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BEML	4266.85	4147.65	+2.87%
IDEAFORGE	619.3	610.95	+1.37%

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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ROSSELLIND	91.14	95.32	-4.39%
NIBE	1868.45	1933.3	-3.35%
APOLLO	100.36	103.56	-3.09%
ASTRAMICRO	791.95	816.65	-3.02%
ADANIENT	2970.1	3046.25	-2.5%

Defense Business and Industry

Sig Sauer Partners with Nibe Group to Manufacture Assault Rifles in India

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American arms manufacturer Sig Sauer has secured a major contract to supply 145,000 assault rifles to the Indian Army, with plans to manufacture a portion of these firearms in India in partnership with Pune-based Nibe Group by 2025. This move aligns with India's 'Make in India' initiative and aims to enhance self-reliance in defense manufacturing while leveraging India's skilled workforce and technological advancements. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan endorsed the Agnipath scheme, emphasizing the importance of reforms in the armed forces and the integration of services for effective defense strategies. The collaboration between Sig Sauer and Nibe reflects a growing synergy between foreign firms and Indian industries, reinforcing the potential of India as a regional hub for defense production in the eastern hemisphere and contributing to the modernization efforts of the Indian defense forces.

Tamil Nadu Accelerates Development of Aerospace and Defence Parks

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The Tamil Nadu government is making significant strides in establishing aerospace and defence parks in Coimbatore, with land acquisition progressing on schedule and infrastructure work already underway. With an investment of Rs 260 crore, the Aerospace Park in Sulur will cover 200 acres, while the Defence Component Industrial Park in Varapatti will span 380 acres. These initiatives are part of the KovaiRising initiative, aimed at generating high-quality jobs and enhancing regional infrastructure as a prelude to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Overall, these projects position Coimbatore as a burgeoning hub for aerospace and defence, reflecting the state's commitment to advancing India's strategic capabilities in these sectors.

Tejas Mk1A Production Delayed by GE F-404 Engine Shortage

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is experiencing production delays for the Tejas Mk1A due to a shortage of F-404 engines from GE Aerospace, pushing the first rollout from November 2024 to March 2025. This setback impacts HAL's ability to fulfill the Indian Air Force's order for 83 jets, crucial for the IAF's

modernization. The engine supply issues stem from global disruptions affecting the aerospace sector, not only delaying new aircraft production but also maintenance of existing Tejas aircraft. While these challenges are significant, HAL's commitment to addressing production capacity at the Nashik facility remains vital for India's defense aspirations.

SAAB Secures $3B Gripen Deal to Bolster Colombian Air Power SHARE

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Colombia is close to finalizing a $3 billion contract with SAAB for Gripen fighter jets to replace its aging Kfir fleet, which is costly to maintain and has limited operational capability. The Gripen E offers advanced multirole capabilities, addressing Colombia's urgent defense needs while supporting local production in Brazil, enhancing regional defense collaboration. SAAB's strategy also includes potential contracts with Peru and other South American nations, reinforcing its presence in the market. This move not only strengthens Colombia's air power but also contributes to local economic growth through technology transfer and job creation, aligning with broader defense spending goals in the region.

China Launches Jiutian SS-UAV: A New Contender Against U.S. Drones SHARE

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China has unveiled the Jiutian, a 10-ton SS-UAV designed to compete with U.S. drones like the RQ-4 and MQ-9, featuring a single-engine configuration, significant payload capacity, and a modular mission bay for deploying smaller drones. The Jiutian aims for enhanced stealth and operational flexibility, capable of high-altitude operations for reconnaissance and strike missions. Its introduction underscores China's ambition for air superiority, particularly in strategic regions like the South China Sea and Taiwan. This development highlights the need for India to continue strengthening its own drone capabilities and defense strategies to counter regional threats and maintain a robust deterrent posture.

NIBE Partners with DRDO to Boost Indigenous Defence Manufacturing SHARE

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NIBE Defence and Aerospace Limited has signed a strategic licensing agreement with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to enhance its capabilities in defence manufacturing. This agreement, effective from February 20, 2024, grants NIBE a 10-year non-exclusive license to utilize DRDO technologies, enabling the production of advanced defence equipment such as Expandable Mobile Shelters and components for missile systems. This collaboration underscores India's commitment to bolstering its indigenous defence production capabilities, promoting self-reliance, and fostering innovation in the sector, which is crucial for enhancing national security and reducing dependency on foreign technology. The agreement represents a significant advancement in India's defence manufacturing landscape.

AZAD Engineering Secures $82.89M Deal with Mitsubishi for Turbines SHARE

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AZAD Engineering Limited has signed a long-term contract worth approximately $82.89 million with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for the supply of advanced gas and thermal turbine components, specifically rotating and stationary airfoils. This agreement underscores AZAD's reputation for precision engineering and positions India as a vital player in the global power generation supply chain. The contract not only enhances AZAD's technical capabilities and innovation but also reflects India's growing stature as a reliable manufacturing hub for high-performance industrial components. This partnership is pivotal for meeting the rising global energy demands while promoting environmentally sustainable practices in power generation.

Pravaig's Veer EV Passes Army Trials, Boosting Special Forces Capability SHARE

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Pravaig's Veer EV has successfully completed extensive trials with the Indian Army in challenging northern terrains, showcasing its potential for Special Forces operations. Powered by a dual-motor setup, this electric vehicle offers remarkable performance and a range of over 500km, making it suitable for extended missions. With features like thermal imaging sensors and stealth capabilities, the Veer EV enhances operational flexibility and resilience in hostile environments. This initiative underscores India's commitment to advancing indigenous defense technologies, promoting self-reliance, and providing the military with innovative solutions that align with modern warfare requirements. The successful trials could mark a significant step toward integrating high-performance electric vehicles into military operations.

LCH Prachand to Enhance Combat Capabilities with UAV Data Link

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The LCH Prachand, India's indigenous Light Combat Helicopter, is set to receive a Tactical Video Data Link (TVDL) system to enhance its network-centric warfare capabilities by enabling real-time data sharing with UAVs and ground-based sensors. This system allows the crew to access high-quality video and data directly in the cockpit, significantly improving situational awareness and decision-making on the battlefield. The integration of TVDL will streamline communication and coordination across various platforms, positioning the LCH Prachand as a vital component of a broader combat network. Developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, the helicopter is tailored to meet the demands of the Indian Armed Forces, particularly in high-altitude and challenging terrains.

IAF Eyes 90 More Rafales to Strengthen Combat Capabilities

07-Nov-24

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is considering acquiring 90 additional Rafale fighter jets to meet its long-standing requirements under the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) tender, despite the initial plan for 114 jets. This decision would align with the IAF's original goal of 126 aircraft, bridging a gap in multi-role combat capabilities. The Rafale's proven track record and established logistical frameworks within the IAF provide it with a significant advantage over other competitors like Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Ultimately, procuring more Rafales could enhance operational readiness while leveraging existing supply chains and expertise, making it a strategic choice for India's defense objectives.

Indian Army Unveils "SMART Soldier" Initiative with AI and Drones

07-Nov-24

The Indian Army is advancing towards a "SMART Soldier" initiative, integrating F-INSAS, drones, and AI to enhance battlefield capabilities, as announced by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi. This modernization plan focuses on improving situational awareness, mobility, and precision strike capabilities while streamlining command structures to adapt to geopolitical changes. The initiative aligns with India's vision of a self-reliant military by 2047, emphasizing technology for enhanced surveillance and logistics. Overall, this comprehensive strategy marks a pivotal shift in military readiness, ensuring the Indian Army remains prepared for future conflicts across diverse terrains.

Pakistan's SMASH Missile Raises MTCR Alarm Over China Ties

07-Nov-24

The Pakistan Navy has test-fired the "SMASH" missile, which reportedly resembles the Chinese CM-401 Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile (ASBM) and boasts a range of 350 kilometers, raising concerns over potential violations of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). This development highlights Pakistan's increasing dependence on Chinese military technology, enhancing its maritime strike capabilities against India. The SMASH missile's advanced features, including near-space trajectories and supersonic maneuverability, pose a significant challenge to existing naval defenses, prompting India to potentially accelerate the development of its own advanced missile defense systems. Overall, this situation underscores the evolving regional power dynamics, necessitating vigilance and innovation in India's defense strategies.

Saab Courts India for MRFA with Gripen-E and Local Integration

07-Nov-24

Saab is actively courting India for the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) contract by promoting the Gripen-E, emphasizing its support for "Make in India" and the seamless integration of indigenous weapons. The company pledges to manufacture in India and collaborate with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to ensure smooth integration of Indian missiles like the Astra and Rudram. This approach not only enhances operational flexibility for the IAF but also advances India's defense self-reliance. However, concerns about access to source code for technology transfer remain pivotal, impacting strategic autonomy as India modernizes its air force and strengthens domestic capabilities.

Trump's Call for Defense Funding Sparks Major Arms Deals in Taiwan

07-Nov-24

Taiwan is reportedly considering a significant arms purchase from the United States, potentially worth billions, as a response to President Trump's call for Taiwan to increase its financial contributions to its own defense. This move underscores Taiwan's commitment to enhancing its military capabilities amidst growing regional tensions. The urgency of the deal also reflects the geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, where American support plays a crucial role in countering

potential threats. From an Indian perspective, strengthening Taiwan's defense could bolster regional stability, indirectly benefiting India's strategic interests in countering assertive moves by China in the region.

Lockheed Martin Reveals Stealthy, Pilot-Optional Tanker Concept SHARE

07-Nov-24

Lockheed Martin's Skunk Works has unveiled a concept for a pilot-optional, stealthy aerial refueling tanker designed to meet the U.S. Air Force's evolving needs. This innovative tanker features advanced stealth capabilities, such as low-observable designs and flexible refueling methods to support a variety of aircraft. Notably, its autonomous operation could enhance operational safety in contested environments, although the program faces challenges regarding affordability amid broader modernization efforts. This development reflects a strategic shift towards more adaptable and survivable aerial refueling solutions, highlighting the U.S. commitment to maintaining a technological edge in future combat scenarios.

Zen Technologies Launches Barbarik: World's Lightest Remote Weapon System SHARE

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Zen Technologies has launched Barbarik, the world's lightest Ultralight Remote Controlled Weapon System (URCWS), enhancing battlefield effectiveness with precision targeting capabilities for ground vehicles, naval platforms, and defensive positions. This adaptable system supports various armaments and features advanced operational modes, significantly improving response times and minimizing personnel risk. Notably, Barbarik's dual-weapon configuration and state-of-the-art sighting systems make it a versatile tool for modern combat scenarios, including anti-drone operations. This innovation positions India at the forefront of military technology, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities with cutting-edge, efficient solutions tailored for contemporary warfare challenges.

LMW Delivers First Air Intake for Tejas Mk1A to HAL, Boosting Self-Reliance SHARE

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Lakshmi Machine Works (LMW) has delivered the first air intake assembly for the Tejas Mk1A to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), marking a crucial step in the indigenous production of this advanced fighter jet. This delivery is part of a broader agreement for HAL to receive a total of 40 assemblies, significantly enhancing the domestic supply chain and supporting India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing. The partnership with LMW, known for precision engineering, will help ensure timely production to meet the Indian Air Force's order for 83 aircraft. The Tejas Mk1A features modern upgrades, solidifying its position as a versatile and competitive platform for various missions.

NSTL Seeks Indian Firms for Advanced Multi Influence Ground Mine Production SHARE

07-Nov-24

The Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in Visakhapatnam has issued an Expression of Interest for Indian manufacturers to produce the Multi Influence Ground Mine (MIGM), a sophisticated naval mine designed to enhance the Indian Navy's capabilities against modern stealth vessels. This initiative reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aligning with the Make in India initiative by promoting indigenous industry participation. The MIGM features advanced technologies, versatile deployment options, and operational modes that improve its effectiveness in maritime operations. By fostering local manufacturing, India aims to strengthen its defense capabilities while reducing reliance on foreign technology, ultimately enhancing national security.

India Pushes for Local Supply Chain for F-404 Engines to Boost Tejas Mk1A SHARE

07-Nov-24

India is seeking to localize the supply chain for GE Aerospace's F-404 engines to support the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet amidst supply delays, with plans to induct around 180 aircraft. The Ministry of Defence aims to secure a reliable local production network by requesting GE to transfer component manufacturing to Indian companies, which would enhance self-reliance and reduce lead times. Additionally, a private sector-led Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) ecosystem for these engines is being established to ensure independent maintenance and lower downtime. This initiative exemplifies India's commitment to bolstering its aerospace capabilities and could set a precedent for future defense programs, enhancing national security.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Trump's Return Could Strengthen India-US Defense Ties, Yet Challenges Loom SHARE

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The recent articles highlight a potential strengthening of India-US defense ties with Donald Trump's return to the White House amid some anticipated challenges, particularly regarding trade tariffs and immigration policy. Experts suggest that despite these hurdles, the strong personal rapport between Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely facilitate significant bilateral agreements in defense, technology, and foreign investment, especially as both nations aim to counterbalance China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region. The collaboration could see continued arms sales and increased military cooperation, bolstered by initiatives like the Quad alliance and the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET). However, analysts caution that Trump's "America First" policy may complicate trade relations and immigration for Indian professionals, which could impact broader economic ties. Overall, while immediate tensions may arise from protectionist measures, the long-term strategic partnership in defense and technology could enhance India's capabilities and foster regional stability, marking a critical evolution in the India-US relationship under Trump's leadership.

India Defends Kashmir Democracy, Rejects Pakistan's Misinformation SHARE

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India has strongly criticized Pakistan for spreading misinformation regarding Kashmir during a UN debate, emphasizing that no disinformation can alter the reality on the ground. Rajeev Shukla highlighted the successful, democratic elections in Jammu and Kashmir and advocated for constructive dialogue over divisive politics. He underscored the importance of reliable information in fostering accountability and combating misinformation, while also addressing threats like digital fraud. Additionally, Shukla expressed concern for the safety of UN peacekeepers and called for enhanced communication strategies to support their operations. This stance reinforces India's commitment to democratic values and emphasizes its proactive approach to global peacekeeping and information integrity.

Israeli Ambassador: India Key to Resolving West Asia Conflicts SHARE

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Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, highlighted India's crucial role in resolving conflicts in West Asia, emphasizing the nation's potential contributions to stability and infrastructure projects in the region. He expressed hopes for a renewal of the Abraham Accords and criticized Hamas for hindering Palestinian progress. The ambassador underscored India's 2023 G20 presidency initiative, the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), which aims to enhance connectivity and trade, despite facing challenges due to ongoing conflicts. This underscores India's growing influence in fostering regional cooperation and stability, aligning with the broader goals of economic prosperity and peace in West Asia.

Indian Consulate in Toronto Halts Camps Over Security Concerns SHARE

07-Nov-24

The Indian Consulate in Toronto has cancelled scheduled consular camps due to the Canadian authorities' failure to provide adequate security, following violent disruptions by anti-India extremists during a recent event in Brampton. Prime Minister Modi expressed anguish over these incidents, which have raised concerns for the safety of Indian nationals and diplomats. The Indian High Commission highlighted that the continued organization of future camps will depend on local security arrangements, emphasizing the need to uphold diplomatic norms and the safety of its citizens. This situation underscores the deteriorating diplomatic relations between India and Canada, and the importance of ensuring a secure environment for routine consular services.

India, Bangladesh Army Chiefs Strengthen Military Ties in Talks SHARE

07-Nov-24

India and Bangladesh army chiefs held a virtual meeting to discuss bilateral military cooperation and shared strategic concerns, emphasizing the importance of stability in South Asia amid evolving political dynamics in Bangladesh. The meeting is part of a broader initiative established by the 'India-Bangladesh Shared Vision for Future,' focusing on defense collaboration, regional security challenges posed by influences from Pakistan and China, and cross-border issues like smuggling and illegal immigration. This growing military partnership underscores India's commitment to fostering regional stability and

addressing security threats collectively, reinforcing its strategic role in South Asia. Enhanced cooperation will likely contribute to a more secure and stable regional environment for both nations.

India Engages in Historic Talks with Taliban Defence Minister SHARE

07-Nov-24

India recently engaged in historic talks with Taliban Defence Minister Mullah Mohammad Yaqub Mujahid, marking the first formal interaction between Indian officials and the Taliban leadership. The discussions, led by MEA's J P Singh, focused on enhancing bilateral relations, with a strong emphasis on humanitarian aid, economic cooperation, and educational initiatives for Afghan youth. Notably, the Taliban's commitment to prevent Afghan territory from being used against India is a pivotal point for building trust. This engagement signals a potential shift in regional dynamics, as India seeks to strengthen its influence in Afghanistan while addressing the pressing humanitarian needs of its people.

Israel enacts law for deporting families of Palestinian attackers SHARE

07-Nov-24

Israel has enacted a law allowing the deportation of families of Palestinian attackers for periods ranging from 7 to 20 years, specifically targeting those who were aware of or supported the attacks. This controversial legislation is expected to face legal challenges as some experts argue it contradicts Israel's fundamental values. The law emerges against the backdrop of the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, highlighting the complexities of security and human rights in the region. While proponents may argue it serves as a deterrent, critics see it as an escalation that further complicates an already tense situation, potentially undermining peace efforts and exacerbating hostilities.

India Engages Afghan Defence Minister, Offers Chabahar Port Access SHARE

07-Nov-24

An Indian delegation recently engaged with Taliban leaders, including Defence Minister Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob, to offer access to the Chabahar Port in Iran to facilitate trade and discuss humanitarian aid for the Afghan people. India has maintained its stance of not formally recognizing the Taliban regime while continuing to provide essential humanitarian assistance. This move underscores India's strategic interest in enhancing regional connectivity and trade routes, particularly through Chabahar, which serves as a counterbalance to other regional influences. By fostering dialogue and support for the Afghan populace, India aims to stabilize the region while asserting its role as a responsible actor in South Asia.

Military Operations

IAF Hind helicopter makes safe emergency landing in Rajasthan SHARE

07-Nov-24

An Indian Air Force (IAF) Hind attack helicopter made an emergency landing in Merta, Rajasthan, due to a technical fault but no casualties were reported. The helicopter was en route from Jodhpur to Jaipur when the pilot detected issues and safely landed in a farm field. An IAF expert team promptly arrived, rectified the fault, and the chopper resumed its journey. This incident underscores the IAF's robust safety protocols and efficient response mechanisms, highlighting the professionalism and preparedness of the Indian defense forces in handling technical challenges to ensure operational readiness and safety.

President Murmu to witness naval operations aboard INS Vikrant on Nov 7. SHARE

07-Nov-24

President Droupadi Murmu is set to witness naval operations aboard the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on November 7, marking her first sailing on this pivotal vessel. The event, coordinated by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, will showcase a range of naval capabilities, including surface operations, submarine exercises, and aerial demonstrations with deck-based fighter aircraft and helicopters. This engagement underscores India's commitment to enhancing its maritime prowess and showcases the operational readiness of its indigenous naval assets, reinforcing national security and strategic autonomy in the region. Such high-level engagements highlight the importance of indigenous development in bolstering India's defense capabilities.

Vietnam Military Plane Crash: Pilots Eject to Safety Amid Malfunction SHARE

07-Nov-24

A military plane crash in Vietnam occurred during a landing attempt in challenging weather, resulting from a

malfunctioning landing gear that couldn't be deployed. The pilots ejected to safety, and the Vietnamese air force launched search-and-rescue operations to locate them. This incident highlights the critical importance of pilot training and aircraft maintenance in ensuring safety during adverse conditions. It also underscores the need for robust emergency protocols, which can serve as a lesson for other nations, including India, to enhance their own defense preparedness and response strategies in military aviation.

President Murmu to Observe Naval Operations on INS Vikrant

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On November 7, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu will witness naval operations aboard the INS Vikrant off the coast of Goa, showcasing the Indian Navy's operational readiness and advancements in indigenous defense manufacturing. The event will feature various activities, including surface ship maneuvers, simulated combat scenarios, submarine exercises, and an air power demonstration with deck-based aircraft. This initiative underscores India's commitment to enhancing its naval capabilities and emphasizes the significance of self-reliance in defense production. By demonstrating these capabilities, India aims to strengthen its position as a formidable maritime power in the region, further enhancing national security and geopolitical stability.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

India to Launch New Counter-Terrorism Policy Soon: Amit Shah

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07-Nov-24

India is set to unveil a new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy, as announced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the 'Anti-Terror Conference-2024'. This initiative aims to enhance coordination between state and central agencies in combating terrorism, with Shah emphasizing the necessity of a unified approach and the adoption of model anti-terrorism squads by states. He also highlighted the importance of advanced technology in addressing evolving terror threats and reiterated Prime Minister Modi's steadfast zero-tolerance stance towards terrorism. The conference, hosted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), is designed to fortify counter-terrorism strategies through interagency collaboration and expert insights, focusing on legal frameworks, prosecution, technology, and international cooperation, showcasing the government's commitment to achieving a terror-free India. This proactive strategy reflects India's recognition of the dynamic nature of terrorism and its commitment to enhancing national security through innovative and coordinated efforts across all levels of government.

Hezbollah Escalates Attacks on Israeli Naval Bases with Drones and Missiles

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07-Nov-24

Hezbollah has launched drone and missile attacks on Israeli naval bases near Haifa and Tel Aviv, claiming responsibility for these strikes as part of its support for Hamas following last year's conflict. This marks the fourth attack on a Haifa base in recent weeks, indicating a sustained escalation in cross-border aggression by Hezbollah. The situation highlights the growing threat posed by non-state actors in the region, which could have implications for Israel's national security and stability. For India, a strong ally of Israel, this development underscores the importance of enhancing regional security cooperation and intelligence-sharing to counter potential spillover effects from such conflicts.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Coast Guard Chief S Paramesh Discusses Capacity Building with Army Chief

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07-Nov-24

Indian Coast Guard Chief S Paramesh met with Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi to discuss national security, ICG preparedness, and the importance of modernization and cooperation among security agencies. This follows his earlier meeting with Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, focusing on operational readiness and coastal security. Paramesh emphasized an inclusive approach toward the growth of the Coast Guard, while retired Additional Director General VD Chafekar was appointed as Executive Director of the ReCAAP ISC, reflecting India's commitment to regional maritime security. These developments underline India's proactive stance in enhancing its maritime capabilities and fostering cooperation in addressing contemporary security challenges.

Miscellaneous

Modi Congratulates Trump on Election Win, Strengthens Ties

07-Nov-24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Donald Trump on his victory in the 2024 U.S. Presidential election, highlighting their strong diplomatic ties and mutual admiration developed over the years. Modi expressed enthusiasm for renewing collaboration to strengthen the India-U.S. partnership across various sectors, including defense, technology, energy, and space, emphasizing the need for cooperation in promoting global peace and stability amid ongoing international conflicts. Trump reciprocated by praising India and Modi, reinforcing their personal camaraderie and shared vision for a robust bilateral relationship. This renewed engagement comes at a strategic time, as both leaders look to build on previous successes and address global challenges together, thereby enhancing India's position on the global stage while fostering a stable and secure environment for mutual growth.

J&K Assembly Erupts Over Article 370 Restoration Resolution

07-Nov-24

A significant uproar occurred in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly over a resolution advocating for the restoration of Article 370, which conferred special status to the region. BJP MLAs protested vehemently, vowing to disrupt proceedings until the resolution was withdrawn, arguing that it undermines the Parliament's decision to abrogate the article in 2019, a move upheld by the Supreme Court. Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma emphasized the resolution's illegality and suggested that the ruling coalition was prioritizing political theatrics over constitutional governance. This ongoing conflict highlights the tensions surrounding Jammu and Kashmir's integration into India and the BJP's steadfast commitment to uphold national unity while addressing regional aspirations. The situation underscores the dynamic interplay between regional governance and national policies, reflecting the BJP's position as a defender of constitutional integrity amidst a politically charged environment.

Airtel Boosts Connectivity in Ladakh with Army's Support

07-Nov-24

Airtel has successfully installed 17 mobile towers across remote regions of Ladakh, including Kargil, Siachen, Galwan, Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO), and Changthang, significantly improving connectivity for local villages. The DBO site, the northernmost military outpost in India with an airstrip for the Indian Air Force, is strategically located near the Line of Actual Control with China. This expansion was executed with the support of the Indian Army's Corps of Signals, highlighting the essential role of secure communication in border areas. Such initiatives not only enhance civilian connectivity but also bolster national security by ensuring effective communication in critical regions.

J&K BJP Vows to Halt Assembly Until Article 370 Resolution Withdrawn

07-Nov-24

The Jammu & Kashmir BJP has declared it will prevent the assembly from functioning until a resolution reaffirming Article 370's special status is withdrawn. Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma criticized the ruling National Conference's Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary for introducing the resolution, which was passed without debate, leading to protests from BJP members. This incident highlights the ongoing tensions surrounding Article 370, which the BJP argues was constitutionally abrogated by the Modi government in 2019, while opposition parties seek its restoration. The BJP's firm stance underlines its commitment to governance that prioritizes national integration and counteracts perceived biases in local political proceedings.

Anantnag Police Seize Rs 50 Lakh Property of Drug Trafficker

07-Nov-24

Anantnag Police in Jammu and Kashmir have provisionally attached a residential property worth over Rs 50 lakhs belonging to alleged drug trafficker Javid Ahmad Bhat under the NDPS Act, as part of an ongoing investigation into his involvement in the trafficking of Codeine Phosphate. This action underscores the police's commitment to combatting drug abuse and trafficking in the region, serving as a deterrent to others engaged in similar illegal activities. The police emphasized the importance of community cooperation in reporting drug-related activities, highlighting a proactive approach to addressing the drug crisis and

fostering public vigilance to enhance safety and health in Anantnag.

Indian Traders Boycott Nepal's Controversial New Rs 100 Note SHARE

07-Nov-24

Traders along the Indo-Nepal border in Uttarakhand are boycotting Nepal's new Rs 100 currency note, which controversially depicts disputed regions as part of Nepalese territory. This decision has reignited tensions between the two countries, disrupting the historically strong cultural and economic ties in border areas. Bhupendra Thapa, president of the local traders association, stated that these areas are integral to India, condemning Nepal's move as detrimental to goodwill. The involvement of a Chinese company in printing the notes has further complicated the issue, raising concerns over the potential economic implications for cross-border trade and cultural exchanges between India and Nepal.

Satcom to Enhance, Not Rival, Terrestrial Networks: MoS Pemmasani SHARE

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Minister of State for Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani emphasized that satellite communication (Satcom) will complement rather than compete with terrestrial networks, highlighting the government's commitment to advancing digital connectivity through initiatives like the SatCom Reform 2022. He noted that integrating Satcom with 5G and 6G technologies is crucial for creating resilient networks, particularly in remote areas. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Chairman AK Lahoti reinforced this by stating that private sector participation under the new One Nation, One Authorization framework will foster innovation and expand digital access. Overall, these developments position India as a leader in the global space race while bridging connectivity gaps domestically.

Indian Military Heritage Festival Launches on Nov 8 in Delhi SHARE

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The 2nd edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) will commence in New Delhi on November 8, 2024, focusing on India's national security and military heritage. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan will inaugurate the festival, which will launch Project Shaurya Gatha aimed at promoting military heritage through education and tourism. The event will feature notable book releases and a photo exhibition by the DRDO showcasing its contributions to Atmanirbhar Bharat. With participation from NCC Cadets and students, the festival aspires to inspire youth towards careers in the armed forces, supported by various governmental and diplomatic organizations.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
LOKESHMACH	332.9	393.6	331.2	393.6	599976	20.0	60.27	366.03	389.57
TEMBO	654.0	662.85	645.0	662.85	436091	5.0	84.08	521.89	305.57
PREMEXPLN	499.95	499.95	490.8	499.95	130006	5.0	54.18	476.74	492.27
BEML	4155.85	4348.0	4152.55	4266.85	789829	2.87	66.24	3928.6	3807.51
IDEAFORGE	617.9	625.8	608.55	619.3	246597	1.37	47.58	620.96	715.63
HAL	4404.0	4454.0	4381.1	4433.8	1185134	0.99	54.31	4356.49	4213.66
SOLARINDS	10269.0	10276.75	10105.5	10217.15	52367	0.06	41.15	10704.22	9498.99
LT	3647.35	3663.0	3620.0	3646.55	1581009	0.03	58.5	3520.6	3576.29
AVANTEL	172.0	174.3	170.3	171.13	601519	-0.19	46.98	172.42	-
BDL	1080.65	1099.25	1066.75	1077.1	412364	-0.33	44.78	1101.42	1165.25
KRISHNADEF	0.0	701.1	686.0	701.1	15250	-0.45	52.28	684.04	591.32
PTC	185.41	189.78	184.3	185.98	832548	-0.48	47.69	182.76	208.13
MTARTECH	1672.0	1694.0	1641.85	1661.25	94930	-0.48	49.44	1653.73	1839.52
BEL	301.0	302.0	296.1	300.35	24357430	-0.5	61.93	283.63	260.89
MAZDOCK	4280.0	4387.0	4236.25	4256.5	2134187	-0.53	51.93	4224.95	3445.4
SIKA	2626.0	2648.95	2566.6	2592.0	2670	-0.54	51.45	2559.32	2338.07
HBLPOWER	583.25	589.95	575.0	577.05	674932	-0.64	49.88	571.26	546.09
COCHINSHIP	1554.0	1555.0	1512.0	1523.85	328948	-0.85	45.97	1508.21	1605.09
GRSE	1595.0	1614.0	1570.05	1575.7	343180	-0.85	43.87	1637.29	1454.38
HIGHENE	665.0	665.0	643.0	647.2	2839	-0.87	50.06	635.92	709.23
DCXINDIA	349.2	349.2	338.1	341.2	207247	-0.97	57.2	320.35	334.93
DATAPATTNS	2425.0	2458.95	2380.15	2392.7	148479	-1.08	49.34	2371.06	2664.79
ZENTEC	1918.0	1919.0	1866.0	1873.15	182639	-1.43	56.87	1846.6	1271.39
PARAS	1074.7	1088.8	1050.0	1056.3	135688	-1.55	51.18	1026.56	984.34
AZAD	1678.05	1710.0	1648.0	1653.4	260005	-1.59	66.31	1513.11	1431.76
BHARATFORG	1475.0	1479.45	1441.5	1446.65	584800	-1.66	47.74	1438.35	1427.43
MIDHANI	349.7	350.95	340.0	341.05	255682	-2.03	42.61	347.28	425.64
TANEJAERO	439.9	440.0	423.0	425.55	20079	-2.09	36.28	444.22	490.53
CFF	658.0	680.0	658.0	658.0	22800	-2.28	58.0	601.44	591.46
MARINE	242.8	247.26	232.03	234.07	585142	-2.42	55.2	220.14	167.01
ADANIENT	3045.0	3045.0	2943.05	2970.1	1285585	-2.5	50.2	2945.39	3103.29
ASTRAMICRO	816.65	819.2	790.0	791.95	150622	-3.02	47.93	787.13	773.32
APOLLO	103.21	105.1	99.83	100.36	2287330	-3.09	48.86	99.55	109.4
NIBE	1950.0	1950.0	1854.0	1868.45	37005	-3.35	55.99	1738.28	1646.64
ROSSELLIND	0.0	91.14	91.14	91.14	31209	-4.39	27.07	91.82	426.76