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## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
<b>TANEJAERO</b>	324.9	313.15	+3.75%
<b>SOLARINDS</b>	9837.1	9486.5	+3.7%
<b>ROSSELLIND</b>	64.41	62.24	+3.49%
<b>CFF</b>	469.0	462.55	+1.39%
<b>BDL</b>	1143.4	1135.2	+0.72%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
<b>TEMBO</b>	522.25	679.1	-23.1%
<b>KRISHNADEF</b>	580.2	621.55	-6.65%
<b>HIGHENE</b>	466.8	495.25	-5.74%
<b>MIDHANI</b>	259.01	274.01	-5.47%
<b>DCXINDIA</b>	233.89	246.83	-5.24%

## Defense Business and Industry

### Rajnath Singh Calls for Boost in Aerospace Medicine R&D for India's Growth



10-Mar-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the critical need for enhanced research and development in aerospace medicine during his visit to the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) in Bengaluru. He highlighted the expanding air and space sectors, identifying India as a leader in advanced technologies like anti-satellite capabilities. Singh urged researchers to explore potential spin-offs from their work, citing successful examples like GPS, which transitioned from military to civilian applications. He also launched a new project focused on space psychology for astronaut training, showcasing IAM's pivotal role in designing advanced aircraft and contributing to national self-reliance. With India's burgeoning aviation market and the evolving demands of space missions, Singh underscored that aerospace medicine will be vital for addressing the physical and psychological challenges faced by astronauts, thus playing a crucial role in future technological advancements and national security.

### HAL Receives First Private-Made Rear Fuselage for Tejas Mk1A



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The recent handover of the first rear fuselage for the Tejas Mk1A, produced by private firm Alpha Tocol Engineering Services, to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) marks a significant advancement in India's defense manufacturing capabilities and public-private partnerships. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

highlighted this event as pivotal for India's Aatmanirbhar (self-reliance) initiative, showcasing how private sector involvement is enhancing the production of advanced military technology. HAL has ordered components from various private companies to meet its commitments for 83 Tejas Mk1A aircraft, aiming to integrate these parts to bolster the Indian Air Force's preparedness from 2025-26 onwards. This collaboration is crucial, especially in light of recent delays attributed to engine supply issues, reinforcing India's resolve to strengthen its defense manufacturing ecosystem while overcoming operational challenges.

### European Tensions Could Propel Growth for These 4 Indian Defense PSUs



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The ongoing geopolitical tensions in Europe are expected to boost demand for Indian defense companies, as highlighted by a recent analysis from ICICI Securities. Key players such as Solar Industries India, PTC Industries, Dynamatic Technologies, and Azad Engineering are poised to benefit from increased orders and collaborations with European firms, particularly in ammunition, titanium castings, and aerospace components. With Solar Industries securing significant export orders and PTC establishing itself within the global supply chain, these firms are well-positioned to capitalize on the EU's "Re-arm Europe" initiative. This presents an opportunity for India to strengthen its defense industry and enhance its strategic partnerships in global defense markets.

### Indonesia Mulls Missile Purchase from BrahMos Amid Ongoing Talks



10-Mar-25

Indonesia has yet to decide on purchasing missiles from BrahMos Aerospace, according to a spokesperson

from its defense ministry. While discussions are ongoing, it appears that multiple missile systems from different manufacturers are under consideration, with BrahMos being one contender. The potential deal, estimated between \$200 million and \$350 million, includes both shore-based and naval versions of the mid-range missiles. Notably, BrahMos has successfully secured its first international contract with the Philippines, indicating growing interest in its missile systems across Southeast Asia and the Middle East, bolstering India's defense export profile and regional strategic partnerships.

## CDS Gen Anil Chauhan calls for a comprehensive Counter-UAS strategy.



10-Mar-25

General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, emphasized the necessity of developing a comprehensive Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (Counter-UAS) strategy during a high-level seminar in New Delhi. He highlighted the transformative role of UAS in modern warfare and advocated for clear UAS classification and synergy among stakeholders in India's defense ecosystem, aligning with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. The seminar showcased India's advancements in indigenous UAS technologies and engaged military, industry leaders, and policymakers in discussions on counter-drone strategies, especially concerning threats along India's borders. This collaborative approach aims to fortify national security and enhance India's standing as a leader in modern warfare capabilities.

## China's Military Pushes for Civilian Tech to Boost AI Modernization



10-Mar-25

Chinese military officials are advocating for greater integration of civilian high-tech resources to bolster military modernization, particularly in artificial intelligence, as highlighted during the National People's Congress. The PLA seeks to innovate in areas like unmanned systems and cyber warfare, reflecting China's growing defense budget of USD 249 billion. President Xi Jinping emphasized leveraging civilian advancements to enhance military capabilities. In response to international scrutiny, Chinese officials, including Foreign Minister Wang Yi, rejected attempts to stifle China's technological progress, asserting that innovation cannot be contained. This move underscores China's commitment to strengthening its

defense capabilities amid escalating global tech competition.

## Ukraine Surpasses India as Top Arms Importer Amid Conflict



10-Mar-25

Ukraine has emerged as the world's largest arms importer, significantly increasing its imports amid the ongoing conflict with Russia, which has led to a surge in arms purchases across Europe. This shift has resulted in India, previously the top importer, dropping to second place, with its share of global arms imports decreasing from 9.8% to 8.3%. The U.S. remains the largest arms supplier to Ukraine, accounting for 45% of total imports. As India contends with two nuclear-armed neighbors, this change underscores the dynamic nature of global defense priorities and highlights the need for India to enhance its self-reliance in defense production to maintain regional security and military readiness.

## India Collaborates with Four Nations for Advanced Turbofan Engines



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India is actively engaging with four nations to enhance its military-grade turbofan engine capabilities, with estimates of investments between 40,000 to 50,000 Crores over the next decade. Key discussions involve finalizing a deal with General Electric for the F414 engine, essential for the TEJAS MK-2 and the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). This initiative aims to reduce dependence on foreign technology and promote indigenous aerospace development through international partnerships. However, India faces challenges such as limited expertise in critical components, funding constraints, and bureaucratic inefficiencies, necessitating a robust strategy of collaborations to achieve self-reliance and bolster its defense modernization efforts.

## BIRD Aerosystems Secures African Air Force Contract for Advanced Missile Protection



10-Mar-25

BIRD Aerosystems has secured a significant contract to provide its Airborne Missile Protection System (AMPS) and the SPREOS DIRCM to an African Air Force, enhancing the survivability of Mi-17/8 and Mi-35 helicopters against missile threats. This deal emphasizes the growing global demand for advanced airborne self-protection systems, showcasing BIRD's commitment to improving pilot safety and operational efficiency. The contract also includes training for pilots

and maintenance crews, ensuring sustainable operations of these advanced systems. This development highlights the strategic focus on modernizing defense capabilities in high-threat environments, reinforcing BIRD Aerosystems' position in the global defense market.

## **ASELSAN's GOKBERK Laser System**

### **Effectively Targets FPV Drones** **SHARE**

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ASELSAN's GOKBERK Mobile Laser Weapon System has successfully demonstrated its effectiveness against FPV drones, showcasing rapid engagement and precision tracking capabilities during tests. As a key element of Turkey's Steel Dome air defense system, GOKBERK integrates advanced technologies, including an indigenous laser source and AI-supported algorithms, enabling it to efficiently neutralize a range of aerial threats. The system's mobile deployment capability enhances its utility in protecting critical infrastructure such as military bases and airports, reinforcing Turkey's defense industry autonomy. This development emphasizes the growing importance of directed energy weapons in modern warfare, a sector where India too is investing to bolster its defense capabilities.

## **India Set to Strengthen EU Defense Supply Chains, Says Commissioner** **SHARE**

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European Commissioner for Defence and Space, Andrius Kubilius, has emphasized India's critical role in strengthening the EU's defence supply chains during his visit to India, particularly as the EU seeks to modernize its defence capabilities amid rising global threats. He highlighted the potential of the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the EU to enhance defence collaboration, facilitating co-production and technology sharing. Furthermore, discussions aimed at establishing a formal defence and security pact reflect the shared interests of both entities, particularly in maritime security and cybersecurity in the Indo-Pacific, showcasing India's growing influence as a strategic partner in global defence dynamics.

## **Spacefaring Technologies to Set Up Radome Unit in Assam** **SHARE**

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Bengaluru-based Spacefaring Technologies Pvt Ltd is set to establish an aircraft radome manufacturing unit in Assam, investing ₹100 crore, marking a significant step in India's aerospace and defense manufacturing

sector. This initiative aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, showcasing the growing involvement of startups in the defense ecosystem. With a strong track record of collaboration with entities like NASA, ISRO, and the Indian armed forces, Spacefaring aims to enhance indigenous production capabilities. The establishment of this facility will cater to the rising demand for high-quality, domestically produced radomes, crucial for the modernization of India's military aviation fleet and strengthening its defense supply chain.

## **Mahindra Defence Exits AMCA Supply Chain; Tata and L&T Lead.** **SHARE**

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Mahindra Defence Systems has exited the supply chain for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, leaving Tata Systems and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) as frontrunners. This marks a strategic shift in India's defense manufacturing, with the Ministry of Defence opting for a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to develop the AMCA, emphasizing public-private cooperation. Mahindra's exclusion, attributed to insufficient experience in aircraft assembly, highlights the stringent eligibility criteria that have shaped the consortium's composition. Tata and L&T's extensive expertise in engineering and defense align well with the project's demands, assuring progress towards India's first indigenous fifth-generation stealth fighter.

## **India Integrates Sarang ESM System into Kamov Ka-31 Helicopters** **SHARE**

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India is enhancing its naval capabilities by integrating the indigenously developed Sarang Electronic Support Measures (ESM) system onto its Kamov Ka-31 helicopters. This upgrade, which follows a successful certification and a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited, allows the helicopters to intercept encrypted communications, bolstering the Indian Navy's electronic warfare and surveillance capabilities amid regional threats, particularly from Pakistan and China. The decision reflects India's strategy of improving existing assets rather than relying solely on new procurements, thereby mitigating delays from foreign deals. With two upgraded helicopters already deployed for operational exercises, the plan to outfit the remaining fleet underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology.

## Astra MkII & MkIII to Use Common Ejection Launcher for Flexibility



10-Mar-25

India's indigenous Astra MkII and MkIII air-to-air missiles will feature a Common Ejection Launcher (CEL), streamlining deployment for combat aircraft and enhancing operational flexibility. This innovation allows seamless switching between missile variants without hardware changes, reducing logistical burdens and maintaining a technological edge over adversaries. The Astra series, with ranges extending up to 200 kilometers, will bolster the Indian Air Force's capabilities amidst evolving regional security dynamics. The CEL's potential for broader application across India's missile arsenal represents a significant step toward self-reliance in defense technology, ensuring that platforms like the Tejas and future Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft can effectively leverage these advanced capabilities.

## INS Varsha: India's \$3.7B Resilient Nuclear Sub Base to Boost Deterrence



10-Mar-25

India's INS Varsha, a \$3.7 billion underground nuclear submarine base near Visakhapatnam, is poised to enhance the nation's maritime strategy and nuclear deterrence capabilities amid rising regional tensions, particularly with China. Designed to withstand nuclear attacks, it can accommodate up to 12 submarines and will support India's evolving fleet, including the INS Arihant and upcoming S5-class submarines. The facility's strategic location offers a significant second-strike capability, reinforcing India's position in the Indian Ocean Region, crucial for global trade. As India focuses on a qualitative edge in its naval power despite numerical disparities, INS Varsha epitomizes a critical investment in national security and regional stability.

## ADA Seeks Local Suppliers for LCA AF-Mk2 Tyres to Boost Self-Reliance



10-Mar-25

The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has issued a tender for nose wheel tyres for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) AF-Mk2, emphasizing the need for local suppliers to enhance self-reliance in defense manufacturing. MRF, a prominent Indian tyre manufacturer, showcased advanced tyre variants at Aero India 2025, highlighting their capability to meet the stringent requirements of modern military aviation. The focus on operational versatility aligns with the Indian Air Force's need for a fighter adaptable to various airfield conditions, reinforcing India's commitment to

indigenous production and reducing reliance on imports. MRF's proven track record positions it as a strong contender for fulfilling this crucial requirement, supporting the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

## Kalyani Artillery Aims for Global Reach with One Gun Daily Production



10-Mar-25

Bharat Forge's defense arm, Kalyani Strategic Systems Ltd. (KSSL), aims to produce one artillery gun daily, achieving over 350 annually. KSSL's export of nearly 100 artillery guns in 2024 reflects its growing reputation, targeting markets in the U.S. and Europe despite delays in domestic orders for 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) from the Indian Army. The collaboration with U.S. firm AM General enhances its credibility and aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Kalyani remains optimistic, emphasizing KSSL's performance and readiness for the Indian Army, even as calls for increased reliance on indigenous systems grow in light of slow procurement processes.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

## US Urges India to Limit Russian Arms Reliance Amid Tensions



10-Mar-25

Recent tensions have emerged between the U.S. and India as U.S. officials, including Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, urged India to reduce its reliance on Russian military equipment, which has historically constituted a significant portion of India's defense capabilities. The Trump administration's pressure includes promoting American alternatives like the F-35 fighter jet while expressing concerns over India's involvement in BRICS and the potential creation of a currency to rival the U.S. dollar. Despite U.S. concerns, India's defense procurement from Russia remains robust, with recent acquisitions like the S-400 missile defense system. Analysts note that India's historical dependence on Russian arms is expected to continue, although there is a decline since the Modi government took power in 2015, with India also showing intent to diversify its defense partnerships. The strategic challenge for India lies in balancing its long-standing relations with Russia while navigating U.S. pressures for deeper military collaboration.



## North Korea Launches Missiles in Response to US-South Korea Drills



10-Mar-25

North Korea fired multiple ballistic missiles in response to the US-South Korea joint military drills, which it condemned as provocative and a risk for conflict. The annual Freedom Shield exercises, running until March 20, have drawn criticism from Pyongyang, particularly following a recent incident where South Korean jets mistakenly bombed a civilian area, injuring around 30 people. The South Korean military has paused live-fire training as it investigates this error, which occurred during preparatory drills. While North Korea's aggressive rhetoric heightens regional tensions, the intention behind the US-South Korea drills is to enhance military readiness against potential threats from the North. This situation underscores the delicate balance of power in the Korean Peninsula and highlights the critical need for cautious military engagement to prevent accidental escalations.

## Trump Questions Century-Old Border Treaty with Canada, Sparking Concerns



10-Mar-25

US President Donald Trump has reportedly expressed a desire to challenge a century-old border treaty with Canada, raising concerns over established boundaries and shared agreements, particularly regarding water management. In discussions with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Trump articulated grievances about trade, including tariffs and Canadian dairy protections, suggesting an intent to revise cooperative arrangements in defense and intelligence. Trudeau's response highlighted fears of economic destabilization, suggesting Trump seeks to weaken Canada strategically. While Secretary of State Marco Rubio has downplayed threats to military cooperation, the potential shifts in US-Canada relations under Trump continue to alarm Canadian officials and citizens alike.

## India and UK Strengthen Ties During Jaishankar's Diplomatic Visit



10-Mar-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently concluded a productive five-day visit to the UK, reinforcing the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. His discussions with high-level officials, including Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Foreign Secretary David Lammy, emphasized enhancing trade, technology cooperation, and addressing global issues like the Ukraine conflict. Notably, Jaishankar opened

new Indian consulates in Belfast and Manchester, responding to the needs of the Indian diaspora and bolstering diplomatic ties. This visit signifies a commitment to reducing trade barriers and fostering deeper political and economic ties, showcasing India's proactive stance in strengthening its international relationships amidst a changing global landscape.

## Canada's PM Mark Carney Vows to Mend Ties with India



10-Mar-25

Mark Carney, the newly elected Prime Minister of Canada, has committed to improving the strained diplomatic and economic ties with India, which have deteriorated under Justin Trudeau's leadership. Carney emphasized the potential for rebuilding relationships with India, particularly in light of concerns over extremism and anti-India activities in Canada. He aims to diversify Canada's trading relationships and has proposed an economic plan to bolster national security and job creation. This initiative signals a shift toward a more cooperative approach with India, suggesting an opportunity for stronger bilateral ties amidst previous tensions.

## India and EU to Renew Trade Talks Amid Geopolitical Tensions



10-Mar-25

India and the European Union are poised to resume trade negotiations for the Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) in March amid rising global trade tensions, particularly due to US tariffs. While both sides aim to finalize the long-stalled agreement, significant differences remain over tariffs, regulatory standards, and sustainability commitments. India is focused on expanding textile, pharmaceutical, and IT exports, while the EU seeks access to India's automobile and financial sectors. The negotiations reflect a strategic attempt to bolster economic ties amidst shifting geopolitical landscapes, potentially countering US protectionism and advancing mutual interests in technology and clean energy.

## Ex-NATO Commander Warns of Potential Putin Attacks on Europe



10-Mar-25

Former NATO commander Sir Richard Shirreff warned that if effective deterrence is not established, Russian President Vladimir Putin may attack three European nations—Moldova, Georgia, and Romania—after Ukraine. He criticized former US President Trump for halting arms supplies to Ukraine, which he believes

emboldens Russia, and cautioned that failure to support Ukraine could lead to a broader conflict in Europe. Shirreff emphasized the need for NATO allies to strengthen their military readiness to send a strong message to Putin, highlighting the critical importance of leadership and unity among Western nations in facing potential Russian aggression. The situation underscores the necessity for a robust defense strategy to safeguard European security.

## Iran Open to Discuss Nuclear Program Concerns Amid Tensions



10-Mar-25

Iran has expressed a willingness to engage in talks with the United States, specifically regarding concerns about the militarization of its nuclear program. However, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has rejected broader negotiations, stating they would aim to impose restrictions on Iran's missile capabilities and regional influence. The backdrop of these discussions includes heightened tensions due to U.S. sanctions and Israel's stance against Iran acquiring nuclear weapons. While Iran maintains that its nuclear program is peaceful, it emphasizes that it will not entertain negotiations aimed at dismantling its nuclear capabilities, reflecting a complex geopolitical landscape that could lead to further escalation.

## Over 30 Nations Unite in Paris to Forge Ukraine Security Force



10-Mar-25

Military officials from over 30 nations, including NATO members and several Asian and Oceanian countries, are convening in Paris to discuss forming an international security force for Ukraine aimed at deterring further Russian aggression post-ceasefire. The discussions, led by France and Britain, will evaluate contributions from participating nations, emphasizing collaborative defense strategies rather than specific demands. The proposed force aims to enhance Ukraine's security through rapid deployment of heavy weaponry and stockpiles, reflecting a united international approach to stabilize the region. This coalition highlights a significant geopolitical alignment and commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty amidst ongoing tensions with Russia.

## Ukraine to Propose Sky and Sea Truce in U.S.-Saudi Talks



10-Mar-25

Ukraine is set to propose a sky and sea truce with Russia during U.S. talks in Saudi Arabia, with President

Zelensky emphasizing that peace efforts hinge on Russia's actions. These discussions follow a suspension of U.S. military aid and intelligence sharing, raising concerns about Ukraine's defense capabilities against Russia. Zelensky aims to resume U.S. support while ensuring Ukraine's interests are recognized, amid fears that U.S. pressure could lead to unfavorable settlements for Ukraine. The outcome of the talks could significantly influence the conflict's trajectory, as both sides seek a viable path to peace while interests remain divergent.

## China, Russia, and Iran to Hold Joint Naval Drills in 2025



10-Mar-25

China is set to conduct joint naval exercises named Security Belt-2025 with Russia and Iran, featuring a destroyer and supply ship from China, alongside Iranian naval forces. The drills will focus on maritime operations such as targeting strikes, damage control, and search and rescue missions, further solidifying the military collaboration among these nations since 2019. With observers from multiple countries, including Pakistan and UAE, attending, the exercises underscore the strategic significance of Chabahar Port in the Indian Ocean. This trilateral cooperation highlights growing military ties amidst regional tensions, emphasizing the need for India to strengthen its maritime capabilities and partnerships to counterbalance these developments effectively.

## India and Mauritius to Strengthen Maritime Security Cooperation



10-Mar-25

India and Mauritius are set to enhance their maritime security cooperation, with expected agreements focusing on sharing white-shipping information and technical collaborations, coinciding with Prime Minister Modi's visit for Mauritius's National Day. This effort underscores India's commitment to bolstering maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean, a region of increasing geopolitical significance due to influences from other major powers like China. These initiatives align with India's Vision SAGAR, aimed at fostering security and growth in the region, while also addressing trade, economic development, and financial crime, thereby reinforcing the strategic partnership between the two nations.

## IAF Chief Questions Validity of China's Sixth-Gen Fighter Claims SHARE

10-Mar-25

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh of the Indian Air Force expressed skepticism regarding China's claims of having flown a sixth-generation fighter, emphasizing that mere flight does not equate to the advanced capabilities that define such aircraft. He highlighted the need for a comprehensive understanding of sixth-generation technology, cautioning against accepting China's assertions without verifiable details on performance and systems. Singh's remarks suggest that the purported Chinese prototype may lack critical characteristics, positioning it more as a propaganda effort rather than a technological advancement. This perspective reinforces India's emphasis on maintaining a robust and credible defense posture amidst evolving regional threats and advancements.

### Military Operations

## Indian Army Heads to Kyrgyzstan for Khanjar-XII Special Forces Drill SHARE

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The Indian Army contingent is set to participate in the 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII, taking place in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to 23, 2025. This annual exercise, which began in 2011, aims to enhance counter-terrorism cooperation and special operations capabilities in challenging terrains. Featuring troops from India's Parachute Regiment and Kyrgyzstan's Scorpion Brigade, the exercise will also include cultural exchanges, notably the celebration of the Kyrgyz festival Nowruz. This initiative not only strengthens defense ties but also underscores the commitment of both nations to combat international terrorism and promote regional stability.

## INS Tarkash Rescues Iranian Dhow, Showcases India's Maritime Diplomacy SHARE

10-Mar-25

The Indian Navy's INS Tarkash recently conducted a successful rescue mission for an Iranian dhow in distress off the Somali coast, addressing a critical water shortage and providing medical aid to an injured crew member. This operation highlights India's commitment to maritime safety in the Indian Ocean Region and reinforces its proactive approach to

humanitarian assistance. The mission also reflects the historically strong ties between India and Iran, which have been bolstered through cultural exchanges and trade partnerships. Such collaborative efforts not only enhance regional stability but also demonstrate India's growing influence in maritime diplomacy.

## Security Forces in Manipur Nab 27 Militants in 48-Hour Blitz SHARE

10-Mar-25

In a significant crackdown, security forces in Manipur have apprehended a total of 27 militants from various proscribed groups over two days, reflecting an intensified effort to restore order in the state. The arrests include members from the United Peoples Party of Kangleipak (UPPK), Kanglei Yaol Kanna Lup (KYKL), and Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), who were involved in extortion and arms transportation. The police have implemented strict security measures, including 109 checkpoints, to stabilize the situation, appealing to the public to report any misinformation and return looted arms. The backdrop of these operations is the ongoing instability in Manipur, exacerbated since the imposition of President's rule following violent clashes last year. This proactive approach by security forces aims to enhance safety and curb insurgency, demonstrating the Indian government's commitment to upholding law and order in the region.

## Ukrainian forces stall Russian advance in eastern Donetsk region. SHARE

10-Mar-25

Ukrainian forces have reportedly stalled the Russian offensive in the eastern Donetsk region after over 15 months of conflict, with both sides engaged in localized counterattacks despite heavy losses. Russian troops are struggling with manpower and equipment shortages, yet analysts caution that they may regroup and intensify their efforts. The dynamics are further complicated by a pause in U.S. military assistance and intelligence, which could impact Ukraine's operational capabilities. However, innovations in tactics and the use of drones by Ukraine are inflicting significant losses on Russian forces, indicating a shift in the conflict's momentum despite Ukrainian shortages.

## Army Chief: AFSPA in J&K May Be Revoked, But Security Key SHARE

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Army Chief General Dwivedi indicated that the withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act

(AFSPA) from Jammu and Kashmir is possible but depends on the local law enforcement's ability to manage security effectively, especially given a recent uptick in militant activity. He noted that 60% of terrorists killed are of Pakistani origin and highlighted the collaborative threat posed by Pakistan and China. While optimistic about improving security in the region, General Dwivedi emphasized the necessity of a transitional period where local police assume greater responsibilities. The decision to revoke AFSPA will depend on assessments by local administrations and the central government, illustrating the complex security landscape India faces.

## BSF Seizes Drone in Enhanced Anti-Drug Operations at Punjab Border

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The Border Security Force (BSF) has intensified operations against narco-drones along Punjab's border with Pakistan, successfully recovering multiple drones and heroin consignments recently, including a drone near Amritsar. This proactive approach underscores the BSF's commitment to countering illicit activities and enhancing regional security. Collaborating closely with Punjab Police, the BSF's strategic deployment of advanced technical measures has proven effective in thwarting smuggling attempts. Such operations not only safeguard the border but also demonstrate India's resolve to combat drug trafficking and maintain law and order in border areas, reinforcing national security amidst ongoing challenges.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Union Minister links Kathua civilian deaths to terrorist plot.

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Union Minister Jitendra Singh has linked the deaths of three civilians in Kathua to terrorist involvement, calling it a conspiracy to disrupt peace in the region. The victims disappeared while attending a marriage ceremony and were later found deceased, triggering protests and political disputes. The BJP emphasizes communal unity against perceived threats, while PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti condemns escalating violence and calls for justice. She highlights the need for authorities to address the root causes of communal tensions, suggesting that disruptive elements may be at play both locally and across the border. This situation underscores the fragile security landscape in Jammu

and Kashmir, requiring vigilant oversight and community cohesion.

## DRI and Coast Guard Foil Drug Trafficking to Maldives, Seize ₹33 Crore Hashish Oil

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On March 5, 2025, the DRI, in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard, intercepted a vessel off the Kanyakumari coast en route to the Maldives, seizing approximately 30 kg of Hashish Oil valued at ₹33 crore. The operation stemmed from intelligence about a Tuticorin-based gang illicitly loading narcotics onto a barge mid-sea. The crew member who facilitated the operation was apprehended, along with two accomplices. This successful interception underscores India's robust maritime security measures and commitment to combating drug trafficking, enhancing regional stability and safety in its waters.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Delhi Government Launches Cyber Security Audit for IT Systems

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The Delhi government plans to conduct a comprehensive cyber security audit of its IT systems to identify vulnerabilities and prevent data breaches. Engaging a CERT-in empanelled agency, the audit will categorize discovered vulnerabilities and ensure robust security measures are implemented. With nearly 180 digitized websites, this initiative addresses potential risks associated with rapid digitalization, particularly concerning HTTPS protocols and application vulnerabilities. The audit will not only detail existing security measures but also provide remedial recommendations and a "safe to host" certificate post-validation, highlighting the government's commitment to enhancing its cyber resilience and protecting citizen data in an increasingly digital public service framework.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Retired Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita awarded Assam Baibhav honor

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The Assam government has announced the recipients of its highest civilian awards for 2024, with Lieutenant



General (Retd) Rana Pratap Kalita, a highly decorated former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command, being conferred the prestigious Assam Baibhav award for his distinguished military service. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted Kalita's unprecedented achievements in his role, marking a significant recognition for an Assam native. In addition to Kalita, six individuals will receive the Assam Saurav Award, while thirteen others will be honored with the Assam Gaurav Award, celebrating excellence across various fields, including education, arts, and social work. This initiative underscores the state's commitment to honoring contributions that enhance its cultural and social fabric, reinforcing the importance of military leadership and achievements in the evolving landscape of Assam and India.

## Historic Shaurya Yatra Bike Rally Celebrates Unity and Valor SHARE

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A historic bike rally, Shaurya Yatra, was flagged off in Arunachal Pradesh, celebrating unity and valor under the theme 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.' The event, marked by the participation of ex-servicemen, spans 3,900 kilometers from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat, symbolizing national integration through collaboration among the Indian Army and civilians. The rally emphasizes the Bharat Ke Veer initiative, aimed at honoring the families of fallen soldiers, thus ensuring their sacrifices are remembered and their families supported. This initiative showcases the deep respect and gratitude that the nation holds for its armed forces and their contributions to India's unity and strength.

## General Dwivedi Proposes Reforms to Agniveer Scheme for Better Retention and Inclusivity SHARE

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General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Army Staff, announced potential reforms to the Agnipath scheme, focusing on leave policies, age limits, and retention strategies for Agniveers. Plans include increasing leave from 30 to 90 days to align Agniveers with regular soldiers and raising the recruitment age limit from 21 to 23, broadening eligibility and enhancing candidate quality. Discussions on increasing retention from 25% to 50% will occur after December 2026, allowing the Army to assess the initial cohort's performance. These changes reflect a commitment to fairness, inclusivity, and operational effectiveness, aiming to create a more skilled and adaptable Indian Army.

## Empowering Ex-Servicemen's Widows: Government Welfare Schemes SHARE

10-Mar-25

As of December 31, 2024, India has 740,766 widows of ex-servicemen, with significant monthly assistance provided via family pensions and various grants aimed at improving their welfare. Key enhancements to schemes include increased wedding grants for daughters, vocational training support, and scholarships for eligible wards. The government ensures employment opportunities on compassionate grounds and provides a housing subsidy for widows through the Army Welfare Housing Organisation. These measures reflect the Indian government's commitment to the welfare of armed forces families, addressing their needs and recognizing their sacrifices, thereby reinforcing social support for those affected by military service.

## Miscellaneous

## Kuki Areas in Manipur Gripped by Indefinite Shutdown Amid Unrest SHARE

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In Manipur, normal life has been disrupted in Kuki-dominated areas due to an indefinite shutdown called by Kuki-Zo groups, protesting against a crackdown by security forces following clashes that resulted in one death and numerous injuries. The unrest, spurred by a directive from Union Home Minister Amit Shah allowing free movement across the state, has led to barricading and violence, with security forces injured while responding to protesters. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum supports the shutdown, emphasizing perceived excessive force by security personnel. This situation highlights ongoing ethnic tensions in Manipur, exacerbated by political instability and violence since May 2023, leading to significant casualties and displacements.

## India Clinches Champions Trophy 2025 Final Against New Zealand SHARE

10-Mar-25

India triumphed over New Zealand by four wickets in the final of the Champions Trophy 2025, with captain Rohit Sharma leading the charge with a score of 76 runs. The final took place at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, a venue that has hosted numerous high-stakes matches. India's victory is particularly significant as it helps the team overcome previous

challenges against New Zealand in ICC tournaments. This win reflects India's growing prowess in international cricket, emboldening their position on the global stage and reinforcing the country's commitment to excellence in sports.

## India Condemns Vandalism of Hindu Temple in California



10-Mar-25

India has condemned the vandalism of a Hindu temple in California, labeling it a "despicable" act amid concerns about extremist links to a planned "Khalistan referendum." This incident, marked by anti-India graffiti, follows previous attacks on Hindu temples in the U.S., highlighting a troubling trend of anti-Hindu sentiment. The BAPS Public Affairs team reaffirmed the community's resilience against hate, while the Coalition of Hindus of North America called for increased awareness and action against such incidents. The Indian government's call for enhanced security for places of worship underscores its proactive stance in safeguarding the rights and dignity of its diaspora abroad.

## Jaishankar Launches India's New Consulate in Manchester on Women's Day



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated India's new consulate in Manchester on International Women's Day, emphasizing its significance in enhancing India-UK bilateral ties and fostering deeper trade relations, including a potential Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This initiative, marked by the appointment of Vishakha Yaduvanshi as Consul General, highlights India's commitment to its diaspora and women's empowerment. With Manchester's trade with India valued at approximately 700 million pounds and over 300 Indian firms present, the consulate aims to bolster investment, technology exchanges, and educational opportunities. Jaishankar's discussions with UK officials signal optimism for strengthened ties, reflecting the growing importance of this diplomatic presence in the region.

## Bangalore's Digantara Launches World's First Commercial Space Surveillance Satellite SCOT



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Bangalore-based start-up Digantara has successfully launched the world's first commercial space surveillance satellite, SCOT, which captures images of objects as small as 5 centimeters in orbit. It operates in

a sun-synchronous orbit, enhancing tracking efficiency and promoting sustainable space operations amid increasing orbital congestion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former ISRO Chairman S Somanath have praised this achievement, highlighting its significance for India's space situational awareness capabilities. This milestone not only demonstrates India's advancements in space technology but also positions the nation as a leader in ensuring the safety and sustainability of space operations globally, reflecting India's commitment to responsible space exploration.

## Lt Governor Orders Thorough Investigation into Kathua Killings



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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has ordered a comprehensive and transparent investigation into the tragic killing of three relatives in Kathua district: Varun Singh (15), and uncles Yogesh (32) and Darshan Singh (40). Their bodies were discovered after they had been missing since March 5, prompting Sinha to express his shock and sorrow over the incident. He emphasized that justice will be served, with accountability for the perpetrators as a priority. This proactive approach reflects the administration's commitment to maintaining law and order in the region, aiming to reassure the public of their safety and the government's dedication to justice.

## PM-in-exile Tsering: China's Campaign Against Tibetan Identity



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Prime Minister-in-exile Penpa Tsering marked the 66th Tibetan National Uprising Day, condemning China's systematic efforts to erase Tibetan identity and human rights under its sinicisation policies. He highlighted the plight of Tibetans, including the forced assimilation of children and restrictions on religious freedoms, while emphasizing the need for a non-violent resolution to the Sino-Tibet conflict through dialogue. Tsering also pointed out the environmental degradation caused by Chinese projects in Tibet, urging international awareness and support for the Tibetan cause. His remarks come amidst the continuing struggle of Tibetans, both in Tibet and in exile, to uphold their unique culture and identity against oppressive measures from the Chinese government.

## ISRO Innovates with LOX-Methane Engine for Next Gen Launch Vehicle



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ISRO is advancing its capabilities by developing a LOX-methane engine for the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), which will feature a reusable booster and two expendable upper stages. This innovative engine aims to enhance mission flexibility through multiple restarts

for both the booster and upper stages. To ensure reliability, ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre is creating a spark torch igniter designed for higher ignition reliability and cleaner combustion. A successful demonstration of this igniter was recently conducted, showcasing ISRO's commitment to sustainable and efficient space propulsion systems, reinforcing India's position in the global space race.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TANEJAERO	328.75	328.8	319.45	324.9	31066	3.75	53.03	302.39	472.3
SOLARINDS	9480.1	10008.0	9445.05	9837.1	329667	3.7	65.16	8977.56	10254.01
ROSSELLIND	64.45	65.35	63.0	64.41	118874	3.49	54.01	60.86	274.91
CFE	478.9	485.65	467.05	469.0	39000	1.39	46.05	456.24	653.13
BDL	1135.2	1164.2	1115.35	1143.4	1349306	0.72	56.14	1069.01	1260.83
PTC	153.5	155.55	152.26	153.82	1713866	0.33	61.57	144.54	184.41
DATAPATNS	1641.1	1705.0	1580.0	1631.0	7416889	0.17	46.48	1570.57	2520.27
SIKA	2498.75	2544.2	2451.0	2471.95	1941	0.07	53.26	2416.18	2643.97
LMW	15849.45	16000.0	15400.0	15808.4	2491	-0.26	61.57	14674.26	16015.17
ADANIENT	2245.0	2288.0	2220.0	2228.3	940113	-0.85	49.8	2199.43	2796.02
HAL	3452.05	3538.95	3410.0	3417.9	2150456	-0.99	45.78	3417.22	4441.74
AVANTEL	123.0	123.0	116.91	117.78	698219	-1.1	46.56	115.68	-
AZAD	1340.0	1345.0	1303.0	1313.35	160009	-1.31	45.18	1322.09	1590.91
MAZDOCK	2344.7	2364.55	2286.9	2302.7	1718810	-1.52	57.27	2170.29	2204.26
BEL	278.6	283.47	271.55	272.33	20986855	-1.68	54.09	260.17	290.71
BHARATFORG	1092.65	1099.0	1062.9	1068.9	717330	-1.74	43.24	1068.86	1430.37
GRSE	1396.0	1423.0	1340.1	1360.5	1016946	-1.78	48.82	1335.64	1720.07
ASTRAMICRO	654.0	659.9	633.75	638.1	168292	-2.06	46.09	630.21	813.32
LT	3246.0	3246.3	3169.05	3177.7	1777752	-2.06	38.4	3242.86	3572.2
COCHINSHIP	1340.0	1350.0	1288.0	1301.45	849285	-2.58	46.88	1287.44	1778.38
MARINE	174.4	177.87	163.1	164.53	339625	-2.87	42.96	165.73	220.81
APOLLO	121.47	123.41	115.02	116.9	6699973	-3.68	48.88	115.9	109.23
BEML	2668.7	2697.0	2549.0	2568.75	224290	-3.75	35.79	2667.4	3922.12
MTARTECH	1370.0	1390.0	1301.0	1318.85	131661	-4.43	42.29	1358.16	1710.33
LOKESHMACH	161.0	164.95	153.2	153.86	219889	-4.45	23.14	188.59	353.46
PARAS	989.25	989.25	910.0	921.7	250232	-4.54	48.29	910.78	1105.83
HBLPOWER	454.65	462.2	431.2	435.0	891527	-4.66	36.33	469.53	573.2
IDEAFORGE	366.5	374.0	345.55	349.45	159695	-4.67	30.27	380.81	634.74
NIBE	982.05	1023.6	934.85	936.3	26408	-4.85	31.14	1099.25	1710.18
ZENTEC	1261.2	1294.9	1185.0	1192.25	934439	-5.03	40.46	1194.92	1665.47
PREMEXPLN	360.0	373.9	333.25	338.0	165669	-5.16	37.06	362.31	531.55
DCXINDIA	248.65	252.0	230.1	233.89	544705	-5.24	33.62	257.94	334.59
MIDHANI	274.32	279.85	258.0	259.01	448842	-5.47	43.15	264.84	378.82
HIGHENE	495.5	515.9	453.6	466.8	12180	-5.74	43.79	475.81	666.51
KRISHNADEF	634.0	635.0	575.0	580.2	39750	-6.65	45.07	598.8	716.4
TEMBO	0.0	522.25	522.25	522.25	15918	-23.1	33.89	654.79	466.27