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CFF	512.6	502.65	+1.98%
LT	3334.0	3330.2	+0.11%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
AVANTEL	114.35	123.86	-7.68%
KRISHNADEF	733.2	786.6	-6.79%
DCXINDIA	270.3	289.75	-6.71%
IDEAFORGE	363.45	384.45	-5.46%
APOLLO	118.58	124.93	-5.08%

Defense Business and Industry

India to Receive INS Tamal, Second Talwar-Class Frigate Soon



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India is set to receive INS Tamal, the second of four Talwar-class stealth frigates under a 2016 Indo-Russian defense agreement, with its arrival expected by May 28. Constructed at Russia's Yantar Shipyard, Tamal showcases advanced capabilities including supersonic BrahMos missiles, anti-submarine systems, and stealth technology, enhancing the Indian Navy's operational effectiveness amid rising regional tensions. With the first frigate, INS Tushil, already inducted, the delivery of Tamal reinforces India's naval collaboration with Russia, while also diversifying its defense partnerships. The strategic timing of this transfer, coinciding with diplomatic solidarity against terrorism, underscores the importance of such military assets in bolstering India's maritime security and power projection in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.

Indian Navy and DRDO Successfully Test Indigenous Ground Mine



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have successfully conducted combat firing of the indigenous Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM), enhancing the Navy's capabilities against stealth ships and submarines. Developed by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory in collaboration with various DRDO entities, this advanced underwater mine represents a significant step forward in undersea warfare. With production

backed by Bharat Dynamics Limited and Apollo Microsystems Limited, the system is now poised for induction into the Indian Navy, as affirmed by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat, highlighting India's commitment to bolstering its defense capabilities through indigenous innovation.

Indian Army Boosts Air Defense with VSHORADS-NG Acquisition



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India is enhancing its air defence capabilities with the acquisition of indigenous VSHORADS-NG to replace aging Igla-1M systems while concurrently receiving Russian Igla-S missiles for immediate deployment along its western border amid rising tensions with Pakistan. The VSHORADS-NG, developed by DRDO and Indian partners, reflects India's commitment to self-reliance under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, aiming for long-term operational readiness against aerial threats. Meanwhile, the rapid deployment of Igla-S systems underscores a proactive military strategy in response to regional security challenges, particularly following the Pahalgam terror attack. This dual approach of integrating foreign acquisitions and fostering domestic technological advancements positions India strategically to address immediate threats while ensuring future self-sufficiency in defense capabilities, enhancing its deterrent posture in a complex security environment.

India Plans 6th-Gen Fighter by 2040, Doubling AMCA Capabilities



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India's Air Force has embarked on ambitious plans for a 6th-generation fighter jet, targeting a prototype by 2040 to replace the aging Su-30MKI fleet. Key enhancements

include double the range and payload of the upcoming AMCA fighter, with a focus on advanced technologies such as AI, directed-energy weapons, and adaptive stealth. This strategic move responds to the evolving threat landscape, particularly from China's J-20, and aims to maintain India's air superiority amid rising global military modernization. The initiative not only reinforces deterrence but also highlights India's commitment to advancing its aerospace capabilities in the competitive global defense arena.

IMDEX Asia 2025: Highlighting Naval Power and Tech Innovation



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IMDEX Asia 2025, Asia's premier naval and maritime defense event, will take place from May 6-8, 2025, in Singapore, emphasizing technological advancements like AI and uncrewed systems. Expected to attract over 12,500 attendees and 230 companies from 26 countries, the event will feature 17 warships, highlighting international naval cooperation. The exhibition includes a dedicated Uncrewed Systems Zone and a startup launchpad, fostering innovation and engagement. With strong participation from industry leaders and countries, IMDEX Asia reinforces its role as a critical platform for enhancing maritime security and collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region, pivotal for India's defense strategies and regional stability.

ideaForge Gains DGCA Nod for Drone Pilot Training Program



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ideaForge Technology Limited has received DGCA certification to conduct its Remote Pilot Certificate Training (Small Class) program, aiming to enhance India's drone workforce through a structured five-day training initiative that includes both classroom instruction and practical flying sessions. This program not only aligns with the government's vision of making India a global drone hub by 2030 but also supports the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by reducing dependency on foreign operators and creating local job opportunities across various sectors. With plans to train 200-250 pilots annually, ideaForge's efforts significantly contribute to developing indigenous talent and operational expertise in the expanding UAV sector, reinforcing the country's journey toward self-reliance in emerging technologies.

Pakistan Secures Range-Capped PL-15E Missiles from China



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A leaked document from China's CATIC reveals that Pakistan has received 240 PL-15E missiles with a capped range of 145 kilometers, contradicting claims of acquiring the more capable PL-15 with a range exceeding 200 kilometers. This supply also includes 20 J-10CE fighter jets and is part of a broader \$1.4 billion defense deal, emphasizing the deepening China-Pakistan defense ties. The restricted capabilities of the PL-15E highlight intentional limitations imposed by China, raising questions about the PAF's air-to-air combat advancements. This situation underscores the strategic balance in the region, where India must remain vigilant to counter any perceived threats from enhanced Sino-Pakistani military capabilities.

Indian Army to Boost Troop Safety with New Light Specialist Vehicles



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The Indian Ministry of Defence is set to acquire a significant number of Light Specialist Vehicles (LSVs) to enhance troop mobility and safety along its northern borders, particularly in challenging high-altitude regions like Ladakh. This initiative, initiated through a Request for Information (RFI), highlights the need for lightweight, agile vehicles that provide protection against small arms fire, crucial for operations amid ongoing border tensions. The LSVs will support rapid deployment and reconnaissance missions, reflecting India's commitment to modernizing its armed forces and ensuring operational effectiveness in strategically critical areas. Furthermore, indigenous manufacturing efforts, like the Mahindra ALSV, underscore the urgency and self-reliance in defense capabilities.

Can Pakistan's SH-15 Howitzer Match India's K-9 Vajra?



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As tensions along the Line of Control escalate, Pakistan's deployment of the Chinese SH-15 howitzers aims to counter India's K-9 Vajra artillery. While the SH-15 boasts a range of 53 kilometers and a fire rate of 4-6 rounds per minute, the K-9 Vajra, with its superior range of 50-52 kilometers and fire rate of 6-8 rounds per minute, remains more versatile and battle-proven. Indian experts assert that the K-9's advanced targeting systems and mobility in rugged terrain provide a significant tactical advantage, ensuring India's artillery capabilities remain formidable despite Pakistan's military upgrades. India's ongoing modernization plans

further solidify this edge over Pakistan's reliance on Chinese technology, which raises questions about its effectiveness and reliability.

Four Indian Tech Firms Compete for AMCA Airframe Design Contract



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Four Indian tech firms—Infosys, TCS, L&T Technology Services, and Cyient—have successfully cleared the technical evaluation phase for the airframe design of India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a fifth-generation stealth fighter. This marks a significant shift in India's defense landscape by incorporating private sector expertise alongside traditional public sector undertakings like HAL. While concerns exist regarding these firms' limited experience in defense manufacturing, their advanced capabilities in digital transformation, engineering, and lifecycle management are expected to meet rigorous program standards. The AMCA program is vital for India's defense modernization, with the next bidding phase set to determine the leading design contractor.

DRDO Unveils Advanced SDR to Boost Communication in Fighter Jets



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an advanced indigenous Software Defined Radio (SDR) system to replace the Israeli-supplied BNET SDR in Indian fighter jets, enhancing self-reliance in defense technology. This SDR, available in two variants, supports diverse operational needs and is designed for seamless integration into various platforms, including Sukhoi Su-30 MKI and MiG-29. By replacing the BNET, India aims to reduce dependence on foreign technology and bolster national security amidst modernization efforts. The indigenous SDR will improve communication systems, crucial for operations in contested environments, demonstrating India's commitment to advancing its defense capabilities and ensuring operational autonomy.

Comparing Indian Navy's Rafale-M to IAF's Rafale Fleet



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India's defense capabilities have been significantly enhanced by the procurement of 26 Rafale-Marine (Rafale-M) aircraft for the Indian Navy, complementing the existing fleet of 36 Rafale jets in the Indian Air Force (IAF). The Rafale-M is specifically designed for carrier operations with features like reinforced landing gear

and a tailored radar system, making it adept at maritime combat. This acquisition, valued at ₹63,000 crore, not only strengthens naval air operations but also promotes synergy with the IAF, vital for countering regional threats, particularly from China's naval expansion. However, it highlights India's ongoing reliance on foreign platforms until indigenous solutions like the Twin-Engine Deck-Based Fighter become operational.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Pakistan Boosts Defense Budget by 18% Amidst Tensions with India



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Pakistan plans to increase its defense spending by 18% to over Rs 2.5 trillion in response to rising tensions with India, particularly following a terrorist attack that claimed 26 lives. The decision, supported by the Pakistan Peoples Party and the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, highlights a consensus on enhancing defense capabilities amidst current security threats. Concurrently, Pakistan has conducted successful missile tests, underscoring its intent to bolster military preparedness. This escalation in defense expenditure reflects Pakistan's strategic priorities and concerns about India's military posture, while India remains resolute in its defensive measures, including punitive actions against cross-border terrorism.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India's Indus Treaty Suspension Sparks 21% Water Shortage in Pakistan



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India's decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance has resulted in an anticipated 21% water shortage for Pakistan during the Kharif season, raising alarms among its authorities. The Indus River System Authority noted a significant reduction in River Chenab inflows, attributed to India's closure of dam gates, which locals support, emphasizing their solidarity with the Indian Army and Prime Minister Modi. This action follows a terrorist attack in Pahalgam linked to Pakistan, reinforcing India's stance on using water as a strategic leverage against cross-border terrorism. Overall, India's approach underscores a firm response to security threats while highlighting the geopolitical

complexities surrounding water resources in South Asia.

Rajnath Singh Thanks Japan for Support, Strengthens Defense Ties SHARE

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India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently engaged in significant discussions with their Japanese counterparts to strengthen bilateral ties, especially in light of the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack. Singh expressed gratitude for Japan's swift support and emphasized the importance of their strategic partnership, which includes agreements on defense collaboration and technology exchanges. Both ministers focused on enhancing military interoperability, expanding joint development efforts, and fostering deeper economic ties through talent exchanges and technology partnerships. Additionally, Jaishankar highlighted Japan's vital role in attracting investments to India, particularly in Assam's semiconductor sector. These diplomatic engagements underscore the shared commitment to counter-terrorism and regional security, reinforcing the Indo-Japan alliance as a critical pillar in promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Israeli Minister Advocates for Total Gaza Destruction Amid War SHARE

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Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich has made controversial statements indicating that a decisive victory over Hamas would result in the complete destruction of the Gaza Strip, with civilians relocated to humanitarian zones and eventually migrating to third countries. This statement reflects the increasing calls within Israel for the annexation of the West Bank, a territory occupied since 1967, which Smotrich labeled as a significant challenge for the current government. Concurrently, the Israeli military has mobilized tens of thousands of reservists for a planned offensive in Gaza, with reports indicating that over 75 percent of reservists have responded voluntarily to the call-up. Israel's military capabilities are formidable, with 169,500 active soldiers and 465,000 reservists, as well as 12 ground divisions, a robust air force with 316 combat aircraft, and a naval fleet that includes submarines and corvettes. Since the onset of the conflict triggered by Hamas's attack on October 7, 2023, Israel has engaged on multiple fronts, including the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and against Iranian threats, and has conducted numerous air strikes in

these regions. Experts assert that there is currently no shortage of personnel, indicating that the army is well-prepared for operations in Gaza and other theaters, even while maintaining positions against threats from Hezbollah and retaliating against missile attacks from Yemen's Houthi rebels. Smotrich's comments and the military mobilization demonstrate Israel's strategic approach amidst ongoing hostilities and underline the complex geopolitical dynamics at play in the region.

India Regulates Chenab River Flow Amid Rising Tensions with Pakistan SHARE

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India has taken significant measures in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which resulted in the loss of 26 lives, predominantly among tourists. In an act reflecting its strategic posture, India has suspended the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan and regulated water flow from the Baglihar and Salal dams on the Chenab River, leading to a notable drop in water levels. This maneuver not only underscores India's capability to control water resources but also serves as a strategic pressure point against Pakistan, which heavily relies on the Indus River system for its agriculture and overall water supply. The restriction is expected to create a 21% water shortage during Pakistan's early Kharif season, impacting agricultural outputs and potentially exacerbating domestic unrest within Pakistan due to rising food inflation and dwindling crop yields. Locals in India have shown support for this decision, emphasizing a nationalistic sentiment against providing water to Pakistan. Furthermore, this water regulation is poised to create additional challenges for Pakistan's agricultural sector, which accounts for a significant portion of its economy and rural livelihood. With the suspension of the IWT, Pakistan faces a compounded water crisis, given its already limited storage capacity and ongoing water management issues, suggesting that India's current actions could trigger further instability within the region. The situation also reflects a broader geopolitical context where India is reaffirming its commitment to counterterrorism and leveraging resources as a strategic tool in its bilateral relations with Pakistan.

Jaishankar: India Seeks Partnerships, Not Preaching in Diplomacy SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized India's pursuit of partnerships based on mutual interests rather than ideological preaching, particularly in the context of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. He

highlighted India's pragmatic relationship with Russia, driven by national interests, and criticized Western attempts to resolve the conflict without engaging Moscow. Jaishankar noted that Europe's need for a reality check is crucial for fostering deeper ties with India, advocating for a balanced approach that acknowledges the complexities of international relations. He reiterated India's commitment to realism in diplomacy, asserting that solutions cannot be achieved without involving all relevant parties, particularly Russia.

India Protests Canada Over Offensive Parade Imagery SHARE

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India has lodged a protest with Canada over unacceptable imagery and threatening language targeting its leadership during a Toronto parade featuring pro-Khalistani propaganda. The protest follows recent tensions exacerbated by allegations from former Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau regarding Indian involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, which India strongly denied. Despite the strain in bilateral relations, there are hopes for improvement under the new Canadian leadership, with an emphasis on mutual trust and countering extremism. India has urged Canada to take action against anti-India elements operating within its borders, reaffirming its commitment to protecting its sovereignty and combating separatist agendas.

US House Speaker Affirms Support for India After Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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US House Speaker Mike Johnson reaffirmed the United States' commitment to support India in its fight against terrorism, particularly in light of the recent attack in Pahalgam that resulted in significant casualties. He described India as a vital partner and expressed hope for successful trade negotiations between the two nations. Additionally, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio echoed this sentiment, offering condolences and urging India to work with Pakistan to reduce tensions in South Asia. Overall, this reflects a strengthening US-India alliance focused on counter-terrorism cooperation, showcasing mutual interest in regional stability and strategic partnership.

UNSC Rejects Pakistan's False-Flag Claims on Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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The UN Security Council recently dismissed Pakistan's false-flag allegations regarding the Pahalgam attack, with members posing tough questions about Pakistan's links to terrorism, particularly regarding Lashkar-e-Taiba. The session highlighted broad condemnation of the attack and emphasized the need for accountability, while advising Pakistan to resolve issues bilaterally with India. Additionally, Pakistan's missile tests and the resulting water shortages due to India's abeyance of the Indus Water Treaty reflect escalating tensions. Compounding its challenges, Lufthansa Airlines suspended operations through Pakistani airspace following India's closure of its airspace to all Pakistani-registered aircraft, signaling India's assertive stance in the region.

Punjab Villagers Stay Vigilant Amid Rising Indo-Pak Border Tensions SHARE

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Amid escalating tensions along the Indo-Pak border, villagers in Punjab's Fazilka district, alerted by local authorities, are preparing for potential conflict following recent terrorist attacks. Despite mixed concerns among residents, many are taking precautions, including emergency packing and blackout drills, while some remain calm, relying on their experiences from past evacuations. Community leaders are actively coordinating with security forces to maintain readiness, reflecting a blend of vigilance and resilience. The situation underscores the ongoing volatility in the region, highlighting the villagers' determination to support the Indian Army if necessary while hoping for resolution through dialogue.

Geopolitical Conflict Surpasses Inflation as Top Business Concern SHARE

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A recent survey by GlobalData reveals that 36% of businesses now prioritize geopolitical conflict as their most significant concern, surpassing inflation for the first time in ten quarters. This shift is attributed to fears surrounding the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and potential escalation throughout Europe and the emerging situation in South Asia coupled with looming US tariffs impacting global markets. While inflation remains a significant worry, the emphasis on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors has fallen, with only 12% of businesses prioritizing it. This scenario underscores the evolving landscape of

business challenges, particularly in the context of heightened global tensions, which reflects the need for strategic adaptability in Indian defense and economic policies.

Zelensky's Strategic Win: US-Ukraine Minerals Deal Secures Resources



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The recent US-Ukraine minerals deal represents a strategic win for Ukrainian President Zelensky, allowing Ukraine to retain sovereignty over its natural resources while enhancing economic modernization through a joint investment fund with the US. This agreement also aims to bolster America's mineral supply chains, reducing reliance on China and preventing adversarial states from benefiting from Ukraine's resources. However, the realization of profits from this deal may take time, as mineral extraction is a long-term endeavor. Ultimately, the deal signifies a strengthening partnership that aligns with Ukraine's interests and reinforces the US commitment to a free and independent Ukraine amid ongoing conflict with Russia.

Maldives Revises Defense Pacts with India to Ensure Sovereignty



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The Maldives is amending its defense agreements with India to safeguard its sovereignty, as stated by Defense Minister Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon. Following President Mohamed Muizzu's election, who previously criticized Indian military presence, all Indian personnel have been repatriated, with the minister confirming they were unarmed. Despite criticisms from opposition leaders about the validity of Muizzu's claims regarding these agreements, the Maldives aims to maintain strong ties with India, a crucial maritime partner in the Indian Ocean Region. The ongoing discussions indicate a potential recalibration of relations while addressing national concerns. India remains committed to its "Neighborhood First" policy, emphasizing regional security and cooperation.

Can Pakistan Sustain Military Actions Amidst Economic Strain?



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Following the recent Pahalgam attack by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, India is strategically applying economic pressure on Pakistan through the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty and potential opposition to an IMF loan. With a large military mobilization, Pakistan faces increased expenditures while India strengthens its diplomatic position at the IMF. Moody's warns that

ongoing border tensions could undermine Pakistan's economic progress and hinder access to external financing. India's robust foreign-exchange reserves contrast sharply with Pakistan's precarious financial situation, emphasizing India's strategic advantage in the region as economic and military considerations intertwine in the geopolitical landscape.

Iranian FM Araghchi's Visit to Boost India-Iran Ties Amid Tensions



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Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi visited India primarily to attend the India-Iran Joint Economic Commission, aimed at enhancing bilateral trade and cooperation, particularly regarding the strategic Chabahar Port. His visit comes in the wake of heightened tensions between India and Pakistan following a recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, with India taking strong measures against Pakistan. While Araghchi emphasized Iran's readiness for dialogue and regional stability, Indian officials clarified that the visit was unrelated to the India-Pakistan standoff, reinforcing India's stance against third-party mediation in its disputes. Thus, despite regional tensions, the focus remains on strengthening India-Iran ties.

Pakistan's General Munir Vows Strong Response to Sovereignty Threats



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General Asim Munir of Pakistan's military asserted that the nation will respond with full force to any threats to its sovereignty, emphasizing a commitment to combating terrorism in Balochistan despite ongoing unrest and militant activities. He dismissed the impact of local terrorist groups on the province's integrity and highlighted the need for national unity against foreign-sponsored terrorism. However, his address notably avoided the ongoing challenges posed by the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and unrest in other regions, reflecting a possible anxiety regarding Indian military intentions. This stance underscores Pakistan's ongoing security dilemmas amidst rising tensions in the region, necessitating vigilance from India regarding its own defense strategies.

UN Urges India and Pakistan to Avoid Escalating Military Conflict



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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed deep concern over escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, urging both nations to exercise maximum restraint to avoid military confrontation following the

recent terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives. Guterres emphasized that military solutions are not viable and offered UN support for de-escalation and diplomacy, highlighting the importance of justice for victims of terrorism. His remarks come amid increased hostility that risks spiraling out of control, underscoring the need for constructive dialogue to maintain peace in the region. This call for restraint reflects the international community's recognition of the delicate balance in South Asian geopolitics and the necessity for peaceful resolutions.

Global Airlines Avoid Pakistan Airspace, Costing Millions Amid Tensions



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Major global airlines, including Lufthansa and Air France, have avoided Pakistani airspace due to escalating India-Pakistan tensions following a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, inflicting significant economic losses on Pakistan. This decision, in retaliation to Pakistan closing its airspace to Indian airlines, is projected to cost Pakistan millions in lost overflight fees, with estimates reaching \$300-400 million annually. Pakistan's reliance on these fees, alongside its precarious financial situation marked by soaring inflation and debt, exacerbates its crisis. Analysts suggest that Pakistan's airspace closure and subsequent isolation could destabilize the nation further, highlighting the broader geopolitical ramifications of its actions.

MoD Mulls 155mm Artillery Shell Export Ban Amid Rising Tensions



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The Indian Ministry of Defence is considering a ban on the export of 155mm artillery shells amid escalating tensions with Pakistan, particularly following the recent Pahalgam massacre. While India's defense industry, including public and private firms, has ramped up production for global markets, the MoD aims to prioritize domestic wartime needs, as a full-scale conflict could demand significantly more shells than currently produced. Critics warn that such a ban could hinder India's defense export ambitions, which reached ₹21,083 crore in FY 2023-24, potentially jeopardizing hard-won international markets. However, the MoD's caution reflects a strategic imperative to ensure national security over commercial interests amidst geopolitical challenges.

Military Operations

Pakistani Troops Fire Unprovoked Along LoC; Indian Army Strikes Back



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Pakistani troops have engaged in unprovoked firing along the Line of Control (LoC) for the 12th consecutive night, impacting five districts in Jammu and Kashmir. This escalation follows a terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22 that resulted in 26 fatalities, heightening tensions between India and Pakistan. The Indian Army has responded with proportional force to these provocations, which undermine the February 2021 ceasefire agreement, now viewed as largely ineffective due to consistent violations by Pakistan. The situation is further complicated by Pakistan's retaliatory measures, including airspace restrictions and threats regarding the Indus Waters Treaty. The ongoing hostilities reflect the deteriorating security dynamics in the region, necessitating a robust Indian defense strategy to ensure national security and stability along its borders.

IAF to showcase Rafale, Mirage 2000, and Sukhoi-30 in border drills amid rising tensions with Pakistan.



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India is set to conduct a large-scale air exercise along the Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan on May 7-8, involving frontline jets such as Rafale, Mirage 2000, and Sukhoi-30s. The exercise, occurring amid heightened tensions after a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, demonstrates India's military readiness and operational capability. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) has been issued to restrict airspace, facilitating various operations that enhance combat preparedness. Concurrently, the Indian government has mandated nationwide civil defense drills, showcasing a coordinated approach to national security. The rising tensions, including Pakistan's declaration of a no-fly zone, underline the precarious security dynamics in the region and India's proactive measures in response to escalating threats, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding national interests.

Indian P-8I MPA Effectively Monitors Pakistani Naval Activities



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On May 5, 2025, an Indian Navy Boeing P-8I maritime patrol aircraft conducted operations over the Arabian Sea, monitoring Pakistani naval drills near Karachi, effectively showcasing its advanced surveillance capabilities. With a significant detection range, the P-8I mapped extensive areas of Pakistani waters, signaling India's dominance in maritime operations. The operation prompted a frustrated response from the Pakistan Navy, trying to downplay the incident, which indicates their own vulnerabilities rather than any threat posed by India. This event highlights the Indian Navy's strategic advantage and its commitment to maintaining regional security and monitoring dynamics effectively.

Rajasthan villagers pledge support to Indian Army, urge action against Pakistan after Pahalgam attack.



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Villagers in Rajasthan's Barmer district expressed strong support for the Indian Army following the recent Pahalgam terror attack, asserting their readiness to assist in any potential conflict with Pakistan. They called for stringent actions against Pakistan, emphasizing the need to counter cross-border terrorism and expressing approval for the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty. The Union Home Ministry's directive for mock civil defense drills underscores the government's commitment to preparedness amid escalating tensions. The villagers' sentiments reflect a deep nationalistic fervor and unity in facing external threats, reinforcing a robust stance against terrorism and advocating for decisive governmental action.

Indian Army Captures Pakistani National Near LoC Amid Tensions



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The Indian Army apprehended a Pakistani national near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir amid heightened tensions following a recent terror attack in Pahalgam. This incident comes as ceasefire violations by Pakistan have surged, with unprovoked small arms fire reported across multiple sectors along the LoC. The change in pattern of ceasefire violations, now occurring simultaneously in both northern and southern zones, indicates a strategic escalation by Pakistan, prompting India to respond proportionately. The situation underscores the ongoing volatility in the region, reinforcing India's commitment to safeguarding its territory and responding decisively to provocations.

Pakistan's Defense Minister Warns of Possible Indian Strike After Pahalgam Attack



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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has claimed that India may carry out a military strike along the Line of Control (LoC) in response to the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 people. This assertion follows heightened tensions, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasizing India's commitment to decisive action against terrorism. While Pakistan has called for an international inquiry into the incident, Indian officials have suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and downgraded diplomatic ties. Modi has granted the armed forces complete operational freedom to respond effectively, indicating India's readiness to protect its national security. This situation reflects ongoing volatility in India-Pakistan relations, driven by terrorism.

INS Sharda Docks in Maldives for Humanitarian Aid Exercise



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The Indian Navy has bolstered its engagement with the Maldives by deploying INS Sharda for a week-long Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise with the Maldives National Defence Force, emphasizing India's commitment to security in the Indian Ocean Region. This initiative is part of India's MAHASAGAR strategy, aimed at enhancing maritime security and cooperation. The recent docking of INS Kochi in Male further underscores India's pivotal role as a maritime partner for the Maldives, reinforcing defense ties and humanitarian preparedness. As global trade and security concerns grow, India's proactive stance solidifies its position as a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific.

Israel Strikes Yemen After Houthi Attack on Airport



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Israel conducted airstrikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen's Hodeida, following a missile attack on its main airport, which briefly disrupted flights. The Iranian-backed Houthis had targeted Ben-Gurion International Airport, marking a significant escalation in regional hostilities. In response, Israel's military targeted crucial infrastructure in Hodeida, including a cement factory. This incident underscores the growing tensions in the Middle East, particularly as Israel is considering expanding its military operations in Gaza, and highlights the complex interplay of regional actors involved in the

conflict, necessitating a vigilant approach from India as it navigates its own security concerns in the region.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Doval and Modi strategize amid rising tensions post-Pahalgam attack

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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met with Prime Minister Modi amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack. The government has intensified military discussions, granting armed forces operational freedom for a potential response. Key diplomatic measures have been initiated, including halting cultural exchanges and suspending the Indus Waters Treaty. The Indian Army has reacted to unprovoked ceasefire violations from Pakistan, reinforcing India's commitment to counter cross-border terrorism. Modi emphasized a resolute stance, vowing to pursue terrorists and their backers relentlessly, marking a significant shift in India's defense strategy against Pakistani-sponsored terrorism.

BSF Apprehends Pakistani National for Illegal Border Crossing in Punjab

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Recent incidents along the India-Pakistan border highlight ongoing tensions, with the Border Security Force (BSF) detaining a Pakistani national in Punjab's Gurdaspur after he illegally crossed the border, and another Pakistani individual apprehended in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir. The BSF, responsible for securing the 3,323 km border, has heightened alertness and patrol vigilance amid these tensions, particularly following the detention of a BSF jawan by Pakistan Rangers. Despite a history of resolving such incidents through flag meetings, Pakistan's lack of response raises concerns about bilateral communications. These events reflect the complexities of border security in a historically volatile region, with Indian forces demonstrating readiness and prompting increased security measures to address potential threats effectively.

Woman Naxalite killed in Bijapur encounter amid anti-insurgency drive

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A woman Naxalite was killed in an encounter with security forces in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh,

highlighting ongoing efforts against Maoist insurgency. The gunfight occurred in the Karregutta Hills during a sustained anti-Naxal operation that has been in progress for over two weeks. This operation has already resulted in the deaths of four women Maoists since its launch on April 21. The security forces' proactive approach demonstrates India's commitment to maintaining law and order in regions affected by insurgency, showcasing their determination to combat left-wing extremism effectively.

Punjab Police Foil Cross-Border Terror Network with Major Arms Seizure

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Punjab Police, in collaboration with a central agency, successfully recovered a significant cache of explosives and arms in a joint operation targeting ISI-backed cross-border terror networks near Tibba Nangal-Kular Road. The operation yielded two rocket-propelled grenades, two IEDs, five hand grenades, and a communication set, highlighting the ongoing threat of sleeper cells in Punjab. Additionally, three individuals linked to UK-based criminal organizations were arrested, uncovering a broader network involved in illegal arms movement. This proactive approach demonstrates Punjab Police's commitment to safeguarding national security and dismantling terror infrastructure, reinforcing India's ongoing battle against organized crime and terrorism.

Pahalgam Attack: Home Secretary Reviews Emergency Preparedness

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In the wake of the recent Pahalgam attack, Union Home Secretary is set to review civil defense mock drills in Bihar, aimed at assessing the readiness of local populations and their emergency response capabilities. DGP Vinay Kumar emphasized the importance of these drills, which will take place across various districts to ensure effective coordination and preparedness in real emergencies. This proactive approach highlights India's commitment to enhancing internal security and community resilience. Furthermore, the expression of solidarity from the Amir of Qatar underscores international support for India in these challenging times, reinforcing diplomatic ties while addressing security concerns.

Post-Pahalgam Attack: Centre Initiates Security Drill and Meeting SHARE

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Following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Central Government has ordered a security drill and convened a key meeting with states and Union Territories. In Tamil Nadu, the BJP has urged the state government to identify and take action against illegal residents from Pakistan and Bangladesh, highlighting the growing concern over radical elements and recent incidents like the Coimbatore blast. Party leaders emphasize the need for proactive measures to prevent future attacks, indicating a strong stance against any potential threats to national security. This reflects a broader commitment to counter-terrorism and safeguarding the nation's integrity amidst rising concerns.

Tourists Remain Confident in Srinagar Despite Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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Following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam that targeted tourists, security measures in Srinagar have been significantly ramped up, with increased military presence and surveillance aimed at restoring visitor confidence. Despite an immediate 80% drop in tourist activity, many tourists report feeling safe due to visible security arrangements, showcasing resilience amid fear. The local tourism industry, which has suffered economically, is urging the government to counter misinformation and support recovery efforts. This situation highlights the challenges faced by Kashmir's tourism sector, yet the ongoing influx of visitors underscores a collective determination to overcome adversity and sustain the region's economic well-being.

Putin Condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack, Vows Support for India SHARE

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Russian President Putin condemned the recent Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals, emphasizing his "full support" for India in combating terrorism. He highlighted the need for justice against the perpetrators, linked to the Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, and reaffirmed the commitment to enhance the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. Both leaders discussed strengthening bilateral ties, including economic and defense collaboration, amidst regional tensions. This support underscores the enduring strategic relationship between India and Russia, as they continue to cooperate on security matters while

advocating for diplomatic resolutions to disputes with Pakistan.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Indian Army Strengthens Cybersecurity Amid Hacking Threats SHARE

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The Indian Army is enhancing its cybersecurity measures following a series of hacking attempts on defence-related websites, including those of Army Public Schools and the Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited (AVNL), which was taken offline for an audit after an alleged breach. The Pakistan Cyber Force claimed responsibility for these attacks, asserting access to sensitive data from the Indian Military Engineering Service and the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, although these claims remain unverified by Indian officials. Cybersecurity experts are actively monitoring the situation, and Indian authorities are implementing strategies to bolster digital defenses amid rising tensions with Pakistan following recent terror incidents. The persistent cyber threats underscore the need for robust cybersecurity protocols to safeguard national defense interests and infrastructure against evolving challenges.

Cyberattack Mimics Indian Defence Site to Target Windows, Linux SHARE

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A recent cyberattack campaign has emerged, mimicking India's Ministry of Defence to distribute cross-platform malware targeting Windows and Linux systems. Researchers from Hunt.io identified the attack, which utilizes a cloned website to deceive users into executing malicious payloads. The campaign appears to be linked to APT36, a Pakistan-aligned threat actor known for targeting Indian government entities. This incident highlights the growing sophistication of cyber threats against India, emphasizing the need for enhanced cybersecurity measures and vigilance against such deceptive tactics, particularly as geopolitical tensions continue to rise in the region.

TeleMessage Suspends Service After Security Breach Raises Concerns



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The application TeleMessage, used by Trump administration officials to archive encrypted messages, has suspended its service following a security breach that compromised user data. The incident raised concerns over the security protocols of TeleMessage, which was designed to comply with government record-keeping while preserving encrypted messages. Security experts argue that using such applications can create vulnerabilities, and they are calling for a thorough audit of the service. The situation highlights the tension between the need for secure communication and the regulatory demands for message retention, prompting scrutiny of how encrypted messaging is managed in government contexts.

Miscellaneous

MHA Calls for Statewide Civil Defense Drills Amid Rising Tensions



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In response to heightened tensions with Pakistan following the recent Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, India is set to conduct nationwide civil defence mock drills on May 7, involving nearly 300 districts and focusing on preparations for potential war-like emergencies. The drills, mandated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, encompass a range of activities including training civilians on survival techniques, activating air raid warning sirens, conducting crash blackout simulations, and rehearsing evacuation plans, all aimed at enhancing public readiness for hostile attacks. Each state is implementing tailored strategies to engage local authorities, emergency services, and community volunteers, emphasizing the importance of civilian participation in national security. This comprehensive exercise not only serves as a critical readiness measure but also reflects India's commitment to proactive preparation against emerging threats, reinforcing the message that civil defense is a shared responsibility between the military and the public. The initiative marks a significant revival of Cold War-era civil protection protocols, underscoring the strategic shift towards integrating civilian readiness into national defense planning.

UK Honors Indian Army's Crucial Role in World War II



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King Charles III led UK commemorations marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day, emphasizing the significant contributions of the 2.5-million-strong British Indian Army during World War II. A recent poll highlighted that nearly half of the UK population is unaware of this vital role, showcasing a public desire for more inclusive historical recognition. Veterans, including Sergeant Major Rajindar Singh Dhatt, urged remembrance of their sacrifices against fascism. This reflection on Commonwealth contributions serves as a powerful reminder of the diverse forces that fought for freedom,

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Chinar YUVA Centre in Kashmir Receives Global Acclaim for Youth Empowerment



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The Indian Army's Chinar YUVA Centre in Baramulla, Kashmir, is gaining global recognition for its innovative approach to youth empowerment through skill development and entrepreneurship, contrasting Pakistan's strategy of perpetuating instability. Since 2016, the Centre has trained over 5,800 youths, directly addressing chronic unemployment and reducing susceptibility to radicalization. Notable awards in 2025, such as the Sustainable Product Innovation Award, underscore its commitment to sustainability and local leadership. By integrating vocational training with environmental responsibility, Chinar YUVA is fostering a generation focused on economic opportunities and community resilience, demonstrating that sustainable engagement is key to progress in Kashmir.

Veteran Offers to Rejoin Army Amid Rising Tensions with Pakistan



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A 75-year-old veteran of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, Captain (Retd) Amarjeet Kumar, has offered to rejoin the Indian Army amid rising tensions with Pakistan following a recent terror attack. He expressed his willingness to serve again, emphasizing the need for experienced manpower in the face of potential conflict. Kumar highlighted the importance of

advocating for educational reforms in British schools to properly honor these histories and foster social cohesion.

Farmers hasten harvest near J-K's border amid rising tensions.



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Farmers along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir are urgently completing their harvest amid heightened tensions following a recent terror attack in Pahalgam. With approximately 1.25 lakh hectares at risk from shelling, many farmers report a scramble to package and transport their crops, with labor shortages complicating the situation. Residents express a mix of anxiety and resilience, preparing for potential escalations while supporting Indian troops. The fragile ceasefire with Pakistan is under strain, as fears of conflict loom large, pushing communities to adapt and prepare better than in past crises. Despite the threats, farmers remain committed to safeguarding their livelihoods and supporting national defense efforts.

India's First Woman Rafale Pilot Sets Sights on Space Exploration



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India's only woman Rafale fighter pilot, Lieutenant Shivangi Singh, reflects on her journey from a young girl fascinated by aviation to a key figure in India's modernizing military. Her achievement highlights the growing role of women in the Indian Air Force, which now includes over 1,600 female officers. Singh, who recently flew the advanced Rafale jets amid rising tensions with Pakistan and concerns over China, aims to further her ambitions by aspiring to be an astronaut as India plans its manned space mission. Her story embodies the breaking of gender barriers and showcases the evolving landscape of opportunities for women in defense and aeronautics.

Airport Show 2025 Highlights \$1 Trillion Aviation Expansion Plans



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The Airport Show 2025 in Dubai is set to showcase advancements in the aviation sector, emphasizing a US\$1 trillion expansion across the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia, with India planning to invest about US\$12 billion by 2030 to modernize and build over 220 airports. The event will draw over 6,000 attendees and feature discussions on key topics like passenger experience, sustainability, and technology in airport management. With a growing demand for air travel, especially in the Middle East expected to handle 1.1

billion passengers by 2040, the show represents an important platform for collaboration and innovation within the global aviation industry.

Rijiju's Vietnam Visit Highlights Cultural Diplomacy and Ties



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During Union Minister Rijiju's visit to Vietnam, a significant focus was on cultural diplomacy, highlighted by the exposition of Lord Buddha's relics from India, which coincided with the United Nations Day of Vesak celebrations. This event, showcasing a revered relic within a gold-plated stupa, drew over one lakh devotees in Vietnam, symbolizing the deep spiritual connection between the two nations. The discussions emphasized strengthening bilateral ties through shared historical and cultural heritage, reinforcing the civilizational bond that fosters people-to-people connections and cooperation. This initiative illustrates India's commitment to promoting peace and harmony, enhancing its role in regional diplomacy through cultural engagement.

ADB Confirms No Pakistan Issues Discussed in Meeting with Sitharaman



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During a recent meeting at the 58th ADB Annual Meeting in Milan, Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman prioritized India's economic initiatives rather than discussing issues related to Pakistan, a clarification coming amidst rising tensions following a terror attack in Pahalgam. The ADB President, Kanda, emphasized the bank's support for India's developmental goals, reinforcing the focus on innovative financing and economic resilience. Notably, Indian officials firmly denied that discussions regarding Pakistan took place, highlighting India's commitment to addressing cross-border terrorism through diplomatic measures while concentrating on its own economic growth strategies. This stance underscores India's proactive approach to enhance its geopolitical standing while fostering domestic development.

India and UK Forge Free Trade Pact to Boost Trade by £25.5B by 2040



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India and the UK have successfully concluded a free trade agreement designed to boost bilateral trade by £25.5 billion (\$34 billion) by 2040, marking a significant step in post-Brexit UK trade policy. The deal, celebrated by both Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Keir

Starmer, lowers tariffs on various goods and opens up India's automobile market. This agreement reflects India's strategic shift towards liberalizing trade with major economies, reinforcing its role in global trade dynamics. The pact not only symbolizes stronger economic ties between India and the UK but also positions India favorably in future negotiations with Western powers like the U.S. and the EU.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
CFF	492.6	512.6	492.6	512.6	46800	1.98	58.35	490.61	616.5
LT	3346.0	3353.0	3302.8	3334.0	1695516	0.11	53.7	3260.46	3519.05
SOLARINDS	13240.0	13627.0	13106.0	13188.0	115661	-0.02	69.17	12296.27	10485.07
LMW	16040.0	16098.0	15800.0	15858.0	1998	-0.84	49.92	15792.03	15931.8
ZENTEC	1378.2	1419.3	1326.2	1361.6	360411	-1.2	42.38	1440.29	1712.52
PREMEXPLN	411.0	419.8	397.75	404.95	499711	-1.24	53.72	390.55	479.7
DYNAMATECH	6462.0	6495.0	6300.0	6367.0	5960	-1.29	49.84	6309.48	7213.4
BEL	315.65	319.3	309.2	310.5	17029890	-1.52	59.78	297.72	289.06
PARAS	1395.0	1428.9	1343.1	1353.9	1467043	-1.58	76.51	1105.1	1077.67
AZAD	1636.0	1669.0	1590.2	1606.8	309044	-1.78	62.59	1466.89	1540.24
HAL	4602.0	4675.0	4490.0	4507.5	2269493	-1.81	63.12	4294.74	4253.49
ASTRAMICRO	848.0	853.35	830.05	832.4	252519	-1.87	64.53	772.11	781.96
MTARTECH	1411.0	1435.6	1379.0	1394.0	75766	-1.98	50.96	1381.37	1618.54
BDL	1565.0	1576.0	1511.3	1527.7	2047067	-2.31	65.26	1413.55	1222.05
ROSSELLIND	69.0	70.99	65.43	66.94	32289	-2.82	44.31	73.39	197.45
BHARATFORG	1125.0	1130.0	1080.0	1087.3	1383512	-2.88	48.55	1071.55	1336.6
TANEJAERO	292.6	298.55	280.0	281.0	8515	-3.02	40.12	292.55	430.3
MIDHANI	315.7	317.0	301.35	305.0	430096	-3.36	56.2	290.21	348.26
PTC	174.61	175.84	166.1	169.2	1327055	-3.73	47.03	175.16	176.83
BEML	3235.0	3280.0	3000.0	3109.6	416409	-3.81	52.7	3090.03	3658.27
HIGHENE	492.0	492.0	470.0	472.1	4655	-3.92	45.82	482.79	608.21
DATAPAT'TNS	2285.0	2376.0	2155.6	2194.8	1009000	-3.96	58.47	2013.66	2328.11
COCHINSHIP	1545.0	1583.7	1475.0	1482.7	1810284	-4.01	51.7	1466.38	1643.12
MAZDOCK	3110.0	3148.4	2930.0	2972.6	4367638	-4.09	61.82	2723.42	2315.16
NIBE	1335.0	1361.05	1294.65	1299.7	4647	-4.1	51.57	1336.97	1588.97
ADANIENT	2454.0	2463.2	2343.5	2354.0	1524692	-4.13	50.17	2364.9	2644.77
SIKA	720.0	725.0	667.1	676.15	32537	-4.49	53.38	678.78	535.45
HBLPOWER	500.9	503.6	475.65	477.65	935448	-4.53	44.11	504.53	568.78
MARINE	194.95	195.8	184.05	185.19	268484	-4.54	48.75	189.73	226.49
WALCHANNAG	188.6	189.17	178.65	179.46	231907	-5.0	48.21	184.47	264.25
LOKESHMACH	167.0	167.0	159.8	159.8	10180	-5.01	41.71	165.85	307.6
GRSE	1934.0	1959.5	1821.0	1832.9	2019380	-5.03	57.88	1729.84	1688.07
APOLLO	125.0	127.03	117.25	118.58	14303862	-5.08	50.58	117.0	111.21
IDEAFORGE	383.0	386.7	360.0	363.45	213997	-5.46	47.61	363.34	566.55
DCXINDIA	290.0	292.5	268.65	270.3	650015	-6.71	52.59	260.36	315.79
KRISHNADEF	789.5	795.0	729.05	733.2	39000	-6.79	48.13	773.66	698.21
AVANTEL	125.8	126.71	112.5	114.35	2937184	-7.68	44.7	120.9	-