



# Defence Professionals News & Analysis

May 15, 2025 | Day 135

## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SIKA	812.8	743.9	+9.26%
ASTRAMICRO	1002.3	918.5	+9.12%
COCHINSHIP	1812.1	1699.4	+6.63%
ZENTEC	1709.4	1628.0	+5.0%
LOKESHMACH	188.27	179.31	+5.0%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
AVANTEL	113.29	117.18	-3.32%
LMW	17448.0	17998.0	-3.06%
PREMEXPLN	433.2	446.4	-2.96%
ROSSELLIND	74.51	76.21	-2.23%
WALCHANNAG	209.09	212.71	-1.7%

## Defense Business and Industry

### DRDO Unveils Indigenous Desalination Tech for Warships



15-May-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an indigenous nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane for high-pressure seawater desalination, aimed at enhancing the capabilities of Indian Coast Guard vessels. This technology, completed in just eight months, successfully passed initial trials on an Offshore Patrolling Vessel, with operational testing to follow. The membrane technology not only boosts India's defense capabilities but also supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative by promoting self-reliance in critical defense technologies. DRDO's consistent advancements in various defense systems significantly enhance India's military deterrence and operational readiness.

### Taiwan Experts Praise India's Cost-Effective, Reliable Defense Exports



15-May-25

India's indigenous weapon systems are increasingly recognized for their cost-effectiveness and reliability by international experts, particularly from Taiwan. This shift follows India's growing arms exports, exemplified by the Philippines' purchase of the BrahMos missile. Experts emphasize India's unique position in the global arms market, meeting 88% of its Army's ammunition needs domestically and significantly enhancing its defense capabilities. The recent Operation Sindoor highlighted India's military readiness, showcasing its advanced air defense systems effectively against

Pakistani threats, contrasting sharply with the performance of Pakistan's imported Chinese systems. This evolution underscores India's potential as a key player in the global defense industry while promoting self-reliance through its "Make in India" initiative.

### Indian Navy and DRDO Test Advanced Multi-Influence Ground Mine



15-May-25

The Indian Navy and DRDO have successfully tested the indigenously developed Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM), designed for effective seabed operations against stealth ships and submarines. This advanced mine employs multi-influence sensors to detect various signatures, ensuring operational readiness under combat conditions. Production will be domestically undertaken by Bharat Dynamics Limited and Apollo Microsystems, aligning with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This development positions India alongside nations like the US, Russia, and Italy, enhancing its strategic maritime capabilities. The MIGM reflects India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities in response to evolving maritime threats, showcasing technological advancements in naval warfare.

### Indian Defense Stocks Surge Post Indo-Pak Skirmishes



15-May-25

Indian defense companies have seen remarkable stock surges following recent Indo-Pak air skirmishes, with firms like Mazagon Dock and Bharat Dynamics Ltd reaching record highs. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's endorsement of India's air defense capabilities has fueled investor optimism, although market experts caution about overvaluation and advise careful investment decisions. The "Make in India" initiative and

strong earnings reports support this growth, indicating potential for international orders. While current valuations are elevated compared to historical averages, analysts suggest that a market correction might offer a better entry point for long-term investors in the defense sector.

## US Approves Sale of Advanced Missiles to Turkiye for Defense Boost SHARE

15-May-25

The US State Department has authorized a Foreign Military Sales case for Turkiye to acquire 53 AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles, valued at an estimated USD 225 million. This sale aims to bolster Turkiye's air defense capabilities, supporting both its national security and US foreign policy goals. The transaction will not alter the regional military balance and requires no additional US personnel in Turkiye. This development highlights the strategic military cooperation between the US and its NATO ally, Turkiye, reinforcing stability in Europe while enhancing indigenous military capabilities, which could indirectly impact regional security dynamics, including those involving India.

## UK and Germany Team Up for 2,000-km Precision Strike Weapon SHARE

15-May-25

The UK and Germany are collaborating to develop a new "deep precision strike" weapon with a range exceeding 2,000 kilometers, enhancing their defense cooperation amidst escalating geopolitical tensions, particularly due to the war in Ukraine. This initiative builds on a bilateral defense pact aimed at boosting Europe's self-reliance in security, especially following shifts in U.S. foreign policy. British Defense Minister John Healey emphasized that the partnership not only strengthens defense capabilities but also stimulates economic growth through job creation and investment. Furthermore, discussions will also cover joint procurement of torpedoes and military bridges, highlighting a comprehensive approach to enhance European defense readiness.

## Trump proposes new F-55 warplane and F-22 Super upgrade. SHARE

15-May-25

The U.S. is considering the development of a new twin-engine warplane, the F-55, and an upgraded version of the F-22, dubbed the F-22 Super, as stated by President Trump. This initiative follows a contract awarded to Boeing for the F-47, a next-generation fighter. Analysts

express uncertainty about how these developments align with current programs and budgets, emphasizing that substantial upgrades to the F-22 could be costly. The proposed F-55 may be linked to the F/A-XX program aimed at replacing the Navy's F/A-18 fleet, signaling a potential shift in U.S. air dominance strategies amidst ongoing competition in advanced military aviation.

## India Requests More S-400 Systems from Russia to Boost Defense SHARE

15-May-25

India has formally requested additional S-400 air defense missile systems from Russia, building on the 2018 deal under which three out of five units have been delivered. The S-400, crucial for intercepting aerial threats, notably thwarted Pakistani incursions during Operation Sindoor, effectively safeguarding critical infrastructure. Despite U.S. pressure and potential sanctions, India prioritizes the S-400's proven effectiveness, which complements its indigenous systems like Akash and Barak-8. This move further strengthens India's multi-layered air defense network, underscoring the nation's commitment to enhancing its deterrent capabilities amid a volatile security environment.

## IAI Achieves Record Q1 2025 Financial Results and High Demand SHARE

15-May-25

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) reported a record first-quarter financial performance for 2025, achieving a net income of USD 164 million, a 21% increase from the previous year, with total sales reaching USD 1.61 billion. The company's order backlog hit an all-time high of USD 26.1 billion, predominantly from international clients, showcasing its strong position in global defense markets. IAI's military segment saw a 14% rise in sales, underlining its crucial role in both Israel's security and the broader defense landscape. The results reflect IAI's effective operational strategies and highlight growing global demand for advanced defense technologies, further strengthening Israel's defense industry.

## Qatar Airways and Boeing Ink Historic Order for 210 Jets SHARE

15-May-25

In a historic deal, Qatar Airways has partnered with Boeing to purchase up to 210 widebody jets, marking the largest aircraft order in Boeing's history, which includes 130 787 Dreamliners and 30 777-9s. This monumental order aims to enhance Qatar Airways' fleet

efficiency and expand its global reach, while also creating an estimated 400,000 jobs in the U.S. The deal reflects Qatar Airways' commitment to modernizing its fleet with fuel-efficient aircraft, underscoring the airline's strategy of combining growth with sustainability in the competitive aviation market. This collaboration not only strengthens Boeing's position but also signifies the importance of international partnerships in the aerospace industry.

## Lockheed Martin Lauds India's 96% Local Production of C-130J Wings SHARE

15-May-25

Lockheed Martin has praised India's defense manufacturing capabilities, highlighting that 96% of the wings for its C-130J Super Hercules aircraft are now produced in India, thanks to a collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems Limited. This achievement, aligning with the government's Make in India initiative, underscores India's growing role in global defense supply chains and enhances self-reliance in defense manufacturing. The C-130J is crucial for the Indian Air Force, used for various missions, and the localization of production not only boosts operational readiness but also fosters skill development among Indian engineers. This milestone reflects the confidence in India's skilled workforce and supportive policy environment, enhancing India's position as a defense manufacturing hub.

## Engine Search for HLFT-42: F414 Leads, AMCA's 110kN Option Emerges SHARE

15-May-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has initiated the search for an engine for its HLFT-42 trainer, targeting a thrust of 95-100 kN, with the General Electric F414 being the leading candidate. However, the under-development 110kN engine for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) presents an intriguing alternative, potentially allowing for engine commonality that would enhance training and maintenance efficiency. The HLFT-42, designed for advanced pilot training, requires high-performance capabilities to simulate 5th-generation fighter dynamics. While the F414 offers immediate availability, the 110kN engine could provide additional thrust for advanced training scenarios, although its longer development timeline poses a risk to the HLFT-42's operational rollout.

## Valdel Advanced Technologies Unveils India's First A60 Naval Door SHARE

15-May-25

Bengaluru-based Valdel Advanced Technologies Pvt. Ltd. has achieved a landmark milestone by developing India's first A60-certified naval door, enhancing indigenous defense capabilities in collaboration with the Indian Navy and DRDO. This watertight and fire-resistance-compliant door, designed for extreme maritime conditions, reduces reliance on foreign imports and bolsters national security. The project, initiated in 2021 under the Make in India initiative, illustrates the effective collaboration between industry, academia, and defense forces, positioning India as a competitive player in global defense manufacturing. Achieving A60 certification signifies compliance with rigorous international standards, ensuring crew safety and vessel integrity during emergencies.

## Tejas Mk1A Showcases A2A Capability with Astra Mk-1 and ASRAAMs SHARE

15-May-25

The Tejas Mk1A, India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft, was recently spotted in an air-to-air configuration, equipped with two Astra Mk-1 missiles and two ASRAAMs. This configuration highlights the aircraft's versatility and its ability to integrate both indigenous and foreign weaponry, enhancing the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities. The Astra Mk-1, with a range of over 100 km, positions the Tejas Mk1A as a strong contender in aerial combat, while the ASRAAM adds close-range combat effectiveness. With the IAF ordering 83 units, this development underscores HAL's commitment to advancing the Tejas program amid previous challenges, reinforcing India's defense self-reliance efforts.

## AVNL and BEL Partner to Enhance Electronic Systems for Armoured Vehicles SHARE

15-May-25

Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) have signed a strategic partnership to develop advanced electronic systems for wheeled armoured fighting vehicles (AFVs) in India, enhancing indigenous defense capabilities and aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This partnership aims to integrate BEL's electronics with AVNL's vehicle design expertise to improve lethality and survivability in diverse terrains, crucial for modern military operations amid regional tensions. The collaboration follows a prior MoU and supports India's push for self-reliance

while increasing its competitiveness in the global defense market, where demand for advanced, cost-effective armored vehicles is on the rise.

## DRDO Reveals China's PL-15E Lags Behind India's Astra Missiles



15-May-25

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has analyzed a recovered Chinese PL-15E missile, finding it underwhelming compared to India's Astra series, particularly the upcoming Astra Mk2 and Mk3. The DRDO emphasized that the PL-15E fails to match the radar guidance, range, and advanced technology of India's missiles, which are crucial for modern air combat. The Astra Mk2 is set for integration with the Indian Air Force by 2026, while the Astra Mk3 promises enhanced capabilities. This assessment reinforces India's commitment to self-reliance in defense through the "Make in India" initiative, showcasing significant advancements in indigenous military technology.

## India Boosts Low-Tier Air Defense to Tackle Drone Threats



15-May-25

India's Ministry of Defence is shifting its focus towards enhancing low-tier air defense capabilities in response to the effective use of indigenous Akash and MR-SAM systems during recent conflicts. The acquisition of Very Short-Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORADS), Vertically Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (VL-SRSAM), and Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles (QRSAM) aims to counter evolving aerial threats, particularly drones and UAVs. This strategic move is part of India's broader objective to establish a multi-layered air defense network, crucial for national security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The collaboration between DRDO and international partners underscores a commitment to technological advancement and readiness against diverse aerial challenges.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

## Rajnath Singh Calls for Global Oversight of Pakistan's Nuclear Sites



15-May-25

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, during his recent visit to Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized that any dialogue with Pakistan will strictly focus on terrorism

and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). He called for international oversight of Pakistan's nuclear facilities, citing concerns over their management and the country's role as a state sponsor of terrorism. Singh highlighted the significant achievements of Operation Sindoor, a decisive military response following the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians, asserting that it marked a new paradigm in India's approach to counter-terrorism. He praised the Indian Army's efforts in targeting terrorist infrastructure across the border, noting the destruction of enemy bunkers and the high number of terrorists neutralized. He reassured the armed forces of the government's support and commitment to equipping them with advanced weaponry and infrastructure. Singh's remarks underline the Indian stance of zero tolerance towards terrorism and the importance of addressing security threats proactively, reinforcing a narrative that positions India as a responsible power in the region. The Defence Minister's statements resonate with the broader strategic goal of demonstrating India's resolve against terrorism while advocating for global accountability regarding nuclear security in Pakistan, thus consolidating India's image as a nation that prioritizes peace and stability but remains steadfast in safeguarding its sovereignty.

## India and Pakistan agree to extend ceasefire amid tensions.



15-May-25

India and Pakistan have agreed to extend a ceasefire on cross-border military actions, reaffirming "confidence-building measures" after recent tensions escalated due to military hostilities. This decision follows India's Operation Sindoor targeting terror camps in Pakistan, and a failed drone and missile attack by Pakistan on Indian military bases. Despite the agreement reached on May 10, reports suggest Pakistan violated the truce shortly after, indicating ongoing volatility in relations. This situation underscores India's commitment to strategic restraint while remaining vigilant against provocations, reinforcing the importance of dialogue and diplomatic avenues in regional security dynamics.

## Dr. Jaishankar: India Achieves Objectives, Ceasefire with Pakistan



15-May-25

Recent developments in the India-Pakistan military landscape have been marked by a cessation of hostilities following significant Indian military operations aimed at dismantling terrorist infrastructure. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar asserted that

India achieved its objectives during these operations, particularly Operation Sindoor, which demonstrated India's capability to neutralize threats without crossing the Line of Control. The Indian military's effectiveness was underscored by the destruction of critical Pakistani air defense systems and targeting of terrorist bases. Jaishankar emphasized that any future dialogue with Pakistan will focus solely on combating terrorism, while Defence Minister Rajnath Singh raised concerns about the safety of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal in light of its recent military engagements. The discussions between the Director Generals of Military Operations of both nations culminated in an agreement to halt firing, which was affirmed through subsequent troop de-escalation along the borders. Additionally, Operation Keller successfully neutralized key Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives in Kashmir, further highlighting India's proactive stance against terrorism. Overall, these events underscore India's commitment to maintaining security and stability in the region while addressing the persistent threat of cross-border terrorism.

## India Calls for IAEA Oversight of Pakistan's Nuclear Arsenal



15-May-25

The recent discourse surrounding Pakistan's nuclear arsenal has intensified, particularly following comments made by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who called for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to supervise Pakistan's nuclear weapons due to concerns about their safety amid what he termed a "rogue nation." Singh's remarks, which echo Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stance against "nuclear blackmail" from Pakistan, were met with criticism from Pakistan's Foreign Office, which described them as indicative of India's insecurity and ignorance regarding the IAEA's mandate, especially given that Pakistan is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The IAEA's ability to monitor or control nuclear weapons hinges on international law, requiring either Pakistan's cooperation or a binding United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution, the latter of which is deemed highly improbable given China's support for Pakistan and the complexities of international politics. This situation highlights the ongoing security concerns in the region, as India seeks to address perceived threats from Pakistan's nuclear capabilities while Pakistan asserts that its conventional military strength is sufficient for deterrence without resorting to nuclear threats. The debate reflects the broader geopolitical tensions in South Asia, where nuclear capabilities are central to national security strategies, and underscores the challenges of achieving multilateral nuclear

oversight in a landscape complicated by alliances and conflicting interests.

## Chinese Bloggers Downplay India's PL-15E Capture, But Analysts See Value



15-May-25

Chinese social media bloggers have downplayed India's recovery of a near-intact PL-15E missile, claiming it offers no significant strategic advantage due to its downgraded features compared to the PLAAF's version. They argue that India's electronic warfare systems rendered the missile ineffective, and the country's existing missile technology, like the MR-SAM, diminishes the need for reverse-engineering. Despite the Chinese claims, Indian defense experts from the DRDO are conducting detailed analyses that could enhance indigenous missile programs. Ultimately, while the bloggers seek to mitigate concerns over technology leakage, the potential intelligence gained from the PL-15E remains valuable for India's defense capabilities.

## India's Trade with Turkey, Azerbaijan Strained by Pakistan Ties



15-May-25

India's trade relations with Turkey and Azerbaijan face strain due to their support for Pakistan amid ongoing conflicts. While India maintains a trade surplus with both nations—exporting primarily mineral fuels and machinery to Turkey and tobacco and tea to Azerbaijan—total trade is relatively minor compared to India's overall figures. Calls to boycott Turkish goods have emerged, reflecting public sentiment against Ankara's stance. The presence of Indian nationals, including students, in both countries is notable, with approximately 300,000 Indian tourists visiting Turkey in 2023. This geopolitical context underscores the complexity of India's foreign relations and the potential impact on its trade dynamics.

## India Outperforms Pakistan in Targeting Military Bases: NYT



15-May-25

India has demonstrated a significant advantage in targeting Pakistani military facilities during a recent four-day confrontation, according to a New York Times report that utilized high-resolution satellite imagery. The analysis revealed extensive damage to key Pakistani airbases, including Bholari and Nur Khan, while damage claims from Pakistan about Indian facilities lacked corroborating evidence. India's precision strikes, conducted under Operation Sindoor in response to a

terror attack, effectively neutralized critical military infrastructure. This conflict marked the most intense military engagement in decades between the nuclear-armed rivals, underscoring India's enhanced capabilities in modern warfare and strategic targeting.

## India's Strategic Triumph Forces Pakistan to Retreat SHARE

15-May-25

A former U.S. Pentagon official, Michael Rubin, asserted that India effectively targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan, leading to a decisive blow to Pakistan's military response during recent hostilities. He described Pakistan's retreat as akin to a "scared dog" and emphasized India's diplomatic triumph in shifting global focus onto Pakistan's support for terrorism. Following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India launched Operation Sindoor, resulting in significant losses for terrorist groups and a counterstrike that incapacitated Pakistan's airfields. As tensions de-escalated with a ceasefire agreement, Rubin questioned the future of Pakistan's military leadership amid its evident failures. This reflects India's growing strategic advantage in counter-terrorism and regional stability.

## India Stands Firm on Indus Treaty as Pakistan's Terrorism Persists SHARE

15-May-25

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized India's military resilience during a visit to Srinagar, mourning the fallen soldiers in a recent terror attack while questioning Pakistan's nuclear weapon safety, labeling it a rogue state. In response to the heightened tensions, India is pursuing international action against terrorism, presenting evidence regarding the Pahalgam attack to the UN. Concurrently, Operation Sindoor has demonstrated India's advanced defense capabilities through precise military strikes on terrorist targets without breaching borders. The diplomatic landscape is also evolving, with Indian institutions distancing themselves from Turkish collaborations amid its support for Pakistan, reinforcing India's stand against cross-border terrorism and its commitment to national security.

## Modi's bold defense strategy targets Pakistan below nuclear threshold. SHARE

15-May-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent address highlighted Operation Sindoor, marking a transformative approach in India's defense strategy against state-sponsored terrorism by Pakistan. The

operation demonstrated India's capability to conduct tri-services strikes, inflicting significant damage on Pakistan's military infrastructure while operating below its nuclear threshold. Modi underscored the importance of a decisive response to terrorism, emphasizing that India's military actions would no longer be restrained by the fear of nuclear escalation. This strategic shift signals India's readiness to confront and deter terrorism with enhanced military responses, compelling Pakistan to reassess its reliance on proxy warfare amidst rising costs.

## UN Expert Calls Allegations of Indian Navy's Rohingya Treatment "Unconscionable" SHARE

15-May-25

A UN expert is investigating reports that the Indian navy allegedly forced Rohingya refugees into the Andaman Sea, describing the act as "unconscionable." Tom Andrews, the UN special rapporteur on Myanmar's rights situation, voiced his outrage over claims that refugees were detained in Delhi, transferred to a naval ship, and then made to swim to an island in Myanmar. This situation raises critical concerns regarding India's treatment of vulnerable populations and its adherence to international humanitarian norms, prompting calls for accountability from the Indian government amidst ongoing challenges related to Rohingya refugees in the region.

## China and Russia Boost Military Ties Amid Global Tensions SHARE

15-May-25

China has expressed its readiness to enhance military cooperation with Russia following President Xi Jinping's recent visit to Moscow. The Chinese defense ministry emphasized the importance of deepening strategic trust and communication, framing this partnership as a contribution to global strategic stability amidst rising tensions, particularly with the US. Xi characterized the Sino-Russian relationship as one that injects "positive energy" into an uncertain global landscape, while both leaders underscored their opposition to perceived hegemonic actions by Western countries. This growing alliance between China and Russia poses significant implications for regional security dynamics, especially for India, which must navigate its own strategic interests in a multipolar world.

## Zelenskiy Calls Russian Peace Delegation 'Decorative' Amid Talks SHARE

15-May-25

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy criticized the Russian delegation at peace talks in Turkey, labeling it as "decorative" and questioning its authority to make decisions. He emphasized the need for clarity regarding the delegation's mandate and capabilities. In contrast, Zelenskiy's team included high-ranking officials such as his foreign minister and military leaders, indicating a serious approach to negotiations. This disparity in delegation quality highlights the challenges in achieving meaningful dialogue, with Ukraine seeking substantial engagement while Russia appears to underplay the importance of the talks. Overall, the situation underscores the complexities of diplomatic efforts in resolving the ongoing conflict.

## Pakistan's Risky Dependence on Faulty Chinese Military Hardware SHARE

15-May-25

Pakistan's increasing reliance on Chinese military equipment, including the defective HQ-9 air defense system and PL-15 missiles, highlights a significant shift in its defense procurement strategy. Despite affordability and favorable financing terms, this reliance exposes Pakistan to operational challenges, as evidenced by malfunctioning systems that have failed during critical operations against India. Reports indicate that China's defense exports are often plagued by quality issues, diminishing long-term reliability. While Pakistani procurement may appear economically advantageous, it risks undermining their military capabilities, illustrating the complexities of balancing immediate financial benefits against strategic defense needs in a volatile geopolitical landscape.

## Balochistan Declares Independence, Appeals for India's Support SHARE

15-May-25

Balochistan has declared independence from Pakistan, with leader Mir Yar Baloch appealing for international recognition and support from India, including establishment of a Baloch embassy in New Delhi. He expressed solidarity with India's stance on Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir and highlighted the distinct identity of Baloch people, emphasizing their historical grievances against Pakistan's military oppression and resource exploitation. Amid ongoing tensions in the region, the call for support aligns with India's strategic interests, particularly concerning the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Despite widespread

advocacy, Balochistan's independence lacks official recognition, but the movement is gaining momentum, particularly on social media.

## India's Assertive Strategy Signals Shift in Diplomatic Norms SHARE

15-May-25

Strategic expert Richard Rossow highlights India's shift towards a more assertive military strategy to combat terrorism from Pakistan, exemplified by Operation Sindoor, which involved precise missile strikes on terror camps using advanced weaponry like Rafale jets and BrahMos missiles. This operation marks a significant evolution in India's response to threats, as it no longer differentiates between military targets and terror camps. With a strong diplomatic backing from the international community, India's integrated approach combines military precision with global leadership, reshaping the dynamics of the Indo-Pakistan conflict. Future responses to terrorism signal a departure from traditional diplomatic norms, reinforcing India's commitment to national security and regional stability.

## India Reassesses Major Turkish Deals Amid Geopolitical Shift SHARE

15-May-25

India is reassessing its significant economic ties with Turkey, particularly in sectors such as construction and infrastructure, due to Turkey's recent alignment with Pakistan and comments on Kashmir. The Modi government's scrutiny of Turkish projects includes major initiatives like the Atal Tunnel and metro rail systems, indicating a shift towards strategic autonomy. This comes as bilateral trade has contracted significantly, with India exporting \$5.2 billion to Turkey while imports were \$2.84 billion, reflecting a cooling relationship. India appears poised to unwind business associations that conflict with its national interests, signaling a careful recalibration of foreign investments in light of evolving geopolitical dynamics.

## Saudi Crown Prince optimistic ceasefire will calm India-Pak tensions SHARE

15-May-25

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman expressed hope that the recent ceasefire agreement between Pakistan and India would restore calm between the two nations during a meeting in Riyadh. Following India's precision strikes under Operation Sindoor in response to a terror attack in Pahalgam, intense cross-border hostilities ensued, leading to a temporary cessation of conflict on May 10. The Crown Prince's optimism for

peace underscores the importance of diplomatic efforts in mitigating regional tensions. India's decisive military actions demonstrate its commitment to national security and counter-terrorism, reinforcing the need for ongoing dialogue to prevent escalation in the future.

## PM Modi Reaffirms Commitment to Peace in Naxal-Hit Areas SHARE

15-May-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi affirmed the government's commitment to establishing peace in Naxal-affected regions following the successful operation that resulted in the killing of 31 Naxalites along the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border. Modi's announcement highlights the effectiveness of the ongoing campaign against left-wing extremism, while Home Minister Amit Shah termed the operation a historic breakthrough towards a Naxal-free India. This resolve not only aims to dismantle Naxalite strongholds but also seeks to integrate these areas into the broader developmental framework of the nation, reinforcing the government's dedication to enhancing security and stability in affected regions.

## India Strongly Rejects China's Renaming of Arunachal Pradesh Locations SHARE

15-May-25

India has firmly rejected China's latest attempt to rename locations in Arunachal Pradesh, reinforcing that the territory is an integral part of India. This ongoing dispute over the northeastern state, which Beijing claims as part of South Tibet, has strained bilateral relations, particularly following the deadly military clash in 2020. India's foreign ministry emphasized that such attempts at "creative naming" cannot alter the reality of its sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. The backdrop of this exchange includes recent military tensions between India and Pakistan, highlighting India's proactive stance in safeguarding its borders and addressing security threats in the region.

## Pakistan Urges India to Reassess Indus Treaty Suspension Amid Tensions SHARE

15-May-25

Pakistan has urged India to reconsider the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty following a deadly terrorist attack, emphasizing the potential crisis this could create. India, however, justified the halt, asserting it is a response to Pakistan's sustained support for terrorism, with Prime Minister Modi stating that "terror and trade cannot happen simultaneously." India has implemented

a three-tier strategy to prevent water flow to Pakistan and plans to expedite stalled hydroelectric projects. The Modi government's firm stance indicates that future dialogues with Islamabad will focus solely on counter-terrorism and reclaiming Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, reinforcing India's commitment to national security.

## Concerns Rise Over Armenia's Akash Acquisition Amid Peace Talks SHARE

15-May-25

Retired Brigadier General Yucel Karauz of Türkiye expressed concerns regarding Armenia's acquisition of India's Akash air defense system amid ongoing peace talks with Azerbaijan. While he acknowledged the system's defensive purpose, he warned that its deployment could be perceived as provocative, potentially escalating tensions in the historically volatile South Caucasus. The Akash system enhances Armenia's air defense capabilities, enabling it to counter aerial threats, which may alter the military balance in the region and complicate diplomatic efforts. This development underscores the sensitivity of military procurements in conflict-prone areas where trust is crucial for successful negotiations.

## Military Operations

### IAF's Operation Sindoor: 23-Minute Triumph Over Pakistan's Air Defenses SHARE

15-May-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) executed Operation Sindoor, successfully jamming and bypassing Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defense systems in just 23 minutes, according to reports from the Ministry of Defence. This operation, conducted in response to a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, involved advanced electronic warfare techniques that rendered Pakistan's air defenses ineffective, showcasing India's increasing technological edge in modern warfare. The IAF utilized a mix of indigenous technology, including loitering munitions and sophisticated electronic countermeasures, to achieve precision strikes on identified targets without loss of Indian assets. Additionally, the mission highlighted the effectiveness of India's multi-tiered defense systems that prevented potential retaliation from Pakistan and emphasized the relevance of indigenous advancements in defense capabilities. The swift success of Operation Sindoor sends a potent message about India's military readiness and its ability to counter advanced foreign-

supplied weaponry, raising questions about the effectiveness of Pakistan's reliance on such systems. Overall, this operation not only underscores the IAF's operational tempo and situational awareness but also exemplifies India's strategic approach to ensuring national security through technological innovation and effective military planning.

### Three Terrorists Neutralized in Awantipora Amidst Ongoing Operations SHARE

15-May-25

In recent operations in Jammu and Kashmir, Indian security forces successfully neutralized six terrorists within 48 hours, including three in Pulwama and three in Awantipora, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to combating terrorism in the region. These encounters followed heightened military activities after the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives, and coincided with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to assess the security situation. The operations were based on specific intelligence inputs, and during these encounters, forces recovered significant weaponry, adding to the strategic gains made in Operation Sindoor, which recently targeted terror infrastructure across the border in Pakistan. Singh emphasized that these operations send a clear message to terrorist organizations and their supporters in Pakistan, asserting that they cannot consider themselves safe. The recent military actions underscore India's robust approach to counter-terrorism and its resolve to enhance security in Jammu and Kashmir amidst a challenging geopolitical landscape. Overall, these developments reflect India's proactive measures in securing its territory and combating cross-border terrorism, reinforcing stability in the region.

### Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Praises Indian Army's Valor and PM Modi's Leadership SHARE

15-May-25

In a recent Uttar Pradesh Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his ministers lauded the bravery of the Indian Army and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, particularly following the successful Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist hideouts in Pakistan. Cabinet Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna emphasized the importance of the freedom granted to soldiers under Modi's government, highlighting the operation's aim to dismantle terrorist infrastructure and avenge the Pahalgam terror attack. The event illustrates the BJP's strong support for the armed forces and reflects national pride in their capabilities, reinforcing a

cohesive narrative of unity and strength in addressing security challenges.

### Exercise Raahat: Army and NDRF Enhance Disaster Relief Skills in Nagaland SHARE

15-May-25

The Indian Army's Spear Corps and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) successfully conducted 'Exercise Raahat' in Nagaland from May 13 to 15, focusing on enhancing disaster relief capabilities, especially before the monsoon season. This three-day exercise emphasized inter-agency cooperation, showcasing advanced rescue and medical assistance techniques while allowing personnel to engage in strategic discussions and simulations of complex scenarios. Lt Gen Abhijit S Pendharkar highlighted the importance of integrating new technologies, which will bolster both organizations' readiness to effectively respond to emergencies. 'Exercise Raahat' exemplifies the commitment of India's defense forces to safeguard communities through improved preparedness and collaboration.

### Indian Army's 'Teesta Prahar' Exercise Enhances Combat Readiness SHARE

15-May-25

The Indian Army recently conducted a significant field exercise, 'Teesta Prahar,' at the Teesta field firing range in north Bengal, showcasing its operational readiness and advanced coordination among various combat and support arms, including Infantry, Artillery, and Special Forces. This large-scale drill emphasized the Army's modernization efforts, featuring next-generation weapon systems and military technologies aimed at enhancing its capabilities for tech-driven warfare. The exercise involved tactical drills, battle rehearsals, and adaptive maneuvers, all designed to refine responses to dynamic combat scenarios in challenging terrains. Notably, the event underscored the importance of jointness and interoperability among armed forces, following Operation Sindoor, which highlighted the effectiveness of integrated military operations against terrorism. Military leaders praised the exercise for demonstrating India's resolve and capability in contemporary warfare, reinforcing its position in regional security dynamics. Moreover, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) announced the successful development of a cutting-edge nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane for seawater desalination, further contributing to India's self-reliance in defense technologies. Overall, these initiatives reflect India's commitment to modernization

and readiness in an evolving geopolitical landscape, positioning itself as a formidable force in the region.

## CDS and Chiefs Update President on Successful Operation Sindoor



15-May-25

The Chief of Defence Staff and the three service chiefs briefed President Droupadi Murmu on the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, a targeted military response to the Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in the destruction of nine terrorist camps in Pakistan and PoK, neutralizing over 100 terrorists with minimal collateral damage. The operation demonstrated India's military resolve and technological superiority, marking a new phase in India-Pakistan relations where India has established a definitive stance against terrorism. Prime Minister Modi emphasized that any future terror attacks will meet with decisive retaliation, reinforcing the message that India will not tolerate terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

## Pradhan lauds Armed Forces for triumph in Operation Sindoor



15-May-25

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan praised the Indian Armed Forces for their successful Operation Sindoor, highlighting the achievement of trialing the Bhargavastra anti-drone missile system in Odisha's Ganjam district. This operation showcases India's growing capabilities in counter-drone technology, reflecting a proactive approach in enhancing national security. The successful trial underscores the Indian defense forces' commitment to innovation and readiness, reinforcing their strategic position in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape. Such advancements not only bolster operational effectiveness but also contribute to the nation's defense industry, promoting indigenous defense manufacturing and technological self-reliance.

## Army Chief Dwivedi Commends Troops for Success in Operation Sindoor



15-May-25

Indian Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi recently visited the Dagger Division in Baramulla, commending troops for their valor in Operation Sindoor, a decisive retaliatory strike against Pakistan-based terrorists following a deadly April terror attack in Pahalgam. The operation, launched on May 7, successfully targeted terror infrastructure, resulting in the elimination of over 100 terrorists and underscoring India's military dominance. Senior military leaders briefed President

Droupadi Murmu on the operation's success and its implications for India-Pakistan relations, marking a shift towards new-age warfare. This demonstrates India's commitment to counter-terrorism and strategic military readiness against external threats.

## Indian Army Defuses Shells in Nowshera to Ensure Civilian Safety



15-May-25

The Indian Army's engineer bomb disposal squad is actively defusing live projectiles in Nowshera, Jammu and Kashmir, following intense shelling by Pakistan, aimed at ensuring civilian safety. Recent operations included encounters leading to the elimination of three terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba in Shopian, highlighting the ongoing security challenges in the region. Despite the tense backdrop, life is returning to normal in areas like Akhnoor, where a ceasefire has been established post-Operation Sindoor, and humanitarian initiatives, such as a free medical camp, are being conducted to support local residents. This proactive approach underscores India's commitment to safeguarding its citizens and maintaining stability along the border.

## Top Indian Generals Assess Security in Rajouri Forward Areas



15-May-25

Lieutenant General P.K. Mishra, GOC of the White Knight Corps, along with Major General Vijay Mahadevan and Brigadier B.S. Sandhu, recently visited forward areas in Rajouri to assess the security situation. They reviewed operational preparedness for counter-terrorism and anti-infiltration efforts along the Line of Control, commending the troops for their courage and discipline. The leadership underscored the importance of maintaining high morale and adherence to Standard Operating Procedures, emphasizing a strong response to any threats. This visit highlights the Indian Army's commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and ensuring peace in sensitive regions, reinforcing the vital role of coordination among security forces in maintaining stability.

## Indigenous Warships Boost India's Maritime Dominance in Arabian Sea



15-May-25

Following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian Navy swiftly mobilized a 36-ship armada, showcasing India's maritime superiority in the Arabian Sea with indigenously built platforms under the Make in India

initiative. This included the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and advanced weapon systems like BrahMos missiles, emphasizing India's strategic capabilities. The coordinated tri-service response, under Operation Sindoor, highlighted India's readiness and deterrence posture against Pakistan, whose naval forces remain limited and outdated. This operation under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative not only validated India's defense manufacturing progress but also underscored its ability to influence regional security dynamics effectively.

## Operation Sindoor: India on Alert Amid Rising China-Pak Threats

15-May-25

The Indian armed forces remain on "hot standby" following Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror-linked sites in Pakistan after a recent surge in hostilities. Despite attempts by Pakistan to escalate tensions through drone attacks and missile strikes, India's advanced air defense systems successfully thwarted these efforts, showcasing the effectiveness of its military capabilities. The operation highlighted the need for continued investment in standoff weapons and surveillance systems, as well as the crucial role of the Indian Navy in regional security. The evolving dynamics point towards a potential China-Turkey-Pakistan alliance, emphasizing the strategic importance of India's military readiness against multifaceted threats.

## Tom Cooper: India's Strike on Nuclear Site Ended Conflict

15-May-25

Military historian Tom Cooper stated that the recent India-Pakistan conflict concluded after India targeted entrances to a suspected Pakistani nuclear facility, compelling Pakistan to cease hostilities. Cooper noted that India's air campaign, particularly Operation Sindoor, was effective in degrading Pakistan's conventional defense capabilities, leading to its inability to retaliate. He emphasized that Pakistan's nuclear defense is questionable, as confirmed by numerous nuclear scientists, and criticized Western media for perpetuating pro-Pakistan narratives. Ultimately, Cooper asserted that India emerged victorious in the conflict, with its air force successfully penetrating deeper into Pakistani airspace and targeting critical military installations.

## Army Chief Praises Troops in J&K for Operation Sindoor Success

15-May-25

General Upendra Dwivedi, the Chief of the Army Staff, visited forward locations in Jammu and Kashmir to commend troops for their performance during Operation Sindoor, highlighting their courage and operational prowess. He praised the Dagger Division of the Chinार Corps for their vigilance along the Line of Control and their successful destruction of terror camps in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. Moreover, General Dwivedi acknowledged the troops' humanitarian efforts in assisting civilians affected by cross-border shelling from Pakistan. This visit underscores the Indian Army's commitment to national security and the protection of both borders and civilians, while ensuring readiness to respond decisively to any provocations.

## Pakistan Army Warns of Quick Retaliation to Ceasefire Breaches

15-May-25

The Pakistan Army has pledged a "swift and assured response" to any ceasefire violations by India, warning that escalation could lead to mutual destruction. Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry emphasized the perceived nuclear threat and reiterated the need for Kashmir's resolution according to UN Security Council resolutions. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary highlighted the importance of respecting each nation's sovereignty in bilateral ties, emphasizing goodwill gestures such as the exchange of detained personnel. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif affirmed Pakistan's commitment to the ceasefire, framing the Jammu and Kashmir issue as the root cause of regional instability, while also expressing concerns over India's recent statements.

## Security Alert in Rajasthan After Drone Discovered Near Border

15-May-25

Security agencies in Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district, located along the India-Pakistan border, are on high alert after a drone was discovered in a field. Spotted by villagers, the drone was found with its camera module broken and is currently under investigation to determine its origin and purpose, with suspicions it may have crossed the border amid ongoing tensions. The Border Security Force (BSF) and local police are maintaining vigilance in the area, and the drone is set for forensic analysis. This incident underscores the heightened security concerns in border

regions given recent hostilities between India and Pakistan.

## China Launches New Military Academies to Boost Armed Forces Training SHARE

15-May-25

China has announced the establishment of three new military academies aimed at training personnel for its rapidly modernizing armed forces, as approved by the Central Military Commission under President Xi Jinping. These institutions will focus on various military branches, including a university for the PLA, an engineering college for information support forces, and a logistics support institute. This move underscores China's commitment to enhancing its military capabilities through education and training. In contrast, India's defense strategy must prioritize investment in advanced military training and technology to maintain a competitive edge against China's growing military prowess.

## India's Historic Strike on Pakistan's Nuclear Site Sparks Alarm SHARE

15-May-25

On May 10, 2025, India reportedly conducted a striking precision attack on Pakistan's Kirna Hilla military facility, believed to store nuclear weapons, marking a potential historical first in direct assaults on nuclear sites. This bold move has raised alarm, leading to immediate communication between the Directors General of Military Operations of both nations, resulting in a ceasefire agreement by 5 PM IST. The attack could significantly alter international norms regarding the targeting of nuclear infrastructure, elevating conflict risks. This unprecedented escalation underscores the volatile nature of India-Pakistan relations, challenging existing frameworks for the security of nuclear materials and necessitating vigilance in diplomatic engagement.

## Indian Forces Down Turkish Drone in Kashmir, Showcasing Defense Strength SHARE

15-May-25

On May 15, 2025, Indian Defence Forces successfully shot down a Turkish drone in Kashmir, highlighting the growing use of UAVs in the region's conflict and indicating deepening military ties between Turkey and Pakistan. The incident demonstrated India's robust air defense capabilities, with the drone believed to be conducting surveillance or strikes over Indian territory, reminiscent of Pakistan's advanced YIHA-III drones.

This successful interception not only reinforces India's readiness to counter aerial threats but also raises concerns over the escalation of drone warfare in the longstanding India-Pakistan conflict. It emphasizes the urgent need for dialogue and de-escalation to address the risks associated with drone technology in this sensitive area.

## Pakistan PM's military visit fails to mask Operation Sindoor's truth. SHARE

15-May-25

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to a military cantonment aimed to bolster troop morale but ended up undermining Pakistan's narrative following India's Operation Sindoor. In stark contrast to Indian PM Modi's symbolic visit to the Adampur airbase, which showcased India's military strength and resilience, Sharif's meeting lacked significant military backdrop and was mocked as a copycat attempt. The disparity in optics highlights the severe damage inflicted on Pakistani airbases, with international media acknowledging India's strategic advantage. Modi's rousing speech emphasized India's military readiness, contrasting sharply with Pakistan's exposed vulnerabilities, thereby reinforcing India's position in the regional power dynamics.

## Pakistan's CM-400AKG Missile Fails Against India's S-400 Defense SHARE

15-May-25

Pakistan's recent attempt to use the CM-400AKG supersonic missile against India's S-400 air defence system was thwarted, revealing significant flaws in Pakistan's offensive missile strategy and overreliance on Chinese technology. Indian surveillance and integrated air defence capabilities, including advanced radar systems and electronic warfare units, successfully intercepted the missile, demonstrating the effectiveness of India's multi-layered defence architecture. This failed attempt underscores the robustness of India's strategic assets and highlights Pakistan's miscalculation regarding the capabilities of its missile systems and the effectiveness of Indian defences. Overall, it validates India's investment in advanced air defence systems and strategic preparedness.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Assam Rifles Neutralize 10 Militants in Manipur Border Operation SHARE

15-May-25

At least 10 militants were killed in a gunfight with an Assam Rifles unit in Manipur's Chandel district, as reported by the Indian Army's Eastern Command. The operation was initiated based on specific intelligence regarding armed movements near the Indo-Myanmar border. The firefight, which is part of ongoing efforts to stabilize the region, follows a significant rise in violence attributed to militants crossing from Myanmar amid the civil war and military coup that began in February 2021, leading to increased instability along the 1,650 km border. This situation has been compounded by ethnic strife in Manipur since May 2023, resulting in nearly 260 deaths and the displacement of over 60,000 individuals. The Indian army's responsive action highlights its commitment to maintaining security and order in the region, as well as its proactive measures to neutralize threats posed by militant groups that exploit the current turmoil. The operation reflects the broader challenges faced by Indian security forces in addressing cross-border militancy while dealing with internal conflicts, emphasizing the need for continued vigilance and strategic operations in sensitive border areas.

### Operation Black Forest: 31 Naxals Neutralized in Major Strike SHARE

15-May-25

Indian security forces achieved a historic breakthrough in their campaign against Naxalism by eliminating 31 Naxalites during the 21-day Operation Black Forest, which took place from April 21 to May 11, 2025, on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border. In this unprecedented operation, involving 26,000 personnel, security forces destroyed 214 Naxal hideouts, recovered significant quantities of explosives, and ensured there were no fatalities among their ranks despite 18 personnel sustaining injuries. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the operation, reaffirming the government's commitment to eradicating Naxalism by March 31, 2026, and integrating affected regions into the mainstream development narrative. The operation exemplified exceptional coordination among multiple agencies and highlighted the ongoing success of India's security forces in diminishing the influence of Naxalism, which has plagued the nation for decades and posed a

significant internal security threat. With the number of Naxal-affected districts significantly reduced and a marked increase in neutralized Naxalites, this operation further cements India's strategy of comprehensive counter-insurgency efforts aimed at restoring peace and stability in the region.

### India Intensifies Push for UN Designation of LeT-Linked TRF SHARE

15-May-25

India is intensifying its efforts to have The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), designated as a UN-listed terror organization following a deadly attack in Pahalgam. An Indian delegation has engaged with top UN Counter-Terrorism officials, highlighting TRF's role in terrorism and discussing cooperation on key counter-terrorism strategies. Despite Pakistan's influence inhibiting clear recognition of TRF by the UN, India continues to advocate for accountability and support efforts to counter terrorism, including leveraging emerging technologies to combat terrorist activities. This proactive diplomatic approach reinforces India's commitment to global counter-terrorism initiatives and regional stability.

### Jaishankar Appreciates Afghan FM's Condemnation of Pahalgam Attack SHARE

15-May-25

US President Donald Trump recently claimed to have mediated a ceasefire between India and Pakistan after India's Operation Sindoor, which was a response to a terror attack in Pahalgam that resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals, predominantly tourists. Trump highlighted discussions on trade as a means to de-escalate tensions, suggesting that both nations were amenable to this approach. While such assertions may reflect Trump's characteristic exaggeration, they underscore the ongoing complexities of Indo-Pak relations and the potential role of external powers in diplomatic efforts. Ultimately, India's strong military response and commitment to national security remain paramount, despite such diplomatic overtures.

### Mother's Heartfelt Plea to Terrorist Son Before Encounter in J&K SHARE

15-May-25

In a recent encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district, three terrorists from Jaish-e-Mohammed, including Amir Nazir Wani, were killed by security forces. Prior to the gunfight, Amir's mother

pleaded with him via video call to surrender, but he refused, indicating a determination to fight. Security forces had previously sought the terrorists' surrender, but they chose to engage instead. This incident highlights the ongoing challenges faced by Indian security forces in combating terrorism in the region, demonstrating their commitment to restoring peace while emphasizing the need for continued efforts in counter-terrorism operations.

### Three Terrorists Killed in Pulwama; Links to Pahalgam Attack Under Investigation SHARE

15-May-25

Three terrorists linked to the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed were killed in an encounter in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, as authorities investigate their involvement in a recent Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 lives. This operation reflects the intensified anti-terror measures by Indian security forces, following a previous encounter that neutralized three members of Lashkar-e-Taiba. The Indian police are actively pursuing leads to dismantle terror networks operating in the region. This decisive action by the Indian forces highlights their commitment to ensuring national security and countering terrorism, reinforcing efforts to restore peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

### Haryana Arrests Suspected Spy for Sharing Info with Pakistan SHARE

15-May-25

A suspected spy, Nauman Ilahi, was arrested in Haryana for allegedly sharing sensitive information with individuals in Pakistan. Ilahi, a private security guard from Uttar Pradesh, has been linked to espionage activities amid heightened tensions following a recent military confrontation with Pakistan. This incident coincides with the arrest of two others in Punjab connected to espionage related to a Pakistani official in India. The arrests highlight ongoing security challenges faced by India, necessitating vigilant monitoring of espionage activities that could threaten national security at a time of fragile peace following intense cross-border tensions.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Unmasking Pakistan's Misinformation Campaign Against India SHARE

15-May-25

After India's Operation Sindoor weakened Pakistan's terrorist infrastructure, Islamabad launched an aggressive misinformation campaign, leveraging state and proxy social accounts as well as allied outlets in Turkey and China to amplify claims of destroyed Indian airbases and downed MiG fighter jets. Pakistan's military spokesperson circulated doctored videos and misleading statistics asserting damage to key installations, but New Delhi swiftly countered with a press briefing presenting time-stamped photographs of intact air force stations and operational MiG-29s. Pakistan media also propagated fake casualty figures and outdated missile-strike footage, prompting the Press Information Bureau to issue fact checks warning against unverified content. Western outlets briefly echoed Islamabad's narrative, yet defence analysts and independent journalists exposed inconsistencies, and India declined Pakistan's offer of a neutral third-party probe as a stalling tactic. Islamabad compounded its campaign by falsely alleging a Sikh gurdwara attack at Nankana Sahib, which India refuted at a special External Affairs briefing. Concurrently, India's cyber-warfare units neutralized digital intrusions and removed doctored posts from social platforms, exemplifying the importance of strategic communication and leadership in modern information warfare.

### India Revokes Security Clearance for Turkish Firm Over Risks SHARE

15-May-25

The Indian government has revoked the security clearance for the Turkish firm Celebi Airport Services, which managed ground operations at nine major airports, citing national security concerns amid heightened tensions with Turkey due to its support for Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. This decision reflects India's strategic shift in foreign policy, as it seeks to strengthen ties with Turkey's regional adversaries and mitigate risks posed by foreign entities in sensitive operations. With Celebi's exit, domestic companies like AISATS and Bird Group are expected to take over operations, indicating a proactive approach to securing critical infrastructure in light of emerging threats.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### J&K Soldier Declared Deserter After Controversial Video Remarks



15-May-25

A soldier from Jammu and Kashmir, Dilhair Mushtaq of the 29 Rashtriya Rifles, has been declared a deserter since March 2025, leading to an FIR by local police after he made inflammatory remarks about the Pahalgam terror attack in a viral video. The Press Information Bureau (PIB) labeled the video as fake and confirmed the soldier's absence from duty, linking his actions to personal issues, including significant gambling debts. This incident highlights challenges within the armed forces, emphasizing the importance of maintaining discipline and integrity among personnel, especially in sensitive regions like Jammu and Kashmir, where misinformation can undermine national unity.

### G Square offers 15% discount on plots for armed forces personnel



15-May-25

G Square, a real estate developer in Chennai, has launched a special initiative offering a 15% discount on premium plots for serving and retired Indian armed forces personnel, including those from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defence Services. This gesture aims to honor their dedication and service to the nation, helping them secure a home as a meaningful investment for their families. The offer is exclusive and requires valid official defense service ID proof for booking. Such initiatives not only recognize the sacrifices made by military personnel but also strengthen the bond between the civilian sector and the defense community, fostering a sense of appreciation and support for their invaluable contributions.

### 75-Year-Old Veteran Offers Service for Operation Sindoor



15-May-25

Capt. Amar Jeet Kumar, a 75-year-old veteran of the 1971 Indo-Pak war, expressed his willingness to serve again during Operation Sindoor, emphasizing that "a soldier never retires." He wrote to the Chief of Army Staff offering his skills and experience, highlighting the importance of veterans in modern warfare. Capt Kumar praised the operation as a necessary action against terror camps, asserting that it should not be misconstrued as an act of war. His commitment embodies the ethos of #ServiceBeforeSelf, inspiring

both current and former soldiers to remain ready for national duty. This spirit of valor and dedication reinforces the vital role of veterans in India's defense landscape.

### 8-Year-Old's Heartfelt Donation to Indian Army Earns Praise



15-May-25

An 8-year-old boy from Karur, Tamil Nadu, gained widespread acclaim for donating his 10-month savings to the Indian Army, inspired by the tragic Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. His heartfelt gesture, symbolized by a tank-shaped money bank, was presented at the District Collector's office and received significant appreciation from his community. The boy expressed pride in supporting soldiers, emphasizing a deep-rooted sense of patriotism that resonates with many Indians. Such acts of kindness from young citizens not only strengthen national solidarity but also reflect the growing awareness and support for the armed forces in India amidst challenging times.

## Miscellaneous

### BJP Celebrates 'Tiranga Yatra' Honoring Armed Forces After Operation Sindoor



15-May-25

In a patriotic display, the BJP organized 'Tiranga Yatra' processions across several cities, including Srinagar, Bengaluru, Jaipur, and Ayodhya, to celebrate the success of 'Operation Sindoor,' where the Indian armed forces targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan in response to a deadly attack in Pahalgam. Participants in these rallies expressed gratitude towards the military, emphasizing their courage and effectiveness in combating terrorism, while BJP leaders hailed the operation as a message of India's resolve against terror. The processions saw participants from diverse backgrounds, showcasing national unity and pride, as slogans like "Jai Hind" resonated through the streets. Additionally, discussions highlighted that the successful military action not only delivered a strong message to Pakistan but also reinforced the public's trust in the Indian armed forces' capabilities. With the BJP framing the yatra as a societal homage to the military, the events underscored a collective acknowledgment of the sacrifices made by soldiers. Overall, the celebrations reflect a unified national sentiment that cherishes the armed forces' contributions in ensuring India's security and

sovereignty, thereby reinforcing the commitment to countering terrorism effectively.

## Isro's 101st Satellite Launch Boosts India's Security and Surveillance



15-May-25

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) is set to launch its 101st satellite, RISAT-18, enhancing India's surveillance and disaster management capabilities. Isro Chairman V Narayanan emphasized that these missions are tailored to meet national needs for safety and security, rather than competing with other nations. With a history of reliability, particularly with the PSLV, Isro has established itself as a leader in space technology, supporting diverse applications including strategic defense. As India advances in space capabilities, it underscores a commitment to national security and technological advancement, aligning with broader defense strategies.

## PM Modi Reviews Strategic Advancements in India's Fisheries Sector



15-May-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently chaired high-level meetings focused on enhancing the fisheries sector in India, emphasizing the importance of modernizing infrastructure, improving access to credit, and increasing market opportunities for fishermen. Key discussions included the utilization of satellite technology, drones for transportation, and the promotion of deep-sea fishing to boost exports. The Prime Minister highlighted the need for a healthier supply chain, suggesting the adoption of fish tech akin to agritech, alongside initiatives to improve processing and packaging practices. Investments in the fisheries sector have significantly surged, with the government allocating Rs. 38,572 crore since 2015 through various schemes, resulting in a remarkable annual fish production of 195 lakh tons as of 2024-25. In addition, Modi called for strategic approaches to meet the needs of landlocked regions and encouraged the exploration of seaweeds for various applications. This comprehensive focus on capacity building and technological advancements indicates the government's commitment to creating a sustainable and prosperous fisheries sector, ensuring both economic growth and improved livelihoods for fishermen across the nation.

## Kerala Police Boosts Mounted Unit with Army's Trained Horses



15-May-25

The Kerala Police is set to enhance its mounted police wing with the acquisition of three thoroughbred horses from the Indian Army's Remount Veterinary Corps, marking a significant collaboration between civilian law enforcement and military resources. Priced between Rs 6 and Rs 8 lakh each, these horses are known for their agility and strength, having received specialized training from the Army. This initiative not only modernizes the police's operational capabilities but also underscores the adaptability and resourcefulness of India's defense forces in supporting internal security needs. The horses, arriving in Thiruvananthapuram soon, will undergo acclimatization and further training to fit the police's operational style.

## Vijayawada Hosts Bharat Shourya Tiranga Yatra to Honor Armed Forces



15-May-25

The Bharat Shourya Tiranga Yatra is set to take place in Vijayawada on Friday, with significant participation from NDA partners, including Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan. This rally aims to honor the armed forces for their bravery displayed during Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. By organizing such events, the government reinforces its commitment to national security and showcases the valor of the Indian armed forces, fostering a sense of patriotism and unity among citizens in support of the nation's defense initiatives.

## IAF detains trespasser at Suler Air Force Station, hands him to police



15-May-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently apprehended a man, believed to be mentally challenged, for trespassing at Air Force Station Suler near Coimbatore. Security personnel detained the individual, who lacked identification, and communicated his name as Sanjit Ekka. The IAF subsequently handed him over to local police, who are now seeking assistance from migrant workers to understand his background and language abilities. This incident highlights the importance of robust security measures at sensitive military installations, while also showcasing the IAF's prompt coordination with local law enforcement to ensure safety and proper handling of the situation.

## Delhi University Encourages Students to Support Armed Forces on X SHARE

15-May-25

Delhi University's Shaheed Bhagat Singh College has encouraged students and staff to follow Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh's official X account and retweet his posts supporting the Indian Armed Forces. This initiative aims to express solidarity with the military, raise awareness of their sacrifices, and foster national pride and unity within the college community. Singh's account was established recently, and his posts include references to significant military operations, such as Operation Sindoor, which highlights India's commitment to counter-terrorism efforts. By actively supporting the armed forces, the college administration seeks to reinforce a culture of patriotism and appreciation for the defense personnel among its members.

## Uri Villages See Normalcy Return Amid Ongoing Security Fears SHARE

15-May-25

Normalcy is gradually returning to Uri villages after Operation Sindoor halted shelling on May 10 evening, and security forces are busy clearing unexploded bombs to make areas safe for returns. Schools have

reopened and markets resumed trading, with traffic normalizing in Baramulla district, and displaced families cautiously returned home, praising the relief but recalling past trauma. Local villagers have united to shelter homeless kin amid delays in government relief; yet despite this calm, residents remain apprehensive about possible ceasefire violations.

## Travel Cancellations to Turkey, Azerbaijan Surge Amid Boycott Calls SHARE

15-May-25

Indian tourists are significantly canceling trips to Turkey and Azerbaijan, with over 2,000 cancellations reported in a week as a response to geopolitical tensions, reflecting a 260% increase in cancellations from platforms like Cleartrip. The travel industry is actively discouraging non-essential travel and halting promotions for these destinations, resulting in substantial financial losses for Turkey and Azerbaijan, which previously benefited from high-value Indian tourists. As travelers pivot to Southeast Asian countries for tourism, the swift decline in travel sentiment underscores the growing influence of national sentiment on travel decisions, indicating that geopolitical considerations are now pivotal in shaping travel trends from India.

*Disclaimer: This newsletter provides an independent analysis of news articles and reports published across various media outlets over the past 24 hours. The views and opinions expressed herein are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the official stance of the publishers or any affiliated organizations. The publishers are not responsible for the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of the content analyzed and make no representations regarding the information contained herein. Readers are encouraged to consult original sources for verification and further context; access to the list of original sources analysed can be made available upon request via email.*

Subscribe to DefenceProfessionals Whatsapp Channel



# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SIKA	758.55	868.95	748.0	812.8	427292	9.26	71.72	714.51	540.84
ASTRAMICRO	925.9	1034.95	920.1	1002.3	3885401	9.12	79.05	839.84	781.33
COCHINSHIP	1726.0	1832.0	1720.4	1812.1	20187233	6.63	72.44	1527.49	1605.69
ZENTEC	1709.4	1709.4	1709.4	1709.4	113496	5.0	72.52	1459.25	1716.03
LOKESHMACH	188.26	188.27	188.26	188.27	19044	5.0	64.59	168.18	298.75
TANEJAERO	351.65	351.65	351.65	351.65	16488	4.99	70.3	299.13	419.46
APOLLO	131.69	141.0	130.73	136.41	25254237	4.12	63.86	121.48	111.64
DATAPAT'TNS	2548.0	2635.5	2529.9	2625.0	752756	3.41	72.31	2252.44	2299.87
MAZDOCK	3106.8	3217.8	3084.2	3182.4	7004596	3.39	66.97	2888.67	2327.41
GRSE	2218.0	2340.9	2146.8	2258.8	10837289	3.24	75.2	1840.44	1668.63
PARAS	1480.0	1543.0	1473.0	1514.5	2386553	3.19	75.81	1263.38	1079.91
AZAD	1758.9	1825.0	1740.0	1812.8	418493	3.0	72.53	1596.56	1542.07
ADANIENT	2463.4	2526.8	2450.7	2520.0	1554801	2.36	61.33	2390.77	2622.14
BDL	1769.9	1814.0	1725.0	1806.5	4642308	2.29	76.47	1517.68	1225.48
KRISHNADEF	908.0	937.0	893.1	911.6	88750	2.24	67.91	809.8	699.77
HAL	4825.0	4883.0	4747.2	4864.8	4873995	2.03	71.13	4450.95	4237.11
MTARTECH	1548.8	1578.0	1526.4	1551.9	267234	1.98	69.71	1437.29	1602.56
BEL	346.5	351.0	340.8	350.4	35959338	1.76	76.88	313.04	289.53
MIDHANI	396.45	404.9	386.25	399.2	4129508	1.73	80.56	315.56	342.97
HBLPOWER	567.0	582.5	563.05	577.2	5999881	1.43	69.31	508.04	565.32
LT	3594.0	3648.7	3543.0	3618.2	3720879	1.26	71.59	3365.31	3514.87
SOLARINDS	13900.0	13950.0	13631.0	13880.0	101999	1.14	71.76	13115.9	10566.17
PTC	186.8	187.99	185.25	187.09	1153314	0.94	64.47	178.84	175.45
CFE	561.8	561.8	555.25	555.25	13400	0.81	70.7	518.47	606.71
DYNAMATECH	7117.0	7125.0	6975.5	7054.5	9635	0.43	67.9	6505.97	7205.44
BEML	3394.2	3415.0	3338.0	3393.0	441929	0.09	64.34	3172.8	3604.02
DCXINDIA	331.05	335.0	324.35	329.45	1514974	0.03	68.49	285.23	312.53
BHARATFORG	1258.0	1263.2	1244.0	1245.7	1297070	-0.04	66.21	1131.79	1321.66
NIBE	1580.0	1592.6	1468.6	1513.95	44103	-0.19	65.07	1402.7	1570.06
MARINE	211.35	213.5	207.49	208.93	386562	-0.84	61.85	196.63	224.12
IDEAForge	540.0	550.0	527.25	534.05	1617557	-1.48	76.3	408.41	554.75
HIGHENE	668.05	675.9	642.9	657.0	35115	-1.52	77.89	513.28	600.73
WALCHANNAG	216.0	217.3	207.0	209.09	1239108	-1.7	62.5	191.71	259.45
ROSSELLIND	76.31	77.0	72.72	74.51	44816	-2.23	57.42	72.56	179.52
PREMEXPLN	444.55	447.75	430.0	433.2	934907	-2.96	55.13	418.56	471.89
LMW	17705.0	17819.0	17401.0	17448.0	4921	-3.06	64.12	16425.75	15971.7
AVANTEL	117.0	117.92	112.9	113.29	1572658	-3.32	46.86	119.49	-