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### Top Gainers

| Stock      | Close   | Prev   | Change  |
|------------|---------|--------|---------|
| DATAATTNS  | 1628.25 | 1421.1 | +14.58% |
| KRISHNADEF | 621.55  | 565.05 | +10.0%  |
| PARAS      | 965.55  | 898.55 | +7.46%  |
| GRSE       | 1385.15 | 1297.2 | +6.78%  |
| APOLLO     | 121.37  | 113.84 | +6.61%  |

### Top Losers

| Stock    | Close   | Prev   | Change  |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| TEMBO    | 532.9   | 679.1  | -21.53% |
| HIGHENE  | 495.25  | 506.8  | -2.28%  |
| DCXINDIA | 246.83  | 249.83 | -1.2%   |
| NIBE     | 984.05  | 993.2  | -0.92%  |
| SIKA     | 2465.25 | 2478.8 | -0.55%  |

## Defense Business and Industry

### India Signs \$248M Deal for Advanced T-72 Tank Engines

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The Indian Ministry of Defence has signed a \$248 million contract with Rosoboronexport of Russia for the procurement of 1000 HP engines for T-72 Tanks, which are crucial to the Indian Army's armored capabilities. This agreement includes a Transfer of Technology (ToT) to Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited in Chennai, supporting the "Make in India" initiative by enabling domestic production. Upgrading the T-72s from a 780 HP to a 1000 HP engine will significantly enhance their battlefield mobility and offensive power. This strategic move underscores India's commitment to bolster its defense capabilities while fostering indigenous defense manufacturing.

### IAF Urges PMO to Reform HAL Amid Production Delays for MRFA

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is losing faith in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) due to persistent production delays and quality concerns, jeopardizing India's defense preparedness amid regional tensions. As it currently operates 31 squadrons against a sanctioned 42.5, the IAF is advocating for private sector involvement in the upcoming Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) tender to expedite production and ensure timely delivery of modern jets, including potentially 5th-generation fighters. The MRFA tender aims to replace aging aircraft and bolster India's indigenous manufacturing capabilities under the Make in India

initiative. Experts argue for urgent PMO intervention to reform HAL and align it with strategic imperatives, while the IAF's collaboration with private players could enhance efficiency and accelerate modernization efforts, crucial for maintaining operational readiness against growing threats from China and Pakistan.

### Bharat Dynamics shares surge 8% amid EU defense spending boost

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Bharat Dynamics' share price experienced a significant rise of nearly 8% recently, attributed to positive market sentiments surrounding the European Union's (EU) rearmament plan, which totals EUR 800 billion. Analysts from Elara Capital noted that Indian defense companies could benefit as EU manufacturers seek components from Indian firms due to increased defense spending following the US's suspension of military aid to Ukraine. Other potential beneficiaries include Bharat Electronics and Hindustan Aeronautics. The stock has shown robust performance, recovering from previous losses with a 16% jump in March alone, reflecting strong investor confidence in the Indian defense sector amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

### Dassault Plans Rafale Assembly Line in India to Boost Production

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In a significant development for India's defense sector, Dassault Aviation is considering establishing a final assembly line (FAL) for its Rafale fighter jets in India, driven by anticipated large orders from the Indian Air Force and Navy. This initiative aligns with India's "Make in India" strategy, promising economic and strategic benefits through lower production costs, technology transfer, and enhanced operational readiness. With plans to ramp up production rates, Dassault aims to

address global demand while mitigating supply chain issues. The collaboration not only bolsters India's indigenous defense manufacturing capabilities but also positions the nation as a burgeoning player in the global defense market, with potential job creation and a stronger ecosystem for defense technologies. This move is crucial as India seeks to modernize its fleet amidst retiring aircraft.

## IIT Madras Unveils Framework to Strengthen Infrastructure Against Missiles



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IIT Madras has developed an innovative framework to enhance the ballistic resistance of reinforced concrete (RC) panels, crucial for protecting critical infrastructure against missile threats. This research utilizes finite element simulations to analyze local damage from projectiles, providing a probabilistic formula for estimating crater diameter, which addresses inconsistencies in existing models. The novel design philosophy, focusing on damage states, will guide the creation of cost-effective, lightweight ballistic-resistant modular panels for military use, thereby bolstering national defense capabilities. This initiative highlights India's commitment to advancing defense technology and ensuring the security of vital structures amid evolving threats.

## Bharat Electronics Secures ₹577 Crores in New Defense Orders



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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has secured orders totaling ₹577 crores since February 2025, enhancing its offerings in advanced technologies such as airborne electronic warfare products and submarine communication systems. This brings BEL's total order inflow for the financial year to ₹13,724 crores. Notable contracts include a ₹1,220 crore deal for Software Defined Radios for the Indian Coast Guard and a ₹610 crore contract for an Electro-Optic Fire Control System for the Indian Navy. These developments underscore India's commitment to bolstering its defense capabilities while supporting indigenous manufacturing in the defense sector, reflecting a proactive approach to national security.

## Indian Defense Firms Set to Gain from Europe's €800 Billion Boost



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Indian defense companies are poised to benefit significantly from the European Union's ambitious €800

billion rearmament plan, aimed at enhancing military capabilities in light of the Ukraine conflict. With 78% of EU defense procurement currently sourced from outside the bloc—primarily the US—there is a clear opportunity for Indian firms to fill the supply gap, potentially boosting India's defense exports, which have already reached ₹210 billion in FY24. Prominent companies like HAL and BEL are expected to play key roles, supported by increased local manufacturing and public-private partnerships in India's defense sector. The Indian government aims to raise defense exports to ₹300 billion by FY26, leveraging the EU's increased spending.

## TATA Electronics Signs Pact for ₹91,000 Crore Gujarat Fab Project



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India's Semiconductor Mission has gained momentum as TATA Electronics signs a fiscal support pact for a semiconductor fabrication facility in Gujarat, backed by a ₹91,000 crore investment and 50% government support. This initiative aims to produce 50,000 wafer starts per month and create over 20,000 skilled jobs, significantly enhancing India's semiconductor capabilities. Key partnerships with companies like Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation and Himax Technologies will bolster design and manufacturing, enabling India to meet domestic and global demand. This strategic move aligns with India's vision to become a self-reliant technology powerhouse, transitioning from a consumer to a global manufacturing hub for semiconductors.

## SSS Defence Launches Indigenous Submachine Gun and DMR



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SSS Defence has unveiled two indigenous firearms: a Submachine Gun (SMG) chambered in 9mm Parabellum and a Designated Marksman Rifle (DMR), marking a notable advancement in India's defense self-reliance. The SMG is designed for close-quarter combat, while the DMR aims to meet the Indian military's demand for precision at extended ranges, potentially replacing older systems like the Dragunov SVD. This initiative not only reduces reliance on foreign imports but also positions SSS Defence as a competitive player in the global defense market, aligning with India's strategic push towards self-sufficiency in defense production.

## NIT Rourkela and DRDO Join Forces to Enhance Submarine Stealth SHARE

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In a significant advancement for India's maritime defense, NIT Rourkela has partnered with DRDO to develop advanced underwater tiles aimed at enhancing the stealth of Indian Navy submarines. With a budget of ₹1.4 crore, these tiles are designed to absorb or scatter sonar waves, reducing detectability and reinforcing India's underwater deterrent capabilities amid rising tensions in the Indian Ocean Region. This initiative underscores India's commitment to indigenous innovation, reducing reliance on foreign technology and lowering maintenance costs. The project not only strengthens naval stealth but also has potential applications in marine research and deep-sea exploration, positioning India as a hub for innovative maritime technologies.

## Indian Navy to Begin Phasing Out Shishumar-Class Submarines in 2033 SHARE

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The Indian Navy plans to retire its Shishumar-class submarines starting from 2033, coinciding with the induction of newer submarines from Project-75I, which will feature Air Independent Propulsion systems. Currently, four Shishumar-class submarines, operational since the late 1980s, will be used for training until their phased retirement post-2035. ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems will support the submarines for another 15 years, while the Navy is also set to order three additional Kalvari-class submarines in the near future. This strategic shift aims to enhance India's underwater capabilities and maintain naval supremacy in a challenging geopolitical environment.

## Pakistan Pursues F-16s Amidst India's F-35 Interest and Chinese Talks SHARE

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Pakistan is seeking to bolster its F-16 fleet amid modernization talks for Chinese fighters, as it faces an aging air force with a diminishing operational lifespan for its older aircraft. The PAF's interest in obtaining 18-36 additional F-16s is fueled by concerns over India's potential acquisition of F-35A stealth fighters and the need to maintain a credible deterrent against India's growing air power, especially following its Rafale jets procurement. While Pakistan is diversifying its arsenal with Chinese aircraft like the J-10CE, the F-16 remains crucial for operational readiness and interoperability,

underscoring the PAF's reliance on established platforms for immediate defense needs.

## India's Next-Gen Netra AWACS to Feature Advanced GaN Radar SHARE

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India's airborne early warning and control capabilities are set to advance significantly with the upcoming Netra Mk1A and MkII programs, featuring cutting-edge gallium nitride (GaN)-based AESA radar technology. This transition from gallium arsenide (GaAs) improves performance, efficiency, and operational range, making these systems critical for the Indian Air Force. The Netra Mk1, currently operational, will be enhanced with upgraded software and mission capabilities, while the MkII will benefit from advanced self-protection systems. This initiative not only reinforces India's self-reliance in defense technology but also positions the nation at the forefront of modern radar capabilities, essential for maintaining strategic superiority in contested airspace.

## SWiFT UAV Transitions to Full Program for Indian Air Force SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has approved the transition of the Stealth Wing Flying Testbed (SWiFT) UAV from a technology demonstrator to a full-fledged program, reflecting a commitment to advanced aerial capabilities. Designed by DRDO, the 1-ton SWiFT incorporates stealth features and autonomous flight technologies, with plans to refine its design and replace its Russian engine with India's indigenous Small Turbo Fan Engine. This evolution positions SWiFT as a versatile mini-bomber and ISR platform, potentially enhancing India's operational effectiveness in modern warfare. The IAF anticipates ordering at least 100 units, aligning with broader initiatives in unmanned aerial systems amidst global geopolitical challenges.

## DRDO Launches Advanced JAU Anti-Drone System for National Security SHARE

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has unveiled the Jammer Anti-UAV (JAU), a sophisticated counter-drone system designed to jam and spoof enemy UAVs. The JAU disrupts command and control links while misleading navigation systems through electronic countermeasures, effectively forcing drones to land or retreat without physical damage. Its versatility allows for various configurations, making it suitable for border

security, especially along the Line of Control with Pakistan. This development highlights India's proactive approach to countering the growing threat posed by inexpensive drones used by state and non-state actors, marking a significant advancement in national security technology.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### China's Defense Budget Surges 7.2% to \$249 Billion, Far Ahead of India SHARE

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China has announced a 7.2% increase in its defense budget, reaching \$249 billion, significantly outpacing India's spending, which is about \$78.8 billion. This surge supports China's ambitious military modernization efforts, including advanced naval ships and fighter jets, while raising skepticism about the transparency of its actual military capabilities. Chinese Premier Li Qiang emphasized the importance of the Communist Party's leadership over the military, asserting that strong national defense is essential for safeguarding sovereignty. This contrast in defense spending highlights India's need to continue investing in its armed forces to maintain strategic stability in a rapidly shifting geopolitical landscape.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India and Australia Enhance Defence Ties During Historic Visit SHARE

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General Anil Chauhan, India's Chief of Defence Staff, made a historic four-day visit to Australia, marking the first by an Indian CDS, aimed at strengthening defence and security ties between the two nations. His engagements included meetings with senior Australian Defence officials and a tour of the Victoria Barracks, where he gained insights into Australia's military operations. The discussions focused on enhancing collective defence capabilities and regional stability in the Indo-Pacific, underscoring India's status as a "top-tier security partner" for Australia. This visit reflects the ongoing commitment to deepen military collaboration established since 2014, emphasizing interoperability and strategic partnership that is vital for countering regional security challenges in an increasingly dynamic geopolitical landscape.

## Positive Developments in India-China Relations After Modi-Xi Meeting SHARE

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi highlighted "positive strides" in India-China relations following a successful meeting between PM Modi and President Xi Jinping in Kazan, Russia. The discussions led to enhanced dialogue and cooperation after a four-year military standoff in eastern Ladakh was resolved. Wang emphasized the importance of maintaining peace at borders and not allowing boundary issues to define bilateral ties, advocating for a cooperative partnership beneficial for both nations. He called for collaboration to strengthen the Global South, marking 2025 as the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations. This optimistic outlook signals a potential for improved bilateral ties and stability in the region.

## Escalating Geopolitical Tensions Fuel Cyber Attacks in MEA Region SHARE

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Geopolitical tensions in the MEA region have escalated cyber attacks targeting critical infrastructure, particularly in the energy sector, which is highly vulnerable due to its increasing digitalization and interconnectedness with IT systems. The rise of hacktivism and ransomware further complicates the security landscape, necessitating robust employee training and proactive threat intelligence to bolster defenses. Governments across the region, like UAE and Saudi Arabia, are implementing stringent cybersecurity laws and frameworks to protect vital sectors. However, the challenge remains in upgrading outdated systems and ensuring a skilled workforce capable of adapting to new technologies and threats, a crucial factor for maintaining operational resilience and continuity during cyber incidents.

## Geopolitical Tensions Stifle Ship Recycling Market Growth SHARE

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The ship recycling market is facing stagnation, heavily influenced by geopolitical uncertainties and economic pressures such as the strengthening U.S. dollar against the Indian Rupee, which is eroding buyer purchasing power. While India's GDP growth has surpassed 6%, the ship recycling sector remains subdued due to a shortage of available tonnage and uncertainty over U.S. tariffs. Conversely, India's steel market is showing improvement driven by stronger demand, contrasting with declines in global steel production, particularly in China. Overall, the market is in a holding pattern,



anticipating external catalysts to reignite momentum and address current inactivity.

## Philippines and Canada to Sign Troops Pact to Boost Defense Ties [SHARE](#)

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The Philippines and Canada are poised to sign a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA) to enhance defense cooperation and interoperability between their armed forces, marking a milestone in their bilateral relations. This agreement comes amid rising tensions in the Indo-Pacific, where the Philippines is diversifying its security partnerships while reaffirming its alliance with the United States. Canada has supported the Philippines' position in the South China Sea, which aligns with Manila's efforts to bolster regional stability. The Philippines has also recently engaged in similar defense agreements with New Zealand and Japan, signaling a proactive approach to security in response to evolving geopolitical challenges.

## Taiwan Warns Citizens of Travel Risks Amid China's Threats [SHARE](#)

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Taiwan is considering issuing travel warnings for its citizens visiting countries with strong ties to China, such as Laos and Cambodia, amid concerns of a crackdown on pro-independence activists by Beijing. China has threatened severe punishments for those advocating Taiwan's independence, including potential death penalties. Taiwan's government has raised its travel alert due to risks of citizens being detained or questioned abroad. This escalation reflects China's increasing pressure on Taiwan, which asserts its autonomy and rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims. The situation underscores the growing geopolitical tensions in the region and highlights the ongoing struggle for Taiwan's international recognition and safety.

## Trump Questions U.S. Defense Commitment to Non-Paying NATO Allies [SHARE](#)

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U.S. President Donald Trump expressed skepticism about defending NATO allies who do not adequately fund their own defense, raising concerns about the future of U.S. support for NATO amid ongoing European security challenges. While Trump acknowledged NATO's potential, he emphasized the need for increased defense spending from European partners. In response, European leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron, reaffirmed their commitment to

NATO and underscored their loyalty as allies, particularly in light of past cooperative military efforts. The discussion highlights a pivotal moment for transatlantic relations, with implications for global security dynamics as allies navigate their defense responsibilities.

## Russia Intensifies Attacks on Ukraine's Energy Amid U.S. Talks [SHARE](#)

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Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, launching a large-scale missile and drone bombardment amidst ongoing discussions between Ukrainian President Zelenskyy and U.S. officials regarding the war. Ukrainian defenses, bolstered by Western-supplied systems, managed to intercept a significant number of threats, but the assaults aim to exacerbate civilian suffering through targeted strikes on energy facilities. Zelenskyy is set to meet Saudi Arabia's crown prince and hopes to leverage EU defense spending to enhance Ukraine's own military capabilities. The situation underscores the critical role of international support in Ukraine's ongoing struggle against Russian aggression.

## US and Ukraine to Discuss Peace Talks in Saudi Arabia [SHARE](#)

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U.S. and Ukrainian officials are set to hold talks in Saudi Arabia to facilitate peace negotiations regarding the ongoing Ukraine conflict, following a recent diplomatic breakdown. This meeting, involving prominent figures like Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, represents a significant re-engagement, with both nations optimistic about renewed cooperation. Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's visit to Saudi Arabia to meet Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman prior to these discussions underscores the importance of international collaboration in resolving the conflict. The U.S. aims to play a crucial role in fostering dialogue between Ukraine and Russia, highlighting its strategic interests in stabilizing Eastern Europe and reinforcing alliances.

## Omar Abdullah Questions Government's Commitment to PoK Reclamation [SHARE](#)

07-Mar-25

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticized the BJP government for not taking steps to reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) during recent events, highlighting the division of the region into two Union Territories in 2019. External Affairs Minister S.

Jaishankar, responding to Abdullah, emphasized the government's achievements in Kashmir, including the removal of Article 370 and efforts towards economic growth, while reaffirming India's stance that Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral parts of India. Abdullah also pointed out the lack of attention to Chinese occupation of Indian territory. The discourse underscores the ongoing complexities in the region, reflecting both historical grievances and current geopolitical dynamics.

## India's Imports of Russian Oil Surge to €112.5 Billion Amid War SHARE

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India has significantly increased its crude oil imports from Russia since the Ukraine war, spending approximately €112.5 billion on oil, as reported by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. This shift occurred as Indian refineries capitalized on discounted Russian oil, which rose from less than 1% to 40% of India's total crude imports. Despite recent sanctions leading to reduced imports, Russia remains India's top oil supplier due to its competitive pricing amid Western sanctions. This strategic move reflects India's reliance on energy security while navigating complex geopolitical landscapes, ensuring its economic resilience amidst global market fluctuations.

## Indian Navy Concludes Successful TROPEX 2025 Operational Exercise SHARE

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The Indian Navy successfully concluded its Theatre Level Operational Exercise (TROPEX) 2025, conducted from January to March in the Indian Ocean, reaffirming its operational concepts and readiness. The extensive exercise involved 65-70 naval ships, 9-10 submarines, and over 80 aircraft, including joint participation from the Indian Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Key components included an amphibious exercise (AMPHEX), cyber and electronic warfare, and a tactical phase, enabling the Navy to assess its capability to address diverse maritime security challenges. TROPEX 25 highlighted the Navy's commitment to remain a combat-ready and future-ready force, showcasing significant operational synergy with other services, thereby enhancing India's strategic defense posture in the region.

## IAF Urgently Needs 500+ Jets to Counter Growing Threats from China and Pakistan SHARE

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India's Air Force (IAF) faces significant challenges, having reduced its fleet size over the past decade while China and Pakistan have expanded theirs. Currently operating 31 squadrons, below the authorized 42, the IAF's capabilities are diminishing, necessitating a rapid acquisition of over 500 new aircraft, including the domestically produced Tejas and the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA). However, delays in these programs raise concerns over short-term capabilities. The IAF is urged to enhance its offensive capabilities through modern technologies like unmanned combat aerial vehicles and to prioritize recommendations from past reviews to address structural deficiencies. The urgency for effective partnerships with foreign manufacturers remains critical to counter evolving threats and maintain regional air superiority amidst growing adversarial capabilities.

## Indian Army Enhances Anti-Tank Capabilities in Northeast Drills SHARE

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The Indian Army has recently conducted high-altitude war drills at 15,000 feet in Northeast India, focusing on enhancing anti-tank firepower amid ongoing tensions with China. The exercises included the firing of second-generation ATGMs such as Milan 2T and Konkurs, alongside the indigenous Nag ATGM, which boasts up to 90% accuracy. Additionally, the army is preparing to

### Military Operations

## IAF Jaguar fighter jet crashes in Haryana; pilot ejects safely. SHARE

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A Jaguar fighter jet of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in Panchkula, Haryana, during a routine training sortie due to a system malfunction. The pilot successfully ejected before any casualties or injuries were reported on the ground, as he maneuvered the aircraft away from populated areas. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the cause of the incident. This event underscores the IAF's commitment to pilot safety and effective crisis management, showcasing the pilot's skill in handling a critical situation. With no harm to civilians, the incident reflects the IAF's training rigor and operational readiness, reinforcing confidence in India's defense forces.

procure Javelin ATGMs and Stryker infantry combat vehicles from the US to further strengthen its capabilities. These initiatives highlight India's commitment to combat readiness and modernization of its defense arsenal to effectively counter potential threats along the India-China border.

## IAF Enhances Strategic Reach with C-17 Landing at Kargil SHARE

07-Mar-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has achieved a crucial milestone with the successful landing of a C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft at Kargil, enhancing its strategic airlift capabilities at high altitudes. This development significantly boosts logistics and troop mobility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), as the C-17's capacity to transport over 35 tonnes allows for efficient movement compared to previous aircraft. Additionally, the aircraft's operational role can extend to humanitarian missions, providing essential support to stranded civilians during adverse weather. The introduction of Kargil as a viable operational base further expands the IAF's flexibility, reinforcing India's commitment to strengthening its defense logistics and operational readiness.

## India Schedules Bay of Bengal Missile Test: BrahMos or Astra MkIII? SHARE

07-Mar-25

India has announced a missile test in the Bay of Bengal, scheduled for March 12-13, 2025, under a NOTAM that spans 415 kilometers, likely involving either the BrahMos cruise missile or the Astra MkIII Gandiva, a cutting-edge BVRAAM. The Astra MkIII, developed by DRDO and capable of sustained supersonic speeds up to Mach 4.5, represents a significant advancement in India's defense capabilities and self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This test not only showcases India's technological progress but also enhances its deterrence posture against aerial threats from adversaries like China and Pakistan, positioning India among a select few nations with advanced air-to-air missile systems.

## Search Operation Launched for Missing Civilians in Kathua, J&K SHARE

07-Mar-25

In Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, the Army and police are conducting a significant search for three missing civilians, identified as Jogesh Singh, Darshan Singh, and 14-year-old Baroon Singh, who disappeared while attending a wedding. Officials have ruled out any

terror involvement, although past incidents raise concerns about the potential for civilians to join militant ranks. This incident highlights the ongoing security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir, where the disappearance of civilians often triggers alarm due to previous cases leading to similar outcomes. Local political representatives have urged the government for accountability and swift action in addressing this pressing issue.

## Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Wraps Up Successful Visit to Thailand SHARE

07-Mar-25

The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron concluded a successful visit to Phuket Deep Sea Port, Thailand, featuring tactical manoeuvres and exchanges with the Royal Thai Navy, including a PASSEX with HTMS Huahin. Key interactions involved discussions on regional security, joint training exercises, and goodwill activities, enhancing Navy-to-Navy ties. The visit also included cultural engagements such as yoga sessions, sports fixtures, and an Indian Naval band concert, fostering camaraderie and collaboration. This engagement reflects the Indian Navy's commitment to maritime cooperation with neighboring nations, aligning with the SAGAR vision of ensuring security and growth in the region, thereby strengthening bilateral relations with Thailand.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## UK Condemns Security Breach at Jaishankar's London Event SHARE

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The UK condemned a security breach during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's event in London, where a pro-Khalistan extremist attempted to disrupt the proceedings. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) called on the UK to uphold its diplomatic responsibilities, while the Metropolitan Police swiftly resolved the situation without any arrests. Jaishankar's visit followed fruitful discussions with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy on bilateral relations and a reinitiated Free Trade Agreement. This incident highlights ongoing challenges posed by separatist movements abroad and emphasizes the importance of host nations ensuring the safety and security of visiting dignitaries, reinforcing India's call for a strong stance against such provocations.

## Over 1,000 Weapons Surrendered in Manipur's Peace Initiative SHARE

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In Manipur, over 1,000 arms, including assault rifles and grenades, were voluntarily surrendered during a two-week amnesty period amid ongoing ethnic violence. The initiative, which aimed to restore peace, saw a significant majority of the surrendered weapons coming from valley districts, emphasizing the need for communal harmony. The state's administration has assured that no punitive actions will be taken against those who comply, highlighting the urgency for a peaceful resolution. Following the amnesty, security forces are intensifying operations to recover additional illegal arms and dismantle bunkers, showcasing the Indian government's commitment to maintaining law and order in the strife-torn region.

## Railway employee arrested for spying on Indian Army for Pakistan SHARE

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A railway employee in Rajasthan, Bhawani Singh, was arrested for spying on the Indian Army, allegedly sending sensitive information to a Pakistani woman for monetary compensation. His activities included photographing military trains at Mahajan railway station, a site of strategic importance due to its proximity to Army exercises. Singh reportedly fell victim to a honey trap orchestrated by a Pakistani intelligence operative. Following his arrest under the Official Secrets Act, the Indian Railways suspended him, highlighting ongoing vulnerabilities in personnel that could be exploited by foreign intelligence agencies, thus emphasizing the need for enhanced security measures to protect sensitive military information.

## Ambush in Jableh Claims 13 Police Lives Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

07-Mar-25

A recent ambush in Syria's coastal town of Jableh resulted in the deaths of at least 13 police officers, amid escalating tensions between Assad loyalists and Islamic groups. The assault, attributed to Alawite militants, coincides with reports of increased sectarian violence, despite official statements against such actions. In response, security forces have reportedly intensified military operations in the region, including the deployment of helicopter gunships. The situation underscores the fragility of post-Assad Syria, as the power dynamics shift and violence continues to threaten stability, highlighting the ongoing struggle

between sectarian factions that once coexisted under Assad's rule.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi warns against using Chinese routers for security. SHARE

07-Mar-25

US Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi has warned Americans against using Chinese-made TP-Link routers due to cybersecurity risks, highlighting concerns over potential cyber intrusions that could threaten critical infrastructure. His remarks reflect growing scrutiny of foreign technology amidst increasing fears about national security vulnerabilities. While TP-Link has previously denied any security risks, the call to avoid its products aligns with broader efforts to limit reliance on Chinese technology in key sectors. This situation underscores the ongoing geopolitical tensions and the need for countries, including India, to enhance their cybersecurity measures and promote indigenous technology solutions in critical areas.

### Kaspersky: 2.3M Bank Cards Leaked Due to Malware Surge SHARE

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Kaspersky has reported a significant leak of 2.3 million bank cards on the dark web, attributed to data-stealing malware infecting around 26 million devices from 2023-2024. Infostealers, particularly Redline, RisePro, and Stealc, pose growing threats by extracting sensitive financial and personal data. The surge in these infections highlights the importance of cybersecurity measures, as compromised data often resurfaces long after initial infections. Kaspersky advises immediate actions for potential victims, such as monitoring bank accounts and changing passwords. This underscores the critical need for proactive monitoring of digital footprints to protect against cybercriminal threats and safeguard both personal and corporate information.



## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Rajnath Singh Engages with NSP II's All-Women Crew Ahead of Women's

Day  SHARE

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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh recently engaged with the all-women crew of the Indian Navy's Navika Sagar Parikrama II (NSP II) via video call, commending their resilience as they navigate challenging waters en route to Cape Town. This initiative, which showcases India's commitment to gender inclusivity in defense, reflects the government's efforts to empower women in high-endurance roles. With initiatives like permanent commissions and increased participation in military academies, the Indian defense sector is fostering a more inclusive environment. NSP II stands as a symbol of India's dedication to enhancing women's roles in maritime and defense sectors, contributing significantly to national security.

### Army Families' Women Share Gallant Stories at Southern Command SHARE

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Four women from Indian Army families have been appointed as tour guides for the Southern Command War Memorial in Pune, showcasing their commitment to honoring military history. These guides, trained in military terminology and history, share inspiring stories of bravery and sacrifice, fostering respect for the armed forces among visitors, including students and tourists. The initiative highlights the integral role of family members in promoting the legacy of the Army, while also serving as a platform for personal development. Their efforts not only educate the public but also inspire the younger generation to consider joining the armed forces, reinforcing the deep-seated values of loyalty and service within Indian society.

### Army Jawan Killed, Son Critically Injured in Tragic Accident SHARE

07-Mar-25

A 35-year-old Army jawan, Aniruddh Pal, was tragically killed in Kanpur Dehat when a truck struck him while he was on his scooter with his 14-year-old son, Aryan, who sustained critical injuries. The incident occurred near Akbarpur overbridge late Wednesday night as they were headed to a wedding. The truck driver fled the scene, prompting police to initiate a search for the assailant.

This unfortunate event underscores the vulnerability of defense personnel and their families, highlighting the need for enhanced road safety measures to protect those who serve the nation. Immediate police action is underway to ensure justice is served for this shocking incident.

### Indian Army Agniveer Recruitment Deadline Postponed to March 11, 2025 SHARE

07-Mar-25

The Indian Army has postponed the Agniveer recruitment application deadline to March 11, 2025, allowing candidates to apply for multiple posts, including General Duty, Technician, and Clerk/Storekeeper. Eligibility criteria include a minimum of 10th or 12th grade completion with specific marks in relevant subjects. This recruitment initiative is part of the Army's strategy to enhance its personnel intake and modernize its forces. By broadening the application process, the Army aims to attract a diverse pool of candidates, ultimately strengthening India's defense capabilities and ensuring operational readiness.

### Bank of India Partners with Army for Exclusive Rakshak Salary Package SHARE

07-Mar-25

The Bank of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to offer the BOI Rakshak Salary Package, designed for Army personnel, veterans, and Agniveers under the Agnipath Scheme. This package includes enhanced personal accident insurance and various banking benefits, emphasizing the bank's commitment to serving the defense community. During the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Rajeev Puri expressed gratitude for the collaboration, suggesting the establishment of defense-friendly branches in army-dominant areas. The initiative reflects a strong partnership between financial institutions and the armed forces, enhancing support for those who serve the nation.

### Indian Army Boosts Recruitment in Nagaland Through Outreach Programs SHARE

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The Indian Army conducted extensive outreach programs in Nagaland, targeting over 240 eligible students to promote the Agnipath scheme, which offers a four-year tenure for recruits. The initiatives, aimed at modernizing recruitment processes, emphasized the benefits and opportunities for aspirants, including

pathways to permanent service. Similar efforts were held in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya, focusing on the recruitment of Agniveers, which reflects the Army's commitment to building a younger, technology-oriented force. While the scheme faces challenges like quality intake and mental health concerns, the Army is proactively addressing these through comprehensive training and support systems, positioning itself for a dynamic future.

## Farooq Abdullah: Statehood for Jammu & Kashmir is Coming Soon SHARE

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National Conference president Farooq Abdullah expressed optimism about the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing that it will happen soon. Jammu and Kashmir's Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, criticized former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, attributing the loss of statehood and special status to her actions. Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, reaffirmed the government's commitment to restoring statehood, highlighting its significance for citizens and the importance of participatory governance. This discourse reflects a broader political engagement in the region post-Article 370's abrogation, with multiple stakeholders eager for stability, peace, and progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Congress Leader Urges Govt to Aid in Repatriating Indian Shot in Jordan SHARE

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A Congress leader from Kerala, V D Satheesan, has urged the Indian government to facilitate the repatriation of the body of Gabriel, an Indian national shot dead in Jordan while attempting to cross the border into Israel. He requested External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to assist the grieving family financially, as they are unable to cover repatriation costs. The incident, which also left another individual injured, raises significant concerns about the circumstances surrounding Gabriel's death, warranting an investigation. The necessity for prompt action by the Indian Embassy highlights the government's responsibility to support its citizens abroad during tragic incidents.

## Chandrayaan-3 Uncovers Potential Ice Locations on Moon's Surface SHARE

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The Chandrayaan-3 mission has revealed that ice may exist at more locations beneath the Moon's surface than previously believed, particularly near the south pole, based on temperature data collected by the ChaSTE probe. The study suggests that specific slope angles could facilitate ice accumulation, making these regions viable for future exploration and habitation. Researchers noted that while water cannot exist in liquid form on the lunar surface, ice could serve as a resource for sustained lunar missions. This discovery aligns with potential landing sites for NASA's Artemis missions, emphasizing the strategic importance of

### Miscellaneous

## Indian Army Elevates Healthcare Access Across Remote Regions SHARE

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The Indian Army is significantly enhancing healthcare across the nation, especially in remote areas, by conducting numerous medical camps and initiatives that have benefitted hundreds of thousands, including marginalized communities in conflict zones like J&K and Ladakh. In 2024 alone, over 4.67 lakh individuals benefited from 6,578 medical events, including specialized care and health awareness programs. The Army's collaboration with local health authorities and ongoing research partnerships with institutions like ICMR highlight its commitment to both military and civilian healthcare, ensuring holistic wellness and community support. This multifaceted approach not only strengthens civil-military relations but also elevates India's healthcare infrastructure, showcasing a model of integrated defense and social responsibility.

## INS Ranvir Explosion: Supplier Charged Over Wrong Gas Supply SHARE

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An explosion occurred on INS Ranvir on January 18, 2022, at the Mumbai Naval Dockyard due to the inappropriate supply of Freon R152a gas instead of the required Freon R22 for its air-conditioning system. The incident, occurring while the ship was on deployment, resulted in an investigation revealing negligence by the supplier, Ajay Air Products Pvt Ltd, which has since been charged under the Indian Penal Code. This incident underscores the critical need for stringent adherence to safety protocols in the supply chain of military equipment, as lapses can endanger personnel and assets. Proper gas handling is vital for maintaining operational readiness and safety in the Indian Navy.

India's lunar exploration efforts in contributing to global space exploration initiatives.

## Peace March for Unity in Manipur's Tribal Areas on March 8



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A peace march organized by the Federation of Civil Society (FOCS) is scheduled for March 8, aimed at promoting harmony in the ethnic conflict-ridden state of Manipur. The march will travel from Imphal to the Naga-dominated Senapati district, coinciding with the Union Home Minister's announcement allowing free movement in the region. FOCS has called for Kuki-Zo organizations to join the effort, while some have expressed opposition. The initiative reflects a community-driven effort to restore normalcy and peace amid ongoing turmoil, highlighting the importance of collaborative dialogue in addressing the underlying tensions and fostering unity among diverse ethnic groups in Manipur.

## Shaurya Vedanam Utsav: A Showcase of India's Military Strength



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A vibrant display of military might, the Shaurya Vedanam Utsav, took place in Motihari, Bihar, showcasing India's armed forces' capabilities through exhibitions of military equipment, martial arts, and combat demonstrations. The event, attended by notable dignitaries, aimed to inspire youth to consider careers in the Armed Forces while emphasizing indigenous military advancements aligned with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The Indian Air Force and Navy engaged spectators with thrilling performances and informative displays, enhancing awareness of the nation's defense prowess and honoring the sacrifices of fallen soldiers. Additionally, a job fair supported veterans, fostering their transition into civilian careers, thus contributing to national service and pride.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

| Stock             | Open    | High     | Low      | Close    | Volume   | Change | RSI14 | SMA20    | SMA200   |
|-------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| <b>DATAPATNS</b>  | 1421.1  | 1689.9   | 1417.5   | 1628.25  | 11515983 | 14.58  | 46.3  | 1585.26  | 2527.59  |
| <b>KRISHNADEF</b> | 552.0   | 621.55   | 552.0    | 621.55   | 67000    | 10.0   | 51.21 | 604.84   | 715.75   |
| <b>PARAS</b>      | 904.1   | 978.45   | 900.05   | 965.55   | 483374   | 7.46   | 54.49 | 916.68   | 1105.11  |
| <b>GRSE</b>       | 1303.0  | 1399.0   | 1289.55  | 1385.15  | 4153076  | 6.78   | 51.13 | 1342.26  | 1720.39  |
| <b>APOLLO</b>     | 114.5   | 122.2    | 113.28   | 121.37   | 9441546  | 6.61   | 53.77 | 116.47   | 109.19   |
| <b>BDL</b>        | 1061.9  | 1148.6   | 1057.3   | 1135.2   | 3164621  | 6.53   | 55.22 | 1071.86  | 1262.14  |
| <b>ZENTEC</b>     | 1193.9  | 1299.2   | 1181.1   | 1255.45  | 1718264  | 6.29   | 43.94 | 1218.43  | 1664.44  |
| <b>MARINE</b>     | 164.4   | 169.4    | 160.7    | 169.4    | 129513   | 5.0    | 45.36 | 167.63   | 220.52   |
| <b>TANEJAERO</b>  | 299.8   | 313.15   | 298.7    | 313.15   | 7184     | 5.0    | 49.41 | 303.46   | 472.88   |
| <b>CFF</b>        | 441.0   | 462.55   | 441.0    | 462.55   | 11200    | 4.99   | 44.57 | 461.69   | 653.21   |
| <b>ROSSELLIND</b> | 59.29   | 62.24    | 59.29    | 62.24    | 55785    | 4.99   | 48.54 | 61.08    | 276.94   |
| <b>ASTRAMICRO</b> | 628.5   | 658.75   | 621.15   | 651.55   | 375542   | 4.47   | 49.83 | 634.93   | 814.0    |
| <b>MAZDOCK</b>    | 2242.9  | 2352.95  | 2223.7   | 2338.2   | 4654555  | 4.27   | 60.34 | 2166.66  | 2200.56  |
| <b>MTARTECH</b>   | 1333.0  | 1399.9   | 1327.05  | 1380.05  | 212020   | 4.02   | 47.11 | 1369.58  | 1714.3   |
| <b>MIDHANI</b>    | 264.52  | 277.44   | 263.85   | 274.01   | 590769   | 3.96   | 49.12 | 267.12   | 379.94   |
| <b>COCHINSHIP</b> | 1288.15 | 1355.0   | 1278.15  | 1335.85  | 1610855  | 3.7    | 51.2  | 1290.41  | 1781.32  |
| <b>BEML</b>       | 2582.0  | 2714.5   | 2576.85  | 2668.8   | 393193   | 3.36   | 39.59 | 2695.58  | 3932.02  |
| <b>LOKESHMACH</b> | 156.5   | 163.0    | 155.0    | 161.03   | 39470    | 3.18   | 24.95 | 195.09   | 354.77   |
| <b>LMW</b>        | 15420.7 | 16160.55 | 15343.65 | 15849.45 | 5334     | 2.81   | 62.28 | 14658.63 | 16021.25 |
| <b>AZAD</b>       | 1313.0  | 1346.1   | 1298.5   | 1330.85  | 369834   | 1.89   | 46.44 | 1334.29  | 1591.31  |
| <b>BEL</b>        | 275.8   | 279.73   | 274.0    | 276.99   | 25542382 | 1.48   | 57.44 | 260.41   | 290.79   |
| <b>PTC</b>        | 152.1   | 155.22   | 150.82   | 153.32   | 2052651  | 1.2    | 61.06 | 143.95   | 184.77   |
| <b>IDEAFORGE</b>  | 362.3   | 377.85   | 361.0    | 366.55   | 210894   | 1.17   | 34.09 | 385.66   | 636.46   |
| <b>SOLARINDS</b>  | 9329.95 | 9525.0   | 9315.55  | 9486.5   | 95337    | 1.06   | 58.79 | 8939.99  | 10255.39 |
| <b>HAL</b>        | 3418.65 | 3502.0   | 3371.65  | 3452.05  | 1732838  | 1.01   | 47.31 | 3437.27  | 4449.4   |
| <b>AVANTEL</b>    | 118.69  | 122.41   | 117.35   | 119.09   | 720373   | 0.86   | 47.96 | 116.3    | -        |
| <b>PREMEXPLN</b>  | 360.0   | 365.05   | 352.9    | 356.4    | 124662   | 0.75   | 41.6  | 367.07   | 532.33   |
| <b>HBLPOWER</b>   | 454.05  | 467.35   | 453.35   | 456.25   | 1109371  | 0.63   | 40.64 | 475.3    | 573.7    |
| <b>BHARATFORG</b> | 1086.65 | 1099.0   | 1083.05  | 1087.8   | 1212897  | 0.12   | 47.42 | 1072.39  | 1432.49  |
| <b>ADANIENT</b>   | 2249.95 | 2267.65  | 2227.0   | 2247.5   | 818806   | -0.24  | 51.94 | 2204.95  | 2801.82  |
| <b>LT</b>         | 3259.9  | 3289.0   | 3240.1   | 3244.7   | 930240   | -0.47  | 44.01 | 3250.82  | 3574.24  |
| <b>SIKA</b>       | 2506.65 | 2545.1   | 2450.0   | 2465.25  | 2175     | -0.55  | 52.93 | 2415.36  | 2644.93  |
| <b>NIBE</b>       | 1000.0  | 1017.0   | 970.0    | 984.05   | 29729    | -0.92  | 33.83 | 1132.01  | 1713.07  |
| <b>DCXINDIA</b>   | 251.0   | 256.82   | 243.26   | 246.83   | 627670   | -1.2   | 37.77 | 261.66   | 335.12   |
| <b>HIGHENE</b>    | 509.0   | 524.95   | 486.2    | 495.25   | 7653     | -2.28  | 49.83 | 478.37   | 668.11   |
| <b>TEMBO</b>      | 0.0     | 532.9    | 532.9    | 532.9    | 24156    | -21.53 | 34.62 | 655.32   | 466.33   |