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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SIKA	2506.7	2354.2	+6.48%
TANEJAERO	340.9	320.6	+6.33%
TEMBO	715.8	681.75	+4.99%
CFF	526.0	502.95	+4.58%
PTC	137.95	132.57	+4.06%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
NIBE	1280.2	1395.85	-8.29%
MARINE	176.54	185.35	-4.75%
ADANIENT	2244.7	2353.45	-4.62%
HBLPOWER	492.6	507.45	-2.93%
BHARATFORG	1076.2	1104.65	-2.58%

Aero India 2025

Bharat Forge and Liebherr to Build Aerospace Facility in Pune



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Bharat Forge and Liebherr have announced a strategic partnership to establish a state-of-the-art aerospace component manufacturing facility in Pune, India, during Aero India 2025. The facility, set to be operational in 2025, will utilize advanced forging and machining technologies to produce high-precision components, including landing gear. This collaboration highlights Bharat Forge's commitment to meeting global aerospace demands and enhancing India's capabilities in the defense sector. Such initiatives not only strengthen India's defense industrial base but also position the country as a key player in the global aerospace market, fostering economic growth and technological advancement.

BJP MP Showcases HTT-40 Trainer, Celebrates India's Defense Self-Reliance



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Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya recently took a flight on India's fully indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA), the HTT-40, at the Aero Show, highlighting its significance as a symbol of India's engineering prowess and self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Surya contrasted the current scenario of indigenous development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the previous era under the UPA government, where the acquisition of foreign trainer aircraft faced corruption allegations and irregularities. He emphasized that the

HTT-40, developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), not only meets the training needs of the Indian Air Force (IAF) but also marks a critical step towards reducing dependency on foreign suppliers, aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Surya credited the revival of the indigenous trainer program to PM Modi's leadership and late Defense Minister Manohar Parrikar's strategic vision, which secured the necessary funding and policy support. He expressed gratitude towards HAL's engineers and the entire team involved in the HTT-40's development, asserting that this advancement positions India as a growing leader in global defense exports, particularly for nations in the Global South interested in HAL-made combat aircraft. This achievement represents a significant transition in India's defense capabilities, showcasing the country's potential to innovate and produce advanced military technology, thus enhancing its strategic autonomy and reinforcing its status in the international defense market.

Bharat Forge and VEDA Aeronautics Unite to Boost UAV Tech for India



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Bharat Forge Ltd (BFL) and VEDA Aeronautics (P) Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on developing advanced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and high-speed aerial weapon systems for the Indian Defence Forces at Aero India 2025. This partnership leverages VEDA's expertise in unmanned systems and BFL's capabilities in providing micro jet engines, enhancing India's defense technology landscape. The initiative is expected to significantly contribute to national self-reliance in defense manufacturing, showcasing India's commitment to bolstering its defense capabilities through indigenous innovation and collaboration within the defense

industry. This move underscores the strategic importance of domestic partnerships in strengthening national security.

KSSL and L3Harris Team Up to Boost Indian Military Communications



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Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited (KSSL) and L3Harris Technologies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance the Indian Armed Forces' Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities on the sidelines of Aero India 2025. This collaboration is set to expedite the delivery of advanced tactical radios and equipment while fostering local defense innovation. It positions KSSL and L3Harris to bolster national security and establish resilient supply chains for global obligations, aligning with emerging warfare paradigms. With over two decades of operation in India, L3Harris' partnership with KSSL is a significant step towards strengthening India's defense capabilities and enhancing technological self-reliance.

Rajnath Singh Calls for Private Sector Leadership in Defense Production



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the importance of the private sector in India's defense manufacturing during the AeroIndia event, advocating for its leadership role alongside the public sector and armed forces. He highlighted the successful indigenization of military products, noting that systems like the BrahMos and Akash missiles not only enhance national security but have also garnered international attention, leading to increased defense exports. Singh's remarks underscore a strategic pivot towards self-reliance in defense, reflecting India's growing capabilities and its strengthening international defense partnerships. This approach is crucial for fostering innovation and competitiveness in the Indian defense industry.

Thales Aims to Make India a Missile Production Hub with BDL



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European defense major Thales aims to establish India as a hub for missile production, focusing on co-development of next-generation missiles with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). At Aero India 2025, Thales International CEO Pascale Sourisse highlighted potential orders in the thousands to meet Indian Armed Forces' needs and facilitate exports to third countries.

The company is already collaborating with BDL on STARStreak MANPADs and plans to expand to other missile systems, including the Light Multirole Missile. Additionally, Thales is setting up a Maintenance Repair and Overhaul facility in Gurgaon, further enhancing India's defense capabilities and its position in the global defense market.

HAL to Deliver Tejas LCA to IAF Soon After Resolving Issues



13-Feb-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has assured that it will soon begin delivering the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas to the Indian Air Force (IAF), addressing earlier concerns from IAF Chief Air Marshal AP Singh regarding delays. HAL Chairman D K Sunil talking at Aero India 2025 emphasized that the delays were due to technical issues, which have now been resolved, rather than industry negligence. He noted that multiple meetings have taken place, and preparations are underway to ensure a prompt rollout once the engines are available. This positive development reflects HAL's commitment to strengthening India's defense capabilities and enhancing the operational readiness of the IAF.

General Upendra Dwivedi Explores H125 Helicopter at Aero India 2025



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General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), was briefed on the H125 reconnaissance-class helicopter during Aero India 2025, showcasing its significance in enhancing India's defense capabilities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This versatile light utility helicopter, developed through a TATA-Airbus joint venture, is designed for reconnaissance, surveillance, and tactical operations in challenging terrains. Its proven performance, with over 7,200 units delivered globally, underscores its operational reliability, as evidenced by world records in high-altitude missions. The H125's advanced features position it as a vital asset for India's diverse defense needs, reinforcing self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Astr Defence Launches Chakra Trap: Next-Gen Handheld Counter-UAV System



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Astr Defence launched the Chakra Trap, an innovative handheld counter-UAV system, at Aero India 2025. This unique hard-kill solution utilizes a grenade-based projectile to deploy a net that captures and disables

hostile drones, distinguishing it from traditional electronic countermeasures. With a range of up to 500 meters, the AI-based targeting system ensures precision in neutralizing various drone types, including RF and wired models. The Indian Air Force plans to integrate this technology into its operations by mid-2025, highlighting a significant advancement in India's defense capabilities, particularly in environments where electronic jamming may be ineffective. This development is set to enhance the operational effectiveness of the Indian Armed Forces against aerial threats.

IAI Launches AIR LORA Missile to Boost IAF's Precision Strikes at Aero India 2025



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At Aero India 2025, Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) unveiled the AIR LORA Deep Stand-Off Air-Launched Ballistic Missile, designed for the Indian Air Force (IAF) to enhance its precision strike capabilities. This advanced missile can engage high-value targets with supersonic speed and exceptional accuracy, while integrating seamlessly with existing aircraft platforms. Its fire-and-forget capability, advanced navigation systems, and robust defenses against jamming position it as a vital asset for modern warfare. The AIR LORA empowers the IAF with the ability to conduct deep stand-off strikes, significantly improving operational flexibility and minimizing risks to pilots and aircraft in contested environments, thus reinforcing India's defense strategy.

Sheshnag 150 Long-Range Swarm Drone Achieves First Flight



13-Feb-25

The Sheshnag 150 Long Range Swarm Drone, unveiled by Sameer Joshi, CEO of Newspace Research & Technologies at Aero India 2025, has successfully completed its first flight. This advanced 150kg drone boasts a range of over 1000 km and is designed for attritable warfare, capable of mass attacks with high-powered warheads. Its integration of AI technologies enhances operational effectiveness for roles such as Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR). This drone not only revolutionizes modern combat strategies but also strengthens India's military capabilities, showcasing a cost-effective solution for both offensive and defensive missions while contributing to the future of autonomous warfare.

Dynauton Systems Launches Cheel, India's First Sub-MALE UAV



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Dynauton Systems has launched India's first Sub-Medium Altitude Long Endurance (Sub-MALE) UAV, named Cheel, which aims to enhance India's indigenous defense capabilities at Aero India 2025. Designed for military and civilian applications such as border surveillance and disaster response, Cheel features satellite communication for beyond-line-of-sight operations, a range of 300 km, and an endurance of 8 hours. This development underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, positioning Dynauton at the forefront of UAV innovation. With advanced autonomous flight and a sophisticated electro-optical/infrared gimbal, Cheel will significantly bolster India's reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering capabilities upon successful trials and evaluations.

TASL Launches ALS250 Drone for High-Altitude Strike Capability



13-Feb-25

Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) has unveiled the Advanced Loitering System (ALS250), a long-range autonomous drone specifically designed for high-altitude operations, crucial for India's strategic areas like Ladakh at Aero India 2025. With a range exceeding 250 kilometers and the ability to operate above 10,000 feet, the ALS250 is tailored for precision strikes even in contested environments where GPS may be compromised. This advanced system builds on the earlier ALS50, featuring a robust internal combustion engine that enhances its payload capacity and operational flexibility. This innovation signifies a major leap for the Indian Armed Forces, ensuring superior tactical advantage in modern warfare scenarios.

Defense Business and Industry

Philippines Boosts Military with India's BrahMos Amid China Tensions



13-Feb-25

India and the Philippines are strengthening their defense ties amid rising tensions with China in the South China Sea. The Philippines has initiated a \$35 billion military modernization program, highlighted by its acquisition of the BrahMos missile system, which it deems a "game-changer" for its coastal defense. Following a \$375 million deal for BrahMos missiles in

2022, India anticipates a further \$200 million deal for Akash short-range missiles this fiscal year, signaling a robust defense partnership. The Philippines' focus on enhancing its military capabilities, including additional BrahMos systems and submarines, underscores a strategic pivot towards India amid regional security challenges. This collaboration not only enhances India's defense exports but also reinforces its position as a key player in regional geopolitics, countering China's growing influence.

Rosoboronexport Unveils Advanced Defense Innovations at IDEX 2025

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At IDEX 2025, Rosoboronexport is showcasing an extensive array of advanced Russian defense products, including the upgraded T-90MS tank, Pantsir-SMD-E SAM system, and Kornet-EM ATGM system. The exhibit emphasizes innovations tailored for modern high-intensity conflicts, with systems designed for air defense and armored vehicle enhancements. Highlighting successful battlefield adaptations, the showcase includes new loitering munitions and reconnaissance UAVs, aiming to attract interest from Middle Eastern nations. This display underscores Russia's commitment to developing versatile weaponry that meets contemporary military challenges, positioning itself as a competitive player in the global defense market, which can have implications for regional security dynamics, particularly concerning India.

Safran and Titan Join Forces for LEAP Engine Manufacturing in India

13-Feb-25

Safran Aircraft Engines and Titan Engineering and Automation Limited (TEAL) have signed a strategic partnership to manufacture components for the LEAP engine in India, with production starting in 2026. This collaboration is a significant boost to India's aerospace industry, aligning with the Make in India initiative and strengthening local supply chains. Safran's growing presence in India, with multiple production sites and a dedicated MRO facility opening in 2025, underscores the country's importance as CFMs third-largest market, with over 370 LEAP engines currently powering Indian commercial aircraft. This partnership not only enhances local manufacturing capabilities but also positions India as a key player in the global aerospace supply chain.

Adani Group to double ammo production to meet global demand

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Adani Group is set to double its ammunition production capacity from 150 million to 300 million rounds annually by year-end, driven by significant global demand due to geopolitical tensions like the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The company has secured multi-year export orders, including large bookings for 155 mm artillery shells, with plans to produce 150,000 rounds annually from a new facility. CEO Ashish Rajvanshi noted that 33% of production capacity will be reserved for domestic requirements, reflecting a strategic balance between meeting international demand and enhancing India's defense capabilities. This expansion underlines India's growing role in the global defense market while addressing internal security needs.

India Launches Procurement of High-Altitude Surveillance Helicopters

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The Indian government has initiated the procurement process for nearly 1,000 surveillance helicopters designed for high-altitude operations up to 5,500 meters, emphasizing the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives. The Request for Information (RFI) aims to finalize service qualitative requirements and identify capable Indian vendors. Additionally, the Indian Army is seeking 50 heavy crawler rock drills to improve infrastructure in treacherous terrains, crucial for quick communications and operational needs. This strategic move not only enhances the capabilities of the defense forces in challenging environments but also strengthens indigenous production, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense.

India and France bolster defense ties with new R&D agreement

13-Feb-25

India and France have strengthened their defense collaboration by agreeing to launch a Research and Development (R&D) framework for defense technologies, with discussions ongoing on specific technology partnerships between ONERA and DRDO. Prime Minister Modi emphasized the potential acquisition of India's Pinaka rocket system by France, marking a significant milestone. The leaders announced multiple declarations, including cooperation in AI and nuclear technology, and highlighted advancements in the construction of P75-Scorpene submarines in India, incorporating indigenous AIP

technology. This partnership reinforces India's strategic defense capabilities and showcases its growing role in global defense initiatives, reflecting a commitment to innovation and mutual growth.

Rolls-Royce's Partnership to Boost India's Defense Manufacturing



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Rolls-Royce is set to significantly enhance its sourcing of complex components for aerospace and naval systems from Indian manufacturers, reinforcing India's push for self-reliance in defense. The company's commitment to the "Make in India" initiative and existing partnerships with local firms like HAL and TATA highlight its strategic investment in India's defense ecosystem. With over 2,000 skilled engineers in India, Rolls-Royce aims to co-develop critical combat engine technologies, fostering local manufacturing capabilities for global markets. This collaboration not only aligns with India's defense objectives but also strengthens its position as a preferred hub for global sourcing in the aerospace sector.

Thales and BDL to Supply STARStreak Missiles to Indian Army



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Thales and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) are set to deliver the first STARStreak MANPADS to the Indian Army, marking a significant advancement in India's very-short-range air defense capabilities. The agreement, which stems from a 2024 RFI by the Indian Army, involves a production partnership where approximately 60% of the missile system is manufactured locally, aligning with the "Make in India" initiative. STARStreak missiles, known for their high speed and innovative guidance system, reflect the UK-India Defense Partnership aimed at enhancing defense collaboration and technology transfer. This development is expected to bolster India's defense industry while fostering strategic ties with the UK.

Army Chief: 85% of Acquisitions Now Indigenous, Advancing Self-Reliance



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Army Chief Gen. Dwivedi emphasized that 85% of the Indian Army's acquisitions are now indigenous, reinforcing the focus on self-reliance in the defense sector. With a substantial budget allocation of ₹6,81,210.27 crore for FY 2025-26, 75% of the modernization budget is dedicated to domestic procurement, including ₹27,886.21 crore for private

industry. The budget also supports advancements in military technologies like cyber and AI. The Ministry of Defence aims to streamline procurement processes while enhancing the Defence Research and Development Organisation's funding to ₹26,817 crore, underscoring a commitment to military innovation and self-sufficiency. This strategic shift positions India favorably in its defense capability development.

Modi-Macron Summit Boosts Submarine Deal and Nuclear Ties



13-Feb-25

India and France are advancing their defense collaboration through a significant submarine deal and nuclear cooperation focused on advanced modular reactors (AMRs) and small modular reactors (SMRs). A letter of intent was signed to collaboratively develop these reactors, underpinning India's goal of achieving 100 gigawatts of nuclear energy by 2047. Concurrently, India will manufacture three additional Scorpene-class submarines, enhancing the Indian Navy's indigenous capabilities with approximately 60% local content. This partnership not only strengthens military ties but also showcases India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology, reinforcing its strategic position in the Indo-Pacific region amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions.

TATA Advanced Systems Delivers RCWS to Boost Indian Army's Capabilities



13-Feb-25

TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has successfully delivered approximately 100 Remote Controlled Weapon Stations (RCWS) to the Indian Army, featuring the Russian NSV 12.7 mm heavy machine gun. These systems enhance the operational capabilities of soldiers by allowing them to engage targets from within the safety of their vehicles using a joystick-controlled turret equipped with advanced cameras and a laser rangefinder, ensuring effectiveness in both day and night operations. Additionally, TASL offers a smaller RCWS variant with a 7.62 mm machine gun, suitable for lighter platforms and unmanned ground vehicles, demonstrating India's commitment to modernizing its defense arsenal and enhancing soldier safety and tactical efficiency.

Algeria Becomes First Foreign Buyer of Su-57E Fighter Jets



13-Feb-25

Algeria has confirmed its purchase of Russian Su-57 fighter jets, becoming the first international customer

for this advanced aircraft. With deliveries expected within the year and pilot training already underway in Russia, this acquisition signifies Algeria's ongoing commitment to modernizing its air force and maintaining a competitive edge against regional adversaries. The integration of the Su-57 enhances Algeria's military capabilities, particularly in stealth operations and situational awareness, further solidifying its long-standing defense ties with Russia amidst growing geopolitical dynamics. This development could influence the regional balance of power, emphasizing the importance of advanced military technology in national defense strategies.

India and France bolster ties with reactor pact and AI roadmap. SHARE

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India and France have signed a declaration to collaborate on Advanced Modular Reactors and launched a roadmap for Artificial Intelligence, reinforcing their strategic partnership. During PM Modi's visit, both leaders emphasized multilateralism, reaffirmed support for India's UNSC membership, and celebrated the commissioning of the final Scorpene-class submarine. They agreed to enhance defense cooperation, including joint R&D initiatives and potential acquisitions like India's Pinaka MBLR. Additionally, they condemned terrorism, highlighted cooperation in civil nuclear energy, and discussed initiatives to boost trade, investment, and student exchanges, aiming for a robust partnership that fosters technological and innovative advancements for both nations.

HAL to Deliver First HTT-40 Trainer Aircraft to IAF by 2025 SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to roll out the first HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) in September 2025, with production ongoing at both Nashik and Bangalore plants. The IAF has ordered 73 units initially, with plans for an additional 36, marking a significant move towards enhancing indigenous defense manufacturing and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers. The HTT-40 features advanced avionics and robust performance, which will bolster the IAF's training capabilities and represent a milestone in HAL's expansion of homegrown defense technologies, further solidifying India's aerospace sector. This initiative demonstrates India's commitment to self-reliance in defense.

GTRE Advances Talks for 6th Gen 110kN Jet Engine Partners SHARE

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The Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) is progressing in discussions for co-developing a 110kN jet engine for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, with Rolls-Royce and Safran as potential partners. Notably, Rolls-Royce has proposed complete Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) transfer, offering India greater control, while Safran's offer is partial. This IPR difference is crucial as it impacts India's technological autonomy. GTRE is expected to recommend a vendor to the Indian Air Force and Ministry of Defence soon, highlighting the strategic importance of the engine in enhancing the AMCA's performance, particularly in speed and maneuverability amid geopolitical considerations.

HAL to Unveil Four Tejas MkII Prototypes in Next 2-3 Years SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to roll out four Tejas MkII pre-production prototypes over the next 2-3 years, crucial for the aircraft's development and certification process, with the first prototype expected by late 2025. The subsequent prototypes will focus on extensive weapons trials, highlighting India's commitment to enhancing indigenous defense capabilities. Six F-414 engines have been secured to support testing, emphasizing the rigorous validation process before production clearance in 2029. This initiative marks a significant step toward self-reliance in defense aviation, showcasing India's strategic emphasis on developing advanced combat aircraft to enhance operational readiness and capabilities of the Indian Air Force.

India Moves Closer to Major BrahMos Missile Export Deal SHARE

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India is nearing the final stages of a significant export deal for BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles with a foreign nation, following the Philippines' successful acquisition. While Indonesia was initially speculated as the next buyer, reports indicate interest from various Middle Eastern countries, reflecting a shift towards India as a neutral arms supplier amidst changing geopolitical dynamics. The BrahMos system, known for its speed and precision, enhances India's defense export capabilities and aligns with its self-reliance goals in defense manufacturing. This deal is poised to reinforce India's position as a vital player in the global

defense market and strengthen strategic partnerships worldwide.

Flying Wedge Scores First Export Order for FWD 100 ISR UAV SHARE

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Bengaluru-based startup Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace (FWDA) has secured its first international export order for 35 units of the FWD 100 ISR UAV, marking a significant milestone for India's defense industry. This indigenous aircraft, designed for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, showcases India's growing aerospace capabilities and potential to compete globally. With features such as an advanced optical payload and 24-hour endurance, the FWD 100 ISR is poised to enhance operational effectiveness in military missions. This achievement not only reflects FWDA's innovation but also signifies a broader ambition to establish India's presence in the international defense market, bolstering the country's strategic objectives in defense technology.

Rostec: HAL's Nasik Facility Ready for Su-57 Production Adaptation SHARE

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Rostec officials have confirmed that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Nasik facility can be quickly adapted for the production of Russia's advanced Su-57 fighter aircraft, leveraging existing tools from the Su-30MKI program. This adaptation could substantially reduce costs and enhance India's defense capabilities through a complete Transfer of Technology (ToT), allowing local assembly and expertise development. The potential licensed production of the Su-57 represents a strategic move to bolster India's air power, enabling better countermeasures against regional threats and furthering India's defense self-reliance ambitions. This cooperation aligns with India's broader goals in advancing indigenous aviation technology and capabilities.

AMCA to Introduce Cutting-Edge 5th Gen Tech and AI Pilot SHARE

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The Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), currently under development by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), is set to revolutionize Indian air combat with its advanced fifth-generation technologies, including enhanced stealth, network-centric warfare capabilities, and an AI-powered electronic pilot. Its design minimizes radar detection

and allows for effective operation in high-threat environments, while features like Man-Unmanned Teaming (MuMT) improve mission flexibility alongside UAVs. With state-of-the-art avionics and manufacturing facilities being established, the AMCA aims to provide the Indian Air Force with a versatile platform for air dominance, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and strengthening national security.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

US Shifts Focus, Leaving NATO's Future in Question SHARE

13-Feb-25

Recent statements by US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have raised concerns about NATO's cohesion, as he emphasized that the United States will not deploy troops to Ukraine and dismissed the likelihood of Kyiv regaining all its territory or joining NATO. Hegseth called for European allies to increase their defense spending and support for Ukraine, reflecting a shift in American security priorities towards its own borders. He indicated that NATO's future role in European security might be less hands-on, with Europe expected to shoulder more responsibility. This development highlights a potential redefinition of NATO's commitments and raises questions about the alliance's collective defense mechanisms, especially in the face of ongoing tensions with Russia.

Hamas to Release 3 Israeli Hostages Amid Fragile Ceasefire SHARE

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The ongoing situation in Gaza remains tense as Hamas announced its commitment to release three Israeli hostages as part of a fragile ceasefire deal, amidst accusations of mutual violations and aid inadequacies. Since the ceasefire began, there have been five exchanges, with 21 hostages freed and over 730 Palestinian prisoners released. However, disputes over aid provisions and hostages may threaten the deal's stability, with Israel warning of renewed military action if its demands are unmet. The involvement of Egyptian and Qatari mediators is crucial to maintaining the ceasefire and facilitating further negotiations, especially given the rising tensions in the region following Hamas' attack on October 7, 2023, which has led to significant casualties and destruction in Gaza. These developments highlight the precarious balance

of humanitarian needs and political pressures in the region.

India Crafts Resilient Supply Chain for Russian Oil Imports SHARE

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India is adapting its oil supply chains to continue importing discounted crude from Russia despite tightening US sanctions. Indian refiners are collaborating with new, non-sanctioned trading entities, particularly from Dubai, to circumvent restrictions. This adaptive strategy has enabled purchases of Russian crude to surge, comprising about a third of India's imports. Indian officials remain optimistic about resolving logistical challenges, emphasizing the mutual need for sustained trade, as Russia seeks buyers beyond China, while India navigates its energy requirements pragmatically. This proactive approach illustrates India's resilience in maintaining energy security amidst geopolitical pressures.

NATO Allies Stress Ukraine's Role in Peace Talks Amid U.S. Shift SHARE

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Several NATO allies emphasized the necessity of involving Ukraine in peace negotiations with Russia, countering U.S. signals that suggest a potential deal without Kyiv's participation. U.K. and German defense leaders insisted that Europe's involvement is crucial, given the direct consequences of any agreement. U.S. officials, however, argued for a broader perspective on achieving peace, cautioning that NATO's reliability is in question amidst shifting U.S. security priorities toward Asia. The discussions highlighted the urgency for European nations to bolster their defense spending and military support for Ukraine, underscoring the importance of a sustainable peace that guarantees Ukraine's territorial integrity against future Russian aggression.

Australia Raises Alarm Over Hazardous Chinese Jet Encounter SHARE

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Australia has expressed concerns over "unsafe and unprofessional" interactions with a Chinese J-16 fighter jet, which released flares close to an Australian P-8A Poseidon conducting routine surveillance in the South China Sea. Australia's Defence Minister Richard Marles highlighted these actions as dangerous, prompting formal representations to China. Additionally, a Chinese naval task group has been operating near Australia, with the Australian Defence Department affirming its

commitment to monitoring the situation while respecting international navigation rights. This incident underscores ongoing tensions in the region and reflects Australia's vigilance in ensuring safe and professional military engagements amidst rising Chinese assertiveness in maritime areas.

Military Operations

Indian Army Strikes Back, Inflicts Heavy Losses on Pakistan After Ceasefire Violation SHARE

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Pakistani troops reportedly violated the ceasefire along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, leading to a strong response from the Indian Army, resulting in heavy casualties on the Pakistani side. This incident follows the deaths of two Indian soldiers due to a terrorist IED explosion, marking an uptick in cross-border hostilities after a period of relative calm since the renewed ceasefire in February 2021. The Indian Army remains vigilant, as indicated by recent visits from senior military officials to forward areas, emphasizing readiness against potential threats. This situation reflects ongoing tensions and the need for robust defense strategies to safeguard national security.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Kulgam House Linked to Terrorism Seized Under UAPA Regulations SHARE

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Authorities in Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir, seized a house owned by Safdar Ali Dar under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, as it allegedly provided shelter to terrorists involved in a deadly encounter in July 2024, which resulted in the deaths of a para commando and two terrorists. This seizure, following a recent similar action, is part of a broader strategy by J&K Police to dismantle the terrorism ecosystem supported by over-ground workers and sympathizers. The proactive measures aim to disrupt the network facilitating terrorism and enhance security operations in the region, underscoring India's commitment to combating terrorism effectively.

Chhattisgarh Sees 47% Drop in Naxal Violence Since 2010 SHARE

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Chhattisgarh has achieved a notable 47% reduction in Naxal violence incidents and a 64% decrease in deaths of civilians and security personnel in 2024 compared to 2010, as reported by the government. Financial support under various schemes has significantly bolstered security measures, with Rs 829.80 crore allocated for capacity building and Rs 773.62 crore for public infrastructure in LWE-affected areas. Furthermore, the establishment of fortified police stations and enhanced operational capabilities for special forces marks a strategic shift towards improving security and development in these regions. This reflects the government's commitment to combat Left Wing Extremism effectively, ensuring a safer environment for citizens and security forces alike.

Mumbai Police Investigate Threat to PM Modi's Aircraft Safety SHARE

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A man called the Mumbai Police, claiming that terrorists may attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aircraft during his overseas visit, prompting the police to alert other agencies and initiate an investigation. The caller, suspected to be mentally unstable, made multiple threats from the same number. Despite the alarming nature of these claims, the swift response from the police underscores the effectiveness of India's security apparatus in addressing potential threats. This incident highlights the vigilance necessary in safeguarding national leaders, especially during international travel, reaffirming the commitment of Indian agencies to maintain the security of high-profile individuals amidst evolving security challenges.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Musk's DOGE Team Sparks Alarming Cybersecurity Risks SHARE

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A major cybersecurity crisis has emerged in the U.S. government as Elon Musk's DOGE team, composed largely of unvetted young engineers, has gained unprecedented access to sensitive systems, raising alarms among security experts. Concerns include significant insider threats, unauthorized data handling, and potential exploitation by foreign intelligence agencies like China and Russia. Critics argue that

sidelining experienced career officials compromises national security, and the lack of oversight could lead to serious breaches. The situation underscores the risks of unqualified personnel managing critical infrastructure, highlighting the necessity for stringent cybersecurity protocols to safeguard against both internal and external threats.

Miscellaneous

India to Launch 52 Satellites for Enhanced Space Surveillance by 2028 SHARE

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India is advancing its space surveillance capabilities with the launch of a new program set to deploy 52 satellites by 2027-28, enhancing strategic monitoring and communications for the Indian Armed Forces. The initiative, backed by a budget of 27,000 crore, will see significant involvement from the private sector, with 31 satellites being produced by private firms. These satellites will utilize AI for intercommunication, enabling real-time tracking of assets, including naval operations and missile launchers. Collaboration with France and the establishment of the Defence Space Agency to manage the project underscores India's commitment to bolstering its defense readiness in an increasingly competitive global environment.

BAAFEx 2025: New Exhibitors Boost Asia's Business Aviation Hub SHARE

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The inaugural Business Aviation Asia Forum and Expo (BAAFEx) is set to take place from March 4-6, 2025, in Singapore, with strong participation from industry leaders like Dassault Aviation and Honeywell. The event will showcase a variety of exhibitors and drive discussions on key trends, sustainability, and market dynamics in business aviation. BAAFEx aims to establish itself as a premier platform for collaboration and innovation, reflecting the growing importance of the Asia Pacific market. This gathering not only highlights emerging opportunities but also fosters connections essential for the region's dynamic aviation sector, reinforcing India's strategic interest in enhancing its presence in global aviation markets.

Future-Ready Banking: Strengthening Risk Management and Strategies



13-Feb-25

The Reserve Bank of India's recently released Financial Stability Report highlights the resilience of the Indian banking sector, emphasizing robust capital buffers and improved asset quality amid geopolitical tensions. Key challenges include managing risks such as liquidity and operational threats, particularly related to credit cards. The RBI urges banks to leverage technology and enhance human resources to adapt to digital trends and mitigate cybersecurity risks. Additionally, promoting green finance and adhering to stringent regulatory compliance will be crucial for maintaining systemic stability and fostering sustainable growth. Overall, the banking sector must innovate and reinforce risk management strategies to remain competitive and future-ready.

Modi and Trump to Address Key Issues in Joint Press Conference



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump are scheduled to hold a rare joint press conference following their meeting in Washington, focusing on two-way trade, energy, technology, and immigration. While Modi's press conferences are infrequent, this appearance demonstrates India's proactive engagement with the US on critical issues. Notably, Modi faced scrutiny during a 2023 conference with President Biden regarding religious discrimination in India, highlighting the complex interplay between domestic governance and international perception. This press briefing underscores the importance of India-US relations, allowing Modi to address concerns while strengthening strategic ties with a key global partner.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SIKA	2375.25	2519.0	2363.95	2506.7	5375	6.48	56.4	2329.18	2628.86
TANEJAERO	320.6	355.0	320.6	340.9	21818	6.33	39.24	359.48	484.58
TEMBO	715.8	715.8	715.0	715.8	53870	4.99	54.29	666.52	462.54
CFE	505.0	534.9	500.1	526.0	7000	4.58	31.74	591.6	654.39
PTC	136.0	140.9	136.0	137.95	3346416	4.06	45.63	140.69	190.48
PREMEXPLN	404.95	416.85	376.35	380.9	846373	2.67	34.97	432.17	541.1
BDL	1129.1	1194.7	1129.1	1166.7	1105469	2.65	45.82	1223.38	1261.89
MIDHANI	277.25	289.0	277.25	285.1	256251	2.09	36.01	309.62	393.5
BEML	2890.05	3050.95	2890.05	2939.25	453971	1.92	30.13	3413.81	4014.75
HAL	3615.0	3731.5	3611.05	3660.3	2223959	1.84	42.68	3786.61	4511.84
KRISHNADEF	657.0	685.05	656.9	663.65	16250	1.1	46.62	674.23	703.91
HIGHENE	498.9	499.0	482.2	494.15	5330	1.03	26.58	535.7	693.53
MAZDOCK	2205.0	2314.95	2187.6	2211.5	5306171	0.98	46.26	2284.14	2130.3
BEL	259.15	265.5	258.6	261.55	18008747	0.93	41.24	274.22	289.45
APOLLO	120.24	124.4	119.76	120.69	6168674	0.37	46.2	129.69	108.52
ZENTEC	1465.0	1529.95	1441.0	1450.75	746105	0.19	27.05	1729.76	1653.94
AZAD	1424.0	1460.0	1396.7	1422.65	157676	0.14	40.19	1499.43	1595.43
LMW	14755.0	15090.0	14755.0	14873.45	25465	0.09	33.68	15535.57	16188.95
COCHINSHIP	1305.0	1343.95	1291.2	1299.75	574654	0.0	34.66	1423.38	1787.22
GRSE	1417.1	1468.7	1402.2	1410.4	801240	-0.12	38.59	1517.12	1697.95
ASTRAMICRO	665.0	671.0	649.95	656.8	135555	-0.41	35.54	714.48	820.75
MTARTECH	1416.0	1459.9	1404.95	1416.1	66845	-0.5	31.95	1559.18	1756.49
IDEAFORGE	405.9	415.5	398.55	401.35	145058	-0.66	19.79	478.91	660.09
LT	3289.65	3314.9	3252.95	3263.65	2127318	-0.79	37.92	3414.68	3588.38
AVANTEL	120.5	125.03	117.0	118.33	473072	-1.42	30.95	130.89	-
PARAS	980.45	1010.0	957.0	962.45	153810	-1.43	41.61	1032.38	1092.95
SOLARINDS	8975.0	9090.0	8751.1	8807.2	95378	-1.67	38.3	9450.13	10251.08
ROSSELLIND	63.25	66.25	63.25	64.71	15418	-1.82	30.71	68.99	307.35
DATAPATNS	1701.05	1788.7	1672.55	1683.3	272435	-2.08	25.72	2035.54	2634.64
DCXINDIA	292.25	298.35	281.1	285.5	301997	-2.31	30.79	322.32	340.21
LOKESHMACH	252.7	255.15	240.9	242.6	52225	-2.55	29.15	282.35	374.23
BHARATFORG	1075.0	1099.05	1044.7	1076.2	3019948	-2.58	28.33	1172.57	1458.0
HBLPOWER	503.55	516.55	490.75	492.6	2268165	-2.93	36.65	545.2	578.24
ADANIENT	2354.0	2372.75	2233.4	2244.7	2551094	-4.62	41.24	2316.42	2861.85
MARINE	177.05	184.8	176.08	176.54	241702	-4.75	27.62	207.5	215.89
NIBE	1270.0	1324.35	1256.3	1280.2	50322	-8.29	37.75	1423.17	1745.9