

Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
HIGHENE	506.1	453.9	+11.5%
MARINE	161.34	153.66	+5.0%
TANEJAERO	298.25	284.05	+5.0%
CFF	440.55	419.6	+4.99%
ROSSELLIND	59.28	56.47	+4.98%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	543.75	679.1	-19.93%
AZAD	1306.15	1355.15	-3.62%
HBLPOWER	453.4	458.6	-1.13%
BEL	272.95	274.92	-0.72%
HAL	3417.7	3424.5	-0.2%

Defense Business and Industry

Schiebel's CAMCOPTER S-100 Chosen for EDA's Logistics Program



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The European Defence Agency (EDA) has selected Schiebel's CAMCOPTER S-100 for its Autonomous Systems for Cross-Domain Logistics programme, focusing on heavy-lift VTOL unmanned air systems. This initiative, hosted by the Italian Army, aims to enhance collaborative experimentation with UAS and Unmanned Ground Systems, with demonstrations scheduled for mid-2025. The programme underscores the importance of interoperability in military operations, particularly for logistical support in complex environments. Schiebel's proven track record and experience position the S-100 as a leading choice for advancing military applications, reflecting a growing trend towards integrating autonomous systems in defense strategies.

GA-ASI Showcases Advanced Autonomy in MQ-20 Avenger Flight



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General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) achieved a significant milestone by successfully flying U.S. government-provided autonomy software on its MQ-20 Avenger during the Orange Flag 25-1 tests. This demonstration highlighted the interoperability of GA-ASI's Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles (UCAVs) and showcased their ability to rapidly integrate and swap autonomy systems midflight. By adhering to government standards, GA-ASI reinforces its commitment to enhancing operational effectiveness

through advanced autonomy solutions. This achievement underscores the ongoing evolution of UCAV capabilities, which aligns with India's strategic interest in developing autonomous drone technologies to bolster its defense readiness and operational versatility.

LIMA 2025: Showcasing Future Innovations in Maritime and Aerospace



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The Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) 2025, scheduled for May 20-24, will serve as a crucial platform for showcasing innovations in the maritime and aerospace sectors within the Asia-Pacific region. This event, which has grown since its inception in 1991, will highlight advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, cyber defense, and robotics, aligning with Malaysia's Defence White Paper 2030 to enhance operational capabilities. Notably, LIMA 2025 aims to attract global defense players, fostering collaboration and showcasing cutting-edge advancements essential for the industry's future, particularly in integrating solutions with existing defense systems and upgrading military assets.

India Unveils BM-04: A New Hypersonic Short-Range Missile



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India's Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has unveiled the BM-04, a new short-range ballistic missile capable of hypersonic speeds, positioned to enhance India's military capabilities against anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) threats. With a range of 400 to 1500 kilometres, a 500 kg warhead, and an impressive accuracy of less than 30 metres circular error probability (CEP), the BM-04 is designed for quick deployment using a mobile launcher. This development

places India among a select group of nations with hypersonic missile technology, reinforcing its strategic deterrence and operational flexibility in a contested environment. The missile's design shares similarities with the Agni I-class, indicating progress in hypersonic weaponry.

Defence Ministry Boosts Competitive Bidding for Private Firms



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The Defence Ministry of India is expanding competitive bidding for weapons procurement to enhance the role of private firms in defense production, supporting the 'Atmanirbhar' initiative for self-reliance. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh emphasized collaboration with various departments to address private sector concerns and facilitate smoother participation in military acquisitions. India's defense production has surpassed ₹1,00,000 crore, with a projected increase to ₹3,00,000 crore within four years alongside significant growth in defense exports. This move aims to create a level playing field for private companies, enabling them to take on more significant roles in complex defense projects and ultimately strengthen India's defense capabilities.

Adani's Visit Highlights Commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Defense



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Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, recently visited the Adani Defence & Aerospace facility in Kanpur, emphasizing the company's commitment to strengthening India's self-reliance in defense through innovation. He highlighted the significance of initiatives like Aatmanirbhar Bharat, aiming to transform India into a premier destination for defense and aerospace manufacturing. Notably, the company's Vehicle-Mounted Counter-Drone System, developed with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), showcases advancements in countering aerial threats, underlining the urgency of robust defense mechanisms in the modern warfare landscape. This initiative reinforces India's strategic defense capabilities amid evolving global security challenges.

Zoid Tech's AI FOD Detection System Revolutionizes Indian Defense



06-Mar-25

Zoid Tech, a Delhi-based startup, has achieved a significant milestone with its AI-based Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Detection System, earning induction by the Indian Navy after successful trials at INS Garuda.

This innovation, part of the iDEX initiative under the Make in India program, highlights the growing capabilities of Indian startups in the defense sector. The system enhances aviation safety by automating FOD detection, providing real-time data on debris as small as 3mm, thereby improving operational efficiency and reducing downtime. This development not only underscores India's commitment to indigenous defense solutions but also strengthens its position in the global aerospace and defense market.

Zen Technologies Wins Third Patent for Advanced T-90 Simulator



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Hyderabad-based Zen Technologies Limited has recently been granted its third patent for the T-90 Tank Simulator, further establishing its leadership in military training simulation. This latest innovation, the Containerized Driving Simulator System (T-90 DS), enhances training capabilities for T-90 tank operators by offering a high-fidelity, portable system that incorporates VR and AR technologies for realistic combat scenarios. With over 1,000 T-90 tanks in operation, the simulator reduces wear on actual assets while improving operational readiness. Zen's achievements also align with India's defense export ambitions, indicating potential opportunities in global markets, particularly in nations with similar armored platforms.

HAL Advances LUH Certification, Aims to Rival Airbus H125



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is advancing the type certification process for its Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) for the civil market, with flight testing expected to begin in mid-2026. This initiative aims to position the LUH as a competitive alternative to the Airbus H125, particularly leveraging its higher payload capacity and reliability, crucial for operations across India's varied terrains. While the H125 has a speed advantage, HAL is confident in the LUH's indigenous design and tailored capabilities to capture a share of India's underserved civil aviation sector. With HAL's extensive experience and support infrastructure, the LUH is set to enhance India's aviation landscape significantly.

ADA Develops External Fuel Tanks for LCA AF Mk2 to Boost Range



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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has initiated the development of external fuel tanks for the

Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) AF Mk2, enhancing its operational range and strategic flexibility. The two types of tanks being designed are a 1700-litre drop tank for the wing inboard station and a 1300-litre tank for under the fuselage, which will significantly increase the aircraft's fuel capacity and range. This advancement not only boosts the LCA's mission capabilities but also allows pilots to jettison the tanks for improved manoeuvrability in emergencies, thereby strengthening India's aerial defense capabilities and extending the aircraft's operational versatility in various mission profiles.

DRDO Unveils Zorawar-Based Self-Propelled Air Defence System



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The DRDO has proposed a Self-Propelled Air Defence Gun Missile System (ADGM-SP) based on the Light Tank Zorawar to enhance the Indian Army's air defence against aerial threats. This hybrid system features twin 30mm guns and integrates a Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS), promising mobility and adaptability for operations in high-altitude areas like Ladakh. The design aims to provide a cost-effective, indigenous solution, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With a prototype expected within 18 months, the initiative underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities amid evolving threats from adversaries. The project reflects a strategic shift towards self-reliance in military technology and indigenous production.

Russia Proposes S-400 Tech Transfer to Boost India's Defense Self-Reliance



06-Mar-25

Russia has proposed transferring technology for the S-400 air defense system to India, allowing for local production of key components amid the pending delivery of the last two squadrons. This aligns with India's defense self-reliance strategy, potentially establishing a domestic production line to enhance air defense capabilities. Meanwhile, India is developing its own S-400-class system under Project Kusha, which aims to reduce dependence on foreign systems. However, challenges like technology absorption and supply chain localization will need to be addressed, especially considering the geopolitical impacts of Western sanctions on Russia that may affect sourcing critical components.

DRDO Unveils JAU: A Pioneering Anti-Drone Defense System



06-Mar-25

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has introduced the Jammer Anti-UAV (JAU) system, a sophisticated counter-drone technology aimed at neutralizing UAV threats by disrupting their command and control links and navigation systems. The JAU can spoof GNSS signals, forcing drones to crash or return to base, making it a versatile asset for India's border security, especially along the Line of Control with Pakistan. By effectively targeting RF links and employing advanced jamming techniques, the JAU enhances India's defense capabilities against adversarial UAVs, offering a non-kinetic method to recover valuable intelligence without destruction. This development underscores India's commitment to innovative defense solutions amidst evolving security challenges.

John Cockerill Launches India's First Overseas Tank Turret Facility



06-Mar-25

Belgium-based John Cockerill Defense has initiated a landmark joint venture with Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics to establish India's first overseas manufacturing facility for turrets, specifically for the Project Zorawar light tank program. This strategic partnership aligns with India's Make in India initiative, aiming to enhance indigenous defense capabilities while reducing reliance on imports. The Chakan, Pune facility is expected to produce the first turret by 2027, with ambitions to expand into future combat vehicle projects. This collaboration underscores the growing confidence of global defense firms in India's industrial capabilities and is set to significantly bolster the Indian Army's modernization efforts, promoting local employment and skill development in the defense sector.

DRDO Launches Pinaka III Rocket Launcher, Expanding Artillery Range



06-Mar-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has unveiled the Pinaka III multi-barrel rocket launcher, significantly enhancing India's artillery capabilities with a 120 km range and a larger 300mm diameter rocket. This advancement, showcased in Hyderabad, positions India competitively against regional threats, especially given China's PHL-03 and Pakistan's A-100 systems. The Pinaka III serves as a

cost-effective, domestically produced alternative to imported artillery, and its development is crucial for modernizing India's military. Additionally, plans for an even longer-range variant demonstrate India's commitment to bolstering its defense capabilities in response to evolving security challenges in the region.

Russia's 177S Engine: A Potential Game-Changer for India's Fighter Jets

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Russia's United Engine Corporation has proposed the Izdeliye 177S engine to enhance India's Super-30 upgrade and future AMCA Mk2 program, boasting a thrust of 142 kN, significantly higher than current engines. This "drop-in" engine aligns with India's "Make in India" initiative and could bridge the gap until indigenous engines are developed. However, concerns arise as the 177S has yet to undergo flight testing, casting doubt on its reliability without an initial commitment from India. The strategic choice for India lies in balancing immediate operational needs against potential long-term risks associated with unproven technology, particularly given the competitive regional air power dynamics.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Defence Ministry Committee Greenlights IAF's Multirole Fighter Needs

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A high-level Defence Ministry committee has acknowledged the Indian Air Force's (IAF) urgent need for new multirole fighter aircraft to address declining squadron strength, influenced by the retirement of older Soviet-era aircraft. The IAF's requirement of 114 multirole fighter aircraft, potentially including contenders like the Rafale, Gripen, and offerings from US manufacturers, aims to bolster capabilities in preparation for advanced conflicts. The committee's recommendations highlight the importance of indigenous production models similar to the C-295 transport aircraft, fostering partnerships between foreign OEMs and Indian firms. This initiative is set to enhance the IAF's operational readiness and maintain a competitive edge, particularly amid growing challenges from regional adversaries like China.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

US Shift to Multipolarity Enhances India's Strategic Interests

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar highlighted India's alignment with the US shift towards multipolarity, underscoring the significance of the Quad alliance for regional stability and shared responsibilities. During discussions in the UK, he emphasized the necessity of a bilateral trade agreement with the US and expressed cautious optimism regarding India-UK Free Trade Agreement negotiations. Addressing India-China relations, Jaishankar asserted the importance of mutual respect for interests and sensitivities, citing recent troop disengagement as progress despite ongoing tensions post-Galwan clashes. Additionally, he reaffirmed India's commitment to engaging both Moscow and Kyiv regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict, reinforcing India's proactive diplomatic stance. Jaishankar's visit exemplifies India's strategic efforts to strengthen its global partnerships while asserting its national interests in a complex geopolitical landscape.

India condemns UK separatist provocations during Jaishankar's visit.

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India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned the provocative activities of pro-Khalistan separatists during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent visit to the UK, where a security breach occurred as a protester aggressively approached Jaishankar's vehicle and tore an Indian flag. The MEA denounced such actions as a misuse of democratic freedoms and called on the UK to uphold its diplomatic responsibilities to ensure the safety of visiting dignitaries. This incident reflects ongoing tensions between India and Khalistani groups in the UK, prompting the Indian government to expect stronger action from UK authorities against those responsible. Despite the disruption, discussions between Jaishankar and UK officials continued, focusing on enhancing the India-UK strategic partnership across various domains, including defense cooperation.

Jaishankar Reaffirms India's Commitment to Reclaim POK

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized India's commitment to reclaiming Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir (POK) during his address at Chatham House in London, outlining a three-step approach to resolve the Kashmir issue: revoking Article 370, restoring economic growth and social justice, and conducting elections with high voter turnout. He asserted that the core of the Kashmir dispute lies in the return of territories under illegal Pakistani occupation, which he described as "stolen." While Jaishankar's remarks received skepticism from Pakistan and critiques from local political figures like Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, they reflect a renewed focus on POK within Indian discourse. This ongoing dialogue underscores India's determination to address historical grievances and assert its territorial integrity, reinforcing a national commitment to reclaiming every part of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kuki Group COTU Disrupts Peace Efforts in Manipur, Claims COCOMI



06-Mar-25

In Manipur, the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) has expressed concern over the lack of participation from Kuki armed groups in arms surrender initiatives amid ongoing ethnic strife. COCOMI's convenor criticized the Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU) for undermining peace efforts while urging the government to ensure security for vulnerable Meitei villages. Despite a call for free movement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, COTU has rejected these terms, demanding a separate Union Territory for the Kuki-Zo community. The situation remains tense, with the government under pressure to restore order and address the political grievances driving the conflict.

Russia Slams Macron's Nuclear Comments as Hostile Threat



06-Mar-25

Russia has condemned French President Emmanuel Macron's remarks about extending France's nuclear deterrent to other European nations, labeling them a "threat." Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov emphasized that such comments indicate France's hostile stance, while President Putin drew historical parallels to Napoleon's invasion of Russia, suggesting Macron's ambitions echo past aggressions. Lavrov firmly opposed any deployment of European forces in Ukraine, viewing them as aligned with NATO's interests, which he perceives as encroaching on Russia's borders. This escalating rhetoric highlights the growing geopolitical tensions in Europe and reinforces the complex dynamics surrounding NATO and Russian relations in the context of the Ukraine conflict.

India's Defense Budget Lags as China's Military Spending Soars



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China's defence budget has surged to \$245 billion, dwarfing India's \$79 billion, as Beijing seeks to modernize its military amid ongoing tensions. Despite India's total budget being significantly higher, only 1.9% is allocated to defence, well below the recommended 2.5% for credible deterrence. With a shortfall in fighter jets and advanced capabilities, India's military faces challenges, especially as China enhances its air and naval power, including military support for Pakistan. To address this widening gap, India must accelerate its modernization efforts and consider increasing defence spending to ensure robust deterrence against regional threats.

Zelenskyy: EU Support Reinforces Ukraine's Resolve Against Russia



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed gratitude for EU support during a summit in Brussels, affirming that Ukraine feels "not alone" in its fight against Russia. He highlighted the importance of increased military assistance, including artillery systems and F-16 fighter jets, and discussed investment in Ukraine's domestic defense production. Zelenskyy's call for security guarantees from the U.S. gained traction following Ukraine's agreement to a significant mineral deal with the U.S., reflecting a growing transatlantic commitment to Ukraine's defense and integration into the EU. This collaboration underscores a pivotal moment for Europe in addressing security threats and strengthening collective defense.

Putin: Any Ukraine peace deal must prioritize Russia's security



06-Mar-25

President Vladimir Putin emphasized that any peace deal regarding Ukraine must prioritize Russia's long-term security and development. During a meeting with women who lost relatives in the conflict, he stated that Russia would not retreat and must choose a peace option that ensures its interests. This assertion reflects Russia's commitment to maintaining its territorial integrity and security amidst ongoing tensions. Putin's remarks highlight the complexities of the geopolitical landscape, where national security concerns dominate discussions about potential resolutions, ultimately indicating a challenging road ahead for diplomacy in the region.

UK Engages 20 Nations to Build Coalition for Ukraine Peace SHARE

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British officials have engaged with around 20 nations, primarily European and Commonwealth partners, to form a coalition supporting a ceasefire in Ukraine. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron are prepared to deploy troops to maintain peace, though details remain vague. Turkey has expressed a willingness to contribute to peacekeeping, while Russia opposes European troop presence. This initiative underscores the urgency for Western nations to enhance defense spending amidst uncertain U.S. commitments, aiming to unify efforts among the U.S., Ukraine, and its European allies to sustain peace in the region.

Jaishankar Highlights India's Foreign Policy and UK Relations SHARE

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Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently addressed foreign policy and regional dynamics in the UK, emphasizing India's commitment to a multipolar world and stable relations, particularly with China. He discussed the significance of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement for mutual economic growth, while also condemning a security breach by pro-Khalistani protesters during his visit. The UK Foreign Office condemned the incident, underscoring the need for safety for dignitaries. Jaishankar's engagements with UK leaders aimed to bolster the India-UK strategic partnership amidst global challenges, including the impact of the Ukraine conflict, highlighting India's proactive diplomatic stance in enhancing economic ties and regional stability.

Jaishankar: Peace at LAC Key to Strengthening India-China Ties SHARE

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Recent statements by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasize that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are essential for enhancing India-China relations. He noted that while 75% of troop disengagement issues in eastern Ladakh have been resolved, further progress is necessary. Jaishankar advocated for mutual respect of the LAC, adherence to past agreements, and a focus on nurturing bilateral ties, acknowledging the complexity of the relationship between two rising powers. Diplomatic efforts, including discussions on pilgrimages and direct flights, highlight a commitment to normalizing relations despite past tensions,

illustrating India's proactive approach to fostering stability in the region.

Australia's Defense Chief Hosts General Chauhan, Strengthening Ties SHARE

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Australia's Chief of Defence Force, General Johnston, hosted India's Chief of Defence Staff, General Chauhan, highlighting a significant step in enhancing defense ties under their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Both nations are committed to improving interoperability and collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing on maritime security and defense industry cooperation. The Mutual Logistics Support Agreement allows for military base utilization, facilitating stronger ties. Australia's designation of India as a "top-tier security partner" in its 2024 National Defence Strategy underscores the strategic importance of this relationship, which is pivotal for regional stability and security amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

Bangladesh's Growing Military Ties with Pakistan Raise Alarms for India SHARE

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Recent developments indicate a concerning shift in South Asian geopolitics as Bangladesh strengthens ties with Pakistan through military exchanges and participation in naval exercises, potentially heightening security risks for India. While Bangladesh remains economically reliant on India, its growing military cooperation with Pakistan, including the acquisition of Turkish drones, raises alarms about possible anti-India strategies reminiscent of the past. The influence of China in the region compounds these concerns, suggesting a potential Bangladesh-China-Pakistan alliance that could strategically encircle India. In response, India is urged to enhance its security measures and foster constructive engagement with Bangladesh to mitigate risks and maintain stability in the region.

China Celebrates Officer Injured in Galwan Clash Amid Tensions SHARE

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China has honoured Qi Fabao, a regiment commander injured in the 2020 Galwan Valley clash, as an outstanding member of the CPPCC, further highlighting the regime's narrative surrounding the incident, which resulted in the deaths of 20 Indian soldiers and four Chinese soldiers. The recognition follows Qi's previous accolades, including being a Winter Olympics torchbearer, while India's clear and immediate

acknowledgment of its casualties contrasts with China's delayed admission. The Galwan clash significantly strained India-China relations, which have only recently seen a thaw through diplomatic engagements, emphasizing the importance of continued dialogue in resolving border tensions and maintaining peace.

US Enforces Strict Monitoring on Pakistan's F-16s to Prevent Misuse SHARE

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The United States has strengthened oversight of Pakistan's F-16 fleet with a \$397 million deal, ensuring these aircraft are exclusively used for counterterrorism and not against India. This agreement mandates strict monitoring, including the presence of US teams at key airbases, to prevent unauthorized use or co-location with Chinese-designed jets. Previous incidents, such as the 2019 Balakot airstrike, raised concerns about Pakistan's compliance with these restrictions. Despite these measures, India remains apprehensive about the potential misuse of F-16s, emphasizing the need for vigilance in monitoring Pakistan's military capabilities and US support in this context, especially given Pakistan's financial constraints that could affect its air force readiness.

Russian missile strikes Kryvyi Rih hotel, killing four and injuring dozens. SHARE

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A Russian missile struck a hotel in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine, resulting in four fatalities and 32 injuries, with ongoing rescue efforts for those trapped under the rubble. This attack is part of a broader pattern of Russian aerial assaults on Ukrainian infrastructure, including strikes on energy facilities that have left thousands without power. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy emphasized the need for sustained pressure on Russia to cease its aggression. The situation underscores the ongoing humanitarian crisis and the resilience of Ukraine amidst relentless military offensives that target both civilians and critical infrastructure.

IAF's C-17 Globemaster Makes Historic First Landing in Kargil SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully landed a C-17 Globemaster at the Kargil airstrip for the first time, significantly enhancing its strategic airlift capabilities. This aircraft can transport up to 35 tonnes, quadrupling the capacity compared to the C-130J Super Hercules, which previously operated there. The C-17's ability to operate in high-altitude, challenging environments like Kargil is crucial for maintaining supply lines, especially during winter months when road access is hindered. This development underscores India's military preparedness and serves as a deterrent to potential adversaries, reinforcing the IAF's operational flexibility along the borders with China and Pakistan.

Military Operations

South Korean Jets Accidentally Bomb Civilian Area, 15 Injured SHARE

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South Korea's Air Force accidentally dropped eight 500-pound bombs on a civilian area during joint live-fire exercises with U.S. forces, injuring 15 people, two seriously. This incident occurred in Pocheon, raising concerns about military operations near populated regions, especially given the ongoing tensions with North Korea. The South Korean military acknowledged the mishap and emphasized the importance of safety in future exercises. This accident underscores the need for enhanced protocols in military training to prevent civilian casualties, particularly as South Korea and the U.S. bolster their military readiness against potential North Korean threats.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Khalistani Terrorist Linked to ISI Arrested in UP with Arms and Explosives SHARE

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An active Khalistani terrorist, Lajar Masih, linked to Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and Pakistan's ISI, was arrested in Uttar Pradesh during a joint operation by the UP STF and Punjab Police. The arrest, which occurred in Kaushambi, led to the recovery of significant explosives, including three hand grenades, a foreign-made pistol, and ammunition. Masih had previously escaped judicial custody in Punjab and was working for a Germany-based BKI module leader. This operation underscores ongoing security challenges posed by cross-border terrorism and the importance of

collaborative law enforcement efforts in curbing such threats to national security.

Pakistan Ranks Second in Global Terrorism Index 2025 with Rising Fatalities SHARE

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Pakistan has become the second-most terrorism-affected country according to the Global Terrorism Index 2025, with a 45% increase in fatalities from terrorism, rising from 748 in 2023 to 1,081 in 2024. The report highlights a dramatic surge in terrorist attacks, particularly from the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which accounted for over half of the deaths. The escalation in violence is attributed to the strengthening of the Afghan Taliban and its influence in the region, particularly impacting provinces like Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This situation underscores the ongoing challenges Pakistan faces in combating terrorism and maintaining national security amidst regional instability.

Trump's Ultimatum to Hamas: Release Hostages or Face Consequences SHARE

06-Mar-25

Former President Donald Trump issued an ultimatum to Hamas, demanding the immediate release of hostages and the return of deceased individuals, warning that failure to comply would have dire consequences for the group. His statements, made via his Truth Social platform, emphasize support for Israel, promising to supply whatever is necessary to defeat Hamas. Trump also addressed Gazans, suggesting a hopeful future contingent on the cessation of hostage-taking. This represents a significant shift in U.S. policy, marking direct engagement with Hamas, which could influence future dynamics in the region and bolster U.S. efforts to negotiate a potential ceasefire.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

US Charges Chinese Hackers in Global Cybercrime Campaign SHARE

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The U.S. has charged twelve Chinese nationals, including hackers and government officials, in a cybercrime campaign targeting dissidents and organizations worldwide, revealing a sophisticated hacking ecosystem supported by the Chinese government. The indictments highlight the actions of a private company, I-Soon, which has conducted

extensive breaches, including against U.S. entities. This situation reflects growing concerns over cyber threats from China, which have escalated alongside the demand for overseas intelligence. The U.S. government continues to respond with sanctions and rewards for information on these activities, underscoring the seriousness of the cyber threats posed by state-sponsored hacking initiatives.

Smartphone banking fraud surges 196% in 2024, warns Kaspersky SHARE

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Kaspersky's 2024 report highlights a dramatic 196% increase in Trojan banker attacks on smartphones, with over 1.2 million incidents reported, as cybercriminals shift towards mass distribution tactics to steal banking credentials. The report indicates a total of 33.3 million malware attacks on mobile devices, emphasizing the need for enhanced cyber literacy. Despite Trojan bankers being the fastest-growing malware, AdWare remains the most prevalent threat. Kaspersky recommends downloading apps only from official stores, scrutinizing app permissions, and keeping software updated to mitigate risks. The escalating threat landscape underscores the importance of proactive cybersecurity measures for all users, especially in an increasingly digital world.

India Urged to Innovate Cybersecurity for Digital Defense SHARE

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India is focusing on innovative cybersecurity strategies to safeguard its digital infrastructure, as highlighted by SMD Jeelani, Director of UIDAI, during the inauguration of the SISA Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence Lab at Dayananda Sagar University in Bengaluru. This initiative aims to train young talent in industry-relevant skills to combat rising cyber threats, with India now being the second most targeted country for cyberattacks after the US. The lab will support the central government's internship program, contributing to the vision of a developed India by 2047. With sectors like finance, government, and telecommunications significantly affected, strengthening cybersecurity is essential for national security and economic stability.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Indian Army's Operation Sadbhavana Equips Rajouri Youth with Skills



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The Indian Army's Ace of Spades Division conducted a skill development training program for local youth in Rajouri under Operation Sadbhavana, aimed at fostering self-reliance through technical expertise in areas such as heavy machinery repair and vehicle recovery. This initiative, part of a broader outreach since 1998, has empowered 30 local participants with essential skills. Concurrently, a collaborative mock drill involving police and emergency services in Kulgam assessed readiness for emergency responses, particularly against potential terror threats. These efforts underscore the Army's commitment to enhancing local capabilities and ensuring security in Jammu and Kashmir, ultimately contributing to stability and development in the region.

Agniveers' Passing Out Parade at INS Chilka on March 7, 2025



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The Passing Out Parade (POP) for the fifth batch of Agniveers at INS Chilka is scheduled for 07 March 2025, marking the successful completion of training for approximately 2972 Agniveers, including women. Vice Admiral V Srinivas will be the Chief Guest, with the event attended by families, veterans, and sports personalities who will inspire the graduates. This ceremony highlights the rigorous training and readiness of the Indian Navy, reinforcing its commitment to a combat-ready and future-ready force. The event will be live-streamed, showcasing the Navy's dedication to transparency and engagement with the public.

Miscellaneous

Modi Engages Japanese Business Leaders to Boost Economic Ties



06-Mar-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently met with a Japanese business delegation to strengthen economic collaboration between India and Japan, highlighting the potential for mutual growth and skill development. The discussions focused on expanding high-quality, low-cost manufacturing in India while targeting global markets, particularly Africa, and underscored Japan's

commitment to India's "Make in India, Make for the World" initiative. With Japan's bilateral trade with India reaching USD 22.85 billion in FY 2023-24, and a target of JPY 5 trillion (approximately USD 35 billion) in public and private investments over the next five years, both nations are poised for significant economic engagement. The upcoming 48th Joint meeting of the Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee is expected to further enhance these ties, emphasizing the importance of Japan's growing interest in India's expanding economic landscape and skilled workforce.

Govt Revives 1962 Evacuated Villages for Tourism and Development



06-Mar-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a campaign to rehabilitate villages evacuated during the 1962 India-China war, particularly focusing on two villages in Uttarkashi, which aim to become major tourist destinations. Emphasizing the importance of border villages as the "first villages," he highlighted initiatives like the Vibrant Village Program and significant infrastructure projects, such as the Kedarnath and Hemkund Ropeway Projects, to enhance accessibility and promote tourism. This strategy reflects the government's commitment to develop border areas, boost local economies, and change perceptions about these regions, ultimately strengthening India's presence and influence along its borders.

US Crude Exports to India Soar as Sanctions on Russia Bite



06-Mar-25

US crude oil exports to India surged to over 357,000 barrels per day in February, marking the highest level in more than two years as Indian refiners seek alternatives due to sanctions on Russian oil. This increase reflects a strategic pivot for India, which anticipates its energy purchases from the US could reach \$25 billion, compared to \$15 billion last year. The diversification of crude supplies, particularly for light-sweet barrels, underscores India's commitment to ensuring energy security amidst geopolitical tensions. Major buyers include Indian Oil Corp and Reliance Industries, highlighting the strengthening of India-US energy ties in the context of shifting global oil dynamics.

DOGE employees earn hefty salaries despite claims of zero pay



06-Mar-25

An investigation has revealed that employees of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

are receiving substantial salaries, contradicting Musk's previous claims of "zero" compensation. Notable salaries include \$195,200 for a software engineer and \$167,000 for a key official, raising concerns over transparency and potential conflicts of interest, especially as the DOGE budget has surged to \$40 million. Critics question the compensation of these staff compared to other federal technologists who have been laid off, highlighting a lack of clarity in DOGE's operations. This situation underscores the ongoing debate about government efficiency and accountability in public spending.

British Foreign Secretary Gifts Tottenham Jersey to EAM Jaishankar



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British Foreign Secretary David Lammy presented External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with a Tottenham Hotspur jersey, symbolizing the strengthening ties between India and the UK as they look forward to a significant year in 2025. Their discussions focused on strategic coordination, trade, education, and technology, emphasizing mutual commitment to enhancing safety and prosperity for both nations. Jaishankar's visit, which included a meeting with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, aims to rejuvenate India's diplomatic and economic engagement with the UK and Ireland, reflecting a forward-looking partnership that bolsters India's global standing and collaborative opportunities in various sectors.

NASA's Athena to Land on Moon's South Pole at 11:02 PM IST Today



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NASA's Athena is set to land on the Moon's south pole today at 11:02 PM IST, following a successful lunar orbit insertion on March 3. This mission, part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative, aims to explore the lunar terrain and search for water ice, vital for future human missions. Equipped with a deep-digging drill and a mass spectrometer, Athena will analyze lunar soil while carrying a hopping spacecraft and a rover. The success of this mission underscores the increasing involvement of private companies in lunar exploration and aligns with NASA's Artemis program, highlighting the lunar south pole's potential for resource extraction, particularly for future space missions.

Experts Warn Trump's Tariffs Could Disrupt Global Trade with India



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Former diplomat KP Fabian criticized Trump's reciprocal tariffs on India as a "foolish endeavour" that could disrupt global trade and lead to retaliatory measures, thereby affecting India's steel and aluminium exports significantly. Robinder Sachdev acknowledged the merit in Trump's approach but highlighted its practical implications, particularly for India's economy amidst rising inflation and declining stock markets in the US. Trump's stance, which criticizes high tariffs imposed by India, underscores a broader effort to address perceived unfair trade practices globally. This situation poses a challenge for India as it navigates the complexities of ongoing trade negotiations with the US while safeguarding its economic interests.

L&T Invests in India's Private Space Industry Growth



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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is investing in India's burgeoning aerospace sector, focusing on private satellite and launch vehicle production as the country aims to reduce import dependency and enhance private sector involvement. L&T is assembling the first privately built Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, targeting a \$44 billion commercial space market by leveraging its manufacturing expertise. This initiative aligns with India's strategy to emerge as a key player in the global space industry, promoting economic growth through privatization and more accessible regulations, ultimately positioning India competitively in the expanding global launch market.

Suryakiran Aerobatic Team Celebrates Thai Air Force's 88th Anniversary



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The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) of the Indian Air Force has arrived in Thailand to perform at the Royal Thai Air Force's 88th anniversary celebrations on March 7 and 8, 2025. This participation, showcasing 12 Hawk Mk 132 aircraft, underscores the strong ties between India and Thailand and highlights India's commitment to military diplomacy. Known for their intricate aerobatic performances, SKAT will display formations that symbolize national pride, enhancing goodwill through cultural exchange. The event is set to attract thousands, marking a significant moment in showcasing India's air prowess and reinforcing strategic partnerships in the region.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
HIGHENE	470.0	509.0	460.3	506.1	12765	11.5	52.42	479.74	669.51
MARINE	160.98	161.34	158.0	161.34	140714	5.0	40.24	169.47	220.23
TANEJAERO	289.8	298.25	289.8	298.25	15291	5.0	44.37	305.41	473.56
CFE	439.9	440.55	439.5	440.55	18400	4.99	39.32	467.93	653.39
ROSSELLIND	57.6	59.29	57.1	59.28	63696	4.98	39.41	61.48	278.95
NIBE	974.0	994.9	968.0	993.2	56898	4.82	34.35	1158.28	1715.89
ZENTEC	1163.3	1194.7	1142.1	1181.1	660206	4.2	38.14	1237.7	1663.21
DCXINDIA	245.0	254.37	244.02	249.83	678320	3.8	38.8	265.71	335.53
PREMEXPLN	345.2	359.95	345.2	353.75	134594	3.15	40.63	371.76	533.0
BHARATFORG	1075.0	1090.0	1066.95	1086.45	896629	2.78	47.08	1074.88	1434.44
IDEAFORGE	355.95	365.95	355.95	362.3	167759	2.78	32.11	390.04	638.14
SIKA	2479.95	2529.0	2451.05	2481.0	2356	2.55	53.71	2418.24	2645.84
MIDHANI	260.0	268.0	260.0	263.57	462374	2.54	44.12	268.75	380.95
PTC	150.0	152.5	149.01	151.5	1993566	2.0	59.24	143.36	185.15
BEML	2546.8	2607.7	2546.8	2582.0	181483	1.78	33.94	2726.07	3941.47
COCHINSHIP	1270.0	1301.75	1260.0	1288.2	732185	1.76	44.65	1294.19	1782.81
SOLARINDS	9370.0	9410.0	9240.0	9386.85	110566	1.61	56.7	8921.42	10257.69
LMW	15216.55	15450.0	15046.0	15415.9	3891	1.61	57.47	14650.83	16027.34
PARAS	898.15	911.5	882.35	898.55	86499	1.54	44.34	918.42	1104.17
KRISHNADEF	566.95	577.8	550.05	565.05	27000	1.45	41.0	605.63	714.9
ASTRAMICRO	627.9	631.55	620.15	623.7	165688	1.36	40.55	637.54	814.62
MTARTECH	1339.0	1346.35	1316.35	1326.7	89000	1.05	41.73	1379.28	1718.08
LOKESHMACH	159.79	159.79	153.0	156.07	34308	0.64	20.99	201.26	356.14
LT	3250.1	3266.45	3215.0	3259.9	1854837	0.63	45.41	3256.22	3575.32
APOLLO	114.8	115.29	112.32	113.84	4245107	0.63	45.2	116.89	109.14
AVANTEL	120.6	121.35	117.66	118.08	595119	0.6	46.82	116.91	-
DATAPATNS	1425.05	1461.95	1405.05	1421.1	520069	0.43	29.56	1602.05	2534.7
ADANIENT	2260.0	2268.9	2226.15	2252.85	890270	0.31	52.53	2208.2	2806.29
GRSE	1318.3	1343.75	1285.0	1297.2	845010	0.22	42.03	1349.19	1719.43
BDL	1070.0	1084.9	1051.0	1065.65	706462	0.2	46.37	1075.72	1263.06
MAZDOCK	2275.0	2299.85	2234.0	2242.4	1774308	-0.19	54.19	2159.68	2196.07
HAL	3472.0	3497.0	3405.25	3417.7	1331348	-0.2	45.62	3453.26	4456.75
BEL	276.21	281.0	271.83	272.95	22586087	-0.72	55.21	260.54	290.82
HBLPOWER	463.0	469.2	451.0	453.4	1192605	-1.13	39.75	481.32	574.06
AZAD	1369.85	1374.65	1276.3	1306.15	694794	-3.62	44.4	1343.8	1591.99
TEMBO	0.0	543.75	543.75	543.75	25652	-19.93	35.39	655.86	466.38