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### Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
MARINE	204.1	186.5	+9.44%
NIBE	1339.7	1275.95	+5.0%
MIDHANI	287.95	279.45	+3.04%
MTARTECH	1412.0	1371.0	+2.99%
PREMEXPLN	385.15	374.95	+2.72%

### Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	162.36	166.65	-2.57%
ROSSELLIND	82.74	84.39	-1.96%
BHARATFORG	1055.1	1073.1	-1.68%
LT	3227.7	3257.6	-0.92%
HBLPOWER	515.1	518.9	-0.73%

## Defense Business and Industry

### India Joins Elite Club with Advanced Laser Weapons



16-Apr-25

India's recent unveiling and successful testing of its indigenously developed 30-kilowatt Mk-II(A) Laser-Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) not only demonstrates its capacity to neutralize drones, missiles, and surveillance sensors from up to 5 kilometers away but also cements its place among global powers like the US, China, Russia, and Israel in deploying futuristic "Star Wars"-style defense technologies. Tested on April 13, 2025, at the National Open Air Range in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, the system rapidly engages fixed-wing targets and coordinated drone swarms using an integrated electro-optical sensor suite that provides 360-degree situational awareness while doubling as an electronic warfare tool capable of jamming communication and satellite signals. With operational costs for a few seconds of engagement comparable to only a couple of liters of fuel, the technology offers a cost-effective alternative to traditional, ammunition-dependent systems. Moreover, ongoing efforts to develop higher-power variants—such as a 300-kilowatt system with a 20-kilometer range—highlight India's commitment to evolving its integrated defense capabilities, ensuring strategic autonomy and adaptability in modern asymmetric warfare scenarios.

### India Boosts Arms Exports with Soft Loans to Global Buyers



16-Apr-25

India is intensifying its defense exports under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aiming to diversify its portfolio beyond conventional ammunition to sophisticated systems like missiles and helicopters. The government is leveraging the Export-Import Bank to provide low-cost loans to foreign buyers, particularly those moving away from Russian arms amid global shifts. Despite missing its recent export target, India's arms production surged to \$14.8 billion, with a goal to double exports to \$6 billion by 2029. Competitive pricing and strategic outreach, especially to markets like Armenia and Brazil, position India as a viable alternative for nations seeking reliable and affordable military hardware. However, building confidence in newer products remains a challenge.

### HAL Nashik Launches A320 Overhaul, Transforming India's MRO Landscape



16-Apr-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has begun overhauling Airbus A320 family aircraft at its MRO facility in Nashik, marking a significant shift into civilian aviation maintenance. This initiative, stemming from a contract with Airbus, includes state-of-the-art facilities and training programs, aiming to streamline maintenance for India's expanding commercial fleet. With the A320 family dominating the Indian aviation market, HAL's venture aligns with the Make in India initiative and supports local economic growth. However, to succeed, HAL must scale operations, secure EASA certification, and balance civilian projects

with its defense commitments, while also considering competition from established MRO hubs abroad.

## JCBL Group and Slovakia Forge MoU for Advanced Combat Vehicles SHARE

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The JCBL Group has signed India's first defense Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Slovakia to co-develop advanced technologies for combat vehicles, including light tanks and Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs). This agreement, formalized during President Droupadi Murmu's state visit in August 2024, aligns with the Make in India initiative, emphasizing self-reliance in defense manufacturing. ADSL will produce systems like turrets and Active Protection Systems in India, addressing the Indian Army's modernization needs for high-altitude and diverse terrains. This partnership not only enhances India-Slovakia relations but positions India as a global hub for defense innovation, supporting the Army's objective to replace aging equipment with advanced platforms.

## DRDO Aims for First AMCA Jet by 2035 with Private Sector Support SHARE

16-Apr-25

India is advancing towards the development of its indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), with the first jet expected to be inducted into the Indian Air Force by 2035, as confirmed by DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat. This initiative is part of India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' strategy, aiming for self-sufficiency in defense technology. Key private sector players like L&T, Godrej, and Kalyani are backing the development of a 110kN jet engine, although there are concerns that an entirely domestic creation may require longer than the proposed 7-9 year timeline. The challenges include the need for a mature military engine ecosystem, but the involvement of these companies signals a growing capability within India's defense industry. Overall, while the AMCA program marks significant progress, collaboration with foreign partners may be necessary to meet ambitious timelines and enhance India's defense capabilities.

## Indian Army Upgrades T-72 Tanks at Jabalpur for Enhanced Firepower SHARE

16-Apr-25

The Indian Army is modernizing its decades-old T-72 fleet at the Jabalpur Vehicle Factory by upgrading these Soviet-era main battle tanks with state-of-the-art enhancements that improve firepower, mobility, and crew comfort. Originally built in the 1970s with 780-

horsepower engines, the tanks will be fitted with advanced 1,000-horsepower engines through a \$248 million deal with Russia's Rosoboronexport. This upgrade includes comprehensive computerized systems, improved fire control, and additional protective measures such as explosive reactive armor to sustain operational effectiveness in evolving combat scenarios. A key component of the contract is the transfer of technology to Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited for licensed local production under the "Make in India" initiative, allowing India to capitalize on its existing assets rather than invest Rs 6,000 crores in new platforms. This effort not only extends the service life of the T-72—a workhorse that has seen multiple variants such as the Ajeya series—but also reinforces India's strategic self-reliance and bolsters defense ties with Russia amid shifting global dynamics.

## India Upgrades Battle Tanks to Boost Defense Against Modern Threats SHARE

16-Apr-25

India is upgrading its T-72, T-90, and Arjun Mk-1 tanks to enhance their combat capabilities against modern threats, particularly drones. Led by the Army Base Workshop (ABW), this initiative supports the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' missions by boosting local production and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers. The upgrades include advanced fire control systems, armor enhancements, and the introduction of anti-drone systems employing Soft and Hard Kill technologies. These strategic enhancements position India's armored forces to effectively counter aerial threats while addressing ongoing tensions with neighboring countries, showcasing a significant leap towards self-reliance in defense capabilities.

## LOTAMS Becomes Europe's First Authorized Service Centre for E2 Aircraft SHARE

16-Apr-25

LOTAMS has become Europe's first Embraer Authorized Service Centre for the E2 aircraft family, following the successful completion of its certification process by the Polish Civil Aviation Authority. This partnership builds on a decade-long collaboration between Embraer and LOTAMS, which has already established a strong reputation in the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) sector, managing approximately 250,000 maintenance hours annually. With certification now complete, LOTAMS is poised to enhance E2 fleet maintenance across Europe, reflecting the growth of the E2 aircraft and the increasing demand for

specialized MRO services in the region. This development reinforces European capabilities in the aerospace sector while expanding LOTAMS' service offerings.

## **Bulgaria Receives First F-16 Block 70, Boosting Air Defense**



16-Apr-25

Lockheed Martin has delivered Bulgaria's first F-16 Block 70 fighter jet, marking a significant step in enhancing Bulgaria's air defense capabilities and regional security cooperation. With a total order of 16 jets, the arrival symbolizes a new era of advanced military capabilities for Bulgaria. These aircraft feature cutting-edge technology such as the Northrop Grumman APG-83 AESA Radar and an Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System, which enhances pilot safety. This development reflects broader trends in European defense collaboration and underscores the strategic importance of partnering with U.S. defense manufacturers to strengthen national security in a complex geopolitical landscape.

## **Airbus Champions Next-Gen Fighter Interfaces for Europe's Defense**



16-Apr-25

Airbus is spearheading the EPIIC programme to develop next-generation fighter cockpit interfaces, focusing on enhancing pilot interaction through technologies like gesture control and AI-driven virtual assistants. This initiative, backed by the European Defence Fund, aims to bolster Europe's technological sovereignty and military agility, reducing reliance on outdated technologies. The project's innovations, including adaptive human-machine interfaces, are geared towards integrating seamlessly with future European fighter jets such as the Future Combat Air System (FCAS). As India continues to advance its own defense capabilities through indigenous R&D, it remains crucial to monitor these developments in Europe, emphasizing the importance of technological autonomy and innovation in defense strategies.

## **Lockheed Martin's PrSM Successfully Tested from M270A2 System**



16-Apr-25

Lockheed Martin and the U.S. Army successfully launched the Precision Strike Missile (PrSM) from the M270A2 Multiple Launch Rocket System during a production qualification test at White Sands Missile Range, showcasing its accuracy and integration capabilities. The missile, designed for long-range

precision strikes beyond 400 kilometers, demonstrated effective performance against various targets, bolstering the U.S. Army's modernization efforts. This successful test, part of a series supporting a \$4.94 billion production contract, emphasizes Lockheed Martin's commitment to enhancing operational superiority and ensuring reliability in complex environments, further solidifying the strategic capabilities of the U.S. military in modern warfare scenarios.

## **GRSE Begins Building Advanced Acoustic Research Ship for NPOL**



16-Apr-25

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has commenced the construction of a state-of-the-art Acoustic Research Ship (ARS) for the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) under DRDO, marking a significant step in enhancing India's underwater domain awareness capabilities. The 93-meter ARS will support various acoustic research operations, including sound velocity profiling and meteorological surveys, and features advanced capabilities such as a dynamic positioning system and diesel-electric propulsion. This project signifies GRSE's commitment to expanding its shipbuilding expertise for the defense sector, following its successful delivery of several survey vessels, thus reinforcing India's self-reliance in defense technologies.

## **Indian Army Displays Tech-Enhanced Readiness in Arunachal Exercise**



16-Apr-25

The Indian Army, through a recent exercise conducted by the Spear Corps in Arunachal Pradesh, showcased its tech-driven combat readiness in challenging mountainous terrain. This exercise emphasized the integration of New Generation Equipment and Weapons, highlighting the Army's commitment to rapid transformation aimed at enhancing operational capabilities such as mobility, intelligence, and communication systems. The deployment of advanced platforms is a clear indication of the Indian Army's focus on achieving agility and swift decision-making processes necessary for modern warfare. Ultimately, this successful exercise reaffirms the Indian Army's preparedness to tackle evolving threats, ensuring its status as a technologically adept and formidable force.

## Italian 'Black Shark' Leads for Indian Navy's Torpedo Needs

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The Italian 'Black Shark' torpedo, developed by Leonardo, has emerged as a leading candidate for the Indian Navy's requirement for 48 new torpedoes, following ThyssenKrupp's withdrawal from the competition. Its advanced features, including enhanced electronic counter-countermeasures and a high-speed capability of 50 knots, offer significant advantages in modern naval warfare. While the Black Shark's previous bid faced controversy and investigations, its resurgence is bolstered by a more cost-effective proposal compared to France's Naval Group. This development underscores the strategic importance of advanced submarine weaponry for India's defense capabilities, particularly as it seeks to enhance its naval operational readiness over the next three decades.

## AVNL Showcases T-72 Ajeya and More at Tanzania Defence Expo

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Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) showcased its capabilities at the Mini Defence Expo in Tanzania, presenting the T-72 Ajeya tank, upgraded BMP-II Sarath, and Light Bullet Proof Vehicle (LBPV) Jonga. The presence of dignitaries, including Tanzania's Defence Minister and India's Raksha Rajya Mantri, underscored strengthening defence ties, highlighting India's strategy to bolster defence cooperation with African nations. The T-72 Ajeya's upgraded features, the BMP-II's high indigenization level, and the Jonga's modern enhancements reflect India's commitment to indigenization and offer competitive options for African militaries, thereby reinforcing India's growing role in the global defence export landscape.

## EJ230 Engine: Eurojet's Bid for Tejas MkII and AMCA MkI Falls Short

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16-Apr-25

The EJ230 engine, an advanced variant of the Eurojet EJ200, was a contender for India's Tejas MkII and AMCA MkI programs but lost to the General Electric F414 due to cost and supply chain advantages. While the EJ230 offered strong performance metrics, GE's proposal emphasized economic viability and robust industrial partnerships under the Make in India initiative, making it the preferred choice. This decision secures India a proven engine platform while highlighting the competitive nature of defense procurements. Eurojet's future in India's market remains possible, as lessons

learned may lead to more attractive proposals for upcoming aircraft projects.

## DRDO Develops Advanced Modular DATRAN Engine with Hybrid System

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is making significant strides in indigenous tank propulsion by developing its modular DATRAN-1500 HP engine, now undergoing rigorous testing at BEML's facility in Mysuru since its initial trials in 2023. Designed to power both the Arjun Mk1A and the futuristic main battle tank (FMBT), this engine's modular architecture allows its output to be scaled up to nearly 1800 HP, thereby providing the necessary power margin to support heavier armour, advanced electronic systems, and upgraded weaponry. With advanced features such as electronic control units, self-cleaning air filters, and CRDi fuel injection systems, the DATRAN engine achieves a high power-to-weight ratio and is engineered to operate reliably in extreme environments—from sub-zero temperatures to hot desert conditions and at altitudes up to 5000 meters. DRDO is also exploring a hybrid propulsion system that would allow tanks to switch from full diesel power to a quieter electric mode during low-speed maneuvers, enhancing stealth and fuel efficiency, particularly in urban warfare and other sensitive operational theaters. These efforts not only aim to resolve the delays associated with foreign engine supplies but also underscore India's commitment to self-reliance and technological superiority in modern armoured warfare.

## HAL's HTFE-25 Engine Project Targets 2030 Production Amid Challenges

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16-Apr-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is striving to achieve production readiness for its HTFE-25 turbofan engine by 2030, despite facing significant delays due to land clearance issues and procurement challenges. This 25 kN thrust engine, pivotal for India's defense self-reliance, aims to power various platforms, including trainer jets and UAVs, and has seen past successes with successful trials and design advancements. The inauguration of a new testing facility represents a positive stride in overcoming current setbacks, with HAL confident of regaining momentum needed to deliver a certified engine that will reduce India's dependency on foreign technologies and bolster its position in the global aerospace market.



## IAF Prioritizes Supersonic ALCMs, HAL's Hunter Awaits Clearance



16-Apr-25

The Indian Air Force is reorienting its strategic missile procurement by emphasizing supersonic air-launched cruise missiles after subsonic platforms demonstrated limited survivability in the Ukraine conflict. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's CATS Hunter, an innovative yet subsonic missile with a low-skimming, stealthy profile and a 250-kg warhead, now faces stiff competition from faster systems like the BrahMos Next Generation and other indigenous projects such as ADE's ITCM. While the Hunter is designed to be versatile—capable of launches from both fighter jets and unmanned platforms—it remains vulnerable to advanced layered air defense systems that can intercept slower targets. The IAF's pivot toward supersonic ALCMs aims to dramatically reduce the enemy's reaction time and enhance strike precision in contested environments. This move underlines India's broader goal of achieving a cost-effective, high-performance arsenal capable of countering modern threats while also encouraging indigenous defense manufacturing. As ongoing evaluations and clearance processes continue, the strategic emphasis on speed is clear: faster, more agile missiles promise not only improved penetration of enemy defenses but also a shift toward integrated, networked battle space dominance, underscoring the need for future systems to combine speed, stealth, and affordability in an era of evolving aerial combat dynamics.

## Garuda Aerospace secures ₹100 crore in Series B funding for drone innovation.



16-Apr-25

Garuda Aerospace, backed by cricketer Mahindra Singh Dhoni, has successfully raised ₹100 crore in a Series B funding round from Venture Catalysts, valuing the company at \$250 million. This funding will enhance Garuda's drone system production capabilities and support the establishment of a dedicated R&D and testing center for advanced defense drones, aligning with India's push for self-reliance in high-tech defense manufacturing. With over 20 patents, Garuda Aerospace aims to leverage government initiatives like the Drone Rules 2021 and the Production-Linked Incentive scheme to expand its market presence, catering to various sectors including defense, agriculture, and infrastructure, thus fostering innovation and socio-economic growth.

## Indo-Russian Venture to Equip Kerala Police with AK-203 Rifles



16-Apr-25

The Indo-Russian joint venture Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) is set to supply AK-203 assault rifles to the Kerala Police, marking a significant milestone in India's defense manufacturing under the Make In India initiative. The AK-203, adapted for the Indian Army's 7.62x39 mm cartridge, is manufactured using advanced Russian technologies, ensuring high quality and reliability. This move not only bolsters the capabilities of local law enforcement but also aligns with India's efforts towards self-reliance in defense production. The initiative, celebrated by Prime Minister Modi, is poised to enhance national security and fulfill long-standing equipment requirements for Indian forces.

## India's Plan to Boost Aircraft Component Manufacturing for Global Hub



16-Apr-25

The Indian government is actively developing a roadmap to enhance aircraft component manufacturing, aiming to position the country as a global aerospace hub. This initiative focuses on easing regulatory norms, improving R&D support, and ensuring access to critical materials, which will streamline certification processes for manufacturers. With Boeing already sourcing over \$1.25 billion in components from Indian suppliers, including MSMEs, the roadmap seeks to foster innovation through advanced testing infrastructure and collaborations with academic institutions. By addressing these challenges, India aims to create a self-reliant aerospace sector that meets both domestic and international demands, reinforcing its growing influence in the global aviation supply chain.

## L&T's Waterjet System Triumphs in Sea Trials for Indian Navy



16-Apr-25

Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) 651 kW Waterjet Propulsion System has successfully completed preliminary sea trials aboard the Indian Navy's Fast Interceptor Craft, demonstrating India's advancements in self-reliant defense technology with over 70% indigenous content. This achievement, part of the DRDO's Technology Development Fund scheme, highlights L&T's commitment to the Make in India initiative and the importance of private sector innovation in enhancing naval capabilities. The waterjet system, designed for high-speed operations and low-emission performance, is set to bolster India's coastal security efforts along its

extensive coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone, while also reducing reliance on foreign systems and increasing collaboration with MSMEs.

## DRDO to Test Upgraded Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon with EO Seeker SHARE

16-Apr-25

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is set to test an advanced iteration of the Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW), now featuring an Electro-Optical seeker for enhanced precision against moving targets. Retaining its 100-kilometer range, the weapon improves India's tactical strike capabilities and aligns with global standards like U.S. and Israeli systems, while maintaining a distinct cost-effective design. The upgrade responds to evolving warfare dynamics, particularly along the Line of Actual Control with China, where mobile threats are increasingly prominent. Scheduled trials in mid-2025 aim to validate the seeker's performance, underscoring India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense innovation.

## India Strengthens Deterrence with K-5 SLBM's 5,000km+ Range SHARE

16-Apr-25

India is enhancing its strategic defense capabilities with the development of the K-5 Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), which boasts a range exceeding 5,000 km and potentially up to 8,000 km. This advancement ensures a credible second-strike capability from stealth submarines, effectively completing India's nuclear triad. The K-5 aims to counterbalance regional threats, especially from China's expanding nuclear arsenal, and reinforces India's deterrent posture across vast distances, impacting strategic calculations of adversaries. With its advanced technology, including potential Multiple Independently targetable Reentry Vehicles (MIRVs), the K-5 signifies India's commitment to maintaining strategic independence and stability in the Indian Ocean Region, while facing technical challenges in missile deployment and submarine readiness.

## India's Helicopter Expansion Enhances Combined-Arms Operations SHARE

16-Apr-25

India is significantly expanding its attack helicopter fleet, moving beyond previous limitations to enhance combined-arms operations. While relying on limited Mi-35s and Apaches, the introduction of the HAL Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand, designed for high-

altitude combat, signifies a strategic shift. With plans for approximately 150 LCH units, India's capability to support armored units in challenging terrains like the Line of Actual Control (LAC) will greatly improve, particularly against potential Chinese aggression. This expansion, alongside over 300 attack helicopters planned, reflects a comprehensive rotary-wing doctrine that integrates indigenous technology to bolster India's defense posture.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### Netherlands Boosts Defense Budget by \$1.25 Billion Amid NATO Pressure SHARE

16-Apr-25

The Dutch government plans to increase its defense budget by an additional €1.1 billion (\$1.3 billion) annually, aiming for military spending to reach 2% of GDP for the first time, as emphasized by VVD leader Dilan Yesilgoz. This decision follows significant pressure from NATO allies, particularly the U.S., for member countries to enhance their military preparedness. The budgetary boost, which follows a previous 10% increase, reflects a growing commitment to national security amidst geopolitical tensions, underscoring the importance of robust defense strategies in ensuring sovereign security and stability in the region. The formal approval of this spending increase is expected in a forthcoming Cabinet meeting.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### EAM Jaishankar: 2008 Mumbai attacks shifted India's zero-tolerance stance on Pakistan. SHARE

16-Apr-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks were pivotal in reshaping India's stance towards Pakistan, marking a collective demand for zero tolerance against terrorism. He contrasted India's progress under PM Modi with Pakistan's stagnation, pointing out that while India embraces technological advancement, Pakistan continues its "bad habits". Jaishankar also highlighted India's strategic autonomy and readiness to respond decisively to threats, as seen in the India-China Galwan Valley standoff. He underscored the importance of entrepreneurship and technology in driving India's future, asserting that the nation will not be

overshadowed by others in its quest for growth and security.

## India dismisses Pakistan's "baseless" remarks on Waqf Act. SHARE

16-Apr-25

India has firmly rejected Pakistan's "motivated and baseless" comments regarding the Waqf Amendment Act, emphasizing that Pakistan has no right to comment on India's internal matters. The Act aims to enhance the efficiency of Waqf boards, improve registration processes, and leverage technology for better management of Waqf properties, establishing a transparent and accountable system. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs criticized Pakistan's record on minority rights, suggesting it should focus on its internal issues rather than criticize India's legislative efforts. This response underscores India's commitment to progressive governance and the importance of safeguarding the interests of all community stakeholders.

## EAM Jaishankar highlights Northeast India's role as a key geopolitical gateway ahead of Investors Summit SHARE

16-Apr-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the growing geopolitical significance of Northeast India during a meeting with foreign envoys ahead of the North East Investors Summit 2025. He urged diplomats to recognize the region's vital role in key Indian policies, such as the "Neighbourhood First" and "Act East" initiatives, highlighting its strategic position adjacent to five neighboring countries and its connection to ASEAN. Jaishankar noted that the northeast is poised to become a hub for international cooperation, tourism, and economic development, with projects like the Trilateral Highway and Kaladan initiative further enhancing its relevance in regional dynamics. The government's focus on the northeast underscores its potential as a gateway to Southeast Asia.

## Chin-Kuki Blockade Hinders Meitei Pilgrims to Thangjing Hill SHARE

16-Apr-25

A group representing the Meitei community in Manipur has urged the Union government to intervene against a blockade allegedly imposed by Chin-Kuki militants, preventing pilgrims from accessing the sacred Thangjing Hill. This blockade is seen as a violation of constitutional rights and a tactic to incite unrest among the Meiteis, who have a deep cultural and religious

connection to the site. The Meitei Heritage Welfare Foundation has called for government action to ensure the safety of pilgrims and to deploy adequate security forces to prevent violence. The situation underscores the need for effective governance and protection of cultural sites amidst ongoing regional tensions.

## US Transfers Border Land to Army to Combat Illegal Immigration SHARE

15-Apr-25

The Trump administration is transferring nearly 110,000 acres of federal land along the U.S.-Mexico border to the Army for a three-year period, aiming to bolster efforts against illegal immigration. This emergency measure reflects a strategic response to ongoing border security challenges. The transfer to the Department of the Army indicates a shift in focus towards military involvement in domestic border management, which may enhance the operational capacity to prevent unlawful crossings. While this decision may garner support for strengthening national security, it also raises questions about the implications for land use and local communities, highlighting the ongoing debate over immigration and border control policies in the U.S.

## India and Italy Strengthen Defence Ties Through Key Discussions SHARE

15-Apr-25

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh visited Rome to enhance India-Italy defence cooperation, co-chairing the 11th India-Italy Joint Defence Committee meeting with Italian Defence Minister Guido Crosetto. Key discussions included maritime security and armament production, emphasizing India's push for a self-reliant defence ecosystem through progressive policy reforms. A significant Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers and the Federation of Italian Companies for Aerospace, Defence and Security, marking a milestone in bilateral defence industrial cooperation. This visit underscores India's commitment to fostering international partnerships and bolstering its defence capabilities, aligning with its strategic goals in the region.

## IAEA Chief: Iran Close to Achieving Nuclear Weapon Capability SHARE

16-Apr-25

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Rafael Grossi, stated in a recent interview that Iran is not far from acquiring nuclear bomb capability,

although he noted that they still have some progress to make. Grossi described Iran's nuclear development as akin to assembling a jigsaw puzzle, indicating that the country already possesses crucial components for a potential weapon. His remarks come ahead of a visit to Iran aimed at discussing compliance with the now-defunct 2015 nuclear deal, which was abandoned following the US withdrawal under former President Trump. This situation poses significant geopolitical implications, notably for regional stability and India's strategic interests.

## Rubio and Witkoff Engage in Urgent Ukraine War Talks in Paris

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16-Apr-25

High-level talks led by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and envoy Steve Witkoff are underway in Paris, focusing on the ongoing Ukraine war and international tensions, particularly concerning Iran's nuclear program and US-EU trade relations. With a recent Russian missile strike in Ukraine underscoring the urgency, these discussions aim to foster a ceasefire and enhance European security commitments. France's President Macron plays a pivotal role in advocating for a security arrangement for Ukraine. As the situation remains volatile, the talks signify an important diplomatic effort, although skepticism persists regarding tangible outcomes, especially in light of the slow progress in negotiations.

## Israel Blocks Humanitarian Aid to Gaza Amid Ongoing Conflict

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16-Apr-25

Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz has reiterated the country's stance of blocking humanitarian aid from entering Gaza, citing it as a strategic measure against Hamas. The United Nations has reported that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is at its worst since the conflict began in October 2023, with essential supplies severely depleted. Israel's military offensive resumed after a failed ceasefire, exacerbating the crisis and leading to mass displacement. This situation highlights the complexities of humanitarian access in conflict zones and raises ethical questions about the balance between military strategy and humanitarian needs.

## China Criticizes U.S. \$1 Trillion Defense Budget Amid Tensions

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China has condemned the U.S.'s proposed \$1 trillion defense budget for fiscal 2026, describing it as a dangerous move that may destabilize global security

while highlighting the U.S.'s reliance on military power over diplomacy. The Pentagon's budget increase, which marks a nearly 12% rise, is seen as a commitment to military modernization amid rising international tensions. As China's own military spending increases to USD 249 billion, it characterizes its expenditures as essential for national defense, framing U.S. actions as aggressive. This situation underscores the growing strategic rivalry, with military budgets becoming a critical front in global geopolitics.

## US Envoy: Iran Deal Depends on Trump's Conditions

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The US envoy, Witkoff, emphasized that a deal with Iran hinges on a "Trump deal," requiring Iran to halt its nuclear enrichment. Following indirect negotiations mediated by Oman, both sides agreed to reconvene for discussions amid heightened tensions stemming from the US withdrawal from the JCPOA in 2018. Despite a constructive tone, challenges remain due to Iran's advanced nuclear capabilities and its insistence on civilian purposes for its nuclear program. The Trump administration's stringent stance aims to ensure regional stability and prevent a nuclear-armed Iran, highlighting the critical geopolitical stakes involved in these negotiations.

## US State Department Pushes for Ceasefire in Russia-Ukraine Conflict

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16-Apr-25

The US State Department continues to advocate for a ceasefire in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, emphasizing that sanctions will remain until violence ceases. Recent diplomatic engagements, including discussions between a special envoy and President Putin, suggest potential economic incentives for Russia to consider peace. However, Russia's unwavering demands, including territorial concessions and regime change in Ukraine, complicate negotiations. Concerns arise among US officials regarding the envoy's seemingly pro-Russian stance, which could undermine the US commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty. The situation remains precarious, with skepticism about Russia's genuine willingness to engage in peace negotiations despite ongoing diplomatic efforts.



## Military Operations

### Indian Army Demonstrates Strength and Self-Reliance in North Sikkim SHARE

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The Indian Army recently showcased its strength and self-reliance along the Line of Actual Control in North Sikkim, utilizing advanced equipment and Atmanirbhar technology to secure India's territorial integrity. The completion of ARMEX-24, a high-altitude expedition spanning 146 kilometers, highlights the army's endurance and operational readiness in extreme conditions. Conducted over 28 days, the mission emphasized physical and mental resilience among soldiers, reinforcing teamwork and leadership. This initiative not only prepares troops for challenging environments but also inspires the youth to embrace resilience and national service, showcasing the army's broader role in improving local livelihoods and preserving wildlife.

### Indian Army's Field Hospital Team Returns After Successful Mission in Myanmar SHARE

16-Apr-25

The Indian Army's Field Hospital team recently returned from Operation Brahma in Myanmar, where they provided critical humanitarian assistance following a devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake. Deployed in Mandalay, the team performed around 65 major surgeries and established a dual-operation theatre, showcasing India's advanced medical capabilities in challenging conditions. The mission not only delivered immediate medical care but also fostered goodwill, as local hospitals began referring patients to the Indian doctors. Additionally, India contributed over 600 metric tons of humanitarian relief, including food and medical supplies, reinforcing its commitment to the "Neighbourhood First" policy. The operation highlights India's readiness for international humanitarian assistance and strengthens bilateral ties with Myanmar amidst regional challenges.

### India and African Nations Launch First Naval Drills in Indian Ocean SHARE

16-Apr-25

India and several African nations have commenced the sea phase of their first naval drills, Aikemye, in the Indian Ocean to strengthen maritime security against

challenges, particularly China's expanding influence. This multilateral exercise involves various African countries and aims to enhance interoperability through joint operations, including anti-piracy drills and search-and-rescue missions. Concurrently, discussions between India and Tanzania explored enhanced defense cooperation focusing on counter-terrorism, cyber security, and military training. A five-year roadmap for defense collaboration has been established, reflecting India's strategic commitment to regional stability and its growing defense manufacturing capabilities. These initiatives signify India's role as a trusted partner in promoting a secure and free Indian Ocean, countering threats from illicit activities while fostering deeper ties with African nations.

### Russia Claims Victory Over Ukrainian Drone Attack Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

16-Apr-25

The Russian military reported it thwarted a Ukrainian drone attack targeting the Ivanovo region, where one of the missile brigades implicated in a deadly strike on Sumy is based. Ukraine's HUR intelligence agency linked the 112th missile brigade to the attack that resulted in 35 fatalities. In retaliation, Ukraine claimed to have struck a base in Russia's Kursk region affiliated with another brigade. The incident underscores ongoing hostilities, with both sides engaging in aerial confrontations, reflecting escalating tensions in the conflict. This situation highlights the complexities of military engagements and the critical importance of air defense capabilities in contemporary warfare.

### Israeli Defense Minister: Troops to Stay Indefinitely in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria SHARE

16-Apr-25

Israel's defense minister announced that troops will remain indefinitely in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria, complicating ceasefire negotiations with Hamas. The Israeli military aims to establish security zones to prevent future attacks, following Hamas's deadly assault on October 7, 2023. This military presence is viewed as an occupation by Palestinians and neighboring countries. Amid significant civilian casualties and humanitarian crises in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has vowed to annihilate Hamas and resettle Gaza's population. The situation reflects escalating tensions, where military strategies are challenged by humanitarian concerns, highlighting

the complexities of achieving lasting peace in the region.

## India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI Kicks Off in Aundh SHARE

16-Apr-25

The 6th edition of the India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI commenced at Aundh, Pune, from April 16 to 28, 2025, with 60 Indian personnel from the JAT Regiment and IAF participating alongside Uzbek forces. This annual exercise, focusing on Joint Multi Domain Sub Conventional operations in semi-urban scenarios, aims to bolster counterterrorism capabilities by simulating responses to terrorist actions and establishing a Joint Operations Centre. The exercise emphasizes inter-operability and camaraderie, enhancing defense cooperation and bilateral relations between the two nations. Such strategic collaborations reflect India's commitment to strengthening ties with Central Asian countries amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Telangana men killed in Dubai attack; India vows swift justice. SHARE

16-Apr-25

Two men from Telangana, Ashtapu Premasagar and Srinivas, were tragically killed in a Dubai bakery by a Pakistani national who reportedly shouted religious slogans during the attack. A third victim, Sagar, was injured and hospitalized. Indian Union ministers have expressed deep sorrow and pledged swift action, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar assuring support for the repatriation of the victims' remains and expedited justice. The Ministry of External Affairs is actively coordinating with Dubai police to address the situation, demonstrating India's commitment to protecting its citizens abroad and seeking justice in the face of such heinous acts.

### Bangladeshi radicals linked to local leaders implicated in Murshidabad violence. SHARE

16-Apr-25

Bangladeshi radicals, allegedly supported by local political leaders, were implicated in recent violence in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, leading to three fatalities amid protests against the amended Waqf Act. An intelligence report indicated involvement of groups

like Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT), prompting the Union home ministry to deploy central forces alongside state police to ensure law and order. The situation in affected areas is stabilizing, with a return to normalcy as shops reopen and displaced families come back home. The Border Security Force has been instructed to monitor the India-Bangladesh border to prevent illegal infiltration, demonstrating a proactive approach to border security amidst internal unrest.

### Soldier injured in Poonch as Army confronts terrorist threats. SHARE

15-Apr-25

An Army soldier was injured in a gunfight with terrorists in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the ongoing security challenges along the Line of Control (LoC) ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to inaugurate vital infrastructure projects. The Indian Army, along with CRPF and J&K Police, intensified search operations following intelligence reports of terrorist presence, amid escalating infiltration attempts from Pakistan. A Junior Commissioned Officer was killed while thwarting an infiltration bid, and security forces have successfully neutralized several terrorists and recovered substantial arms caches. This underscores the Indian defense forces' commitment and readiness to counter threats while reinforcing stability in the region.

### US Official Hails India-US Cooperation in Extraditing Terrorist SHARE

16-Apr-25

US official Margaret MacLeod praised the extradition of terrorist Tahawwur Rana as a significant example of India-US cooperation against terrorism, emphasizing both nations' commitment to justice. She expressed optimism about enhancing bilateral trade relations and resolving tariff disputes, reflecting a broader partnership under leaders like Trump and Modi. MacLeod also introduced new immigration policies for non-Americans staying in the US, highlighting that legal compliance ensures safety from deportation. This multifaceted collaboration underscores the strategic alignment between India and the US, focusing on shared interests such as combating terrorism, technology advancement, and economic growth, reinforcing the importance of their partnership in addressing global challenges.

## Two Notorious Maoists with ₹13 Lakh Bounty Killed in Chhattisgarh

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16-Apr-25

Two hardcore Maoists, with a combined bounty of Rs 13 lakh, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region during an anti-Naxalite operation. The operation, involving the District Reserve Guard and Bastar Fighters, resulted in the recovery of weapons and explosives. This marks a significant achievement, as 140 Maoists have been eliminated in the state this year, underscoring the effectiveness of ongoing security operations in combating Maoist insurgency. The successful neutralization of high-profile targets like Haldar and Rame highlights the commitment of Indian security forces to restore peace and stability in affected regions.

## Major Terror Plot Foiled in Kathua; Infiltration Routes Exposed

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Recent encounters in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district have foiled a major terror plot, revealing infiltration routes from across the International Border. Police successfully eliminated heavily armed terrorists and seized significant quantities of arms, ammunition, and explosives, thwarting plans for IED attacks. Senior Superintendent of Police Shobhit Saxena highlighted local cooperation in anti-terror operations, which aided in tracking remaining terrorists, while 30 individuals have been identified and booked under the Public Safety Act for supporting terrorism. The swift action of security forces underscores India's commitment to safeguarding its borders and maintaining stability in the region.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

## Whistleblower claims Dogecoin linked to major US labor breach

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16-Apr-25

A whistleblower group has alleged that the cryptocurrency Dogecoin may be connected to a major cybersecurity breach at a prominent U.S. labor watchdog agency. According to the source, the breach—which has raised concerns about digital asset security—could have been facilitated by vulnerabilities linked to Dogecoin, although the precise mechanism remains unclear. This revelation intensifies scrutiny over the cybersecurity framework of cryptocurrencies at a time when digital assets are rapidly gaining

mainstream acceptance. Industry experts warn that such incidents underscore the pressing need for enhanced security protocols and constant vigilance within both financial and digital asset sectors, to better protect sensitive systems from future cyber threats.

## SecuFest 2025: Shaping India's Cybersecurity Culture and Strategy

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16-Apr-25

ETCISO SecuFest 2025 gathered over 120 cybersecurity leaders, including 22+ CISOs, to address the evolving landscape of cyber threats and the necessity for national cyber defense. Lt. Gen M U Nair highlighted cybersecurity as a national mandate, emphasizing public-private collaboration and homegrown innovation. Key discussions underscored the strategic evolution of security roles, shifting from compliance to cultural adaptation, with a focus on AI, Zero Trust, and organizational resilience. The event fostered a community spirit, promoting a human-centered approach to cybersecurity that balances technical maturity with cultural awareness, marking a significant moment in India's digital defense strategy.

## Funding Cut Threatens Critical Cybersecurity CVE Program

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16-Apr-25

The MITRE Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) program, vital for global cybersecurity, faces potential disruption due to an impending expiration of its funding contract with the US Department of Homeland Security on April 16. This program has been essential for identifying and tracking software vulnerabilities, and experts warn that its shutdown could result in significant gaps in vulnerability tracking and coordination worldwide. The situation underscores the need for reliable government support in cybersecurity, highlighting concerns over reliance on private entities for critical security functions. Urgent calls from cybersecurity professionals advocate for funding to sustain this pivotal program and safeguard national and global security infrastructures.

## Whistleblower claims DOGE team linked to major NLRB cyber breach

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16-Apr-25

A whistleblower complaint has emerged alleging that Elon Musk's U.S. DOGE Service team may have caused a significant cybersecurity breach at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), compromising sensitive case files. IT staffer Daniel Berulis claims that access logs

were tampered with, and approximately 10 gigabytes of data, including proprietary business information, were removed. He noted attempted logins from a Russian IP address after the breach. Berulis also reported intimidation attempts to prevent his whistleblowing, highlighting a pervasive fear of reprisals within the agency. NLRB representatives disputed the claims, stating no breach occurred. The situation raises serious concerns about cybersecurity and the protection of sensitive government data.

soldiers and demonstrate the efficient coordination between military and local security forces in ensuring safety during civil unrest.

## Noida teen found after fleeing for army dream amid family opposition SHARE

16-Apr-25

A 16-year-old student from Noida who went missing after leaving for coaching classes was found at New Delhi Railway Station. He ran away due to his parents' opposition to his aspiration to join the Indian Army. The police acted swiftly, using CCTV footage and community outreach to locate him, and he has since been reunited with his family. This incident highlights the growing interest among youth in military careers, showcasing a positive inclination towards serving the nation, despite familial concerns. The case underscores the importance of dialogue between aspiring recruits and their families regarding career choices in defense services.

## Miscellaneous

## India Develops Indigenous GaN Microwave Transistors for Defense SHARE

16-Apr-25

Researchers at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) in India have successfully developed indigenous gallium nitride (GaN) microwave transistors on a silicon platform, marking a significant advancement in technology crucial for radars and electronic warfare. This achievement eliminates reliance on expensive silicon carbide (SiC) platforms and overcomes challenges related to material purity by creating devices without intentional carbon or iron impurities. The transistors have demonstrated a power output of 8W at a frequency of 10 GHz, underscoring India's growing capabilities in strategic defense technology and the potential for economical production, which is essential for enhancing national security and reducing import dependency.

## Case Filed Against Gurpatwant Pannun and 4 Others for Khalistani Posters in Nakodar SHARE

16-Apr-25

Police have registered a case against five agents, including Gurpatwant Pannun, for inciting pro-Khalistani sentiments in Nakodar, with arrests made of three operatives involved in distributing anti-India posters and

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

## Five Armed Forces Personnel Honored with MacGregor Medal for Reconnaissance Excellence SHARE

16-Apr-25

On April 16, 2025, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan awarded the MacGregor Memorial Medal to five personnel from the Indian Armed Forces for their exceptional contributions to military reconnaissance and adventure activities, including Wing Commander D Panda and EA (R) Rahul Kumar Pandey. During the ceremony, Gen Chauhan urged the United Service Institution of India to recognize the historical contributions of Indian 'pundits' who conducted strategic reconnaissance in the 19th century under British rule. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging these unsung heroes in the context of India's military history. The event also featured the launch of the inspirational book "Bravest of the Brave," chronicling the life of Naib Subedar Chunni Lal, a testament to the courage and sacrifice of Indian soldiers. This recognition serves to inspire current and future generations to uphold the values of bravery and perseverance in service to the nation.

## Army Launches Helpline and QRT for Soldiers After Murshidabad Riots SHARE

16-Apr-25

The Indian Army has swiftly responded to a distress call from a soldier in Murshidabad, West Bengal, amid local riots by dispatching a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) and establishing a dedicated helpline for soldiers. The Army's prompt action, in collaboration with Border Security Force personnel, ensured the soldier's house was protected from potential looting by protestors. This response highlights the Army's commitment to the welfare of its personnel and their families, reinforcing the importance of support systems in volatile situations. Such measures enhance the morale of



slogans. The individuals, who have connections in Canada and the UK, are accused of conspiring to promote enmity and wage war against the Indian government. Pannun, based in the US, is identified as the main conspirator, orchestrating activities through financial transactions with his associates. This incident underscores ongoing efforts by the Indian authorities to counter secessionist movements and maintain national integrity, reflecting the government's commitment to safeguarding peace and security in the region.

## Honoring Marshal Arjan Singh on His 106th Birth Anniversary [SHARE](#)

16-Apr-25

On April 15, 2025, tributes were paid to the legendary war hero, Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh, on his 106th birth anniversary, with a bust unveiled at a senior citizen home in Delhi. Singh, the only five-star officer in IAF history, was celebrated for his strategic brilliance during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, where he provided decisive air support. His legacy as a courageous leader, exemplified by his service from World War II through notable conflicts, continues to inspire generations. The event highlighted the importance of honoring such icons, with senior officials and veterans reflecting on Singh's enduring impact on India's military legacy and the ethos of the Air Force.

## In US, Students sue Defense Secretary over banned books on race and gender. [SHARE](#)

16-Apr-25

A group of students from schools operated by the US Department of Defense has filed a lawsuit against Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, challenging the ban on certain books related to race, gender identity, and health. They argue that this prohibition infringes upon their First Amendment rights, affecting over 60,000 students in military-run educational institutions. The ACLU supports the lawsuit, emphasizing that the removal of these materials limits students' access to essential knowledge. The controversy stems from policies initiated under former President Trump aimed at diminishing diversity initiatives, raising significant concerns about educational freedom and the implications of censorship in schools.

## India's Operation Brahma: Humanitarian Aid for Quake-Hit Myanmar [SHARE](#)

16-Apr-25

India continues to demonstrate its commitment to regional stability and humanitarian assistance through Operation Brahma, providing significant aid to

earthquake-hit Myanmar. The Indian Air Force has delivered prefabricated office and housing units, while a medical team treated over 2,500 patients during a 14-day operation. Prime Minister Modi's direct communication with Myanmar's leadership highlights India's role as a First Responder in times of crisis, reinforcing diplomatic ties and showcasing its readiness to offer further support. This proactive approach not only aids immediate recovery efforts but also strengthens India's position as a reliable partner in regional geopolitics.

## Women Naval Officers Make History as INSV Tarini Heads to Goa [SHARE](#)

16-Apr-25

Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini has set sail for the final leg of its expedition to Goa, marking a historic journey as two women naval officers, Lieutenant Commander Roopa A and Lieutenant Commander Dilna K, aim to circumnavigate the globe without external assistance. Having covered 17,500 nautical miles, they are set to complete 5,500 more by May. The expedition underscores India's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment while enhancing maritime cooperation with South Africa, highlighted by various diplomatic engagements during their port call in Cape Town. The officers' challenges in managing the vessel alone showcase their resilience and self-belief, reinforcing India's capabilities in indigenous boat building.

## India's Top 10 Employers: Armed Forces, Railways, Tata Group & More [SHARE](#)

16-Apr-25

India's workforce is significantly bolstered by its largest employers, notably the Indian Armed Forces, which employs 1.4 million individuals, followed by the Indian Railways and various paramilitary forces. These organizations not only provide stable employment but also contribute substantially to the nation's economic growth and development across diverse sectors, including defense, transportation, and IT. The prominence of government agencies highlights their critical role in shaping India's labor market and supporting millions of livelihoods. Overall, these employers showcase India's capacity for career development while reinforcing national security and infrastructure.

## UAE Deputy PM Abdullah Bin Zayed Discusses Harmony at BAPS Temple



16-Apr-25

UAE Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Bin Zayed met with the head of the Abu Dhabi BAPS Hindu Temple, emphasizing shared values of peace, coexistence, and harmony. The discussion highlighted the UAE's commitment to tolerance within its multicultural society, home to over 200 nationalities. Swami Brahmacharidass expressed gratitude to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed for his support and detailed plans for the temple's development. This meeting not only strengthened ties between the UAE and the Hindu community but also reinforced the nation's vision for sociocultural diversity and its role as a leader in fostering global harmony and understanding, showcasing the UAE's enduring commitment to peaceful coexistence.

## Omar Abdullah optimistic about restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.



16-Apr-25

Omar Abdullah, the Chief Minister, expressed optimism about the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, believing the time is ripe for such a move following recent developments, including a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He addressed criticisms regarding the Waqf Amendment Act, emphasizing procedural issues with the opposition's adjournment motion. Abdullah also inaugurated a bridge in Pulwama, lamenting the lengthy 11-year reconstruction period since its destruction in the 2014 floods. This infrastructure project is significant for connecting regions in South Kashmir, illustrating the ongoing efforts to improve connectivity and development in the area amidst political discussions.

## Human Error Blamed in Fatal Naval Speedboat Collision Near Mumbai



16-Apr-25

A naval speedboat tragically collided with the passenger ferry Neel Kamal off Mumbai on December 18, 2024, resulting in 15 fatalities. An investigation by Cochin Shipyard Limited ruled out mechanical failure, attributing the incident to human error, primarily operational negligence by the speedboat's crew. The Mumbai Police's findings indicate the crew did not

adhere to standard operating procedures, failing to maintain a safe distance from civilian vessels in a congested area. This incident underscores the critical need for stringent adherence to maritime safety protocols to prevent such tragedies in India's busy coastal zones, emphasizing the importance of operational accountability within the Indian Navy.

## Modi-Yunus talks ignite hope for stronger India-Bangladesh ties



16-Apr-25

Bangladesh's Adviser Supradip Chakma expressed optimism following a positive meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladeshi Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus at the BIMSTEC Summit, emphasizing the historical ties and future cooperation between the two nations. PM Modi reiterated India's commitment to a democratic and stable Bangladesh while raising concerns about the safety of minorities, specifically Hindus. Chakma highlighted the need for the majority community in Bangladesh to foster confidence among minorities, underlining the importance of engagement for mutual development. This meeting signifies a constructive approach to addressing shared concerns and enhancing bilateral relations, vital for regional stability and progress.

## Indian Navy Hosts Meghayan-25 Symposium on Marine Meteorology



16-Apr-25

The Indian Navy successfully hosted the 3rd edition of the Meghayan-25 Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium on April 14, 2025, to commemorate World Meteorological Organization Day. The event featured distinguished experts and high-ranking naval officers who discussed advancements in marine meteorology and oceanographic practices, emphasizing the theme "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together." A key highlight was the launch of the Meteorological and Oceanographic Satellite Data Archival Centre (MOSDAC-IN) to enhance meteorological services for naval operations. The symposium also marked the revival of the professional journal "Sagarmanthan," reflecting the Navy's commitment to continuous improvement in maritime safety and preparedness through enhanced coordination and strategic collaboration.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
MARINE	186.9	205.0	184.1	204.1	1221639	9.44	65.32	172.08	226.0
NIBE	1339.7	1339.7	1339.7	1339.7	306	5.0	68.39	1058.37	1625.61
MIDHANI	280.8	290.95	279.05	287.95	420662	3.04	56.1	276.78	359.56
MTARTECH	1400.0	1425.5	1386.3	1412.0	141175	2.99	58.22	1317.56	1648.92
PREMEXPLN	380.0	387.85	376.15	385.15	167427	2.72	57.13	358.24	499.69
MAZDOCK	2664.7	2744.0	2620.8	2731.9	5288471	2.65	61.98	2556.75	2296.4
DCXINDIA	240.3	245.9	237.7	244.13	547334	2.06	52.49	233.56	323.87
CFF	474.5	474.5	474.5	474.5	2200	2.0	57.13	444.34	636.83
TANEJAERO	276.05	281.5	276.05	281.5	5301	1.99	38.4	307.82	449.88
SIKA	661.0	670.0	660.0	667.95	24276	1.78	68.4	598.66	530.7
SOLARINDS	12000.0	12175.0	11934.0	12128.0	91692	1.53	75.16	10940.53	10394.36
GRSE	1715.0	1753.6	1688.1	1721.5	2071724	1.35	62.67	1637.28	1728.24
HIGHENE	472.55	480.0	462.15	474.25	9696	1.28	46.27	485.31	628.92
KRISHNADEF	794.25	825.0	786.25	803.45	52750	1.28	66.28	678.5	705.91
ZENTEC	1495.9	1531.5	1491.1	1513.9	333776	1.21	61.27	1417.39	1705.97
AVANTEL	125.25	127.0	123.4	125.59	1134842	1.01	60.63	115.15	-
BEML	3094.0	3188.9	3073.5	3116.5	499155	1.01	58.26	2921.92	3756.34
PARAS	1038.05	1060.6	1024.5	1042.95	179853	0.86	60.77	974.34	1094.62
APOLLO	119.9	122.0	118.22	118.71	6647217	0.72	51.17	118.73	110.46
DATAPATNS	1879.0	1910.0	1855.7	1890.7	1093121	0.64	65.58	1708.23	2388.09
AZAD	1463.2	1479.4	1437.8	1471.8	172157	0.59	59.41	1362.65	1556.03
IDEAFORGE	367.75	368.95	361.1	365.8	184140	0.4	50.85	357.23	592.47
COCHINSHIP	1443.0	1476.0	1431.0	1446.7	990326	0.28	57.02	1411.71	1707.33
PTC	176.55	177.38	175.16	176.48	705969	0.17	67.26	164.15	179.0
HAL	4215.0	4242.0	4171.3	4209.2	1487536	0.07	63.23	4034.97	4317.3
BEL	293.5	295.35	291.3	293.6	12479078	-0.03	57.25	289.98	289.91
LMW	15690.0	15730.0	15450.0	15587.0	5485	-0.05	53.24	15535.76	15943.01
ADANIENT	2400.0	2428.0	2382.9	2415.6	889949	-0.11	58.7	2330.17	2689.65
ASTRAMICRO	750.0	763.9	741.05	746.95	774822	-0.29	65.82	686.83	789.38
BDL	1411.0	1443.0	1393.3	1399.3	2042046	-0.4	65.68	1285.76	1232.9
HBLPOWER	518.0	522.75	512.1	515.1	895602	-0.73	57.35	481.55	570.83
LT	3270.0	3276.8	3224.1	3227.7	1578260	-0.92	46.68	3317.14	3537.33
BHARATFORG	1075.7	1078.5	1050.0	1055.1	1152520	-1.68	46.41	1102.68	1369.91
ROSSELLIND	85.91	87.1	82.47	82.74	133161	-1.96	71.3	64.76	228.07
LOKESHMACH	0.0	162.36	161.7	162.36	6841	-2.57	43.54	152.66	339.29