat Jodo Yatra, questioning his basis for alleging that Chinese forces had occupied Indian territory and challenging his credibility as a "true Indian." In response, Priyanka Gandhi defended her brother, insisting that judges should not decide who

qualifies as a true Indian and emphasizing that it is the duty of the opposition leader to question the government. Senior BJP leaders condemned her remarks as irresponsible and accused her of undermining judicial authority, highlighting the intensifying friction between the ruling party and the Congress regarding political responsibility and freedom of speech in sensitive national matters.

## PM Modi: Opposition's call for debate on Op Sindoor backfired



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In a recent address, PM Narendra Modi criticized the opposition's demand for a debate on Operation Sindoor, arguing that it backfired and exposed their disconnect from the public's sentiments, as the nation celebrated the armed forces' success. He emphasized the importance of unity within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and highlighted the collective identity of a "New India" that stands firm against terrorism. Modi also encouraged NDA leaders to engage in upcoming commemorative events, reinforcing his leadership during critical moments such as the Pahalgam terror attack response. His remarks resonated with NDA MPs, showcasing a robust commitment to national pride and defense initiatives.

Russia, prioritizing its sovereign economic interests against external pressures, thereby reinforcing its position as a key player in the global geopolitical landscape. The ongoing discussions and affirmations of commitment to defense cooperation signify India's resilience in navigating complex international relations while ensuring its security and economic objectives are met.

## Indian Army Highlights U.S. Arms Supply to Pakistan in 1971 War



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The Indian Army recently highlighted significant historical events from the 1971 Indo-Pak war, particularly focusing on the U.S. arms supply to Pakistan during this conflict. Despite the military crackdown in East Pakistan, the U.S. had provided Pakistan with over \$2 billion worth of military equipment, reflecting a strategic alignment that complicated the geopolitical landscape. The Army's archival posts underscored these realities while coinciding with current tensions, particularly in response to U.S. criticism of India's energy ties with Russia and remarks from Donald Trump about tariffs on Indian oil imports. Additionally, the posts referenced Pakistan's military preparations and the diplomatic exodus occurring during the lead-up to the war, which ultimately resulted in India's decisive victory and the liberation of Bangladesh. This move by the Indian Army can be seen as a strategic retort to contemporary U.S. geopolitical maneuvers, emphasizing the complexities and historical legacies that shape U.S.-India relations today. The Indian narrative underscores the importance of recognizing the past as it continues to inform current strategic and diplomatic challenges in South Asia, particularly in light of renewed American interest in Pakistan amidst ongoing regional tensions.

## India's Oil Purchases from Russia Spark Geopolitical Tensions



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The recent discussions surrounding India's oil purchases from Russia and President Trump's proposed punitive tariffs highlight a complex geopolitical situation. US State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce refrained from directly commenting on India's stance, while criticizing its oil procurement as fueling the Russian war effort against Ukraine. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar responded implicitly to Trump's threats by advocating for a fair global order and reaffirming India's commitment to its national interests. Nikki Haley, a

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### NSA Doval in Moscow to Strengthen India-Russia Defense Ties



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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is currently in Moscow to enhance India-Russia defense cooperation amid threats from the U.S. regarding increased tariffs on Indian goods, particularly due to India's oil imports from Russia. Doval's visit, which includes discussions on the purchase of additional S-400 missile systems and potentially acquiring Su-57 fighter jets, aims to reaffirm the longstanding strategic partnership between India and Russia. Concurrently, the Indian Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar, met with Deputy Defence Minister Colonel-General Alexander Fomin, emphasizing the commitment to bolster bilateral defense ties in light of U.S. sanctions threats. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has categorically rejected U.S. criticism of its oil trade with Russia, highlighting double standards in U.S. foreign policy while asserting India's right to safeguard its national interests. These developments reflect India's strategic maneuvering to maintain robust defense ties with

prominent Indian-American Republican leader, cautioned that the US should avoid jeopardizing its strong ties with India over this issue, especially while granting China, a major adversary, a tariff pause despite its significant purchases of Russian oil. Overall, India's procurement of Russian crude has drawn considerable scrutiny, with India asserting that its energy needs must be balanced against external pressures. The situation illustrates the intricate interplay of national interests, global energy demands, and diplomatic relationships, particularly as India seeks to maintain its strategic autonomy amid shifting geopolitical alliances.

## India and New Zealand Launch First Defence Strategic Dialogue SHARE

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The inaugural India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi, focusing on enhancing bilateral cooperation in training, capability building, and maritime security. The meeting, co-chaired by Indian and New Zealand defense officials, highlighted ongoing defense collaboration and discussed emerging areas of cooperation, including the White Shipping Information Exchange. This dialogue follows an MoU signed in March 2025, marking a significant step in strengthening defense relations. The mutual trust and shared democratic values between India and New Zealand are expected to foster deeper ties, contributing to regional stability and security, showcasing India's proactive approach to expanding its defense partnerships globally.

## US Report: Trump Worried India Might Nuke Pakistan During Ops SHARE

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A Wall Street Journal report revealed US concerns that India's use of BrahMos missiles during Operation Sindoor could escalate into a nuclear confrontation with Pakistan, fearing India might arm the missiles with nuclear warheads. India, however, reaffirmed its "No First Use" nuclear policy, emphasizing BrahMos is a conventional weapon. The success of the operation demonstrated India's growing military capabilities and commitment to self-reliance in defense. The BrahMos program, primarily indigenous now, symbolizes India's strategy to enhance its defense capabilities independently, while the anticipated BrahMos-II promises even greater advancements. This situation highlights India's resolve to maintain sovereignty in its defense decisions amidst external pressures.

## Zelenskiy: Russia strikes Odesa gas facility, jeopardizing winter prep SHARE

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Russia has targeted a gas facility in Ukraine's Odesa region, compromising the country's winter preparations, according to President Zelenskiy. The attack is seen as a calculated move against Ukraine's energy infrastructure, which has already been severely impacted by earlier missile strikes. Despite Russia's claims that energy systems are legitimate military targets, this incident raises significant humanitarian concerns, especially as Ukraine struggles with gas shortages and aims to increase imports through alternative routes like the Transbalkan route. This situation highlights the ongoing challenges Ukraine faces in securing energy resources amid continued hostilities from Russia.

## China Intensifies Military Activity Near Taiwan Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

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Recent reports indicate escalating military activity by China around Taiwan, with Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence detecting 16 Chinese military aircraft and six naval vessels operating near its waters. Notably, eight of the aircraft crossed the median line into Taiwan's Air Defence Identification Zone. This increase in incursions highlights the ongoing geopolitical tensions, as China continues to assert claims over Taiwan under its "One China" principle, despite Taiwan's self-governance and strong public support for its independence. Taiwan's proactive monitoring and public reporting of these activities underscore its commitment to national security and sovereignty amidst external pressures.

## Kashmir Dispute is Core of India-Pakistan Tensions, Says Sharif SHARE

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With Pakistan's economy at its weakest in years—burdened by a record \$26.7 billion in new foreign loans in the last fiscal cycle and total public debt soaring past Rs76 trillion—government rhetoric over Kashmir is once again dominating official discourse. In the past three days, as international aid and diplomatic rollovers keep the state financially afloat and debt servicing consumes nearly half the federal budget, leaders in Islamabad have repeatedly spotlighted India's 2019 revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status as a core source of regional tension. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and other officials continue to call for UN involvement and adherence to Security Council resolutions, while simultaneously warning of military readiness against

perceived Indian aggression. Analysts note that this surge in Kashmir-focused statements coincides with intense domestic frustration over high inflation and depleted public services, as well as renewed missile exchanges earlier this year. By centering the Kashmir dispute in national dialogue, Pakistan's leadership appears to be seeking to unite a restive public and shift attention from economic hardship toward a long-standing external issue, even as its financial crisis deepens and dependency on foreign aid tightens.

## Ukraine Raises Alarm on Indian Components in Russian Drones



06-Aug-25

Ukraine has raised concerns regarding Indian-made electronic components found in Iranian-designed Shahed-136 drones utilized by Russian forces, prompting discussions between Ukrainian officials and India's Ministry of External Affairs. The components, identified from Vishay Intertechnology and Aura Semiconductor, are dual-use items, and India asserts that its exports comply with international regulations. Indian authorities are investigating the situation and enhancing awareness of export compliance among manufacturers. While Ukraine emphasizes the need for stricter controls to prevent component access by Russia, India remains committed to its non-proliferation obligations, stating that the components may have been diverted without manufacturers' knowledge.

## Pakistan Army Denies Rumors of General Munir Seeking Presidency



06-Aug-25

The Pakistan Army has dismissed speculation that General Asim Munir, its Chief of Army Staff, is pursuing the presidency, labeling such rumors as "baseless." This clarification follows weeks of unverified claims, with officials asserting that the discussions about Munir's potential presidency are part of a malicious campaign aimed at creating political instability. Munir's recent elevation to Field Marshal after a brief conflict with India has consolidated his authority, highlighting the military's significant influence over Pakistan's political landscape. In a nation where military leadership often overshadows civilian governance, these developments underscore ongoing tensions within Pakistan's political framework.

## Lula Seeks Ties with BRICS, Prefers Modi Over Trump



06-Aug-25

Amid intensifying trade tensions, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva announced on August 6, 2025, that he will strengthen partnerships with BRICS nations, particularly India, while categorically declining dialogue with US President Donald Trump. The move follows the US imposition of a sweeping 50% tariff and sanctions against a Brazilian Supreme Court justice, actions Lula has condemned as politically motivated and encroachments on Brazil's sovereignty. During the July 6–7 BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro, Lula emphasized the bloc's role in promoting multipolarity and peace, and in talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Brasília, the two leaders set a \$20billion trade target and agreed to deepened cooperation on issues ranging from defense to sustainable development.

## Military Operations

### Uttarkashi cloudburst: Army aids rescue, 11 soldiers missing.



06-Aug-25

On August 5, 2025, a devastating cloudburst struck Uttarkashi's Dharali village in Uttarakhand triggering massive flash floods and landslides, leaving widespread destruction in its wake. The disaster resulted in the deaths of at least five people and left 413 individuals rescued as of August 6, with more than 100 persons still stranded and 11 Indian Army soldiers confirmed missing. The Indian Army, along with the NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, and local police, swiftly launched one of the region's largest rescue and relief operations, deploying over 225 personnel including infantry, engineering teams, and search-and-rescue dogs to the affected area. Rescue efforts have been made more difficult by heavy rains, disrupted road connectivity, and collapsed bridges, cutting off Dharali and neighboring regions and hampering access. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has been directly overseeing the response efforts and Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured full central government support. Key infrastructure such as hotels, shops, and homes have been swept away, and red alerts remain in place for further heavy rainfall in the region. The rescue operation continues as authorities race against time to reach those still missing amid continued adverse conditions.



## Gen Chauhan advocates military readiness against Pakistan's threats.

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Chief of Defence Staff Gen Chauhan emphasized the need for the Indian military to be prepared for any acts of violence from Pakistan, whether by state or non-state actors, during his keynote address at the Annual Trident Lecture Series. He asserted that the military must challenge Pakistan's full-spectrum deterrence and adapt to the evolving nature of warfare by enhancing capabilities to target both fixed and mobile threats at extended ranges. Highlighting the diminishing lines between war and peace, Gen Chauhan called for a more integrated and technologically advanced approach to national security, advocating for a uniquely Indian strategy that incorporates both conventional and unconventional warfare. He also reiterated the importance of indigenous technological advancements and doctrinal agility, noting that a forward-looking military strategy will be vital for enduring national security. Additionally, the event marked the release of the first General Bipin Rawat Paper on Manned-Unmanned Teaming, honoring the vision of India's first CDS in transforming joint war-fighting.

## No Army Soldiers Killed in Recent Ladakh Ambush; Claims Debunked

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Recent social media posts falsely claimed that Lieutenant Colonel Bhanu Pratap Singh Mankotia and Lance Dafadar Daljeet Singh were killed in an ambush in Ladakh. However, these claims have been debunked, affirming that no such incident took place. This misinformation highlights the challenges the Indian Army faces in maintaining public trust and accurate communication in the age of social media. The defense forces are committed to transparency and ensuring that accurate information prevails, which is crucial for national morale and the reputation of the armed forces in the face of disinformation campaigns.

## Indian Army Enhances Security in Jammu and Kashmir for Independence Day

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The Indian Army has heightened security measures in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of Independence Day, particularly in the Bhatnagar region, where the 4 Rashtriya Rifles are actively patrolling to prevent potential threats. Recent reports confirm no ceasefire violations along the Line of Control, countering claims of incidents in the Poonch area. Additionally, the Chinari

Corps initiated Operation Mahadev to combat terrorism in the Lidwas vicinity, demonstrating the Army's commitment to maintaining peace and security. This proactive approach underscores India's determination to safeguard its territorial integrity while ensuring a peaceful environment for national celebrations.

## Indian Army Confirms No Ceasefire Violations Along LoC

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The Indian Army has confirmed that there have been no ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, countering media claims. While reports indicated unprovoked firing by the Pakistan Army in the Poonch region, the Indian Army emphasized the importance of avoiding unverified information. This incident marks the first instance of ceasefire tension since Operation Sindoor, which was launched in response to a terror attack. The Indian Army's prompt and robust response reflects its commitment to maintaining peace and security along the border while effectively countering provocations.

## Indian Air Force's S-400 Unit Receives Citations for Valor

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The Indian Air Force's S-400 unit, Sudarshan Chakra, is set to receive three citations for its exceptional performance during Operation Sindoor, notably for shooting down a PAF Saab 2000 Eerie at 314 km and intercepting a CKG-400 missile. These achievements underscore India's technological advancements in air defense, significantly crippling Pakistan's aerial capabilities and imposing a 200 km no-fly zone. While the S-400's success highlights India's strategic edge, challenges remain regarding vulnerabilities and the need for ongoing investment in electronic warfare and advanced missile systems. Overall, the operation has reshaped South Asian air warfare dynamics in favor of India.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## Maoist leader with Rs 15 lakh bounty killed in Jharkhand shootout

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A prominent member of the Maoist splinter group PLFI, Martin Kerketta, was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Gumla district, where he had a bounty of Rs 15 lakh on his head. Kerketta, wanted in

72 criminal cases across multiple districts, was engaged in a shootout with security personnel during a search operation, which resulted in his death and the recovery of a pistol from him. This successful operation underscores the effective efforts of Indian security forces in tackling Maoist insurgency, contributing to regional stability and law enforcement while demonstrating the resolve to combat organized crime in the region.

## ISI Relocates Masood Azhar as Jaish-e-Muhammad's Morale Plummet

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On August 6, 2025, fresh analysis revealed the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI has been moving Jaish-e-Muhammad chief Masood Azhar across a series of safe houses following India's high-impact Operation Sindoor, which took place in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. Intelligence reports confirm Azhar was shifted from his long-time Bahawalpur base to covert locations, including Gilgit-Baltistan and possibly Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, due to concerns over his safety after Indian airstrikes devastated nine key terror camps, including Jaish-e-Muhammad facilities, and resulted in over 100 militant casualties and heavy leadership losses. The group's morale is reportedly at an all-time low, prompting a wave of propaganda to falsely suggest Azhar remains in Bahawalpur in an attempt to steady the rank and file. This security crackdown by Indian forces was credited with fundamentally disrupting Jaish's operational capacity. Amid regional and diplomatic fallout, including a brief ceasefire on May 10 after mutual hostilities, Indian officials reaffirmed their commitment to robust counter-terror measures as Islamabad denied harboring Azhar, while fresh intelligence continues to track his movements amidst growing international scrutiny.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### SC hears petitions from women Army officers on permanent commissions.

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The Supreme Court is hearing pleas from women Army officers of the Short Service Commission (SSC) who have been denied permanent commissions (PC), citing discrimination from male counterparts. The court suggests establishing uniform guidelines for granting PC while acknowledging the need for specialized

training assessments. The ongoing hearings involve over 75 petitions, with the court previously ruling in 2020 that the exclusion of women from command roles is indefensible. This case highlights the systemic issues within the armed forces regarding gender equality and the recognition of women's capabilities, reinforcing the need for policy reforms in the Indian military to ensure equal opportunities for all officers.

## Miscellaneous

### Dagger Division Unveils Sindoor Dwar to Honor Anti-Terror Ops

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The Indian Army's 19 Infantry Division, known as the Dagger Division, has inaugurated the Sindoor Dwar at its Baramulla headquarters to commemorate successful operations against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). This initiative follows the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in the death of 26 civilians, leading to Operation Sindoor, which included precision strikes on May 7 that eliminated around 100 terrorists. The division, responsible for the Line of Control's security, has also honored notable military figures by naming various sites in Baramulla, showcasing the army's commitment to counter-terrorism and national security.

### Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet concludes successful Manila visit

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The Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet, comprising INS Delhi, INS Shakti, and INS Kiltan, concluded a successful port call in Manila, Philippines, aimed at bolstering maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. Led by Rear Admiral Susheel Menon, the deployment involved high-level discussions with Philippine officials and a bilateral maritime exercise focusing on anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine warfare. This initiative underscores India's commitment to a free and rules-based Indo-Pacific, enhancing operational synergy between the two navies. The visit included a deck reception and opportunities for personnel exchanges, reinforcing India's strategic partnerships and showcasing its naval capabilities in regional security efforts.

## Experts Dispute Cloudburst Claim in Uttarkashi Disaster



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The recent flash flood in Uttarkashi, initially attributed to a cloudburst, is now disputed by experts who claim that the rainfall recorded (27 mm) was insufficient for such an event. Meteorologists indicate that factors like landslides or ice chunks could be more likely causes, and further analysis using satellite imagery is pending to confirm the disaster's origins. Studies highlight an increase in extreme weather events in Uttarakhand post-2010, exacerbated by unstable geology and human activities, including unregulated construction. This situation underscores the need for comprehensive disaster management and urban planning to mitigate risks associated with extreme weather in vulnerable regions.

## Government Clarifies No Private Mining of Atomic Minerals Allowed



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The Indian government has denied misleading reports suggesting that private entities would be allowed to mine atomic minerals like uranium and thorium from offshore regions, asserting that the Offshore Areas Atomic Minerals Operating Rights Rules, 2025 restrict these rights to government bodies only. The Ministry of Mines emphasized that the statutory framework, including the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2023, mandates strict regulatory control to ensure national security. This reaffirms India's commitment to a transparent and secure approach to managing atomic minerals, crucial for the country's strategic interests, highlighting the importance of maintaining state control over critical resources in alignment with legislative mandates.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
CENTUM	2144.0	2330.7	2144.0	2330.3	222234	9.98	54.9	2272.12	1879.14
SWANDEF	337.65	337.65	337.65	337.65	884	5.0	99.99	220.95	33.55
RELINFRA	267.3	295.4	267.3	295.05	10727914	4.87	31.7	353.02	292.31
ROSSELLIND	69.5	71.31	69.29	71.18	262946	4.8	57.64	68.74	72.48
ASTRAMICRO	975.0	995.05	956.0	992.0	818477	4.54	49.46	978.51	837.05
AXISCADES	1369.5	1396.9	1288.2	1386.0	176419	3.06	55.24	1356.17	859.88
HIGHENE	557.4	597.9	557.4	587.0	11251	2.91	24.89	687.59	601.86
AZAD	1574.6	1594.0	1561.4	1586.4	246858	1.73	52.66	1557.18	1571.2
PTC	179.5	182.6	179.1	182.04	1345174	1.7	46.47	188.0	166.76
LOKESHMACH	210.0	218.58	203.2	212.35	116258	1.57	54.21	210.91	241.3
MIDHANI	402.0	409.7	396.8	401.9	612256	1.55	45.35	409.39	345.1
NIBE	1595.0	1613.0	1582.25	1609.0	3363	1.28	44.32	1645.61	1512.17
APOLLO	180.0	182.0	174.58	180.84	5343400	1.1	51.33	178.18	133.86
BEL	392.0	393.5	387.1	389.7	16852693	0.79	44.65	396.55	320.42
URAVIDEF	490.0	500.0	490.0	493.45	429	0.67	45.05	506.28	449.97
SOLARINDS	15014.0	15248.0	14925.0	15014.0	188951	0.63	47.85	14841.35	12045.34
DRONACHRYA	70.51	72.46	69.8	71.15	40000	-0.36	29.51	79.91	93.28
SIKA	1191.0	1215.0	1141.3	1171.6	18928	-0.45	44.67	1206.19	732.92
BDL	1610.0	1616.8	1558.0	1577.1	1716267	-0.6	28.13	1695.24	1394.93
LT	3650.0	3671.0	3622.2	3628.4	931383	-0.66	56.82	3531.96	3504.52
TECHERA	200.0	204.0	195.5	202.95	12000	-0.76	48.16	207.84	178.13
HAL	4619.0	4619.0	4509.5	4538.6	880916	-0.86	39.21	4675.63	4314.26
KRISHNADEF	819.95	819.95	800.0	802.3	13500	-0.98	37.6	834.13	746.28
RTNINDIA	53.49	55.07	52.3	52.93	4356351	-1.01	34.13	58.6	55.17
BEML	4004.8	4013.0	3925.0	3952.6	176319	-1.07	37.63	4253.9	3710.01
PREMEXPLN	456.0	457.05	433.95	440.1	277256	-1.15	27.33	492.6	465.99
ADANIENT	2333.9	2347.9	2296.0	2300.3	631582	-1.2	25.62	2524.87	2463.33
IDEAFORGE	446.25	448.7	431.05	434.25	215721	-1.22	25.0	501.94	507.7
PARAS	659.85	667.9	638.2	643.55	438974	-1.23	31.61	746.65	601.25
DYNAMATECH	6641.0	6750.0	6525.0	6554.0	4961	-1.31	36.63	6953.02	7051.85
HBLPOWER	613.85	614.0	594.0	602.5	496255	-1.36	52.92	596.25	557.78
DCXINDIA	265.65	267.6	259.5	261.65	227530	-1.45	41.75	269.6	298.02
COCHINSHIP	1745.0	1746.9	1701.7	1707.1	482772	-1.53	30.25	1839.94	1610.55
GOODLUCK	1058.9	1066.7	1011.5	1031.5	171706	-1.81	42.6	1101.82	899.07
BHARATFORG	1151.7	1172.9	1132.8	1139.4	1375068	-1.82	34.8	1201.45	1227.29
MARINE	178.01	182.7	173.6	175.36	101426	-1.86	28.38	189.96	211.41
CFF	608.7	614.5	589.0	596.05	54600	-1.97	38.19	635.84	583.79
TANEJAERO	434.0	434.0	431.2	431.2	1521	-2.0	43.12	459.67	382.42
WALCHANNAG	190.9	192.96	182.0	183.9	52266	-2.06	27.9	204.95	224.38
LMW	15659.0	15872.0	15210.0	15356.0	2586	-2.06	40.84	15780.8	16092.23
GRSE	2674.9	2691.9	2581.1	2595.7	525028	-2.15	43.21	2629.74	1963.21
DATAPATTNS	2686.0	2710.0	2585.0	2596.1	199422	-2.45	40.53	2737.99	2333.59
AVANTEL	130.0	131.0	125.5	126.32	523400	-2.45	31.28	141.89	140.91
SUNITATOOL	716.55	716.55	687.0	699.0	2750	-2.46	38.52	767.01	751.52
MTARTECH	1584.6	1584.6	1531.5	1551.3	244410	-2.46	52.49	1516.2	1550.47
MAZDOCK	2880.0	2887.9	2752.0	2764.5	1745166	-2.93	35.2	2929.29	2613.19
ZENTEC	1484.9	1497.0	1424.0	1427.9	391620	-3.15	23.28	1728.06	1768.99
JYOTICNC	1020.0	1031.5	977.5	982.4	392618	-4.16	36.41	1029.14	1124.78
MACPOWER	911.1	949.0	907.2	907.2	21491	-5.0	33.2	1023.75	1073.72
TEMBO	0.0	491.0	487.0	487.0	14392	-10.28	48.52	491.43	578.75