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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
WALCHANNAG	262.47	251.07	+4.54%
BHARATFORG	1344.6	1296.4	+3.72%
PREMEXPLN	615.15	593.35	+3.67%
CFF	645.0	625.95	+3.04%
AZAD	1689.2	1649.7	+2.39%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	164.22	188.27	-12.77%
SIKA	1175.35	1304.5	-9.9%
AVANTEL	160.74	171.37	-6.2%
COCHINSHIP	2301.3	2392.5	-3.81%
KRISHNADEF	928.85	964.5	-3.7%

## Defense Business and Industry

### IAF to Enhance Capabilities with 3 Indigenous I-STAR Spy Planes



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to enhance its capabilities with the acquisition of three indigenous I-STAR spy planes, backed by a Rs 10,000 crore proposal from the Defence Ministry. These advanced aircraft will be equipped with homegrown sensor and electronic systems developed by DRDO's Centre for Airborne Systems, providing multi-spectral surveillance for precise targeting of enemy assets. Once operational, the I-STAR planes will significantly boost India's air-to-ground strategic capabilities, placing the nation among a select group of countries with such advanced reconnaissance and strike coordination technologies. This development reflects India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities through indigenous innovation and procurement.

### DRDO Boosts Defense Vehicle Production with Tech Transfers to Industry



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The DRDO has transferred nine technologies to ten industrial firms to bolster India's defense vehicle production, supporting the government's vision for a strong defense industrial ecosystem. Key transfers include the CBRN Recce Vehicle to Bharat Electronics, a Mounted Gun System to Bharat Forge, and various systems for the Arjun MBT to multiple companies. Additionally, an MoU was signed with COEP Technological University for collaboration on emerging technologies. DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat

praised the indigenous systems' performance during Operation Sindoor and urged industry to enhance surge capacity, reflecting a proactive stance in strengthening India's defense capabilities through public-private partnerships.

### Reliance Infrastructure invests ₹5,000 crore in aircraft upgrades.



09-Jun-25

Reliance Infrastructure is poised to enhance its defense sector by investing Rs 5,000 crore in aircraft upgrade programs over the next 7-10 years, marking a significant milestone as India's first private firm to independently manage comprehensive upgrades. The company successfully upgraded 55 Dornier-228 aircraft under a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, with a total contract value of Rs 350 crore, showcasing its capability in collaboration with US-based Genesys. This strategic move is crucial, given the 30-40 year service life of military aircraft, as regular upgrades are essential for maintaining operational efficiency and safety, potentially leading to lifecycle investments that could exceed the original acquisition costs by 200-300%.

### Indian Navy Boosts Maritime Strength with New Offshore Patrol Vessel



09-Jun-25

The Indian Navy has taken a significant step in enhancing its maritime capabilities by commencing production of the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL). This initiative, part of an eleven-vessel contract worth 6,200 crores, will not only strengthen coastal defense and surveillance but also support India's self-reliance through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. Equipped with advanced indigenous weapons and sensors, these 114-meter vessels are

designed to perform critical tasks including anti-piracy operations. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has praised GSL for its commitment to quality and timely execution, underscoring the importance of these developments for India's maritime security.

## GE Pursues Engine Contract for India's Stealth Fighter Initiative SHARE

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General Electric (GE) is vying for a contract to produce engines for India's advanced medium combat aircraft, emphasizing India's strategic importance in both civil and defense aerospace. GE is ramping up engine deliveries for the Tejas Mark-1A and plans to set up a maintenance, repair, and overhaul facility in India. Despite progress, IAF Chief Marshal AP Singh has highlighted delays in procurement, which GE attributes to ongoing supply chain challenges. GE's commitment reflects the strengthening US-India defense relationship, marking a pivotal moment for India's military aviation aspirations and indigenous capabilities.

## Indian Army to bolster air defense with Rs 30,000 crore QRSAM deal SHARE

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The Indian Army is set to receive a significant boost with a Rs 30,000 crore acquisition of three regiments of the indigenous Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system, expected to be approved soon by the Defence Ministry. This system enhances India's air defense capabilities, especially along its western and northern borders, with mobility and a range of approximately 30 km to complement existing systems like MRSAM and Akash. The timely deployment of QRSAM follows successful operations against threats from Pakistan, utilizing various air defense units, highlighting India's proactive stance in strengthening its defense infrastructure against technological advancements in adversarial weaponry.

## India Boosts Defense Ties with Australia by Offering Ship Repair Services SHARE

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India has proposed to provide ship maintenance and repair services to Australian naval and commercial vessels, enhancing Indo-Australian defense ties and positioning itself as a regional MRO hub in the Indo-Pacific. This initiative capitalizes on India's established shipbuilding infrastructure, including prominent shipyards like Mazgaon Dock and L&T, and aims to improve operational readiness amidst concerns over

China's growing influence. The collaboration extends to joint projects and exercises, further solidifying strategic interests in the region. By offering these services, India provides Australia with a dependable alternative for maintenance, aligning with broader U.S. strategies to diversify naval support in the Indo-Pacific while boosting India's ship repair industry amid a growing global market.

## China's OEM Shifts Focus from JF-17 to J-10CE for PAF SHARE

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China's aerospace giant AVIC appears to be cooling its enthusiasm for the joint JF-17 Thunder program, nudging Pakistan toward acquiring more advanced J-10CE fighters — a clear pivot from the low-cost, high-volume strategy. Originally, Pakistan had planned for 250 JF-17s, but with only 149 operational—including about 45 Block III variants out of 150–160 in service—the pace of Block III orders has slowed significantly. Instead, the PAF has taken delivery of roughly 20–25 J-10CEs since 2022, offering a more capable platform with AESA radar and long-range PL-15E missiles, albeit with higher acquisition and sustainment costs tied to China's supply chains. Moreover, the mixed fleet complicates logistics and fleet readiness: only a fraction of JF-17s can leverage advanced missiles, while maintaining two families of aircraft strains budgets. Critics note that external factors—like sanctions affecting JF-17 engine spares and underwhelming export interest—have weighed on the JF-17's future viability. Thus, while the J-10CE offers a modern, potent frontline capability, its steep cost trend could pressure Pakistan's defense budget and constrain the PAF's ability to sustain its previously envisioned high-low fighter mix.

## DRDO Unveils VISR-AX: Advanced AESA Transceiver Boosts IAF ISR SHARE

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The DRDO has completed the development of the VISR-AX, a next-gen AESA transceiver that will enhance the IAF's ISR capabilities within the Indigenous Stratospheric Tactical Airborne Relay (I-STAR) program. This software-defined system, featuring advanced GaN technology, allows for scalable integration across various platforms and enhances situational awareness against emerging threats from China and Pakistan. Its capabilities include advanced tracking, low probability of intercept, and high-resolution imaging, making it a critical addition to India's multi-layered air defense network alongside systems like the S-400 and Akash

missiles. The VISR-AX underscores India's commitment to bolstering its defense modernization amid evolving regional security dynamics.

## **DRDO's GTRE to Collaborate on 120kN Engine for AMCA Project**



09-Jun-25

The Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) of India's DRDO is set to partner with an international OEM for a 120kN thrust engine to power the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), with the core expected to roll out in four years. This project underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in aerospace technology, aligning with the Make in India initiative. The collaboration aims for a technologically advanced engine featuring supercruise capability, supporting future combat needs. The partnership with established global manufacturers will enhance India's indigenous capabilities, reduce dependency on foreign suppliers, and foster domestic job creation and technological advancement in the defense sector.

## **Indian Army Initiates Development of Upgraded FPV Drones**



09-Jun-25

The Indian Army has initiated a program to develop an upgraded First Person View (FPV) drone, outlined in a General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR) document from the Central Command. This initiative aims to enhance tactical surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, crucial for modern military operations, particularly in counter-insurgency and border surveillance. The focus on upgrading existing FPV drones aligns with global military trends, emphasizing improvements in flight performance and the potential integration of artificial intelligence. This development is expected to foster collaboration with domestic defense firms, supporting India's Make in India initiative and strengthening indigenous defense manufacturing.

## **Pakistan's Submarine Fleet Struggles Amid Upgrade Delays and Vulnerabilities**



09-Jun-25

Pakistan's submarine fleet faces significant operational challenges due to delays in upgrades and maintenance of its Agosta-class submarines, particularly the Agosta-90B variant, exacerbated by supply-chain disruptions and financial constraints. Currently, only two of the five submarines are operational, raising concerns about Pakistan's nuclear second-strike

capability, especially with the Babur-3 submarine-launched cruise missile. The limitations of the Agosta-90B's AIP system, which provides only 16 days of submerged endurance, further restrict its strategic presence, putting Pakistan at a disadvantage compared to India's advanced underwater capabilities. These issues underscore the vulnerabilities inherent in Pakistan's naval strategy, particularly in the context of the Indian Ocean region's geopolitics.

## **DRDO Enhances Su-30MKI with Advanced ECM Pods for Greater Survivability**



09-Jun-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing the capabilities of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Su-30MKI fleet with the development of advanced Wingtip Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) pods. These indigenous pods, featuring Active Phased Array technology and Ultra-Wide Band Digital Radio Frequency Memory, enhance the aircraft's survivability against modern radar-guided threats, such as the AIM-120C-5 AMRAAM. This development is part of the broader Super Sukhoi upgrade program, which aims to ensure the Su-30MKI remains a potent force in the face of evolving aerial threats, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and strengthening its air combat capabilities.

## **India Enhances Air Defense with Netra Mk1A AWACS and GaN Radar**



09-Jun-25

India is advancing its air defense capabilities with the development of the Netra Mk1A Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS), designed to counter threats from Pakistan's planned acquisition of China's J-35A stealth fighter jets. This upgraded system incorporates Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based radar technology for enhanced detection of low Radar Cross Section targets, ensuring the Indian Air Force (IAF) maintains a tactical edge. With improved radar performance and software upgrades, the Netra Mk1A will improve the IAF's situational awareness and enable effective countermeasures against stealth operations, showcasing India's commitment to indigenous defense innovation amidst evolving regional challenges.

## **India to Equip Fighters with Indigenous Anti-AWACS STAR Missile**



09-Jun-25

India is advancing its indigenous defense capabilities with the development of the STAR missile, a very long-range air-to-air missile designed to target enemy

AWACS aircraft. This missile, with an expected range exceeding 300 kilometers, utilizes a Liquid Fuel Ramjet engine, enhancing its speed and operational effectiveness against high-value aerial targets. The STAR missile is set to integrate with the IAF's combat aircraft like the Sukhoi Su-30 MKI and Rafale, significantly bolstering India's layered air defense. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and highlights its growing status as a developer of advanced military solutions, crucial for securing its airspace.

## DRDO to Test Upgraded Kaveri Engine for Tejas, Aiming for 80 kN Thrust

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is set to test the upgraded Dry Kaveri engine on the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, aiming for a thrust increase to approximately 80 kN. This development, part of India's push for self-reliance in military aviation, could enable the Kaveri to replace American engines in the Tejas Mk1A fleet. While challenges such as engine weight remain, successful trials could significantly enhance India's indigenous aero-engine capabilities, crucial for reducing dependence on foreign technologies. The ultimate goal is to achieve a thrust of 83-85 kN with the Kaveri 2.0, further solidifying India's strategic autonomy in defense.

## BrahMos-NG's Advanced Seeker Enhances Precision Against Fast Threats

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India's BrahMos missile program is set for a significant upgrade with the BrahMos-NG, featuring an advanced X-Band Phased Array Monopulse seeker that enhances precision targeting against diverse threats, including stealthy or fast-moving objects. This technology allows for simultaneous tracking of multiple targets, strong resistance to jamming, and compatibility with various platforms like Tejas Mk1A and Su-30MKI. The BrahMos-NG maintains its Mach 3.5 speed while being 50% lighter, ensuring versatility in modern warfare. This advancement underscores India's commitment to bolstering its defense capabilities, ensuring it remains at the forefront of missile technology in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

## Russia Boosts Su-57E Offer to India with 'Super-30' Integration

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Russia has enhanced its proposal for the Su-57E fighter jet to India, allowing for deep integration with indigenous systems under the 'Super-30' program. This strategy enables the Indian Air Force (IAF) to equip the Su-57E with homegrown weapons, bolstering self-reliance and addressing immediate operational needs amid a decline in squadron strength. While the offer presents a timely solution to bridge the capability gap before India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft enters production, concerns about technology transfer, the developmental status of the aircraft's engine, and potential geopolitical repercussions from the U.S. remain critical considerations for India in this partnership.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

## Assess Life-Cycle Costs to Boost Indian Navy Acquisitions

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The Indian Navy's aggressive shipbuilding, with a focus on indigenization, is crucial amid escalating geopolitical tensions. While high acquisition costs pose challenges, adopting life-cycle cost (LCC) management could enhance the affordability of naval upgrades by balancing initial and operational expenses. This shift may allow Indian suppliers to compete effectively, ensuring sustainable revenue streams and fostering partnerships with domestic firms like L&T and Tata. By reconsidering funding models, India could alleviate fiscal pressures and accelerate its naval capabilities, positioning itself strategically in regional security dynamics. The emphasis on local capabilities and innovative funding could transform the landscape of Indian naval defense preparedness.

## Gen VP Malik: India Must Boost Defense Budget to Tackle Threats

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General VP Malik emphasized the necessity for India to increase its defense budget to effectively counter threats from Pakistan and China, particularly in the context of Operation Sindoor. He warned against underestimating Pakistan's potential retaliation and stressed that military goals must align with political objectives. Sanjay Kundu highlighted the Indus Waters Treaty as disadvantageous to India, proposing that

leveraging certain treaty provisions could weaken Pakistan and address water scarcity in northern India. Lt Gen KJS Dhillon shared insights from his military experience, discussing the importance of resilience and adaptability, drawing parallels between military and corporate excellence. Collectively, these discussions underscore India's strategic imperative to bolster its defense and resource management amidst regional challenges.

such support would serve as a strategic response to Turkey's involvement in Kashmir and its military ambitions. He criticized Turkish President Erdogan's aspirations for regional dominance, arguing that Turkey's economic and political issues undermine its aggressive postures. This perspective aligns with India's strategy of enhancing alliances against common threats, reflecting a proactive defense posture in the region.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### Local MLA Calls for Immediate Action in Dollungmukh Border Dispute



09-Jun-25

Recent developments in the Dollungmukh border dispute highlight urgent concerns raised by local MLA Rotom Tebin regarding illegal bombing activities by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and ongoing border encroachment by Assam. During a meeting with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Manish Gupta, Tebin submitted a memorandum urging an immediate halt to bombings at the Dolum firing range, which he described as hazardous to civilians, and called for transparency regarding a conditional lease extension for the range that expires in 2025. The memorandum emphasizes that the IAF's coordination with Assam authorities violates a recent MoU, which stipulates that matters affecting Dollungmukh's villages fall solely under Arunachal Pradesh's jurisdiction. Local leaders and residents fear that without swift action, the situation could escalate, threatening community safety and stability. They demand firm government intervention to uphold their land rights and ensure peace, reflecting broader challenges of unresolved border disputes in India's northeastern states. Overall, the situation emphasizes the need for effective dialogue and decisive action to prevent further tensions and humanitarian concerns in the region. The local population hopes for strong leadership and a resolution to restore their sense of security and normalcy.

### India Should Arm Greece to Counter Turkey's Support for Pakistan



09-Jun-25

A former Major General, G D Bakshi, has advocated for India to bolster its military ties with Greece, countering Turkey's support to Pakistan. He suggested that India could supply Greece with advanced weaponry, including BrahMos missiles, to strengthen its defense against potential Turkish aggression. Bakshi emphasized that

### NATO Chief Rutte Urges 400% Boost in Air and Missile Defense



09-Jun-25

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has called for a 400% increase in the alliance's air and missile defenses to counter the growing threat from Russia, emphasizing a need for a significant enhancement of collective defense capabilities. This call comes amid heightened military spending commitments from member nations, including the UK's pledge to reach 3% of GDP by 2034. Rutte's proposals highlight the urgency for NATO to bolster its military readiness, with a focus on increasing the number of armored vehicles and artillery shells. Such developments reflect a strategic shift towards more robust European defense mechanisms in response to geopolitical challenges, particularly following Russia's actions in Ukraine.

### Norway's Minister Meets Jitendra Singh, Supports India Post-Pahalgam Attack



09-Jun-25

Norway's Minister of International Development, Asmund Grver Aukrust, met India's Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, in Monaco to express Norway's solidarity with India following the Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir. This meeting signifies the strengthening of bilateral ties, particularly in marine planning and sustainable ocean governance, building on a collaboration initiated in 2019. Both nations emphasized their commitment to the Blue Economy and the importance of science diplomacy in addressing environmental challenges. The engagement highlights India's proactive role in marine conservation and reflects a shared ambition to leverage technology and expertise for sustainable development, especially in vulnerable regions.

## India Monitors Pakistan's Budget for Military Spending Risks SHARE

09-Jun-25

India is closely monitoring Pakistan's FY26 budget amidst concerns over potential diversion of IMF aid intended for economic reforms towards military spending. The IMF's recent support for Pakistan comes with strict conditions, including enhanced transparency measures and fiscal discipline, yet India's apprehensions remain due to Pakistan's historical trend of increasing defense budgets despite economic distress. Indian officials have urged the IMF for stricter oversight, emphasizing that aid should not enable state-sponsored terrorism. This vigilance reflects India's broader concerns about regional stability and the effective use of international financial assistance, underscoring the importance of international scrutiny on Pakistan's fiscal management.

## Russia's Outreach to India: Balancing Ties Amid US-China Tensions SHARE

09-Jun-25

Amid escalating US tensions due to the Ukraine conflict, Russia is intensifying its diplomatic and defense outreach to India, seeking to position it as a counterbalance to Western influence, particularly through renewed discussions around the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral. While India maintains a strategic autonomy, historically benefiting from Russian military technology, it is also deepening ties with the US and other Western powers, complicating its relationship with Moscow. India's wariness towards aligning too closely with China, amid border tensions and regional dynamics, suggests that while Russia may seek to leverage India in a strategic partnership, New Delhi will continue to prioritize its national interests and maintain a balanced approach in the geopolitical landscape.

## Pakistan's Claims of Hitting Indian Bases Debunked by Analysis SHARE

09-Jun-25

Recent analysis by geo-intelligence expert Damien Symon discredited Pakistan's assertions of successfully striking Indian air bases during Operation Sindoor, revealing that the satellite images used as evidence were outdated and misrepresented. Notably, the images depicted routine maintenance of a MiG-29, not battle damage to a Sukhoi-30MKI. Furthermore, independent verification confirmed India's effective strikes on Pakistani bases, contrasting sharply with Islamabad's failed narrative. Prime Minister Modi's visit to Adampur Air Base, showcasing intact military assets,

further invalidated Pakistan's claims. This situation underscores the importance of accurate intelligence in modern warfare and highlights Pakistan's struggles with misinformation, ultimately reinforcing India's defense credibility internationally.

## China's Discounted J-35A Jets to Pakistan Draws Domestic Criticism SHARE

09-Jun-25

Recent backlash from Chinese netizens has emerged over Beijing's decision to sell discounted J-35A stealth jets to Pakistan, raising concerns about exports of an untested aircraft amid Pakistan's financial instability. Many criticize the prioritization of arms sales to a client state over enhancing domestic military capabilities, questioning the wisdom of subsidizing such deals. Indian analysts view this as a strategic move by China to strengthen its alliance with Pakistan, notably following a recent terror attack in Indian-administered Kashmir. Overall, the situation underscores the complexities of regional geopolitics and the significant skepticism surrounding the viability of these arms transfers.

## Germany's Quiet Push for IRIS-T in Pakistan Challenges India's BrahMos Progress SHARE

09-Jun-25

Germany's discreet push to equip Pakistan with the advanced IRIS-T air defense system marks a significant shift in South Asian military dynamics, especially given recent tensions showcased by India's Operation Sindoor in May 2025. This German-made short-to-medium-range surface-to-air system, which boasts near-saturation intercept capabilities, has been proposed for Pakistan amid Berlin's ramp-up of IRIS-T production and exports. Germany is expanding capacity to produce at least ten launch units annually by 2026 and increasing missile output starting 2025, with deployments already proceeding in Europe and other strategic markets. Meanwhile, India's BrahMos-ER supersonic cruise missile demonstrated its effectiveness when it struck multiple Pakistani bases, including AWACS assets, with Pakistan's Chinese-origin air defense systems failing to respond. While Islamabad welcomes IRIS-T as a way to counter India's missile threat and reinforce its deterrence, Delhi views Germany's move as a direct challenge to the BrahMos-led edge in regional strike capabilities. The implications are twofold: Pakistan significantly boosts its defensive posture, and India is compelled to urgently modernize and diversify its own air and missile defense

architecture. Additionally, Berlin risks straining its diplomatic and defense trade relations with New Delhi by altering the strategic calculus of the region.

## Armenia Eyes India's Su-30MKI to Counter Azerbaijani JF-17s SHARE

09-Jun-25

Armenia is considering acquiring India-made Su-30MKI multirole fighters to counter Azerbaijan's acquisition of JF-17 Thunder jets from Pakistan. This strategic shift underscores the deepening defense ties between India and Armenia, particularly following the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The cost-effective Su-30MKI, with its advanced capabilities and compatibility with Indian munitions like BrahMos and Astra missiles, presents a robust option for Armenia's air force modernization. This potential deal not only enhances Armenia's defense posture but also marks a significant milestone for India's defense industry and geopolitical influence in the region, paving the way for India's first fighter jet export.

### Military Operations

## Indian Navy and Coast Guard Respond to MV Wan Hai 503 Emergency SHARE

09-Jun-25

An explosion and subsequent fire occurred on the Singapore-flagged container ship MV Wan Hai 503 off the Kerala coast while en route from Colombo to Mumbai, leading to a significant emergency response from the Indian Navy and Coast Guard. The incident, reported around 10:30 AM, left four crew members missing and five injured, prompting the Navy to divert INS Surat and deploy various aerial and surface assets for a rescue operation. The vessel, which has a crew of 22, saw 18 crew members abandon ship into the sea due to the escalating danger, with nearby merchant vessels alerted to aid in the rescue; however, around 20 containers reportedly fell into the sea as explosions were heard onboard, complicating the situation. The Indian authorities are coordinating closely with the vessel's management, assessing the cargo for hazardous materials, while simultaneously ensuring medical care for the injured crew members and securing the area to prevent further maritime hazards. This incident highlights the efficiency and readiness of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard in responding to maritime emergencies, showcasing their capability to manage complex rescue operations while maintaining maritime safety.

## Former Army Chief Calls for Drone Regulations and No-Fly Zones SHARE

09-Jun-25

Former Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane has emphasized urgent action to address drone threats in India, advocating for the establishment of 'no-fly zones' around critical infrastructure and stringent regulations for drone firms. He highlighted the need for mandatory registration of drones and proposed a multi-layered defense strategy, incorporating advanced technologies and civil-military coordination to enhance national security. Naravane warned that the evolving nature of warfare necessitates a shift from border-centric defenses to comprehensive protective measures for vulnerable installations, citing examples like Ukraine's drone strikes that underscore the urgency of adapting to asymmetric threats.

## Russia Launches Record 479 Drones in Overnight Assault on Ukraine SHARE

09-Jun-25

Russia launched a record 479 drones against Ukraine in a significant overnight assault, marking an escalation in its offensive as it dismisses calls for a ceasefire. Despite the scale of the attack, Ukraine's air force successfully intercepted 460 drones and 19 out of 20 missiles, highlighting its air defense capabilities despite ongoing strain. The attack has raised alarms about Ukraine's defense resilience, while it retaliated by targeting an electronics factory in Russia that produces drone components, causing temporary production halts. This exchange underscores the ongoing intensity of the conflict and Russia's unwillingness to engage in meaningful peace talks.

### Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## Himachal Vegetable Seller Arrested for Sedition Over Anti-National Post SHARE

09-Jun-25

A vegetable seller in Himachal Pradesh was arrested for sedition after sharing an anti-national post on Facebook criticizing Indian military actions against Pakistan and praising the neighboring country. Suleman Khan, 45, has been charged under Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, with local residents filing a complaint against him. The police are investigating his background and have seized his mobile phone for forensic examination. This incident highlights the ongoing vigilance of Indian authorities against anti-

national activities, reflecting the nation's commitment to safeguarding sovereignty and upholding national sentiment, especially in the context of heightened geopolitical tensions.

## High Alert in 7 Bengal Districts Over JMB's Module Plans



09-Jun-25

Security in seven districts of West Bengal is on high alert due to intelligence reports about the Bangladesh-based extremist group Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) planning to establish modules in these areas, targeting minority-dominated pockets. Following recent arrests, authorities discovered that the group's strategy involves brainwashing youths to form sleeper cells, with their operations spanning sensitive regions along the international border with Bangladesh. The investigation has revealed links between arrested associates and both Pakistani individuals and other extremist organizations, indicating a broader network influencing local communities. This situation underscores the critical need for vigilance and collaboration among security agencies to counter such threats effectively.

## UK and India Strengthen Counter-Terrorism Ties Post-Pakistan Ceasefire



09-Jun-25

UK and India are enhancing their counter-terrorism collaboration following a recent ceasefire between India and Pakistan, as discussed by British Foreign Minister David Lammy during his visit to New Delhi. This dialogue comes after tensions escalated due to terrorist activities attributed to Pakistan, culminating in a ceasefire on May 10. Lammy emphasized the importance of maintaining stability and combating terrorism aimed at destabilizing India while also highlighting ongoing discussions on trade and a forthcoming free trade agreement. This cooperation reflects both nations' commitment to addressing shared security concerns and fostering economic ties, vital for regional stability and development.

## ASP killed, two cops hurt in Sukma IED blast by Naxalites



09-Jun-25

An Additional Superintendent of Police, Akash Rao Girepunje, was killed and two officers injured in an IED blast by Naxalites in Sukma, Chhattisgarh, while on patrol following reports of arson. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai condemned the attack, asserting that Naxalites'

violent actions will lead to dire consequences, while Deputy CM Vijay Sharma emphasized the need for dialogue, yet highlighted the challenge of achieving peace amidst such incidents. Girepunje was recognized for his bravery in Naxal-affected areas, and the government reiterated its commitment to combating Maoist insurgency and encouraging Naxalites to join the mainstream for societal development.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### 72% of Indian Firms Targeted by AI Cyberattacks, Only 14% Prepared



09-Jun-25

A recent Fortinet-IDC survey highlights that 72% of Indian firms faced AI-driven cyberattacks in the past year, yet only 14% feel equipped to combat these threats. The findings reveal a significant rise in sophisticated attacks, including credential stuffing and deepfake impersonations, with a critical shortage of cybersecurity talent complicating responses. Despite 80% of organizations increasing their cybersecurity budgets, investments remain inadequate compared to the escalating risks. The survey emphasizes the need for a shift towards unified, AI-powered security platforms to enhance resilience and proactive defense against the evolving threat landscape, underscoring the urgency for Indian firms to bolster their cybersecurity posture.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai Takes Charge as Deputy Chief of Army Staff



09-Jun-25

Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai, the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) known for his pivotal role in recent India-Pakistan ceasefire negotiations, has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), a newly established position aimed at overseeing significant operations and intelligence within the Indian Army. Ghai's illustrious career includes leading the media briefings during Operation Sindoor, where Indian forces targeted terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, ultimately resulting in substantial casualties among militants and the successful implementation of a ceasefire agreement. Recognized for his distinguished service, he was recently awarded the Uttam Yudh Seva Medal by

President Droupadi Murmu. In his new role, Ghai will oversee military operations, military intelligence, strategic planning, and information warfare, underscoring the strategic importance of his appointment at a time when maintaining a robust defense posture against external threats is critical. The effective communication and confidence-building measures established through direct dialogue between Ghai and his Pakistani counterpart highlight a strategic approach to managing military tensions while ensuring national security, as demonstrated by India's measured and restrained military actions during the conflict, which aimed to protect its sovereignty without escalating hostilities further.

## **Eighteen Naval Officers, Including Second Woman Pilot, Graduate from INS Rajali**



09-Jun-25

Eighteen Indian Navy officers, including Sub Lieutenant Siddhi Hemant Dubey, who became the second woman helicopter pilot in the Navy, graduated as pilots from the Helicopter Training School at INS Rajali, Tamil Nadu. The graduates participated in a Passing Out Parade after completing 22 weeks of rigorous training, receiving the prestigious 'golden wings' that signify their new status. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar emphasized the Indian Navy's commitment to professionalism and gender inclusivity, noting that these pilots will undertake critical roles in reconnaissance, surveillance, search and rescue, and antipiracy operations, showcasing the Navy's dedication to enhancing its operational capabilities and fostering a diverse workforce.

## **Sepoy Sainudheen's remains found post-Sikkim landslide tragedy**



09-Jun-25

The remains of Sepoy Sainudheen PK, who perished in a landslide at a military camp in North Sikkim, were recovered after eight days of extensive search operations by the Indian Army. The tragic incident, occurring on June 1, highlighted the Army's commitment to ensuring the safety of its personnel, with four individuals rescued and the remains of three soldiers recovered. Sainudheen, honored for his dedicated service across challenging terrains, was repatriated with full military honors through a coordinated effort involving the tri-services. His sacrifice underscores the valor and unwavering dedication of Indian soldiers, embodying the spirit of selfless service to the nation.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Army Chief Gen Dwivedi Launches Community Radio in Uttarakhand**



09-Jun-25

Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi recently visited forward posts in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand, where he reviewed the operational and administrative readiness of the forces stationed there. His visit included the inauguration of Ibex Tarana 88.4 FM, a pioneering community radio station in Jyotirmath aimed at fostering local expression, cultural preservation, and community engagement. The radio station will broadcast a variety of programs, enhancing communication and promoting socio-economic development in the region. During his interactions, General Dwivedi commended the troops for their dedication and professionalism, emphasizing the necessity of maintaining high operational standards amid regional security challenges. Additionally, he performed prayers at Kedarnath Dham and honored distinguished veterans with the Veterans Achievement Award, acknowledging their contributions to the nation. This initiative not only highlights the Army's commitment to regional development and community empowerment but also reflects its strategic role in fostering goodwill and integration between border communities and national progress. Overall, the visit underscores the Indian Army's multifaceted approach to enhancing security, community ties, and cultural heritage in strategically significant areas.

### **Indian Astronaut Shukla Poised for Historic Axiom-4 Launch**



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Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla is set to embark on a historic journey to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 mission, marking India's return to human spaceflight over four decades after Rakesh Sharma's iconic flight in 1984. Scheduled to launch aboard SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft on a Falcon 9 rocket, Shukla will be joined by an international crew, including veteran NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, and will conduct 60 scientific studies during their 14-day stay at the ISS. This mission not only symbolizes a significant step for India's space ambitions, reflecting a confident and forward-looking nation eager to engage in global space exploration, but it also highlights India's growing capabilities in space technology as it invests in the upcoming Gaganyaan mission. Shukla expressed

his desire to inspire the next generation of Indians to pursue careers in space science, emphasizing that his journey represents the aspirations of 1.4 billion people. With a financial commitment exceeding \$60 million for this mission, India is positioning itself as a crucial player in the international space race, parallel to the achievements of established powers like the U.S., Russia, and China. The Ax-4 mission is thus more than just a flight; it stands as a beacon of opportunity and cooperation, reinforcing India's status as a rising force in the global space community while enhancing scientific collaboration among the participating nations.

## Axiom-4 Mission: India's Bold Step in Global Space Exploration



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The Axiom-4 mission, launching on June 10, represents a significant collaboration between NASA and ISRO, with Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla aboard, marking India's prominent role in global space exploration. This mission will facilitate key experiments that align with ISRO's Gaganyaan project, enhancing India's human spaceflight capabilities. Notably, Axiom-4 aims to conduct research on microgravity impacts, including studies on diabetes and crop growth, critical for future space missions. Shukla's participation also provides vital experience for India's aspirations in human spaceflight, reinforcing its position alongside established space-faring nations. Through Axiom-4, India is poised to advance its technological capabilities and scientific understanding in space.

## Indian Coast Guard Unveils Jetty at Vizhinjam for Coastal Security



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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has inaugurated a dedicated jetty at Vizhinjam Harbour in Kerala, enhancing mission readiness for coastal surveillance and response to maritime threats. This new facility, strategically located near international shipping lanes, will improve deployment times for ICG vessels involved in search and rescue, anti-smuggling, and fisheries protection. ICG Director General Paramesh Sivamani emphasized its importance for coastal security, while the organization also reaffirmed its commitment to environmental protection with initiatives aimed at combating plastic pollution through community engagement and educational programs. These developments reflect ICG's proactive approach to both maritime security and environmental conservation.

## Army Chief to Review Air Force Academy Graduation Parade



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Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi will review the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) at the Air Force Academy in Dundigal on June 14, marking the successful completion of pre-commissioning training for flight cadets. The ceremony will feature the conferral of the 'President's Commission' and 'Wings' to graduates, with awards for the top cadets, including the 'President's Plaque' and 'Chief of the Air Staff Sword of Honour.' The event will showcase military precision and includes impressive aerial displays by various aircraft, emphasizing the strong synergy among Indian defense forces and reinforcing India's commitment to developing skilled personnel across branches, which is crucial for national security.

## Journalist Mocha Bezirgan Claims Assault by Khalistani Supporters



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Canadian investigative journalist Mocha Bezirgan says he was physically assaulted and threatened by pro-Khalistan activists while covering a rally in downtown Vancouver on June 8, 2025. He recounts how the attackers, whom he described as "thugs," surrounded him, snatched his phone, and issued violent threats when he attempted to record—a tactic he views as an intimidation effort aimed at silencing independent journalism. Bezirgan emphasized that although these extremists don't represent the broader Sikh community, they have been emboldened by vandalism, aggressive rhetoric, and political support. He identified Sikhs for Justice as rally organizers and noted that influential groups like the World Sikh Organization, along with certain Canadian MPs, have lent legitimacy by attending events featuring Khalistani influence. He accused one attacker—allegedly a British national—of harassing him persistently online and in person, and confirmed he has filed police reports. Bezirgan warned that political tolerance and media silence could normalize extremist behavior and further strain Canada's relations with India. Despite being shaken, he remains unwavering in his commitment to independent journalism and accountability for those threatening press freedom.

## Canada's G7 Invite to Modi Signals India's Global Importance



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The invitation extended to Prime Minister Modi by Canada's G7 Summit host, Carney, amidst diplomatic

tensions highlights India's crucial role in global discussions, particularly regarding Indo-Pacific security and economic stability. Despite challenges stemming from accusations against Indian agents related to the Nijjar case, both nations recognize the necessity of cooperation, given India's position as a major economy and democratic partner. This invitation reflects a pragmatic approach by Canada, acknowledging India's indispensable influence in global supply chains and strategic dialogues. While underlying issues remain, the summit presents a platform for constructive engagement and potential thawing of Canada-India relations, showcasing the importance of dialogue in the current geopolitical landscape.

## Yunus and Modi Emphasize Unity and Respect on Eid al-Adha SHARE

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Bangladesh's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus emphasized mutual respect in his Eid al-Adha message to PM Modi, highlighting themes of unity and cooperation between the two nations. PM Modi's earlier greetings celebrated the festival's values, reiterating India's commitment to a peaceful and inclusive world. Both leaders stressed the importance of constructive bilateral dialogue, addressing shared concerns like minority safety in Bangladesh and advocating for enhanced border security. This exchange reflects a deepening diplomatic engagement and a shared vision for a stable, prosperous partnership, reinforcing the commitment to address mutual interests while avoiding rhetoric that may strain relations.

## Protests Erupt in Manipur Over Arrests of Meitei Leaders SHARE

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Protests have erupted in Manipur over the arrests of Meitei leaders, resulting in demonstrators clashing with security forces and defying prohibitory orders. Incidents included torchlight processions, the burning of a government building, and the creation of mounds on roads to hinder police movement. Authorities responded with tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds, and an investigation is underway to identify those responsible for the arson. This unrest highlights ongoing tensions within the region, necessitating heightened security measures and careful management by law enforcement to maintain order and prevent further escalation.

## Court allows Mumbai attacks suspect Tahawwur Rana a family call SHARE

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A Delhi court has permitted Tahawwur Hussain Rana, an accused in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, to make a single phone call to his family, supervised by Tihar Jail authorities. Rana, a Pakistani-origin Canadian, is associated with David Coleman Headley and is implicated in conspiring with terrorist organizations like Lashkar-e-Taiba to execute the attacks that killed 166 people. His health is to be reassessed within ten days, and the court is awaiting clarification on his potential for regular phone access. This decision underscores the ongoing legal complexities surrounding terrorism-related cases in India and highlights the judicial processes in addressing security threats.

## Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma to Ramp Up Illegal Immigration Crackdown SHARE

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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the state's intent to enforce the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950, to identify and expel illegal foreigners, emphasizing recent Supreme Court rulings that support this action. He claimed over 300 illegal Bangladeshis have been deported recently and criticized the Congress party, particularly targeting leader Gaurav Gogoi over alleged foreign links within his family. Sarma argued that while citizenship is a valued asset, the Congress party does not uphold this principle, suggesting that its members have foreign ties that undermine national integrity. This move reflects Assam's commitment to addressing illegal immigration, reinforcing regional security and demographic stability.

## Rajnath Singh Celebrates India's Rise to Top Five Economies Under Modi SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently celebrated 11 years of governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting India's rise as one of the top five global economies. He emphasized the significant strides made in defence manufacturing and the commitment to Atmanirbharta (self-reliance), which has bolstered India's global stature. Singh reflected on the transformative journey since 2014, attributing the nation's progress to Modi's leadership, which aligns with the visionary ideals of India's founding figures. His message underscores the government's focus on fostering a self-sufficient and strategically assertive India, ready to defend its interests while playing a prominent role on the world stage.

## India Leverages Youth Innovation to Tackle Global Challenges



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Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla emphasized India's leadership in addressing global challenges through its youth's talent and innovation during an event at IIT Jodhpur. He highlighted the importance of integrating modern technology with India's spiritual heritage to foster ethical and sustainable growth. Birla noted IITs'

crucial role in transforming graduates into job providers, enhancing the startup ecosystem, and achieving self-reliance, particularly in defense and other sectors. He urged educational institutions to nurture creativity and entrepreneurship, reinforcing India's path toward a prosperous and developed nation by 2047, while also commending IIT Jodhpur's initiatives in research and innovation.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
WALCHANNAG	253.7	266.0	253.7	262.47	1182258	4.54	73.03	221.79	246.28
BHARATFORG	1305.0	1362.1	1298.4	1344.6	2575104	3.72	75.65	1255.6	1290.5
PREMEXPLN	600.0	619.0	587.5	615.15	1598825	3.67	66.13	553.86	467.25
CFE	625.95	652.0	625.0	645.0	20000	3.04	84.46	570.72	591.02
AZAD	1665.0	1703.7	1661.1	1689.2	1117693	2.39	47.47	1779.93	1556.27
MARINE	240.6	243.97	234.08	241.04	1337347	2.06	71.5	212.96	219.44
ROSSELLIND	67.5	68.9	67.0	68.38	25750	1.97	42.35	72.55	135.77
ADANIENIT	2545.0	2604.1	2524.5	2582.1	1711167	1.89	62.25	2515.59	2571.75
SOLARINDS	16599.0	17025.0	16546.0	16827.0	155779	1.84	74.66	15364.2	11008.16
DYNAMATECH	6804.0	6992.0	6782.5	6892.0	19849	1.73	54.9	6912.38	7203.55
LMW	16300.0	16550.0	16092.0	16452.0	4862	1.47	44.93	17141.55	16138.31
PTC	174.5	176.9	174.5	175.73	1452982	1.17	46.91	181.07	172.56
BDL	1942.5	1963.8	1925.5	1948.6	2086281	0.78	65.0	1901.07	1270.6
LT	3664.0	3708.9	3662.2	3678.9	898170	0.62	66.33	3623.27	3514.41
GRSE	3340.5	3418.0	3216.0	3271.1	2891598	0.58	74.14	2784.38	1731.44
BEL	394.0	395.3	391.8	392.45	13744521	0.45	77.26	377.24	296.32
HAL	5014.2	5033.5	4987.0	5008.6	1054807	0.39	60.13	4965.06	4257.2
NIBE	1691.05	1724.95	1668.9	1681.1	12156	0.31	58.36	1633.62	1553.51
HIGHENE	700.0	714.0	692.1	705.0	9803	0.11	65.15	690.81	596.96
MTARTECH	1772.0	1806.8	1762.7	1770.3	252114	-0.02	75.6	1645.55	1589.03
ASTRAMICRO	1139.9	1140.2	1105.0	1130.1	575221	-0.18	64.09	1087.17	802.6
TANEJAERO	406.9	406.9	397.1	397.1	12223	-0.46	72.5	367.2	400.45
HBLPOWER	609.5	614.9	602.0	603.65	663656	-0.56	64.2	580.22	562.87
BEML	4415.0	4460.0	4321.0	4361.8	550432	-0.8	73.86	3971.76	3594.94
IDEAFORGE	591.35	593.9	579.0	585.35	423764	-1.01	65.94	548.64	539.59
MAZDOCK	3421.8	3437.4	3360.0	3369.1	1871397	-1.05	54.04	3422.3	2412.19
MIDHANI	426.2	427.8	417.5	420.1	776971	-1.21	63.22	410.0	339.62
DCXINDIA	315.5	317.2	309.0	309.45	809208	-1.37	50.45	323.2	309.18
PARAS	1654.7	1660.9	1601.0	1607.6	662490	-2.4	57.44	1611.39	1112.96
APOLLO	205.99	206.54	197.2	199.3	6967413	-2.77	74.83	165.5	116.51
ZENTEC	2035.0	2105.0	2000.0	2013.7	663906	-3.35	60.47	1948.94	1745.95
DATAPAT'TNS	3075.0	3110.1	2942.0	2953.9	791544	-3.6	62.72	2822.06	2282.87
KRISHNADEF	967.0	1000.0	916.0	928.85	75000	-3.7	61.92	851.95	711.91
COCHINSHIP	2406.6	2418.6	2290.8	2301.3	6984192	-3.81	71.76	1967.98	1573.15
AVANTEL	172.8	174.14	158.37	160.74	8437478	-6.2	61.92	140.38	146.29
SIKA	1297.95	1297.95	1174.05	1175.35	246448	-9.9	69.81	897.43	569.78
LOKESHMACH	0.0	164.22	164.22	164.22	16567	-12.77	48.12	168.27	297.43