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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	772.15	735.4	+5.0%
SOLARINDS	9533.25	9203.3	+3.59%
DCXINDIA	362.55	352.9	+2.73%
MARINE	238.1	233.55	+1.95%
ROSSELLIND	72.79	71.41	+1.93%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
COCHINSHIP	1396.35	1427.5	-2.18%
GRSE	1408.35	1439.25	-2.15%
HBLPOWER	532.15	543.0	-2.0%
TANEJAERO	388.95	396.5	-1.9%
APOLLO	126.57	128.96	-1.85%

Defense Business and Industry

PM Modi Unveils INS Surat, Nilgiri & Vaghsheer, Boosting Naval Power



15-Jan-25

On January 15, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated three frontline naval combatants—INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and INS Vaghsheer—at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, marking a historic tri-commissioning event that underscores India's commitment to enhancing its naval capabilities and fostering self-reliance in defense manufacturing. INS Surat, a guided missile destroyer, boasts a 75% indigenous content and advanced network-centric capabilities, while INS Nilgiri represents the first ship of the P17A class, designed with state-of-the-art features for improved survivability and stealth. INS Vaghsheer, the final submarine of the Scorpene-class, showcases India's growing expertise in submarine construction, developed in collaboration with France's Naval Group. The event emphasized India's strategic focus on ensuring maritime security in the increasingly competitive Indian Ocean Region (IOR) amid rising Chinese naval activities, with PM Modi highlighting the importance of these vessels in safeguarding trade routes and reinforcing India's position as a responsible player in the Global South. The Prime Minister articulated India's commitment to the SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative, which aims to promote regional stability and development rather than expansionism. With the commissioning of these new platforms, India strengthens its defense posture, significantly enhancing its operational readiness and expanding its strategic reach in the Indo-Pacific through a modernized naval force, while also fostering economic growth through the

Make in India initiative, which has seen substantial investments in indigenous shipbuilding, resulting in job creation and an economic multiplier effect. This event is a testament to India's dedication to a robust maritime strategy, not only enhancing military capabilities but also contributing to regional security and economic prosperity.

Solar Group Achieves Success in Testing Guided Micro-Missiles for Bhargavastra Counter-Drone System



15-Jan-25

India has achieved a significant milestone in its indigenous defense capabilities with the successful test firings of the Bhargavastra counter-drone system, which employs guided micro-missiles designed to neutralize UAV threats effectively. The system demonstrated its potential by successfully hitting virtual targets at over 2.5 km, with the ability to detect drones from over 6 km away. This innovative technology addresses the pressing challenge posed by swarm drone attacks, offering a cost-effective solution that allows the armed forces to reserve more expensive air defense systems for larger threats. With its multi-layered approach, integrating both hard-kill and soft-kill technologies, Bhargavastra enhances the operational readiness and adaptability of the Indian military. The system is also designed for rapid deployment across diverse terrains, ensuring it meets the specific needs of the Army Air Defence and could complement similar requirements in the Air Force. This development reflects India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities and underscores the importance of indigenously developed solutions in contemporary warfare.

GTRE's Enhanced Kaveri Engine Boosts Stealth for IAF's RSPA UCAV SHARE

15-Jan-25

The Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) has made significant advancements in the Dry Kaveri Engine, which is integral to the Indian Air Force's (IAF) upcoming 13-ton Remotely Piloted Strike Aircraft (RSPA) program. This engine, with 75% commonality to the original Kaveri, features a new high distortion-capable fan designed to optimize stealth and performance under challenging conditions. The Dry Kaveri not only enhances the IAF's precision strike capabilities while minimizing pilot risk but also signifies India's growing self-reliance and innovation in defense technology, reflecting a strategic commitment to advancing autonomous combat systems in the complex geopolitical landscape.

IAF Backs Foreign JV for AMCA Engine to Boost Indigenous Production SHARE

15-Jan-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is endorsing a collaborative approach for developing the engine of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) by partnering with a foreign OEM, with the ultimate goal of achieving complete indigenous production. This strategy allows for leveraging advanced technologies and knowledge transfer, particularly in complex areas like the combustor core, while Indian engineers develop the low-pressure side. Despite initial reliance on foreign expertise, this pragmatic move aims to overcome technological hurdles and gradually build India's self-reliance in the aerospace sector, addressing critical challenges in material science and manufacturing techniques necessary for modern warfare. Overall, this approach signifies a balanced path towards strengthening India's defense capabilities.

Indian Army to Secure 307 ATAGS Howitzers by March 2025 SHARE

15-Jan-25

The Indian Army is poised to enhance its artillery capabilities with a Rs 8,000 crore procurement of 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) howitzers, expected to be finalized by March 2025. Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi confirmed the commitment to indigenous defense production, aligning with the government's "Aatmanirbharta" initiative. Developed by DRDO, in partnership with Bharat Forge and TATA Group, the ATAGS boasts a firing range of up to 47 km. This acquisition, alongside the expansion of the K9 Vajra-T artillery fleet,

underscores India's strategic focus on self-reliance and modernization within its defense forces, enhancing long-range precision strike capabilities.

India's Zorawar Light Tank Rivals T-90 in Interior Space SHARE

15-Jan-25

India's domestically produced Zorawar light tank, weighing 25 tons, showcases notable design features that differentiate it from traditional Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) like the T-90S. While the Zorawar is longer and taller than the T-90S, it is narrower, potentially enhancing maneuverability in tight spaces. This design prioritizes internal volume, catering to diverse operational needs, particularly in high-altitude and rapid deployment scenarios. With a 105mm gun, the Zorawar effectively balances firepower and mobility, reflecting an innovative approach that blends characteristics of Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs) and MBTs, ultimately positioning it as a valuable addition to the Indian Army's armored capabilities.

CSIR-NAL Launches Cutting-Edge Stealth Technologies for Aviation SHARE

15-Jan-25

The CSIR-NAL has made significant advancements in stealth technology with the development of two radar-absorbing materials: NiRaLa-Monolithic Radar Absorbing Laminate and ADRISHYA-RAM Paint. These innovations enhance aircraft stealth capabilities by reducing radar cross-section, potentially increasing mission success rates and survivability. NiRaLa offers an impressive absorption rate of 80-99% and thermal stability, while ADRISHYA-RAM provides a lighter, cost-effective solution for field application. This progress underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and enhances its position in the global aerospace sector, contributing to strategic air superiority and tactical advantages in modern warfare.

Adani Defence Recovers Crashed Drishti 10 UAV, Showcases Commitment SHARE

15-Jan-25

Adani Defence has successfully recovered its Drishti 10 UAV, which crashed during pre-acceptance trials off Porbandar, Gujarat. The company has taken full responsibility for the incident, covering repair costs due to the UAV's pre-delivery status. This event underscores Adani Defence's commitment to operational resilience and customer satisfaction, enhancing trust with the Indian Navy, a significant client. The Drishti 10 drone, recognized for its impressive ISR capabilities, is part of

India's broader initiative towards self-reliance in defense technology, reflecting the nation's growing defense industrial base and commitment to domestic manufacturing.

INS Utkarsh Launched: A Leap Forward for India's Naval Power



15-Jan-25

The Indian Navy has enhanced its maritime capabilities with the launch of the Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) INS Utkarsh from Kattupalli Shipyard, following the launch of its sister ship, INS Samarthak, just three months earlier. Both vessels will significantly improve the Navy's operational versatility, with Utkarsh featuring a length of 106 meters, a displacement over 3,750 tonnes, and the ability to operate Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles. This advancement reflects L&T's commitment to strengthening India's national security through indigenous defense platforms, underscoring the country's focus on self-reliance and innovation within its defense technology sector.

DRDO to Enhance Rudram-II Missile Trials for IAF in 2025



15-Jan-25

The DRDO is advancing its plans for expanded trials of the Rudram-II air-to-ground missile, scheduled for 2025, with integration efforts targeting the Mirage-2000-5 alongside the existing Su-30MKI platform. Weighing 800 kg and capable of carrying a 200 kg warhead, the missile boasts an impressive range of 50 km to 300 km, enhancing the IAF's ability to neutralize enemy defenses. The integration will also see the Tejas MkII armed with Rudram-II by 2030, significantly boosting the operational versatility and strategic capabilities of the IAF to engage threats effectively and improve battlefield dynamics. This development underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities.

Lockheed Martin's F-21 Deal Could Boost India's Air Power Production



15-Jan-25

Lockheed Martin is actively pursuing a deal with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to procure the F-21 (F-16 Dash V) by promising to establish a production line in India that could manufacture three to four jets monthly. This proposal is crucial for the IAF, which currently operates only 29-30 of the desired 42 squadrons, as it could enhance India's combat air power by adding 36 to 48 new aircraft annually. The F-21 features advanced technology, including AESA radar and improved

electronic warfare capabilities, while also emphasizing technology transfer and local manufacturing, thereby supporting India's defense modernization and industrial self-reliance.

HAL's Light Combat Helicopter Prepares for HELINA Missile Trials



15-Jan-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to conduct live trials for the HELINA anti-tank guided missile from its indigenous Light Combat Helicopter, Prachand. This advanced third-generation missile enhances the helicopter's combat capabilities, particularly in high-altitude operations. With a range of up to 7 kilometers and advanced imaging infrared guidance, HELINA can execute precision strikes. The missile's fire-and-forget technology allows the helicopter to engage multiple targets or evade threats post-launch. These trials signify a crucial step in India's defense self-reliance, bolstering the operational readiness of the LCH and showcasing India's advancements in indigenous defense technology.

Bharat Electronics Secures Rs. 561 Cr Orders, Totaling Rs. 10,362 Cr in FY25



15-Jan-25

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a key player in India's defense sector, has secured new orders worth Rs. 561 crore, bringing its total order book for FY25 to Rs. 10,362 crore. This growth reflects increasing trust in BEL's capabilities and highlights robust demand for its diverse range of products, including advanced communication equipment, electro-optical systems, upgrades for satellite communication networks, and sophisticated radar and fire control systems. These orders not only demonstrate BEL's pivotal role in modernizing the Indian defense landscape but also enhance operational readiness and effectiveness, reinforcing India's strategic defense posture in a competitive geopolitical environment.

NAG-MK-2 Missile Ready for Indian Army Induction, Enhancing Anti-Tank Capabilities



15-Jan-25

The NAG-MK-2 missile is now ready for induction into the Indian Army, featuring a tandem HEAT warhead designed to penetrate modern armored vehicles, including those with explosive reactive armor. It boasts a top-attack capability, striking from above, with a range of 7 to 10 kilometers and an impressive speed of 230

meters per second. The missile's passive homing guidance system ensures high accuracy in diverse battlefield conditions. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commended DRDO and the Indian Army for their successful trials, marking a significant enhancement in India's anti-tank warfare capabilities, which will improve the operational effectiveness of the Indian Army against contemporary armored threats.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India Urges Release of Nationals from Russian Military After 10th Death

15-Jan-25

India has demanded the release of all Indians recruited by the Russian military following the death of another Indian national, Binil TB from Kerala, which has raised the death toll to ten in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is actively engaging with Russian authorities for the early discharge and repatriation of the injured and deceased. Binil and his cousin Jain TK were reportedly deployed to the war zone after their passports were confiscated, and both had sought assistance for their return. The Indian government has previously facilitated the release of many Indian nationals from Russian military service, emphasizing the urgent need for the safety and repatriation of its citizens involved in this conflict. This situation underscores the complexities of foreign recruitment in military conflicts and India's commitment to safeguarding its nationals abroad.

Strengthening Naval Power in the Indian Ocean: Rajnath Singh

15-Jan-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized India's commitment to a strong naval presence in the Indian Ocean Region, highlighting the commissioning of three advanced warships: INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and INS Vaghsheer. He underscored the strategic and economic importance of this region, noting that over 75% of the ships' content is domestically developed, reflecting India's focus on self-reliance and modernization in defense. Singh stated that enhancing India's security and responding to international power rivalries are top priorities, while the government aims to implement significant reforms in the defense sector by 2025, strengthening India's position in global maritime dynamics.

Biden Highlights Quad as a Major Foreign Policy Success

15-Jan-25

US President Joe Biden highlighted the Quad (India, Australia, Japan, and the US) as a key achievement of his administration, emphasizing its elevation to a leaders' level during his tenure. He noted that this strengthened alliances and showcased the group's commitment to collective security and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. Biden's hosting of the Quad leaders at his home symbolizes the deepening relationships among the member nations. This strategic partnership is vital for countering the influence of adversaries like China and reinforces India's pivotal role in shaping a collaborative security framework in the region, aligning with India's own defense strategies and geopolitical aspirations.

Strengthening India-US Ties: Hegseth's Commitment to Collaboration

15-Jan-25

Pete Hegseth, Donald Trump's nominee for Defense Secretary, emphasized the significance of enhancing India-US ties through joint military exercises and strategic discussions during his confirmation hearing. He pledged to reassess current agreements in collaboration with the State and Commerce Departments, highlighting the critical need to deter Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific. Hegseth characterized himself as a "change agent" focused on rebuilding the US military and establishing real deterrence. Despite facing scrutiny regarding his past and personal conduct, he remains committed to positioning the U.S. as a strong ally to India, reinforcing the strategic partnership in response to growing regional threats.

Biden Administration Removes Cuba from Terrorism List, Aiming for Reform

15-Jan-25

The Biden administration has decided to remove Cuba from the U.S. terrorism list, a designation made in January 2021 by the Trump administration, citing a lack of credible evidence for Cuba's support of terrorism. This move aims to improve human rights conditions and could ease economic restrictions, potentially benefiting Cuba's struggling economy and leading to the release of political prisoners. However, criticism from Republican lawmakers suggests that this action may undermine accountability for the Cuban regime. The situation reflects ongoing tensions in U.S.-Cuba

relations and highlights the complexities of U.S. foreign policy decisions.

NATO Launches Baltic Sentry to Safeguard Undersea Cables



15-Jan-25

NATO has launched a new mission, Baltic Sentry, to bolster surveillance and deterrence of threats to undersea cables in the Baltic Sea, amid escalating concerns over potential Russian sabotage. The mission will utilize frigates, maritime patrol aircraft, and naval drones to enhance monitoring capabilities, following several incidents damaging critical undersea infrastructure. NATO leaders emphasized the importance of these cables for global communication and economic transactions, warning that threats would invoke strong responses, including potential boarding of suspicious vessels. This initiative reflects NATO's commitment to collective defense amid rising hybrid warfare tactics, highlighting the strategic relevance of securing critical infrastructure.

BSF and BGB Engage in Talks to Address Border Tensions at Benapole



15-Jan-25

A sector commander-level border coordination meeting between India's Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh's Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) was held at Benapole amidst rising tensions over India's fencing activities along the India-Bangladesh border. The talks aimed to address mutual concerns like cross-border crime, human trafficking, and the contentious Single Row Fence (SRF) implementation, which Bangladesh fears may disrupt local livelihoods. Both forces reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining border sanctity and enhancing cooperation, emphasizing the importance of collaborative development projects. This engagement underscores the significance of open dialogue in sustaining cordial Indo-Bangladeshi relations while addressing shared border challenges.

Russia Optimistic About Trump's Approach to Ukraine Conflict



15-Jan-25

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov expressed optimism regarding Donald Trump's stance on the Ukraine conflict, highlighting Trump's willingness to discuss the realities of the situation and potentially seek an end to the conflict. Lavrov noted the lack of concrete proposals from Trump on how to engage with Ukraine, while also appreciating Trump's acknowledgment of NATO's expansion as a security

concern for Russia. This marks a potential shift in U.S.-Russia relations, contrasting with the Biden administration's reluctance to engage with Moscow. Overall, this development could influence future geopolitical dynamics, particularly in South Asia, where India closely monitors global security and diplomatic engagements.

Panel recommends action against individual for jeopardizing US-India security



15-Jan-25

A high-powered enquiry committee set up by the Indian government has recommended legal action against an individual for activities undermining the security interests of both India and the US, following allegations related to a failed assassination plot against Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun. The investigation, initiated after US concerns, highlighted the involvement of organized criminal groups, with former RAW officer Vikash Yadav implicated. The Ministry of Home Affairs emphasized the need for improved systems to enhance India's response capabilities. While these developments raise serious diplomatic concerns, India's commitment to addressing security matters collaboratively with the US underscores its proactive approach in maintaining regional stability.

Military Operations

Army Chief: Preventing a Repeat of the Galwan Clash is Crucial



15-Jan-25

Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi emphasized the need to prevent a recurrence of the Galwan clash during the 77th Army Day celebrations, asserting that the northern border remains stable yet sensitive. He noted that both India and China have significantly adjusted their military postures since April 2020, with troop deployments and infrastructure alterations contributing to the current standoff. General Dwivedi ruled out troop reductions in Eastern Ladakh until summer 2025, stressing the importance of building trust through dialogue. He empowered corps commanders to handle minor disputes, aiming to avert escalations. The Indian Army's commitment to modernization and readiness reflects a strategic approach to maintaining stability while pursuing diplomatic solutions, showcasing India's proactive stance in safeguarding its territorial integrity.

Indian Army Marks 77th Army Day with Tech-Driven Celebrations in Pune



15-Jan-25

The Indian Army commemorated its 77th Army Day on January 15, 2025, with vibrant celebrations held in Pune, marking a departure from the traditional venue in New Delhi for the third time. This year's event featured a parade showcasing advanced military technology, including robotic "mules" designed for various tasks such as perimeter security and bomb disposal. The Army's modernization efforts were highlighted by the introduction of Quadrapedal Unmanned Ground Vehicles (Q-UGVs), which enhance soldiers' operational capabilities in challenging terrains, further establishing the Army's commitment to innovation and efficiency. The celebrations were presided over by Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth and included the participation of eight contingents from various regimental centers, a Women Agniveer Contingent, and an array of advanced weapons and combat vehicles. This occasion not only honored the legacy of Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief, but it also served as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifices of soldiers throughout history. The event emphasized inclusivity, technological advancements, and the core values of the Indian Army, reaffirming its dedication to national security and humanitarian efforts. The display of robotic mules, equipped for diverse tasks and capable of operating under extreme conditions, represents a significant leap in the Indian Army's capability to protect and serve in various operational environments, aligning with modern warfare's demands while ensuring soldier safety.

India to Maintain Troop Levels at China Border This Winter



15-Jan-25

India's army chief, Upendra Dwivedi, announced that the country will not reduce troop levels along the China border this winter, emphasizing that any adjustments in summer deployment will depend on the progress of negotiations with China. The statement follows a history of tensions, including a deadly clash in 2020, leading to a significant troop buildup by both nations. Despite a prior agreement to de-escalate in October 2022, India remains cautious in maintaining a strong military presence to deter potential confrontations. This strategy reflects India's commitment to safeguarding its territorial integrity amidst ongoing geopolitical challenges posed by China.

Ukraine Launches Major Drone and Missile Assault on Russia



15-Jan-25

Ukraine launched a significant drone and missile strike on Russian regions, reportedly damaging industrial sites and prompting flight restrictions in several cities. Ukrainian sources claimed that over 200 drones and five U.S.-made ATACMS missiles were deployed, targeting locations including Saratov and Kazan. While Russia's defense ministry has not confirmed these claims, the Kremlin has indicated potential retaliation with advanced missile systems. This escalation underscores the ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia, raising concerns about a broader conflict as both sides intensify military operations, with the West's support for Ukraine remaining critical in the evolving geopolitical landscape.

IAF and Army Strengthen Joint Air Defence Integration



15-Jan-25

The Indian Armed Forces are advancing towards greater jointness, particularly in air defence, facilitated by the establishment of a Joint Doctrine and the Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS). This integration enhances operational synergies among the Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Army (IA), and Indian Navy (IN), improving situational awareness and response capabilities against threats from China and Pakistan. Recent joint exercises, like Exercise Kavach, demonstrate this commitment, although challenges remain regarding command structures. A focus on tri-service procurement and indigenous development, exemplified by systems like the Akash Surface-to-Air Missile, aims to enhance interoperability and self-reliance in defence manufacturing, strengthening India's military posture.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Rajnath Singh: Dismantle Terror Camps or Face India's Resolve



15-Jan-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently emphasized the Indian government's unwavering commitment to Jammu and Kashmir's integration, asserting that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is essential for the region's completeness. Speaking at the Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrations in Akhnoor, he warned Pakistan to dismantle its terrorist infrastructure or face

consequences, reiterating that terrorism from Pakistan continues to pose a threat. Singh praised the current efforts to bridge the emotional gap between Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of India, contrasting it with previous governments' approaches. Additionally, he highlighted initiatives to support ex-servicemen, including mobile medical units, underscoring the government's dedication to veterans. The Defence Minister's remarks reflect India's steadfast stance on national security and the ongoing challenge of cross-border terrorism, while also promoting a sense of unity and welfare for its armed forces and veterans.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to self-reliance in defense production, highlighting record achievements in domestic defense manufacturing, which reached ₹1.27 lakh crore, and exports crossing ₹21,000 crore. Singh also announced the establishment of the Army Paralympic Node to inspire Divyang soldiers and launched the Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan App to educate citizens about historical war zones. He paid tribute to the sacrifices of soldiers and reiterated the importance of a strong military for national development, aligning with Prime Minister Modi's vision of achieving a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047. This narrative conveys the government's holistic approach to enhancing military capabilities while fostering a sense of national pride, underscoring the indispensable role of the Armed Forces in ensuring both security and humanitarian responses, thus reinforcing India's strategic autonomy and regional stability.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

CDS Lauds Indian Army's Commitment and Professionalism on Army Day



15-Jan-25

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan praised the Indian Army on the 77th Army Day, highlighting its dedication, professionalism, and adaptability in safeguarding national security. He emphasized the evolving nature of modern warfare, driven by technological advancements and the need to embrace new domains like Cyber and Space. Gen Chauhan urged the Army to continually upgrade its tactics and empower personnel with advanced technical skills to stay ahead of adversaries. He concluded by honoring the sacrifices of soldiers and reinforcing the Army's vital role in nation-building and upholding its glorious traditions. The message reflects India's commitment to maintaining a robust and forward-looking defense posture.

Rajnath Singh Celebrates Army Day: A Tribute to Pride and Trust



15-Jan-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expressed deep admiration for the Indian Army during the Army Day celebrations, highlighting its role as a symbol of pride and trust for every Indian. He emphasized the army's contributions not only in national defense but also in humanitarian efforts and disaster management. The theme for this year's Army Day, "Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena" (Capable India, Empowered Army), reflects the army's commitment to strengthening national security and defense capabilities. Singh underscored the need for modernization of the Armed Forces in light of changing geopolitical dynamics and warfare, particularly the rise of non-state actors and the significance of cyber and space as new conflict zones.

PM Modi Affirms Government's Commitment to Armed Forces Welfare



15-Jan-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the Indian Armed Forces and their families on Army Day. He praised the Indian Army for its determination, professionalism, and humanitarian efforts during natural disasters while highlighting the sacrifices of soldiers who ensure national security. Modi reiterated that various reforms and modernization initiatives have been introduced over the years to support the armed forces, promising continued focus on these areas. This recognition reflects the government's dedication to enhancing the operational capabilities and support systems for the military, reinforcing the importance of the Army in safeguarding India's sovereignty and responding to crises.

Army Chief Applauds Women Officers Amid Concerns Raised



15-Jan-25

Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi praised the performance of women officers in the Indian Army, highlighting plans to significantly increase their induction by 2032, following a Supreme Court directive. This comes in response to concerns raised by Lt Gen Rajeev Puri about management issues in units led by women, which he described in a leaked letter. Dwivedi emphasized that these issues reflect individual perceptions rather than systemic problems, asserting

that women officers are excelling, including in high-profile roles like aviation. The Army's commitment to a gender-neutral approach and the ongoing inquiry into the letter's leak underscores its dedication to both inclusivity and accountability within the ranks.

Navy Chief Dinesh K. Tripathi Honors Soldiers on Army Day SHARE

15-Jan-25

Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Dinesh K. Tripathi expressed deep gratitude to Indian soldiers on the occasion of the 77th Army Day, honoring their sacrifices and commitment to national sovereignty. This historic day marks the transition of military command from British to Indian leadership in 1949 and features a parade in Pune showcasing modern defense technologies and military capabilities. The event aims to foster patriotism and engage citizens, highlighting the dedication of the armed forces in safeguarding the nation. Such commemorations not only honor the past but also reinforce the ongoing importance of a robust and modern defense strategy for India.

training for 70 under-trainee officers, including women, features advanced technology such as AI-based predictive maintenance and a multipurpose drone. The initiative aligns with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, underscoring India's commitment to self-reliance in defense production. This project is a significant step in bolstering the operational capabilities of the ICG, enhancing its role in securing India's maritime interests and contributing to the nation's strategic autonomy.

South Korean President Yoon Arrested Amid Political Turmoil SHARE

15-Jan-25

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol has been arrested amid a criminal insurrection investigation, marking a historic first for an incumbent leader in South Korea. Despite being questioned by authorities, Yoon is reportedly uncooperative and claims the investigation is illegal, a move reflecting significant political turmoil in the nation. His supporters have likened his situation to that of Donald Trump, advocating that alleged election fraud underpins his controversial martial law declaration. Internationally, the U.S. reassures its commitment to a stable South Korea, emphasizing constitutional adherence amid rising tensions and public protests surrounding Yoon's arrest.

ISRO's Satellite Docking Mission May Be Postponed to March SHARE

15-Jan-25

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) may delay its Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) involving two satellites until March due to operational complexities in Low Earth Orbit (LEO). Originally set for January 6, challenges such as the rapid movement of satellites and limited communication windows necessitate optimal conditions for docking, which are currently favorable but may worsen. This mission is critical for India's future space endeavors, including lunar projects and establishing a space station, as it aims to develop autonomous docking technology that only a few countries have successfully achieved. Successful execution will significantly enhance India's capabilities in space operations and exploration.

Congress Leaders Rahul Gandhi and Kharge Honor 77th Army Day SHARE

15-Jan-25

On the occasion of the 77th Army Day, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the Indian Army,

Miscellaneous

Google Blocks MAPS.Me App in India for Misrepresenting Borders SHARE

15-Jan-25

Google has blocked access to the MAPS.Me app in India due to its inaccurate depiction of the country's territorial boundaries, particularly in the sensitive regions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. This decision follows a notice from the Survey of India, which emphasized that such inaccuracies could compromise India's sovereignty and geopolitical standing. The action reflects India's commitment to ensuring digital mapping services adhere to national integrity and security norms. By enforcing compliance with Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, India demonstrates its vigilance in safeguarding territorial representation, underscoring the critical link between accurate mapping and national pride as well as international diplomacy.

ICG's New Training Ship Keel Laid at Mazagon Dock, Mumbai SHARE

15-Jan-25

The Keel-Laying ceremony for a Training Ship (Yard 16101) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) took place at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in Mumbai on January 13, 2025. This 107-meter ship, designed to facilitate

recognizing the sacrifices made by soldiers, veterans, and their families. Gandhi, currently in Manipur for his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, conveyed his wishes via social media, emphasizing the Army's critical role in addressing both external threats and internal challenges. Their messages highlight the national pride and respect for the armed forces, reaffirming the importance of honoring those who serve the nation with dedication and bravery. This acknowledgment underscores a collective appreciation for the military's commitment to safeguarding India's sovereignty.

Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam's India Visit to Boost Ties



15-Jan-25

Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam is set to visit India from January 16-18, 2025, for discussions aimed at strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in September 2024. His itinerary includes meetings with Indian President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other dignitaries, a wreath-laying ceremony at Raj Ghat, and outreach activities with the Singaporean community and Indian thought leaders. Additionally,

President Tharman will explore economic opportunities in Odisha. This visit reflects the mutual commitment of both nations to enhance cooperation across various sectors, including economic development and cultural exchange, which is crucial for fostering regional stability and prosperity in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

Blinken Unveils Gaza Strategy Ahead of Trump Transition



15-Jan-25

Secretary of State Antony Blinken outlined a post-war Gaza strategy aimed at establishing governance and reconstruction after the recent conflict with Hamas. This plan, which includes forming an interim governing authority with the Palestinian Authority and security support from Arab nations, aims to prevent a power vacuum and ongoing chaos. Blinken's push for the strategy has gained traction among Gulf states, though it faces challenges, including Israeli opposition and demands for a pathway to Palestinian statehood. The urgency of solidifying this plan has heightened with the upcoming Trump administration, raising concerns about its potential abandonment, reminiscent of previous U.S. post-war strategies.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TEMBO	748.9	772.15	720.0	772.15	58758	5.0	49.54	803.22	415.45
SOLARINDS	9279.9	9571.0	9231.7	9533.25	68886	3.59	44.61	9742.09	10166.15
DCXINDIA	356.0	369.0	353.5	362.55	661345	2.73	55.48	353.01	338.75
MARINE	239.4	245.0	233.6	238.1	186619	1.95	39.86	264.08	203.53
ROSSELLIND	72.84	74.5	71.7	72.79	48584	1.93	36.23	76.08	343.91
NIBE	1550.0	1599.0	1550.0	1578.0	22106	1.89	40.18	1662.29	1753.93
PTC	134.0	138.35	133.02	136.21	1743671	1.88	36.51	144.29	198.04
MTARTECH	1622.0	1647.65	1609.5	1629.65	84103	1.35	45.33	1669.57	1787.54
MIDHANI	314.7	323.75	310.4	315.6	234626	1.25	38.35	336.19	405.4
CFF	668.0	689.95	665.0	670.0	8800	1.21	47.07	684.89	636.28
LT	3471.3	3526.15	3471.3	3501.4	1155446	1.12	38.33	3609.24	3616.64
LMW	15826.0	16208.0	15826.0	16102.1	1805	1.08	39.28	16842.91	16308.63
HIGHENE	597.0	619.9	597.0	604.0	2092	0.73	42.76	622.36	719.55
ADANIENT	2399.0	2421.95	2372.65	2388.15	1421437	0.32	44.83	2446.89	2952.0
LOKESHMACH	307.0	307.0	298.65	300.2	15438	0.22	37.65	321.8	390.71
MAZDOCK	2255.0	2321.0	2215.45	2229.15	3311823	-0.11	48.53	2270.43	1999.88
SIKA	2383.0	2398.9	2345.0	2380.0	1200	-0.13	38.89	2524.0	2573.76
HAL	3853.95	3874.0	3801.55	3822.8	1061461	-0.14	28.93	4137.33	4497.19
BEML	3552.0	3605.5	3474.7	3507.45	444646	-0.19	26.12	3951.85	4012.47
DATAPATNS	2183.45	2192.25	2128.8	2139.5	77003	-0.44	33.13	2393.84	2717.6
KRISHNADEF	697.7	704.9	670.0	687.65	35750	-0.47	37.69	762.96	675.07
PREMEXPLN	462.7	468.9	451.55	455.25	52514	-0.48	39.43	514.38	537.0
BHARATFORG	1199.0	1208.85	1170.8	1183.55	1300950	-0.58	28.82	1270.51	1459.63
AZAD	1605.0	1629.0	1574.0	1582.5	72019	-0.6	39.01	1719.34	1573.43
AVANTEL	136.0	140.09	134.09	135.27	731238	-0.64	31.4	152.08	-
BEL	272.0	272.2	266.3	267.85	11376064	-0.76	35.7	286.44	284.21
IDEAFORGE	570.9	573.6	560.7	565.85	68084	-1.06	41.23	594.42	683.28
PARAS	1009.95	1015.6	988.15	992.05	67974	-1.15	44.55	1017.13	1056.21
ASTRAMICRO	763.35	763.35	738.15	741.4	225570	-1.42	41.04	776.83	814.57
BDL	1159.4	1165.0	1128.1	1134.0	273357	-1.59	45.41	1174.71	1228.21
ZENTEC	2190.05	2242.0	2132.15	2150.25	547709	-1.63	39.72	2436.06	1569.84
APOLLO	130.39	131.4	124.5	126.57	6147589	-1.85	60.18	114.87	106.1
TANEJAERO	406.45	406.45	385.0	388.95	9818	-1.9	35.51	423.72	492.21
HBLPOWER	551.4	555.75	526.55	532.15	896727	-2.0	31.51	614.29	570.38
GRSE	1453.4	1471.55	1400.25	1408.35	474711	-2.15	36.22	1568.65	1630.06
COCHINSHIP	1425.0	1436.0	1386.05	1396.35	403285	-2.18	38.15	1501.48	1753.54