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ROSSELLIND	73.64	69.16	+6.48%
KRISHNADEF	712.5	670.25	+6.3%
BEML	2988.7	2875.1	+3.95%
ZENTEC	1448.9	1428.85	+1.4%
MTARTECH	1290.7	1274.5	+1.27%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	153.0	166.65	-8.19%
HIGHENE	468.05	486.8	-3.85%
LT	3054.15	3161.1	-3.38%
ADANIENT	2236.9	2285.7	-2.14%
DATAPAT'TNS	1627.65	1662.8	-2.11%

Defense Business and Industry

India Approves ₹63,000 Crore Deal for 26 Rafale Marine Jets



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India's Cabinet Committee on Security has approved a ₹63,000 crore deal to procure 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets from France, enhancing the Indian Navy's capabilities amid rising Chinese naval activity in the Indian Ocean Region. The deal includes 22 single-seater and four twin-seater jets designed for carrier operations, incorporating features such as a reinforced undercarriage and maritime-specific radar systems. This acquisition builds on India's prior partnership with France, which saw the purchase of Rafale jets for the Air Force, and reflects a commitment to self-reliance in defense while reinforcing strategic ties. The introduction of these advanced aircraft, projected to begin deliveries by late 2029, will bolster India's maritime strike capabilities and operational synergy between the Air Force and Navy, thereby enhancing deterrence in the region.

Mahindra Aerostructures to Build Airbus H130 Fuselages in India



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Mahindra Aerostructures, a subsidiary of the Mahindra & Mahindra group, has secured a contract with Airbus to manufacture the fuselage for Airbus H130 helicopters in India, with the first unit expected to be delivered by the first quarter of 2027. At the signing ceremony in New Delhi, Airbus India President Rmi Maillard emphasized the company's commitment to invest further in India, highlighting the burgeoning

demand in the aviation sector. Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu echoed this sentiment, stressing the importance of enhancing the country's manufacturing ecosystem to facilitate indigenous aircraft production and envisioning India as a future global aviation hub. This collaboration not only underscores India's potential in the aerospace industry but also aligns with the government's initiatives to boost local manufacturing and self-reliance in defense and aerospace capabilities.

IAF Develops Advanced SIGINT System on Vehicles with Drones for Hilly Terrain Challenges



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is advancing its capabilities by developing a ground-based Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) system for all-terrain vehicles, aimed at overcoming challenges in hilly regions where traditional systems struggle. This innovative system, which includes drone support for enhanced situational awareness, is crucial for monitoring adversarial activities along India's northern borders with China and Pakistan. By integrating advanced sensors and communication technologies, the IAF seeks to improve intelligence gathering and electronic warfare capabilities. Collaborations with organizations like DRDO and companies such as BEL and TASL are expected to drive this initiative, reflecting India's commitment to modernizing its defense strategy in response to evolving threats.

Tejas Mk1A and JF-17 Block-III Compete for Brazil's F-5 Replacement



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The Brazilian Air Force is modernizing its fleet to replace aging F-5FM jets, with India's Tejas Mk1A and

Pakistan's JF-17 Block-III vying for the contract. A proposed barter deal might see Brazil exchanging Embraer's C-390M military transporters with India for the Tejas jets. While the JF-17 offers a cost-effective multirole option, the Tejas Mk1A, despite being slightly pricier, boasts superior performance, lower radar cross-section, and reliability, with orders from the IAF and participation in international exercises enhancing its profile. This competition underscores not only technical merits but also geopolitical considerations in defense partnerships.

IAF Seeks Indigenous Ejection Seats from Private Sector Partners

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is prioritizing the development of indigenous ejection seats for its fighter jets, inviting private sector collaboration to enhance self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Currently reliant on imported systems, the IAF aims to address high costs and supply chain vulnerabilities with locally-made solutions tailored to India's diverse operational needs. Stringent specifications highlight requirements for versatility, all-condition ejection, environmental resilience, and modular design. This initiative aligns with the IAF's modernization efforts as it prepares for next-gen platforms like the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), positioning India to achieve greater autonomy and cost efficiency in defense capabilities.

IAF Seeks Indian Vendors for Advanced Low Level Radar MK-II

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for the procurement of the Low Level Lightweight Radar (LLLWR) MK-II from Indian vendors, reflecting its commitment to enhancing indigenous defense capabilities under the Make in India initiative. This advanced radar system will utilize solid-state TR modules with GaN technology for superior performance, integrated IFF capabilities for distinguishing friendly from hostile aircraft, and high-altitude deployment to effectively monitor regions like the Himalayan borders. The inclusion of a co-mounted X-band radar for drone detection further addresses emerging aerial threats, demonstrating the IAF's proactive approach to strengthening air defense in diverse operational environments.

Eastern Command Unveils Cutting-Edge FPV Drones for Strategic Operations

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The Eastern Command of the Indian Army has showcased advanced First Person View (FPV) drone capabilities, enhancing its operational effectiveness in EM-contested zones. Recent drills demonstrated the successful integration of indigenous FPV drones for swarm wave missions and precision payload delivery, highlighting the Army's commitment to self-reliance under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative. These developments allow for high-accuracy strikes against high-value targets while minimizing collateral damage, crucial in modern warfare where electronic warfare plays a significant role. This strategic advancement not only improves operational readiness but also aligns with global trends in unmanned systems deployment, reinforcing India's defense capabilities in its northeastern and eastern regions.

Indigenous Pre-Heaters Enhance Indian Army Tank Readiness

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The Indian Army is enhancing its cold-weather operational capabilities with indigenous pre-heaters for T-90 and T-72 tanks, developed by DND Enterprises in collaboration with Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL). These pre-heaters ensure tank readiness in extreme cold, addressing challenges like "hydraulic lock" that can immobilize vehicles. This initiative aligns with India's broader indigenisation efforts amid global supply chain disruptions due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which highlighted vulnerabilities in reliance on foreign military hardware. The successful development of these systems not only boosts operational readiness along the India-China border but also reinforces India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Army Chief Advocates Tech Upgrades Along LoC for Enhanced Security

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Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi visited forward posts along the Line of Control in north Kashmir to assess the security situation and operational readiness of the Indian Army. He emphasized the importance of integrating advanced technology into military operations to enhance surveillance and counter emerging threats, such as cross-border infiltration and drone usage. General Dwivedi commended the troops for their dedication and resilience in challenging conditions and reiterated the

Army's commitment to maintaining peace in Jammu and Kashmir while upholding a strong counter-terrorism posture. This visit underscores the Indian Army's proactive approach to modern warfare and its focus on technological advancement as a critical force multiplier.

Defence Secretary Advocates AI Overhaul for Military Finances



09-Apr-25

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh emphasized the necessity for an AI-driven overhaul of the armed forces' financial systems during the Integrated Financial Advisors Conference 2025. He noted the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) achieved 100% capital budget utilization for the first time in five years, underscoring the importance of Project SAMPURNA, which integrates AI and data science into financial management. Singh called for DAD to evolve into a center of excellence, advocating for research-based policies and enhanced financial analytics to improve procurement outcomes. This strategic push aligns with India's broader defense modernization goals, aiming to increase operational efficiency and adaptability in a rapidly changing security landscape.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Modi Invited to Attend Moscow's 80th Victory Day Parade



09-Apr-25

Russia has formally invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the 80th Victory Day Parade in Moscow on May 9, celebrating the Soviet Union's victory over Germany in World War II. This invitation, confirmed by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko, is part of Russia's effort to strengthen ties with friendly nations. Modi's recent engagements with President Vladimir Putin, including a visit to Russia and an invitation for Putin to visit India, highlight the significance of their diplomatic relationship. The anticipated attendance of Modi at the parade reflects India's commitment to maintaining strong strategic ties with Russia amidst changing global dynamics.

India Revamps Monastery Education to Boost Patriotism and Curb China's Influence



09-Apr-25

India is set to introduce a unified school curriculum in Buddhist monasteries in the Himalayan region to foster

patriotism and counter China's influence. This initiative aims to provide Tibetan and Indian students with education recognized by the Indian government, while also respecting their cultural traditions. With around 600 monasteries involved, the curriculum will include modern subjects alongside Buddhist philosophy. However, some monks express concerns about government intervention disrupting established educational practices. This strategic move reflects India's broader efforts to strengthen its foothold in border areas and safeguard against external influences, particularly from China, amid ongoing border tensions.

Portugal Backs India's UN Security Council Membership Bid



09-Apr-25

Portugal has reaffirmed its support for India's bid for permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council during President Droupadi Murmu's recent state visit. This visit marks a historic moment, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Portugal. The strengthening of India-EU strategic partnerships, particularly with Portugal's involvement in negotiating an FTA, highlights India's growing influence on the global stage. By advocating for India's rightful place at the UN, Portugal acknowledges the need for reforms that reflect contemporary geopolitical realities, reinforcing India's aspirations to be a key player in international governance.

Marco Rubio Engages Pakistan After Strengthening U.S.-India Ties



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Following discussions between India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, the focus was on enhancing the U.S.-India strategic partnership, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, defense, and trade. Jaishankar emphasized shared regional concerns, while Rubio simultaneously engaged with Pakistan's Deputy PM Ishaq Dar, discussing counter-terrorism and economic cooperation. This reflects the U.S.'s delicate balancing act in South Asia, seeking to solidify partnerships with both nations. The emphasis on defense and emerging technologies in the U.S.-India talks suggests a commitment to India's strategic autonomy, reinforcing its position in regional security dynamics amid evolving geopolitical challenges.

India and Japan Urged to Build Joint Long-Range Strike Capability SHARE

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A Japanese think tank has proposed that India and Japan develop a joint long-range tactical strike capability, with ranges between 2,000 to 3,000 km, to counter China's military assertiveness. This collaborative effort could enhance deterrence, allowing both nations to target key Chinese military assets while reducing dependence on U.S. support. While Japan's constitutional constraints and India's strategic autonomy present challenges, the potential for co-developing advanced missile systems could solidify a robust Indo-Japanese partnership. Ultimately, this initiative aligns with regional stability efforts, ensuring that both nations can address Chinese provocations effectively without escalating to nuclear confrontation.

Bangladesh's Bid for Chinese Aid on Airbase Sparks India Concern SHARE

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Bangladesh is reportedly seeking Chinese assistance to modernize the Lalmonirhat airfield, located just 10 kilometers from India's border, raising security concerns for India given the airfield's proximity to the sensitive Siliguri Corridor. While Bangladesh aims to enhance its military infrastructure under its Forces Goal 2030, the potential involvement of the Chinese military adds geopolitical complexity, as it could threaten India's security and territorial integrity. However, this move may provoke a strong reaction from India, considering its artillery capabilities can target the airbase effectively, which raises questions about the strategic viability for both Bangladesh and China amidst ongoing tensions in the region.

Chinese Embassy Urges India and China to Unite Against U.S. Tariffs SHARE

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A spokesperson from the Chinese Embassy in India urged both nations to unite against the challenges posed by U.S. tariffs under the Trump administration, highlighting the economic relationship between China and India as beneficial and complementary. The call for cooperation reflects the need for the two largest developing countries to navigate international trade pressures together. This statement could be viewed as an attempt by China to strengthen ties with India amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions, which India must approach cautiously, ensuring it prioritizes national interests while managing external economic influences.

India's diverse partnerships and defense strategies should remain robust in this evolving scenario.

India, Sri Lanka Forge Defence MoU to Boost Security Ties SHARE

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India and Sri Lanka have signed a significant Defence MoU, reflecting their interlinked security interests and a shift towards institutionalized military cooperation after decades of strained relations. Key aspects include joint military exercises, maritime security collaboration, and enhanced defence industry ties, notably in training Sri Lankan officers. This agreement aims to counterbalance China's growing influence in Sri Lanka while promoting regional stability. Prime Minister Modi's visit and the signing of additional MoUs across various sectors underscore India's diplomatic commitment to strengthen its neighbourhood policy, ensuring a proactive stance in South Asia amidst rising geopolitical competition.

Trump's escalating threats: Will Iran yield to US pressure? SHARE

09-Apr-25

US President Donald Trump has intensified tensions with Iran over its nuclear program, announcing potential direct talks while threatening military action if negotiations fail. Iran maintains that discussions will be indirect, mediated through Oman, as it resists US demands to dismantle its nuclear capabilities and halt missile development. Amidst a precarious regional landscape, including ongoing conflicts involving Israel and its allies, Iranian officials view Trump's threats as attempts to force concessions. Trump, influenced by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's hardline stance, aims for a comprehensive deal that addresses Iran's regional influence, further complicating the already volatile Middle Eastern geopolitical dynamics.

North Korea's Kim Yo Jong calls denuclearization a 'pipe dream' SHARE

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Kim Yo Jong, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, dismissed U.S.-led denuclearization efforts as a "daydream," highlighting North Korea's determination to maintain its nuclear arsenal. Her remarks followed a statement from U.S., South Korean, and Japanese diplomats reaffirming their commitment to denuclearization. She characterized discussions of dismantling nuclear weapons as hostile acts against North Korea's sovereignty, reflecting the anxiety of the U.S. and its allies. This stance underscores North

Korea's continued focus on enhancing its military capabilities amidst a stalled diplomatic process, suggesting a challenging geopolitical landscape for disarmament efforts in the region.

Military Operations

COAS General Dwivedi reviews operational readiness of Vajra, Dagger Divisions in Jalandhar.

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Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi conducted strategic visits to the Vajra and Dagger Divisions in Jalandhar and the Chinar Corps in Srinagar, assessing their operational readiness amid evolving security challenges. His assessments focused on critical issues such as border integrity, anti-drone capabilities, and rapid response measures, emphasizing the need for constant vigilance and preparedness against hybrid threats and unconventional intrusions. The Vajra Division, which plays a vital role along India's western boundary, has enhanced its surveillance and mobility protocols, while the Dagger Division has aligned its strategies for swift counteractions. Overall, these visits reflect India's commitment to maintaining a robust defense posture, ensuring immediate readiness to confront potential adversarial actions, and reinforcing the significance of proactive military readiness in safeguarding national security.

IAF Strengthens Northeast with Tejas Mk1 in Leh, Prepares for Mk1A

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has strategically deployed the indigenous Tejas Mk1 in Leh to enhance operational capabilities amid ongoing border tensions with China. This move prepares the ground for the advanced Tejas Mk1A variant, which boasts substantial improvements and is set to bolster IAF's fighter fleet. The deployment allows for greater tactical flexibility, freeing up longer-endurance aircraft for critical missions while ensuring rapid response capabilities in the challenging Himalayan terrain. By acclimatizing pilots and ground crews to high-altitude operations with the Mk1, the IAF is poised for a seamless transition to the Mk1A, reinforcing India's air superiority against emerging threats in the region.

Israeli Airstrike on Gaza Building Claims 23 Lives Amidst Conflict

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Israeli airstrikes on a residential building in northern Gaza resulted in the deaths of at least 23 people, amidst an escalation of hostilities following the collapse of a ceasefire. The Israeli military justified the strike, claiming it targeted a senior Hamas militant responsible for attacks. The violence has ignited a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, with significant casualties and a blockade limiting essential supplies. While Prime Minister Netanyahu faces pressure from political allies to continue military operations until Hamas is defeated, mediation efforts for a new ceasefire are ongoing, underlining the complex and sensitive dynamics of the ongoing conflict.

South Korea issues warning shots as North Korean soldiers cross border

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South Korea's military fired warning shots after approximately 10 North Korean soldiers crossed the military demarcation line (MDL) in the eastern demilitarized zone (DMZ), an incident attributed potentially to reconnaissance activities. The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff confirmed the armed presence of some North Korean soldiers, highlighting the ongoing tensions and military preparations in the region amidst increased North Korean military exercises. Acting President Han Duck-soo emphasized the need for a steadfast readiness posture against provocations, underscoring the complex security dynamics on the Korean Peninsula, where both sides remain technically at war since the 1950-53 conflict concluded with an armistice rather than a peace treaty.

Security forces in Manipur dismantle 167 bunkers to restore peace.

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Security forces in Manipur have dismantled 167 bunkers utilized by miscreants in an effort to restore peace following ethnic violence that began nearly two years ago. This action aligns with governor Ajay Bhalla's call for a resolution and Union home minister Amit Shah's directive to reopen roads disrupted by clashes. The Central Reserve Police Force reported the recovery of 1,240 looted arms, along with significant quantities of ammunition and explosives surrendered by armed groups. This proactive approach demonstrates the Indian government's commitment to re-establish stability in the region while addressing security

concerns involving cross-border linkages to Myanmar and Mizoram.

India-Pakistan Flag Meeting on April 10 to Tackle Border Tensions



09-Apr-25

India and Pakistan are set to hold a crucial flag meeting on April 10 in the Poonch sector to address ongoing border tensions, including infiltration attempts and ceasefire violations. The Indian Army is expected to present video evidence of Pakistani troops' involvement in activities such as planting IEDs and surveillance equipment across the Line of Control (LoC). Despite a ceasefire agreement, tensions remain high due to the presence of Pakistani launchpads facilitating infiltration, with India maintaining a strong defensive stance. This meeting represents a significant opportunity for dialogue to de-escalate tensions while showcasing India's commitment to countering cross-border terrorism effectively.

IAF, Indian Navy, and USAF Conduct Successful Joint Mission



09-Apr-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Navy, and the United States Air Force (USAF) successfully executed a joint formation flying mission, showcasing their operational synergy. The mission featured the IAF's C-130 Hercules leading alongside Indian Navy Hawks and USAF C-130s, coordinated with INS Jalashwa and USS Comstock. This collaboration underscores the exceptional teamwork and commitment of these forces, emphasizing their readiness to tackle complex challenges together. Such joint exercises enhance interoperability among allied nations, reinforcing strategic partnerships and bolstering regional security dynamics, thus highlighting India's proactive role in strengthening defense ties with key international partners.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Jaipur 2008 Bombing: Four Sentenced to Life for Terror Link



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A special court in Jaipur sentenced four convicts to life imprisonment for their role in the 2008 serial bomb blasts that killed 71 people. The convicts, linked to planting an unexploded bomb in Chandpole, were found guilty under various laws, including the Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act. The judge emphasized the societal impact of such crimes and the necessity of strict punishment to uphold national security and honor victims' suffering. While the defense argued for leniency due to prior incarceration and previous acquittals, the court reaffirmed the gravity of the impact on national sovereignty, showcasing India's commitment to countering terrorism decisively.

Tahawwur Rana, accused in 26/11 attacks, set for extradition to India.



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Tahawwur Rana, accused of involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, is expected to be extradited from the US to India soon, following the denial of his appeal by the US Supreme Court. Rana, currently in a Los Angeles detention center, argued against extradition citing fears of torture and his deteriorating health, but these claims have been rejected by US courts. His extradition marks a significant step in holding accountable those responsible for the Mumbai attacks, which resulted in 166 fatalities, including six Americans. The Indian government has been proactive in seeking justice, reflecting its commitment to addressing terrorism and securing the safety of its citizens.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Did Pakistan Rewrite History on the 1965 War Wikipedia Page?



09-Apr-25

It has recently come to light that Pakistani editor going by name Taeyab claiming to be resident of UK along with others have altered the Wikipedia page for the 1965 Indo-Pakistani War, inflating Indian losses while minimizing Pakistan's. The contested figures propose India suffered 3,712 deaths and significant territorial losses, contradicting established historical records that document Indian deaths around 2,862-3,000 and territorial gains. Such revisions appear aimed at reshaping perceptions of the conflict, despite evidence indicating that India effectively repelled Pakistan's strategic objectives. This reflects an ongoing trend of narrative control where historical accuracy is often compromised, underscoring the importance of relying on verified sources to understand the complexities of this significant conflict. The same editor has made significant changes in Wikipedia page for Bangladesh Liberation War in recent times

OCC Reports Major Cybersecurity Breach in Email System [SHARE](#)

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The U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) reported a significant cybersecurity breach involving unauthorized access to its email system, affecting sensitive financial information related to federally regulated institutions. The incident was identified in early February, prompting immediate action to disable compromised accounts and engage third-party cybersecurity experts for a thorough investigation. The OCC plans to assess its current IT security policies to enhance detection and prevention measures for future incidents. This situation underscores the critical importance of robust cybersecurity protocols, especially in agencies overseeing financial stability, and highlights the need for accountability in addressing vulnerabilities.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

New Book Celebrates Heroic Life of Naib Subedar Chunni Lal [SHARE](#)

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A new book titled "Bravest of the Brave," authored by Lt Gen. Satish Dua (Retd.), chronicles the life of Naib Subedar Chunni Lal, a celebrated soldier in the Indian Army known for his exceptional bravery, including receiving the Sena Medal, Vir Chakra, and Ashok Chakra (Posthumous). Lal, hailing from Bhara village in South Kashmir, distinguished himself during key operations, including the Siachen Glacier assault in 1987 and counter-insurgency efforts at the Line of Control. His story embodies the valor and dedication of Indian soldiers, serving as an inspiring narrative for future generations to honor and serve their motherland. The book is available for purchase at Rs 399.

Miscellaneous

Dubai Crown Prince's India Visit Strengthens Defense Ties [SHARE](#)

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Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's recent visit to India has reinforced bilateral ties, particularly in defense collaboration, as emphasized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. During discussions, India expressed

eagerness to work with the UAE on co-production and co-development of defense technologies, including the offer of the indigenous Akash air defense missile system. The visit also highlighted the strategic importance of training exchanges and joint ventures under the "Make-in-India" and "Make-in-Emirates" initiatives. Key announcements included the establishment of Indian educational institutions in Dubai and the UAE's commitment to India's long-standing expatriate community. This partnership reflects a shared vision for regional peace and prosperity, underlining the growing trust and cooperation between India and the UAE across multiple sectors.

President Murmu Concludes Historic Visit to Portugal, heads to Slovakia [SHARE](#)

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President Droupadi Murmu's recent state visit to Portugal and ongoing visit to Slovakia mark significant milestones in India's diplomatic engagement with Europe, highlighting 50 years of re-established ties with Portugal and 29 years since an Indian presidential visit to Slovakia. In Portugal, her discussions with President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and Prime Minister Luis Montenegro emphasized strengthening bilateral cooperation in trade, technology, and cultural exchanges, alongside the ceremonial honors received for fostering deeper Indo-Portuguese relations. Murmu notably underscored India's commitment to cultural diplomacy, stating, "Indians do not want to conquer countries, they want to conquer hearts," while encouraging Indian researchers to excel globally as ambassadors of their nation. In Slovakia, her meetings with President Peter Pellegrini and other key leaders aim to enhance trade, technology collaborations, and cultural ties, reflecting India's growing engagement in Europe. This two-nation tour is emblematic of India's strategic outreach and its focus on forging robust partnerships in diverse sectors such as defense, science, and education, solidifying its role as a key player on the global stage.

Naval Commanders Conference 2025 Phase Two Kicks Off in New Delhi [SHARE](#)

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The Phase Two of the First Edition of the Naval Commanders Conference 2025 commenced on April 7, led by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi in New Delhi, following Phase One held in Karwar. The CNS emphasized the Navy's focus on seven key areas, such as war fighting, capacity development, and

synergy with other agencies, while commending the Navy's combat readiness and operational exercises alongside the Indian Army and Air Force. The conference highlighted India's strategic role as a Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics, stressing the need for innovation and collaboration in maritime security. Additionally, the CNS released several publications to support the Navy's operational frameworks and future readiness, reinforcing India's commitment to regional stability and security through initiatives like Operation Brahma and the deployment of IOS Sagar.

India Halts Trans-shipment for Bangladesh, Boosts Local Exports SHARE

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India has terminated the trans-shipment facility that allowed Bangladesh to export cargo to third countries through Indian customs, a move praised by Indian exporters in sectors like apparel and gems. The decision is expected to alleviate congestion at Indian airports and improve competitiveness for local businesses, as the facility had been a source of complaints regarding increased freight rates and delays. However, this may disrupt Bangladesh's logistics and trade with landlocked neighbors like Nepal and Bhutan, raising concerns about compliance with WTO transit rules. Overall, this strategic decision reflects India's intent to bolster its own export capabilities while addressing domestic logistical challenges.

Hasina Denounces Awami League Ban Threats, Affirms Its Legacy SHARE

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Deposed Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condemned threats to ban her Awami League party, emphasizing its historical significance in the struggle for rights and independence since 1948. Speaking from India, she criticized the interim government's legitimacy, led by Muhammad Yunus, calling him a usurper lacking popular mandate. Hasina asserted that the demand for her party's disbandment faced little support from other political groups and accused Yunus of fascist tactics against dissenters. She vowed that those involved in the current regime's actions would face consequences, highlighting the stark political tensions in Bangladesh following the recent upheaval.

Jaishankar: US tariffs spark renewed India-US trade talks SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized India's proactive strategy in pursuing a bilateral trade agreement with the US, spurred by recent tariffs imposed by the Trump administration. He noted that India is focusing on constructive engagement, aiming for a deal by fall this year, reflecting a long-standing objective. Jaishankar highlighted the acceleration of discussions post PM Modi's US visit, suggesting India has been more engaged with the US in recent weeks than with Europe in two years. This approach positions India favorably amidst global trade dynamics, showcasing its readiness to navigate challenges while reinforcing bilateral ties with the US.

NISAR Mission Launch Date Being Reviewed as ISRO Prepares Satellite SHARE

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The NASA-ISRO NISAR mission is advancing as ISRO completes satellite work and prepares for transport to the Satish Dhawan Space Centre for launch. Both agencies are currently reviewing potential launch dates for this significant project, which will utilize ISRO's Geosynchronous Launch Vehicle Mark II to position the satellite in low Earth orbit. NISAR aims to monitor Earth's landscapes and ice surfaces bi-weekly, providing critical data for infrastructure monitoring, disaster response, and agricultural management. This collaboration underscores India's growing capabilities in space technology and strengthens international partnerships in scientific research.

China's massive dam poses water threat to India and Bangladesh: BJP MP SHARE

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BJP MP Tapir Gao has warned that China's construction of the world's largest dam on the Yarlung Tsangpo could act as a "water bomb," leading to devastating downstream impacts for northeastern India, particularly Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, as well as Bangladesh. He underscored the necessity for India to pursue a water-sharing agreement with China, highlighting previous disasters linked to dam releases. Experts from India and Bhutan echoed these concerns, citing historical instances of dam failures and the environmental risks associated with such projects. They emphasized the importance of regional cooperation and the need for increased scientific collaboration to address the challenges posed by

China's hydropower ambitions, advocating for transparency and ecological responsibility in managing shared water resources. The situation calls for a multi-faceted strategy to mitigate risks and bolster India's diplomatic efforts in safeguarding its water security.

India Unveils First Indigenous Airbus A320 Simulator in Pune



09-Apr-25

India has launched its first indigenous Airbus A320 flight simulator in Pune, marking a significant advancement in the country's self-reliance in aviation technology. Developed by Indian engineers, this state-of-the-art simulator enhances pilot training by providing an affordable, locally tailored solution, aligning with the government's Make in India initiative. Emphasizing innovation and self-sufficiency, the project has the potential to reduce training costs and position India as a competitor in the global aerospace market. Local leaders view this as a proud moment for Pune, reinforcing its status as a technological hub and showcasing India's capabilities in high-tech manufacturing.

U.S. Ends 15-Year Undergraduate Exchange Program for Pakistanis



09-Apr-25

The U.S. government has discontinued its undergraduate exchange program for Pakistani students, which had been operational for 15 years and aimed at fostering leadership and cultural engagement. This decision, influenced by significant budget cuts to foreign aid under the "America First" policy, marks the end of a transformative initiative for many students from underserved backgrounds in Pakistan. While the closure reflects a shift in U.S. foreign aid priorities, it underscores the challenges faced by Pakistan in accessing academic opportunities abroad. This move may have broader implications on U.S.-Pakistan relations, highlighting the need for alternative avenues for cultural and educational exchange.

Soyuz Launches NASA Astronaut and Russian Cosmonauts to ISS



09-Apr-25

A Soyuz spacecraft successfully launched to the ISS, carrying NASA astronaut Jonathan Kim and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Alexey Zubritsky. The mission will see the crew aboard the ISS for 245 days, engaging in vital scientific research and technology demonstrations. This launch, marking significant milestones in space exploration, took place amidst

strained U.S.-Russia relations, reflecting ongoing collaboration in space despite geopolitical tensions. The presence of a Korean-American astronaut underlines the diverse cooperation in international space endeavors, showcasing the importance of unity in advancing scientific goals and enhancing life on Earth.

Ten Arrested After Mob Attacks KFC Amid Gaza Protests in Karachi



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Ten individuals were arrested in Karachi after a mob of around 40 youths attacked a KFC outlet, part of a disturbing trend of unrest linked to protests against U.S. and Israeli policies regarding Gaza. The mob, armed with sticks and stones, attempted to vandalize the restaurant during a rally expressing solidarity with Palestinians amid ongoing violence in Gaza. This incident reflects broader global tensions and unrest within the Muslim community, fueled by social media, with similar protests reported in countries like Bangladesh. Local authorities have heightened security at affected establishments and are taking action against remaining protestors and organizers to prevent further violence.

Assam CM's charger swap raises juice jacking cybersecurity concerns.



09-Apr-25

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma recently sparked a discussion about cybersecurity after he borrowed a charger from a fellow passenger on a flight, raising concerns about "juice jacking," a method where malicious USB connections can lead to data theft. While many commended his honesty in acknowledging the oversight, netizens emphasized the potential risks for someone in his position, suggesting that he should be more cautious about accepting accessories from strangers due to the sensitive information he handles. Experts advise using personal chargers and avoiding public USB ports to mitigate cyber threats, highlighting the growing importance of cybersecurity awareness in everyday situations.

Myanmar Faces New 4.3 Quake as India Ramps Up Humanitarian Aid



09-Apr-25

Myanmar has recently experienced a devastating 4.3 magnitude earthquake, following a deadly 7.5 magnitude quake on March 28 that resulted in over 3,654 deaths and significant destruction, including the loss of 49,000 homes. As humanitarian needs surge,

India has launched "Operation Brahma," providing over 1,000 metric tonnes of aid, including medical supplies and food. The ongoing crisis has prompted international search-and-rescue efforts from 13 countries, highlighting the urgent need for field hospitals, as existing facilities are overwhelmed. This situation underscores the importance of regional solidarity and support in times of crisis, reinforcing India's commitment to humanitarian assistance in its neighborhood.

India Takes Lead in Humanitarian Aid for Myanmar Earthquake



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India has emerged as a crucial player in the humanitarian response to the recent earthquake in

Myanmar, providing over 1,000 metric tonnes of aid and deploying a 200-strong search and rescue team under Operation Rama. The UN's Sajjad Mohammad Sajid praised India's rapid and effective assistance, particularly the establishment of a field hospital in Mandalay, which is critical for trauma care amid damaged local infrastructure. This response underscores India's commitment to regional stability and humanitarian support, leveraging its experience in post-disaster recovery. As Myanmar faces extensive challenges, India's long-term role in rebuilding lives and infrastructure will be pivotal, highlighting the importance of its historical ties with neighboring nations.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
ROSSELLIND	69.95	78.56	68.5	73.64	671874	6.48	65.77	61.44	234.95
KRISHNADEF	675.0	715.0	662.0	712.5	50250	6.3	57.68	644.54	708.99
BEML	2850.0	3033.0	2780.0	2988.7	585402	3.95	53.89	2834.16	3777.9
ZENTEC	1409.95	1468.75	1380.1	1448.9	367267	1.4	55.95	1374.38	1701.37
MTARTECH	1288.1	1297.1	1251.1	1290.7	66283	1.27	46.04	1303.42	1656.35
NIBE	1159.9	1200.0	1114.8	1181.0	28150	0.64	59.3	1000.35	1635.75
MAZDOCK	2365.0	2397.0	2288.0	2371.2	2496433	0.53	45.98	2506.86	2287.32
AVANTEL	112.41	113.8	110.3	113.35	647463	0.52	47.8	113.62	-
ASTRAMICRO	681.0	694.0	667.15	689.05	137343	0.09	55.14	669.13	792.76
GRSE	1565.8	1584.4	1513.1	1566.35	794242	0.04	50.98	1581.33	1731.99
BHARATFORG	965.05	972.7	940.75	969.85	1791396	-0.05	32.09	1105.85	1379.96
BDL	1280.0	1307.3	1252.0	1285.8	1025338	-0.13	56.6	1245.22	1235.69
MIDHANI	262.0	265.0	254.65	261.9	167687	-0.15	43.72	274.91	362.42
HAL	4037.0	4070.0	3965.85	4030.7	1585051	-0.28	56.5	3922.42	4334.6
SIKA	629.9	629.9	602.0	620.3	15850	-0.3	61.32	575.01	530.68
LMW	14716.5	14820.6	14462.9	14730.15	2978	-0.32	41.23	15515.9	15964.71
BEL	281.0	282.8	276.6	280.15	11389916	-0.46	48.17	288.07	290.18
SOLARINDS	10930.0	10991.75	10802.2	10873.55	38765	-0.52	60.05	10653.2	10366.93
PTC	167.17	168.0	161.01	166.29	1033543	-0.53	59.0	161.1	179.49
PREMEXPLN	350.0	352.5	340.6	350.55	73721	-0.88	47.32	350.69	506.46
DCXINDIA	225.45	227.7	220.11	223.33	228963	-1.29	40.37	232.11	325.88
COCHINSHIP	1380.0	1398.0	1332.5	1359.9	1011126	-1.39	47.65	1389.53	1718.57
AZAD	1284.05	1284.05	1242.9	1266.2	85624	-1.41	42.55	1341.71	1563.28
PARAS	947.0	949.9	916.55	933.3	98727	-1.53	46.48	957.67	1100.53
APOLLO	112.0	113.5	110.49	111.56	2388897	-1.6	42.95	118.3	110.34
MARINE	173.01	173.5	165.55	169.36	211540	-1.7	49.21	168.28	225.56
IDEAFORGE	333.95	333.95	322.2	326.05	120941	-1.78	37.89	354.35	599.19
CFF	456.3	456.3	447.2	447.2	5400	-1.99	47.88	440.67	642.5
TANEJAERO	284.35	284.35	284.35	284.35	5862	-2.0	37.83	311.73	454.6
HBLPOWER	486.95	492.4	474.05	478.0	984368	-2.08	49.41	468.61	570.71
DATAPAT'TNS	1650.0	1669.8	1605.0	1627.65	310223	-2.11	44.01	1677.24	2405.57
ADANIENT	2265.7	2279.55	2215.2	2236.9	1001633	-2.14	45.12	2308.08	2701.55
LT	3158.8	3158.8	3048.0	3054.15	4451381	-3.38	34.05	3315.9	3542.93
HIGHENE	489.9	489.9	465.0	468.05	7045	-3.85	43.98	484.06	634.53
LOKESHMACH	0.0	153.0	152.93	153.0	4293	-8.19	39.46	152.19	339.24