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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	774.85	764.35	+1.37%
LT	3536.15	3527.9	+0.23%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
APOLLO	119.35	129.44	-7.8%
PARAS	1017.45	1069.75	-4.89%
KRISHNADEF	765.5	804.35	-4.83%
AZAD	1668.1	1750.05	-4.68%
TANEJAERO	400.75	419.1	-4.38%

Defense Business and Industry

GTRE Launches Global Tender for Advanced Turbine Blade Production



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GTRE has issued a global tender for the machining, brazing, and EBPVD/TBC coating of single-crystal high-pressure turbine rotor blades, essential for gas turbine engines in India's defense and aerospace sectors. This move aims to reduce dependence on foreign technologies while enhancing the performance of indigenous aircraft engines like those in HAL Tejas. The use of advanced nickel-based superalloys and modern manufacturing techniques like EBPVD will improve thermal resistance and durability, significantly contributing to India's self-reliance in defense capabilities. This tender marks a pivotal step in advancing India's aerospace industry and fortifying its strategic platforms.

Lockheed Martin Delivers 110 F-35 Jets Amid Software Hurdles



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Lockheed Martin delivered 110 F-35 jets in 2024, reflecting a significant production adjustment from an initial target of 156 due to software certification delays in the Block 4 avionics system. The company faced a delivery hiatus since July 2023 but still managed notable production rates, showcasing resilience amidst challenges. This achievement highlights the complexities of integrating advanced technologies in military aviation, crucial for maintaining air superiority for the U.S. and allied forces. Despite financial impacts

from delayed payments, Lockheed remains committed to resolving the TR-3 and Block 4 software issues, emphasizing the strategic importance of the F-35 program in global defense capabilities.

DRDO to Showcase Uttam AESA Radar Model for Tejas at Aero India

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will unveil a scale model of the Uttam AESA Radar at Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru, highlighting India's advancements in indigenous defense technology. This radar, designed for the Tejas MkI and MkII fighter jets, features capabilities like multi-target tracking and low probability of intercept, significantly enhancing combat effectiveness. Notably, around 95% of its components are indigenous, supporting India's self-reliance in defense. With a detection range exceeding 100 kilometers against fighter-sized targets, the Uttam radar represents a substantial leap in modern radar technology, showcasing India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities and technological prowess.

India Poised to Finalize \$5B 6th Gen Jet Engine Deal for AMCA



10-Jan-25

India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program is on the verge of a significant milestone as it nears the finalization of a contract for a 6th generation jet engine, with French aerospace firm Safran leading the bidding, alongside UK's Rolls-Royce and US's General Electric. The project, estimated at \$5 billion, will establish a local production line and aims for engine production clearance by 2032-33, involving extensive

testing to ensure performance meets modern combat standards. This collaboration emphasizes 100% Transfer of Technology (ToT), aiming to integrate advanced features like variable cycle capabilities, enhancing efficiency and performance across varying speeds, thus solidifying India's defense self-reliance.

ADA Considers Two-Seat AMCA for Enhanced Drone Combat Control SHARE

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is considering a two-seat variant of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), India's 5.5-generation stealth fighter, primarily for improved drone control in combat scenarios. This development emphasizes the potential role of an additional crew member, specifically a Weapons System Officer, to enhance operational effectiveness alongside unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) like Ghatak. However, integrating a second seat presents significant design challenges that could compromise the aircraft's stealth capabilities. The decision will be influenced by data collection and cost-benefit analyses to ensure strategic advantages justify the complexities of such modifications.

Philippine Marines Enhance Defense with BrahMos Missile Display SHARE

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The Philippine Marine Corps has showcased its newly acquired BrahMos missile systems, significantly enhancing its coastal defense capabilities amid regional tensions, particularly in the South China Sea. Known for its supersonic speed of Mach 2.8 and a range of 290 kilometers, the BrahMos missile represents a strategic upgrade for the Philippines as it aims to safeguard its maritime borders. The demonstration included mobile launchers and simulation sequences, highlighting the system's operational readiness and integration with existing forces. This development underscores a broader initiative to bolster defense postures in response to regional challenges, showcasing India's successful defense collaboration with the Philippines.

Paras Defence Secures License to Manufacture Advanced LMGs SHARE

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Paras Defence and Space Technologies Limited has received a crucial license from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to manufacture MK-46 and MK-48 Light Machine Guns (LMGs), reinforcing its position in India's defense

sector. This license allows for the production of 6,000 units of each model annually and supports the government's Make in India initiative, promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing. With a lifetime validity, the license enhances Paras Defence's production capacity and could attract increased orders from domestic and international markets, reflecting confidence in the company's compliance and capabilities. This development underlines India's growing commitment to bolstering its indigenous defense industry.

IAF's Limited Tejas Mk1 Orders: A Challenge for Indigenous Production SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has faced challenges regarding the limited orders and slow production of the Tejas Mk1, an indigenous light combat aircraft developed by HAL and DRDO. Initially cleared for production in 2013, the IAF ordered only 40 units due to concerns about operational readiness and evolving warfare demands, which hampered HAL's ability to optimize production and reduce costs. The IAF's focus on procuring advanced foreign aircraft further diminished the Tejas Mk1's role. However, with the Tejas Mk2 in development, the IAF's recent acknowledgment of the aircraft's capabilities is pivotal for enhancing India's defense self-sufficiency and ensuring a robust commitment to indigenous manufacturing.

AvGarde Systems Wins TDF Prize for Innovative DroneSafe Technology SHARE

10-Jan-25

Guwahati-based AvGarde Systems Private Limited has achieved a significant milestone by winning the first prize in the Defence Research and Development Organisation's Technology Development Fund scheme for their innovative DroneSafe system, which represents a major advancement in counter-drone technology. The system features a high-performance X-Band micro-doppler detection radar and integrates AI for detection and classification, tactical jamming, and GNSS spoofing capabilities, allowing for effective neutralization of aerial threats while minimizing collateral damage. This comprehensive solution not only enhances military capabilities but also supports intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, showcasing India's growing defense technology prowess.

HAL's HJT-36 Sitara Trainer Set for Full Production by 2028 SHARE

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India's indigenous Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) HJT-36 Sitara is set to enter full-scale production by 2028, following significant design overhauls to address earlier spin recovery issues. Collaborating with BAE Systems, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has made critical modifications and upgraded the avionics suite, enhancing pilot training capabilities. The Indian Air Force (IAF) requires 85 IJTs to replace the aging HJT-16 Kiran trainers. Currently in limited series production, the Sitara program underscores HAL's dedication to self-reliance in defense manufacturing and aims to deliver a modern training platform essential for the complexities of contemporary aerial warfare.

IAF Sticks with AL-31FP Engines for Su-30MKI, Prioritizes Logistics SHARE

10-Jan-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has chosen to retain the AL-31FP engines for its fleet of Su-30MKI fighter aircraft, rejecting a Russian offer to upgrade to the superior AL-41F engines. This decision, influenced by logistical efficiency, training continuity, and India's self-reliance in manufacturing, allows the IAF to maintain its established supply chain and avoid the costs of reskilling personnel. While the AL-41F offers performance enhancements, the focus will remain on upgrading other systems within the aircraft, ensuring operational stability. This strategic choice reflects the IAF's priorities in balancing technological advancement with the need to minimize disruption to its existing infrastructure.

India's RPSA Project Gains Momentum with AI-Driven Stealth Features SHARE

10-Jan-25

India is advancing its Remotely Piloted Strike Aircraft (RPSA) project, with the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) expected to approve it soon. This project, crucial for the Indian Air Force (IAF), focuses on developing a stealth-capable unmanned combat aerial vehicle that utilizes AI to minimize its Radar Cross Section, enhancing its ability to evade enemy defenses. As the CCS deliberates on this high-stakes initiative, the successful implementation of the RPSA could redefine India's aerial warfare capabilities and solidify its position in unmanned systems technology, showcasing the country's commitment to innovation in defense.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

NATO Hesitant on Trump's 5% Defense Spending Proposal SHARE

10-Jan-25

NATO officials indicate they are unlikely to adopt Trump's proposal for a 5% defense spending target, preferring a more attainable figure that may be around 3% amid rising concerns over Russian aggression following the Ukraine conflict. The current target of 2% has proven challenging for many members, with only a few, like Poland, exceeding it. Analysts suggest that while recent defense spending increases have been significant, reaching 3% will require sustained effort over the next decade. The discussion around increasing defense budgets reflects a growing sentiment among European nations to enhance self-reliance and reduce dependency on U.S. military support as highlighted in upcoming NATO meetings.

Bangladesh's Ties with Pakistan Don't Diminish India Relations SHARE

10-Jan-25

A former Bangladeshi diplomat, Mashfee Binte Shams, reassured that Bangladesh's growing relations with Pakistan do not pose a threat to India, emphasizing that trade with India will always surpass that with Pakistan. She highlighted strong cultural and people-to-people ties between India and Bangladesh, which remain unassailable despite recent developments. Shams acknowledged that Bangladesh has unresolved issues with Pakistan, suggesting that Dhaka is not ready to embrace Islamabad. Concerns over direct shipping linkages between Bangladesh and Pakistan were downplayed as longstanding practices aimed at enhancing connectivity.

Taliban Recognizes India as Key Economic Partner After Talks SHARE

10-Jan-25

The Taliban has designated India as a "significant regional and economic partner" following a high-level meeting in Dubai on an unspecified date, marking the highest-level talks since their 2021 takeover of Afghanistan. Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri discussed enhancing trade through the Chabahar Port in Iran, which is crucial for India to bypass rival Pakistan's ports. Despite no formal recognition of the Taliban government, India aims to engage in development projects and strengthen ties, a move that

could provoke Pakistan given the historical tensions between the three nations. This development highlights India's strategic intent to solidify its influence in Afghanistan amid regional geopolitical shifts.

Rajnath Singh urges global unity for security amid tensions



10-Jan-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, addressing the Ambassadors Round-Table on January 10, 2025, emphasized the necessity for global cohesiveness in light of ongoing geopolitical tensions, advocating for collective actions among like-minded nations to ensure mutual prosperity and peace. He highlighted India's role as a key voice for the Global South, promoting a multi-aligned policy and emphasizing five guiding principles articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi: Respect, Dialogue, Cooperation, Peace, and Prosperity. The minister underscored that Aero India 2025, scheduled from February 10 to 14, 2025, in Bengaluru, serves as a significant platform for fostering strategic partnerships and showcasing advancements in aerospace and defense, highlighting India's robust defense industrial ecosystem and its attractiveness for foreign investments. The event is expected to feature a range of activities, including a Defence Ministers Conclave and an exhibition area, presenting opportunities for collaboration among international firms to accelerate indigenization processes, backed by substantial government reforms aimed at boosting domestic capabilities. Over 150 countries are invited to participate, with expectations to surpass the previous edition's achievements, which saw impressive engagement from global stakeholders and substantial technology transfers and partnerships. This strategic push reflects India's commitment to self-reliance and its aim to position itself as a pivotal player in the international defense landscape, leveraging air and space power as critical elements of military strategy in modern warfare.

Bangladesh Rejects India's Allegations of Fishermen Mistreatment



10-Jan-25

A recent controversy highlights the tensions between India and Bangladesh regarding the treatment of Indian fishermen. After the repatriation of 95 Indian fishermen on January 5, 2025, some reported mistreatment during their detention in Bangladesh, alleging assaults by authorities. However, Bangladesh's Foreign Ministry rejected these claims, asserting that all allegations were investigated and found unsubstantiated,

emphasizing the proper treatment of detainees, including consular access. While both nations have engaged in reciprocal repatriation, Bangladesh urged the importance of avoiding unfounded accusations to maintain mutual respect and cooperation, indicating a desire to collaboratively resolve humanitarian issues despite ongoing tensions.

India Bolsters Maldives Defence with \$4M Arms Commitment



10-Jan-25

India is enhancing its defence ties with the Maldives through significant discussions held on Wednesday, led by Defence Ministers Rajnath Singh and Mohammed Ghassan Maumoon. The talks focused on maritime security, information exchange, and capacity-building for the Maldives National Defence Forces. India has committed to providing defence equipment worth approximately \$4 million and has previously supplied critical assets like Dornier aircraft, crucial for regional surveillance. This cooperation underscores India's dedication to fostering regional security and support for its neighbours, particularly amidst rising maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean.

IAF Chief Raises Alarm on Fleet Delays Amidst Regional Tensions



10-Jan-25

Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh expressed concerns over delays in the delivery of 40 Tejas aircraft at the 21st Subroto Mukerjee Seminar, amid rising aerial capabilities from regional adversaries like China. Concurrently, some Pakistani social media users, allegedly linked to ISI, have suggested conflicts over Kashmir could arise from India's procurement issues, inadequately addressing Pakistan's severe economic challenges. The discourse overlooks the complexities of modern warfare, where air superiority is not the sole determinant of success. India's significant investments in air defense systems, such as the S-400 and indigenous MRSAM, alongside its strategic alliances, create a formidable defense that challenges any potential military endeavors from Pakistan.

Tribal Body Appeals to Centre Against India-Myanmar Border Fencing



10-Jan-25

The Tenyimi Union Nagaland (TUN) has urged the Indian government not to proceed with the fencing of the India-Myanmar border, emphasizing that it would harm the Naga community by severing cultural ties and disrupting access to essential services. This appeal

aligns with a resolution from the Nagaland Assembly on March 1, 2024, and reflects concerns from various tribal organizations. The proposed fencing, costing Rs 31,000 crore, aims to enhance national security but risks isolating communities and exacerbating poverty. With a porous 1,643 km border, the initiative raises significant questions about balancing security and the socio-economic well-being of border residents.

Afghanistan's FM assures India of no threats, seeks ties



10-Jan-25

Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi assured India during a meeting in Dubai on a date unspecified, that his country does not pose a threat to any nation and expressed a desire to enhance diplomatic relations, particularly in trade and health support. India emphasized the importance of political and economic ties, conditional upon Afghanistan ensuring its territory is not used for terrorism, especially by groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. While India remains cautious and has not recognized the Taliban government, it is open to engaging in development projects, reflecting India's intent to maintain influence in a strategically vital region amid security concerns stemming from Pakistan-based terror elements.

North Korea's Potential Troop Deployment to Russia Alarms Region



10-Jan-25

North Korea may deploy up to 100,000 troops to support Russia in Ukraine, raising regional security concerns, particularly for South Korea, the U.S., and Japan. Analysts suggest this military collaboration could involve advanced missile technology transfer, enhancing North Korea's capabilities. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken indicated that such cooperation might extend to satellite technology, posing further threats to U.S. assets. Despite the strengthening ties, experts believe that North Korea's alliance with Russia may be temporary, potentially jeopardizing its relationship with China post-conflict, as it seeks to modernize its military while navigating complex geopolitical dynamics.

Kurdish Peace Prospects Dimmed by Turkey's Syrian Aspirations



10-Jan-25

Recent discussions indicate a cautious optimism for peace between the Turkish government and Kurdish forces, following Abdullah Ocalan's willingness to

advocate for disarmament. Meetings between Turkey's pro-Kurdish DEM Party and Ocalan aim to establish a roadmap for peace, with expectations for significant developments by February. However, skepticism remains among Kurds due to past failures and ongoing military threats from Turkey against Kurdish forces in Syria. The government's balancing act involves addressing Kurdish rights while managing public sentiment, as many Turks oppose negotiations with Ocalan and the PKK, reflecting deep-seated historical tensions.

Military Operations

Zelenskyy Unveils \$2B Military Aid Boost from 34 Nations



10-Jan-25

In a significant military support development, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced an additional \$2 billion in military assistance from 34 countries, including a \$500 million package from the U.S., aimed at bolstering Ukraine's defenses against Russia. This aid includes crucial air defense systems, munitions, and support for F-16 fighter jets, marking the Biden administration's final significant assistance before the Trump administration takes office on January 20, 2025. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin emphasized the necessity of continued support for Ukraine, warning against allowing autocrats like Putin to expand their territories unchecked. The urgency of this assistance underscores the importance of strengthening Ukraine's military capabilities to enhance its negotiating position in any future discussions aimed at resolving the ongoing conflict.

Surya Kiran: Indo-Nepal Military Drill Enhances Urban Warfare Skills



10-Jan-25

The 18th edition of the Indo-Nepal Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran is currently taking place in Nepal from December 31 to January 13, highlighting the robust partnership between the Indian and Nepalese armies. This exercise focuses on counterterrorism and operations in challenging terrains, featuring training in jungle survival, urban warfare, and heliborne operations. With around 700 personnel participating, Major General Gurung emphasized enhancing interoperability and learning from each other's experiences, showcasing a strong commitment to military excellence and mutual cooperation between the two nations, ultimately

strengthening the brotherhood that exists between India and Nepal.

Indian Navy and Air Force Join French Navy for Maritime Exercise



10-Jan-25

The Indian Navy, alongside the Indian Air Force, engaged in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the French Navy's Carrier Strike Group off India's Western Seaboard, showcasing advanced interoperability and professionalism between the two forces. This exercise, part of ongoing defense cooperation, included joint air operations and professional exchanges, reinforcing the strategic bilateral relationship established since 1998. The French naval ships, including the FS Forbin and FS Alsace, have made multiple port calls in India, emphasizing mutual growth and maritime safety in the Indian Ocean. Such collaborative efforts ensure both nations remain pivotal players in regional security, reflecting their commitment to constructive ties.

Security forces in Kulgam arrest suspect, seize weapons in crackdown.



10-Jan-25

In a joint operation on January 8, 2025, security forces apprehended a suspect in Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir, recovering an AK rifle, magazines, grenades, and ammunition. This action is part of a broader strategy to curb terrorism following recent attacks in the region that claimed civilian and military lives. Intelligence suggests increasing desperation among terrorist handlers in Pakistan, leading to heightened infiltration attempts. Security forces, including the Army and police, have intensified operations to dismantle terrorist networks and ensure stability following peaceful elections in the union territory, demonstrating India's commitment to maintaining law and order despite ongoing challenges.

Ukraine Strikes Donetsk Supermarket; Russia Responds with Drones



10-Jan-25

On a recent Friday, the Ukrainian army struck a supermarket in Donetsk using U.S.-supplied missiles, resulting in two fatalities, according to Russian sources. In retaliation, Russia launched an assault with 72 drones, of which 33 were intercepted. Continuous drone attacks have become a key strategy for Russia, aiming to deplete Ukrainian air defenses as the conflict intensifies. This pattern of escalation highlights the ongoing volatility in the region, reflecting a desperate struggle from both sides as they aim to secure military

advantages, which could have implications for broader geopolitical dynamics, including international support for Ukraine.

Russia Launches Over 51,000 Guided Bombs on Ukraine's Defenses



10-Jan-25

Russia has reportedly launched over 51,000 guided bombs against Ukraine since its full-scale invasion began nearly three years ago, significantly impacting Ukrainian defenses, particularly in eastern regions. On March 27, 2024, deadly strikes on residential areas resulted in civilian casualties, prompting President Zelenskyy to appeal for additional advanced air defense systems from allies. Ukrainian officials emphasize the need to target Russian warplanes and airfields to counter these guided bomb attacks effectively. This situation highlights the ongoing military escalation and the pressing need for enhanced defense capabilities amid deteriorating security dynamics in the region.

HAL Reviews ALH Dhruv Fleet After Crash; Flight Resumption Soon



10-Jan-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has paused operations of all 330 ALH Dhruv helicopters following a tragic crash in Porbandar that resulted in the loss of three lives during routine training. A detailed investigation is underway, including an analysis of the recovered flight data recorder, with a decision on resuming flights expected soon. Despite concerns, an external review confirmed the design integrity of the ALH Dhruv. HAL is proactively addressing maintenance issues, implementing a five-year logistics agreement with the Indian Coast Guard, and has initiated measures to replace vulnerable parts, demonstrating commitment to safety and operational readiness in its indigenous fleet.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Israel Faces Alarming Rise in Terrorism with 18,365 Attacks in 2024



10-Jan-25

Israel has reported a significant rise in terrorism in 2024, with 18,365 attacks attributed to various groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. The escalating violence, particularly from Houthi missile strikes targeting urban areas, has prompted increased Israeli military operations aiming to

neutralize these threats. This surge raises concerns about regional instability and potential spillover effects, with Israel committed to defending its citizens amidst this complex security situation. The ongoing hostilities reflect broader geopolitical tensions, highlighting the necessity for robust defense strategies in response to evolving threats in the region.

NSG and ATS Hold Anti-Terror Drill at Prayagraj Junction for Maha Kumbh 2025



10-Jan-25

As preparations for the Maha Kumbh 2025 intensify, the National Security Guard (NSG) and the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) conducted a successful joint anti-terror drill at Prayagraj Junction, simulating hostage scenarios and demonstrating their readiness to counter potential threats. The exercise involved the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police, resulting in the neutralization of several "terrorists" and the rescue of hostages. With over 45 crore devotees expected at the Maha Kumbh, scheduled main bathing rituals on January 14, January 29, and February 3, the drill underscored the commitment of Indian security forces to ensure passenger safety during this significant event. The proactive measures reflect a robust preparedness strategy for large-scale gatherings.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Pope Francis warns of AI and misinformation's impact on society



10-Jan-25

Pope Francis, in his New Year's address to diplomats on January 1, 2025, expressed concern over the dangers of misinformation, artificial intelligence, and their potential for manipulating public perception. He emphasized the need for media literacy to combat fake news and criticized "cancel culture" for promoting divisive ideologies while undermining human rights. With the recent shift in misinformation management by tech companies like Meta, the Pope highlighted the risk of institutions becoming echo chambers, potentially jeopardizing global peace and stability. His remarks serve as a call to action for responsible communication and collective responsibility in safeguarding societal values.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

DG NCC Launches Innovation Competition to Empower Cadets



10-Jan-25

On January 10, 2025, DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh inaugurated the 'Idea and Innovation Competition' at the NCC Building in New Delhi, aimed at empowering cadets to tackle real-world challenges through critical thinking and innovative solutions. The initiative, part of the NCC Republic Day Camp, saw participation from all 17 NCC State Directorates, producing 256 innovative ideas, with 56 showcased during the event. This initiative not only fosters creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurship among cadets but also aligns NCC training with contemporary needs, gearing them towards Yuva Setu and the vision of Viksit Bharat, thereby nurturing future leaders committed to nation-building.

Miscellaneous

India's Diaspora: A Key to Global Workforce Development



10-Jan-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the crucial role of the Indian diaspora during the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 9, stating they serve as a "living bridge" connecting India to the world. He highlighted the government's commitment to improving consular services and enhancing the ease of doing business for Indians abroad, reinforcing that the Modi government stands ready to support them in times of difficulty. Jaishankar also pointed to Odisha's historical significance and its role in the 'Purvodaya' initiative, urging diaspora members to harness opportunities in trade, technology, and tourism to contribute to India's growth. The event gathered representatives from over 50 countries, fostering discussions on the diaspora's vital contributions to India's aspirations in a globalized economy. This focus on collaboration and resource sharing is vital for India's continued development and modernization.

Canada Court Grants Bail to Four in Nijjar Murder Case SHARE

10-Jan-25

The Canadian Supreme Court has granted bail to four Indian nationals—Karan Brar, Amandeep Singh, Kamalpreet Singh, and Karanpreet Singh—accused of murdering Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar outside a Surrey Gurdwara on June 18, 2023. This decision comes amid escalating diplomatic tensions between India and Canada, particularly after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of Indian government involvement in Nijjar's assassination—claims that India has categorically denied as baseless and politically motivated. Despite the serious nature of the accusations, Canadian authorities have failed to provide substantial evidence linking the accused to India, which further complicates the already strained relations between the two nations.

PM Modi: Peace Over War, Empowering the Indian Diaspora SHARE

10-Jan-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar, emphasized that the future lies in peace rather than conflict, drawing from India's rich heritage. He highlighted the importance of the Indian diaspora in promoting India's image and contributing to global societies while encouraging them to support "Made in India" products. Modi also noted significant advancements in India's economy and technological achievements, such as the success of Chandrayaan. He urged the diaspora to share India's true history and actively participate in cultural exchanges, reinforcing India's status as a global leader.

Indian Ambassador: Ethiopia's Rise as a Key African Player SHARE

10-Jan-25

Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Rai, emphasized the potential for Ethiopia to become a significant player in Africa, attributing this potential to ongoing reforms aimed at enhancing trade and investment. The ambassador's comments align with Ethiopia's strategies involving infrastructure improvements and energy exports, which are expected to elevate the nation's influence both regionally and continentally. As Ethiopia continues to strengthen its economic position, it may create opportunities for India to engage more deeply in Ethiopian development initiatives, fostering mutual growth and stability in the region. Such developments highlight the importance of diplomatic

efforts in enhancing bilateral relations and regional cooperation.

Joseph Aoun Elected President of Lebanon, Aiming for Stability SHARE

10-Jan-25

Joseph Aoun has been elected as Lebanon's new president, securing 99 votes in a parliamentary election, with backing from various factions, including Hezbollah and Amal. His election is seen as a pivotal moment for Lebanon, potentially facilitating international financial assistance to rebuild the country following its severe economic crisis and recent conflicts. Aoun, who has served as the commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces since 2017, is viewed favorably by Western powers, raising hopes for stability and recovery in Lebanon. However, he faces significant challenges, including navigating complex sectarian dynamics and maintaining relations with Hezbollah while addressing urgent governance needs.

Chandra Arya Announces Candidacy for Liberal Party Leadership SHARE

10-Jan-25

MP Chandra Arya has announced his candidacy for the leadership of the Liberal Party in Canada, emphasizing a vision for a "small, more efficient government" aimed at addressing structural economic challenges, particularly those affecting the younger generation and the middle class. He critiques current economic policies, arguing they have failed many Canadians, and prioritizes reviewing government spending to ensure economic development. Emigrating from Karnataka, India, Arya has been a loyal supporter of Prime Minister Trudeau since his election in 2015. His campaign reflects a critical moment in Canadian politics as he seeks to reshape the party's direction amid pressing economic issues.

Oman's Commerce Minister Praises India's 20-Year Economic Growth SHARE

10-Jan-25

Oman's Minister of Commerce, Al Yousef, congratulated India on its remarkable economic growth during a statement made on January 9, 2025. He praised India's transformation over the last two decades, highlighting its resilience and innovation across various sectors. The discussions also emphasized the strengthening of trade and investment ties between Oman and India, with optimism for future collaborations that can mutually benefit both nations' economic strategies and growth trajectories. This acknowledgment from Oman

reflects India's successful development model, enhancing India's stature in the global economic landscape and fostering deeper geopolitical ties in the region.

Wildlife Panel Approves Ammunition Storage in East Ladakh



10-Jan-25

The Centre's Wildlife Panel has approved the establishment of Formation Ammunition Storage Facilities (FASF) in East Ladakh, crucial for enhancing operational efficiency and ammunition supply during military deployments amid escalating border tensions with China. This initiative is part of India's comprehensive strategy to strengthen its military capabilities and ensure preparedness in the region, particularly following recent disengagement agreements at friction points. By creating these underground storage facilities, India aims to bolster its defense infrastructure, ensuring that its forces are adequately equipped to respond to potential conflicts, thereby reinforcing national security in Eastern Ladakh.

ISRO Resumes SpaDeX Mission, Advancing India's Space Docking Goals



10-Jan-25

ISRO has successfully addressed a drift in its SpaDeX mission, enabling spacecraft to be set on a slow drift course for docking, expected to reach necessary conditions on January 10. This mission is a pivotal step for India in automated space docking technology, which is essential for future crewed missions and lunar exploration, aligning with India's objective of self-reliance in space technology, as noted by Union Minister Jitendra Singh. Furthermore, ISRO has ambitious plans for early 2025 that include launching navigation satellites and collaborating with NASA on Earth observation projects, reinforcing India's strategic position in the global space arena.

Bengaluru's Army Day Mela to Celebrate Military Excellence and Engagement



10-Jan-25

The 77th Indian Army Day celebrations will feature a 'Know Your Army Mela' in Bengaluru on January 11, aimed at showcasing military excellence and fostering public engagement. Major General V T Mathew highlighted the mela as a tribute to the sacrifices of soldiers, expecting around 10,000 attendees. The event will include interactive experiences, such as driving Army vehicles through simulators, demonstrations of

military equipment, and performances by the Tornados Motorcycle Display Team and drone shows. This outreach initiative is especially significant in reconnecting with the community post-COVID-19, building a bridge between the Army and civilians to enhance understanding and appreciation of military duties.

Karnataka Welcomes Surrendered Maoists Ahead of Court Appearance



10-Jan-25

Karnataka's Chief Minister Siddaramaiah welcomed six surrendered Maoists into the mainstream on Wednesday, symbolically offering them roses and copies of the Indian Constitution. The authorities are set to present them before the NIA Special Court, with investigations focusing on the recovery of their arms, which they have yet to surrender. The Congress-led government aims to declare Karnataka a Left-Wing Extremism-free state, although the BJP has criticized the government for providing leniency to Maoists. Each surrendered Maoist will receive a Rs 3 lakh subsidy under the Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation scheme, highlighting the government's approach to reintegrate individuals involved in extremism.

Delhi HC Questions UAPA's Use in Organizing Protests During Riots



10-Jan-25

The Delhi High Court is examining the applicability of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in the context of the 2020 Delhi riots, questioning whether merely organizing protest sites is sufficient to invoke this law. The prosecution asserts a deep-rooted conspiracy behind the protests, citing WhatsApp communications and premeditated violence, particularly during events surrounding February 24, 2020. The court is demanding specific evidence linking individuals to incitement rather than peaceful protests. The case underscores the complex intersection of civil activism and legal frameworks in India, raising questions about the thresholds for state intervention amidst communal tensions.

ISRO's Somanath: Embrace Complexity in Space Science Careers



10-Jan-25

ISRO chairman S. Somanath emphasized the complexity and time-intensive nature of space science during the virtual launch of the START 2025 program on January 9, aimed at engaging 20,000 students from over 560 institutions. He encouraged students to

explore various fields within space science, highlighting the importance of quality education and openness to innovation, particularly with advancements in AI and machine learning. Somanath urged participants to consider careers not only as scientists but also as tech entrepreneurs and leaders who can integrate diverse disciplines to build advanced systems, reflecting India's commitment to becoming a global player in space exploration.

ISRO to launch AST SpaceMobile satellite, boosting global space role



10-Jan-25

ISRO is set to launch a communication satellite for US-based AST SpaceMobile using its LVM3 rocket in March, enhancing India's role in global space initiatives. Key upcoming missions include the GSLV-F15 launch of the NVS-02 navigation satellite in January to strengthen the NavIC constellation and the GSLV-F16 mission for NASA's NISAR satellite in February, which will aid in climate monitoring and disaster management. Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh highlighted the importance of public-private partnerships in advancing

India's space capabilities. These developments mark significant strides in India's ambition to cement its status as a leading space-faring nation, especially with the upcoming uncrewed orbital test mission under Gaganyaan.

Veer Gatha 4.0 Sees 1.76 Crore Students Join Republic Day Celebrations



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The fourth edition of Project Veer Gatha 4.0, a collaboration between the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education, witnessed remarkable participation from approximately 1.76 crore students across 2.31 lakh schools, culminating in national-level evaluations. The initiative, which emphasizes the valor of Gallantry Award recipients and India's freedom fighters, will honor the top 100 winners on Republic Day 2025, offering them cash prizes and special guest opportunities at the parade. Launched in 2021, Project Veer Gatha has significantly enhanced patriotic values among youth, expanding its reach and impact with each edition, ultimately fostering a deeper appreciation of India's historical legacy and civic responsibility.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TEMBO	764.35	791.0	726.15	774.85	63548	1.37	48.93	806.79	408.24
LT	3499.95	3552.2	3492.3	3536.15	1794238	0.23	38.42	3666.43	3618.74
BDL	1191.0	1206.95	1150.55	1200.45	613966	-0.23	55.33	1195.98	1223.89
MAZDOCK	2225.0	2254.0	2167.3	2223.15	1622550	-0.42	45.75	2325.77	1981.58
LMW	16100.0	16144.15	15898.4	16002.35	3435	-0.86	35.88	17056.23	16285.07
SOLARINDS	9639.95	9650.0	9415.05	9529.95	53076	-1.1	39.71	9933.45	10165.46
BHARATFORG	1225.05	1229.1	1203.45	1209.85	868167	-1.42	27.89	1295.97	1458.72
MARINE	235.0	244.95	226.1	234.15	267668	-1.43	33.7	275.99	201.41
SIKA	2496.5	2513.95	2427.05	2447.85	1573	-1.95	40.39	2572.14	2559.84
HIGHENE	612.55	628.0	591.7	600.0	7295	-2.05	40.32	634.04	719.38
CFE	696.0	700.95	680.0	680.0	10200	-2.19	47.9	694.23	632.91
BEML	3784.95	3784.95	3660.0	3702.0	256133	-2.23	31.8	4085.78	4005.44
HAL	4095.0	4095.0	3981.0	4000.5	1321248	-2.36	33.21	4263.79	4487.96
PTC	138.3	138.7	134.02	134.81	1932885	-2.4	29.85	148.83	198.83
NIBE	1587.05	1610.0	1521.0	1542.9	32686	-2.7	33.56	1710.05	1749.9
MTARTECH	1714.0	1719.0	1655.25	1676.3	113058	-2.76	48.19	1671.23	1788.87
DCXINDIA	374.8	374.95	356.45	364.4	874059	-2.85	57.92	348.7	337.69
COCHINSHIP	1474.3	1480.0	1415.0	1431.1	394615	-2.93	37.08	1533.87	1746.08
MIDHANI	328.0	328.4	317.5	319.7	182739	-3.0	35.37	346.03	406.26
ZENTEC	2528.5	2529.85	2420.0	2458.45	424181	-3.17	59.32	2450.68	1550.17
IDEAFORGE	595.15	597.5	580.0	582.15	95964	-3.25	42.55	606.26	685.47
DATAPATNS	2300.0	2325.0	2224.8	2234.2	123898	-3.3	34.42	2464.51	2720.85
ASTRAMICRO	784.8	788.5	755.0	756.8	154867	-3.49	42.12	792.26	811.66
AVANTEL	147.0	147.92	140.1	140.82	690691	-3.56	31.73	157.3	-
BEL	280.0	281.0	270.0	271.0	15317565	-3.64	31.97	293.69	283.19
ROSSELLIND	75.7	75.7	70.24	71.19	38284	-3.72	29.53	77.35	348.48
LOKESHMACH	312.2	313.65	295.0	300.2	63411	-3.84	33.0	331.13	391.1
GRSE	1532.05	1532.05	1465.0	1472.1	412641	-4.13	36.77	1618.76	1620.64
ADANIENT	2480.0	2484.6	2368.25	2374.4	1418808	-4.18	40.26	2473.58	2963.46
PREMEXPLN	490.1	493.75	465.0	470.05	127928	-4.22	41.08	528.51	534.61
HBLPOWER	595.0	596.1	559.55	568.9	1717952	-4.35	34.86	637.68	569.19
TANEJAERO	421.9	421.9	398.0	400.75	33343	-4.38	36.61	434.74	492.17
AZAD	1738.0	1745.75	1664.6	1668.1	123724	-4.68	44.14	1746.32	1569.32
KRISHNADEF	817.6	817.6	764.15	765.5	46500	-4.83	52.52	772.08	669.85
PARAS	1049.95	1066.95	1013.0	1017.45	205473	-4.89	46.81	1032.54	1051.05
APOLLO	128.71	128.71	118.3	119.35	7965769	-7.8	56.04	110.58	105.72