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## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
PARAS	1799.5	1514.5	+18.82%
PREMEXPLN	493.5	433.2	+13.92%
COCHINSHIP	2035.6	1812.1	+12.33%
MAZDOCK	3522.4	3182.4	+10.68%
GRSE	2481.7	2258.8	+9.87%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
HBLPOWER	568.75	577.2	-1.46%
MARINE	207.28	208.93	-0.79%
PTC	185.99	187.09	-0.59%
LT	3604.7	3618.2	-0.37%
LMW	17434.0	17448.0	-0.08%

## Defense Business and Industry

### Indian Drones Ranked Among the Best: Army Veteran at Summit



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Indian drones have gained recognition as battle-tested and among the world's best, according to Lt Gen (Retd) Inderjeet Singh at the Powering Bharat Summit. Highlighting their superior performance over Pakistani drones in recent conflicts, he emphasized India's advancements in unmanned aerial systems (UAS), supported by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) focus on indigenous development. This aligns with the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives, reducing reliance on foreign technology and enhancing military readiness. As warfare increasingly shifts towards technology-driven engagements, the effectiveness of drones marks a critical evolution in India's military strategy.

### Defence Stocks Surge 40% Post Operation Sindoor: Buy for Growth?



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Defence stocks in India have surged by up to 40% following Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror camps in Pakistan, highlighting the effectiveness of indigenous defence capabilities. Analysts anticipate sustained demand for Indian defence equipment, potentially boosting international orders and leading to increased defence budgets due to ongoing security challenges. Despite high valuations, stocks like HAL are seen as promising, especially with a robust order book and alignment with India's push for self-reliance in defence manufacturing. The sector is poised for multi-

year growth, driven by the Make in India initiative and rising domestic procurement. Investors are advised to focus on fundamentally strong companies amid near-term volatility.

### India Set to Achieve Fighter Jet Self-Reliance Soon, Says Expert



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India is poised to achieve self-reliance in fighter jet manufacturing within a few years, according to Kota Harinarayana, former chief designer of the LCA Tejas. He highlighted the development of a robust manufacturing ecosystem and indicated that India will soon produce a diverse range of fighter jets for the Indian Air Force, with potential for export to allied nations. Harinarayana emphasized the significance of the indigenous Tejas aircraft and praised India's defense capabilities demonstrated through successful operations against Pakistan. Additionally, he lauded the successful trial of the indigenous counter-drone system, 'Bhargavastra', showcasing India's growing defense technology prowess.

### Turkey to Acquire \$225M AMRAAM Missiles from U.S.: Implications



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The U.S. has approved a \$225 million sale of AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM missiles to Turkey, enhancing its air defense capabilities amid ongoing tensions with Washington over Turkey's acquisition of the Russian S-400 system. This deal, which includes other logistical support, signals a potential thaw in U.S.-Turkey relations, despite longstanding political disputes. It reinforces Turkey's strategic military posture while addressing security needs within NATO. The move could also indicate a willingness from both nations to compartmentalize defense cooperation from broader

political disagreements, crucial for stabilizing key regional alliances amidst rising security challenges.

## India's Aerospace Launches AI-Driven Defence Drones for Warfare SHARE

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India is advancing in AI warfare with Aerospace Industries unveiling its next-generation smart UAV ecosystem under the aerShield initiative, developed in collaboration with several partners. This initiative emphasizes the importance of AI-driven, modular drone systems capable of autonomous operation for enhanced border surveillance and tactical strikes. The aerOS platform underpins the drones' capabilities, enabling real-time navigation and precision targeting. Aerospace aims to position India as a leader in indigenous drone warfare technology, showcasing innovative homegrown solutions that redefine combat strategies and enhance national security. This development reflects India's commitment to leveraging advanced technology for robust defense capabilities against evolving threats.

## India Enhances Air Defense with S-400 Deliveries by 2026 SHARE

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India's air defense capabilities are set to strengthen significantly with the upcoming deliveries of the S-400 Triumf systems, expected by Q4 2025 and August 2026. This development is part of a \$5.43 billion deal with Russia, aimed at countering aerial threats from Pakistan and China. The S-400's advanced capabilities, including engaging targets at ranges up to 400 km, have already proven effective in operations like Operation Sindoor, which neutralized threats from Pakistani drones and missiles. The successful integration of these systems within India's air defense framework highlights their strategic importance and potential for future procurement, ensuring comprehensive coverage against evolving regional threats.

## Drones and Cyberspace Redefine Modern Warfare, Says Ex-DGMO SHARE

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Retired Lt. Gen. Anil Kumar Bhatt emphasized the transformative role of drones, cyberspace, and space in modern warfare, marking a new paradigm in military conflicts during a recent interview. He highlighted Operation Sindoor as a critical illustration of this shift, while addressing the misguided sentiments among some social media users who criticized the swift resolution of the conflict, suggesting it was an

opportunity to reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Bhatt asserted that war should be a last resort, as India has already achieved its strategic objectives. This perspective underscores the importance of strategic restraint and the evolving nature of warfare, positioning India effectively in future defense scenarios.

## Trump Proposes F-55: A Bold Move for U.S. Air Superiority? SHARE

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Former President Donald Trump has proposed a twin-engine variant of the F-35, dubbed the F-55, emphasizing its potential reliability and advanced capabilities amid rising global threats. Though no official program exists, speculation suggests it might enhance U.S. air dominance alongside existing platforms, like the F-15EX. Critics highlight the technical and budgetary challenges of developing a new variant, especially as the F-35's upgrades are already taxing resources. Trump's remarks could reflect a genuine interest in reshaping U.S. military strategy or serve as political rhetoric, but the feasibility of such an aircraft remains uncertain, requiring significant investment and collaboration among defense stakeholders.

## CSIR-NAL's HAP UAV Reaches 24,000 ft, Showcasing Indian Innovation SHARE

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India's National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) achieved a milestone by successfully flying its subscale High-Altitude Platform (HAP) UAV to 24,000 feet, reinforcing its capabilities in surveillance, telecommunications, and disaster response. This prototype is part of a broader initiative to develop an advanced high-altitude pseudo-satellite system, with potential applications in enhancing border security and providing connectivity in remote areas. The HAP, powered by solar energy, positions India competitively against Western and Chinese technologies, aligning with the Make in India initiative. The collaboration with the Indian Navy and private startups reflects a strong commitment to indigenous innovation in the aerospace sector, potentially transforming India into a global aerospace player.

## IAF Considers Japan's C-2 to Replace Aging IL-76 Fleet by 2030 SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is actively considering Japan's Kawasaki C-2 military transport aircraft as it seeks to modernise its aging fleet, particularly the Soviet-era IL-76s set for retirement by 2030. This

initiative aligns with the IAF's broader strategy to enhance its transport capabilities, potentially replacing both the IL-76 and An-32 aircraft with more efficient options like the C-295M and C-2. The C-2 offers comparable payload capacity, advanced avionics, and fuel efficiency, making it a financially savvy choice amidst rising maintenance challenges for older models. Japan's willingness to export the C-2 reflects its evolving defense policy, enhancing India's strategic partnerships and diversifying its defense procurement.

## Rafale Weapon Integration Faces Hurdles Over Source Code Access



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India's efforts to integrate indigenous weapons onto its Rafale fighter jets face significant challenges due to Dassault Aviation's reluctance to share critical source code necessary for seamless integration. This access is vital for the Indian Air Force and Navy to customize the Rafale for regional threats, particularly from China and Pakistan, while promoting the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative. The standoff reflects the tension between India's strategic autonomy and Dassault's commercial interests, as the successful integration of Indian armaments could shift preferences away from French systems. Negotiating limited access to the source code or developing alternative technical solutions may be crucial for advancing India's defense modernization.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### Pakistan's Dependency on Foreign Sponsors and India's Strategic Gains



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Military aviation analyst Tom Cooper has highlighted Pakistan's precarious financial position, stating it has been reliant on foreign sponsors for decades, notably Turkey and China, to sustain its military capabilities, including drone purchases. Cooper raised concerns about Pakistan's nuclear security, suggesting that recent Indian operations, such as Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror sites following a deadly attack in Jammu and Kashmir, have underscored vulnerabilities in Pakistan's nuclear command and safety protocols. He noted that India possesses a comprehensive understanding of Pakistan's military infrastructure, enhancing its operational freedom.

## Rajnath Singh warns Pakistan: mend your ways or face consequences



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's recent visits to Indian Air Force bases in Gujarat and Srinagar underscored India's strategic resolve in dealing with threats from Pakistan, particularly post-Operation Sindoor, a military response to a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians. Singh warned Pakistan, stating it is on "probation" and will face serious consequences if it continues its terror tactics, emphasizing India's transition from a weapon-importing nation to an exporter of military technology. He lauded the armed forces for their decisive actions during Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and resulted in significant casualties among terror groups. Singh's remarks also highlighted Pakistan's deteriorating economic condition, contrasting it with India's robust position as an IMF contributor, while expressing concerns about the safety of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal and suggesting international oversight. His visits were strategically aligned to boost troop morale, demonstrate India's military preparedness, and reaffirm the country's commitment to counter-terrorism and national sovereignty, making it clear that any dialogue with Pakistan must center solely on terrorism and the issue of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Overall, Singh's statements reflect a new doctrinal clarity in India's approach to cross-border terrorism, showcasing a strong resolve to protect national interests and deter adversarial actions.

### Jaishankar: Kashmir Talks Limited to Vacating PoK from Pakistan



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has firmly reiterated India's stance on the Kashmir issue, emphasizing that discussions with Pakistan should focus solely on the vacating of Indian territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). He highlighted that India's relationship with Pakistan will remain strictly bilateral and centered on counter-terrorism, dismissing any notion of third-party mediation. Jaishankar also announced that the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), which governs water-sharing between the two nations, will remain suspended until Pakistan credibly ends its support for cross-border terrorism, marking a significant escalation in India's approach. This suspension, the first in the treaty's history, follows a broader set of punitive measures by India in response to Pakistan's sustained terror activities. While Pakistan

has appealed to reconsider this decision due to the heavy reliance on shared water resources, Indian officials have firmly stated that "water and blood cannot flow together," underscoring that no dialogue can take place while terrorism persists. The Indian government remains resolute that the only topics on the table are terrorism and the return of illegally occupied territories in PoK, which reflects a strategic shift towards a more assertive defense policy in the face of persistent threats from Pakistan.

## India Cancels Celebi's Security Clearance Over Turkey's Pakistan Support SHARE

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India has revoked the security clearance for Celebi Airport Services, a Turkish firm, due to concerns over Turkey's support for Pakistan amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan. The Indian civil aviation ministry's decision followed public calls for action against the company after Turkey and Azerbaijan expressed backing for Islamabad during recent conflicts. This move reflects India's commitment to national security, with significant implications for its diplomatic relations, as evidenced by the suspension of academic agreements with Turkish institutions. Additionally, Indian firms are reassessing partnerships with entities perceived as linked to adversarial nations, reinforcing India's strategic posture in the region.

## Clash with India Boosts Pakistan Military's Public Image SHARE

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In a recent analysis, Pakistan's military has experienced a surge in popularity following a significant clash with India, which the Pakistani government claims as a victory. This skirmish, the most extensive in over half a century, has allowed Pakistan to project a narrative of resilience, despite suffering undeniable setbacks. While the military is seen as the backbone of the state, the situation reflects a fragile national morale amid ongoing political and economic crises. Analysts suggest that the perceived military success may temporarily distract from these issues, yet questions remain about the long-term stability and effectiveness of Pakistan's armed forces in facing a more powerful neighbor like India.

## US Expert: BrahMos Missiles Outperform Chinese, Pak Defenses SHARE

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A retired US warfare expert, Colonel John Spencer, praised India's Operation Sindoor, asserting that it

showcased India's offensive and defensive military superiority, particularly through the effective use of BrahMos missiles that could penetrate Chinese and Pakistani air defenses. The operation, in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, inflicted significant costs on the Pakistani military while demonstrating India's capability to retaliate against terrorism without escalating conflicts. Spencer emphasized the importance of holding Pakistan accountable for its support of terror and endorsed India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty as a strategic move to counter terrorism. This comprehensive approach is seen as a model for other nations battling similar threats.

## NATO to target 5% defense spending by June 2025 summit SHARE

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U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that NATO members are set to agree on a goal of achieving 5% of GDP in defense spending by the 2025 NATO Summit in June. This comes as a response to previous criticisms regarding U.S. contributions to NATO, with many members already aiming to exceed the 2% target. Notably, Germany has stated it will meet this target by 2024, reflecting a shift towards increased defense commitments within Europe. This move highlights NATO's evolving strategy to bolster collective defense, positioning the alliance to better respond to contemporary security challenges, aligning with the global trend of enhanced military readiness.

## Trump: US and Iran Nearing Nuclear Deal Amid Gulf Talks SHARE

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US President Donald Trump announced that the US is nearing a nuclear deal with Iran, citing "serious negotiations" for long-term peace during his Gulf tour, with Tehran allegedly agreeing to terms. While both sides prefer a diplomatic solution, significant differences persist, as Iran's leadership accuses the US of causing regional instability. Trump commended Qatar's Emir for mediating between the two nations, suggesting Iran should be grateful for his efforts to avert military action. The evolving dynamics highlight the delicate balance of power in the Middle East, with implications for regional security and India's defense interests amid a shifting geopolitical landscape.



## Pakistan's PM Calls for Peace Talks with India Amid Tensions

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Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed a willingness to engage in dialogue with India to foster peace, specifically referencing the Kashmir issue as a key condition. His comments follow a series of military confrontations between the two nations, particularly after India's Operation Sindoor, aimed at retaliating against a terror attack. Despite Sharif's overture for talks, India's stance remains firm regarding Jammu and Kashmir as integral parts of the nation. This situation underscores the continuing complexities of Indo-Pak relations, with military readiness on both sides indicating that any dialogue will require careful navigation amidst ongoing tensions.

## U.S. Media Bias Risks Billions in Indian Arms Deals for Defense Firms

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Recent U.S. media alignment with Pakistani narratives during escalating India-Pakistan tensions threatens billions in future arms deals for U.S. defense giants like Boeing and Lockheed Martin. India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) is reportedly furious over this perceived bias, which could stall crucial procurement, including the F-35A and CH-47 Chinook. With India pivoting towards indigenous defense production and away from reliance on U.S. technology due to concerns over reliability and transparency, the implications for U.S. firms are significant, as India may explore alternatives from Europe or Israel to fulfill its military modernization needs. This situation reflects a broader trend in India's defense strategy favoring self-reliance and local manufacturing initiatives.

## Pakistani National Denied Entry to India Amid Rising Tensions

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A Pakistani national aboard the cargo vessel MT R Ocean was denied entry into India at Karnataka's Karwar Port due to heightened tensions following terrorist attacks. Indian authorities, acting on police directives, prevented the disembarkation of the Pakistani and Syrian crew members, seizing their mobile phones. This action reflects India's stringent measures post-Pahalgam, where 26 lives were lost, prompting Operation Sindoor targeting terrorist sites in Pakistan.

## Russia: West Tries to Drive a Wedge Between India and China

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov stated that the West is attempting to create tensions between India and China, particularly through its policies in the Indo-Pacific region. He criticized the QUAD grouping aimed at containing China and highlighted efforts to undermine ASEAN's role in ensuring regional stability. Lavrov called for a collective security arrangement in Eurasia, emphasizing the need for a unifying structure that represents the interests of major powers. This perspective underscores the importance of maintaining regional cooperation and dialogue, suggesting that external influences should not compromise the long-standing partnerships within Asia, especially between India and its neighbors.

## Indian Netizens Call for Ban on Turkish Airlines Over Support for Pakistan

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Indian netizens are vocally demanding a ban on Turkish Airlines due to Turkey's support for Pakistan in recent conflicts, particularly following Operation Sindoor, which was a response to a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir. Turkish drones allegedly supplied to Pakistan have been used in attacks against India, intensifying public outrage. This backlash reflects broader concerns over India's ties with a nation that openly backs its adversary, revealing a perceived betrayal of goodwill. Critics point out Turkey's double standards in defense exports, highlighting the erosion of trust after previously cooperative initiatives. The situation underscores the intertwining of geopolitics and public sentiment in shaping India's defense narrative.

### Military Operations

## India Boosts Defense Budget to Enhance Military Readiness Post Operation Sindoor

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India's military preparedness is set to receive a significant boost, with a proposed Rs 50,000 crore increase in the defense budget following the successful Operation Sindoor, which was executed in response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam. This operation showcased India's growing military capabilities, as the Indian Air Force effectively targeted terror camps in

Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir using advanced indigenous systems like the Akash missile and the newly tested Bhargavastra counter-drone weapon, demonstrating India's technological prowess. The additional funds, expected to be allocated through a supplementary budget, will enhance research and development, as well as procurement of advanced weaponry, echoing the government's commitment to self-reliance in defense production. The Modi government's emphasis on boosting indigenous manufacturing and reducing dependence on foreign equipment is reflected in the record Rs 1.27 lakh crore in domestic defense production achieved in FY 2023-24 and ambitious targets for defense exports. Ultimately, the planned budget increase not only underscores India's strategic priority toward military modernization amid regional security challenges but also reinforces its resolve to maintain national security through enhanced military readiness and technological advancements.

## Army Chief Commends Dagger Division's Strong Response to Cross-LoC Attacks



16-May-25

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi visited the Dagger Division under Chinara Corps to commend troops for their valor and vigilance in response to unprovoked cross-LoC shelling by Pakistan, which targeted civilian areas and led to infrastructure damage. During Operation Sindoor, the Indian Army effectively neutralized threats and destroyed terror launch pads in Pakistan-administered Kashmir. General Dwivedi emphasized the need for continued readiness and decisive force while assuring local civilians of the Army's commitment to their safety. The operation has reportedly created panic among terrorist handlers across the border, reaffirming India's stance on retaliating against aggression while maintaining the ceasefire agreement.

## India's advanced air defense systems halts 600+ Pakistani drones.



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India's Operation Sindoor effectively neutralized over 100 terrorists and halted more than 600 Pakistani drones amid heightened tensions following a terrorist attack on tourists. The Indian Armed Forces leveraged advanced air defense systems and a Joint Air Defence Centre to counteract a drone assault from Pakistan while also utilizing deception tactics to reveal and target critical military assets, damaging 11 Pakistani airbases, including an AWACS system. This decisive

response underscores India's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism and strategic readiness, prompting Pakistan to seek a ceasefire. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's remarks suggest that India remains prepared to escalate its military actions if provoked further, solidifying its stance in regional geopolitics.

## India's Akashteer Triumphs as Pakistan's HQ-9 and HQ-16 Falter



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India's indigenous Akashteer Air Defence system successfully intercepted and neutralized all incoming missiles and drones launched by Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, highlighting its effectiveness compared to Pakistan's imported HQ-9 and HQ-16 systems, which failed to defend against Indian strikes. The Akashteer's automated and AI-driven capabilities allowed it to provide real-time situational awareness and coordinated defense operations across airspace. This showcases India's advancements in air defense technology, underscoring its commitment to self-reliance and strategic superiority in the region. The success of Akashteer reinforces India's position as a leader in modern warfare, particularly in intelligent and automated defense systems, crucial for safeguarding national security.

## Operation Sindoor: A Milestone for India's Defense Self-Reliance



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Operation Sindoor has emerged as a pivotal moment for India's defense landscape, showcasing the efficacy of indigenous military technologies against threats from Pakistan and its allies. During the operation, Indian forces effectively utilized advanced systems like the BrahMos missile, Akash air defense system, and the D4 Anti-Drone System, marking a significant achievement in India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The operation not only highlighted the operational readiness of the Indian Armed Forces but also catalyzed a surge in domestic defense manufacturing, with leading firms witnessing a dramatic rise in market capitalization. With 92% of recent defense contracts awarded to domestic suppliers, the indigenous defense industry is rapidly transforming into a self-reliant ecosystem, crucial for India's strategic autonomy. The successful use of home-grown technologies has propelled India forward, reducing reliance on foreign arms and positioning it as a credible global defense exporter, exemplified by record defense exports projected for 2024-25. This shift underscores a larger narrative of India moving beyond mere arms procurement to

becoming a significant player in defense production, further strengthening its national security and geopolitical standing.

## 15 BrahMos Missiles Decimate Pakistan's Air Defenses



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In a historic military operation dubbed Operation Sindoor, the Indian Air Force executed a successful retaliatory strike against Pakistan, utilizing 15 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to target 12 key Pakistani airbases, significantly crippling Pakistan's air operational capabilities. The strikes, which resulted in extensive damage to critical infrastructure, including the strategic Bholari airbase, showcased India's advanced military technology and tactical proficiency. Pakistan's air defenses were overwhelmed, forcing them to seek a pause in hostilities, highlighting the effectiveness of India's integrated defense strategy and the successful deployment of BrahMos missiles, which underscore India's strategic deterrence capabilities in the region.

## Uttarakhand Cabinet lauds Indian Army for Operation Sindoor success



16-May-25

The Uttarakhand Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, unanimously passed a resolution appreciating the Indian Army for its success in Operation Sindoor, highlighting the operation as a testament to the Army's courage, strategic skills, and India's sovereignty. The resolution commends Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Defence for their leadership and foresight, asserting that this historic operation will inspire future generations and be regarded as a significant chapter in Indian military history. The pride of Uttarakhand, known for its soldiers, resonates throughout the nation, reinforcing the strength and excellence of the Indian defense forces.

## Jaipur Rally Celebrates Operation Sindoor and National Unity



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A recent Tiranga Rally in Jaipur saw BJP workers and locals come together to celebrate the Indian armed forces' Operation Sindoor against terrorism. This event highlights the widespread national support for the Indian military's efforts to combat terrorism, reflecting a strong sense of patriotism among citizens. The gathering also served as a platform for over 125 trade leaders from across the country to discuss strategies for national security and defense, emphasizing the

critical role of the defense industry in strengthening India's security framework. This unity between civilians and military showcases India's collective resolve to confront threats and enhance national defense capabilities.

## General Linked to SAS War Crimes Becomes New Navy Chief



16-May-25

General Sir Gwyn Jenkins, previously associated with alleged war crimes in Afghanistan, has been appointed as the new head of the Royal Navy, succeeding Adm Sir Ben Key. Jenkins faced scrutiny for overseeing the rejection of resettlement claims from Afghan troops and was warned about SAS conduct in 2011 but claims he escalated concerns. Despite being viewed as a proven leader by Defence Secretary John Healey, critics highlight alarming allegations and demand transparency regarding the past actions of UK special forces. Jenkins emphasized the need for the navy to prepare as a war-fighting force, reflecting a critical shift in focus amid ongoing inquiries into military conduct.

## Gen Katiyar Commends Troops' Valor in Operation Sindoor



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Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar, Army Commander of the Western Command, praised the bravery and high morale of troops during his visit to Jammu and Samba, specifically acknowledging their efforts during #OperationSindoor. He emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant and mission-ready while also honoring the sacrifice of Subedar Major Pawan Kumar, who lost his life in the operation. The commendation reflects the Indian Army's commitment to maintaining security and operational readiness in challenging environments, reinforcing its strategic posture in the region. This proactive stance not only boosts troop morale but also serves as a deterrent to adversaries, showcasing India's determination to protect its sovereignty.

## Rajnath Singh: 'Operation Sindoor' Continues Against Terrorism



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Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh confirmed that "Operation Sindoor" is ongoing following successful anti-terror operations conducted by the Indian Army in the Kelar and Tral areas. Major General Dhananjay Joshi reported the neutralization of six terrorists, including Shahid Kutte, linked to significant attacks, underscoring the Army's commitment to counter-terrorism and

civilian protection. The operations demonstrate India's proactive stance in combating terrorism while prioritizing civilian safety. This strategic approach not only addresses immediate threats but also reinforces India's determination to maintain security and stability in the region, reflecting a robust defense posture in the face of persistent challenges.

## PIB Debunks Viral Claim of 52 Indian Soldiers Killed by Pakistan

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A viral video falsely claims that 52 Indian soldiers were killed by Pakistan in shelling, suggesting a staged scenario. The Indian government's fact-checking unit, PIB, has debunked these claims, highlighting inconsistencies in the video, such as outdated uniforms and a lack of visible damage in the purported aftermath of an attack. The Indian Army has confirmed the loss of only five soldiers. This incident underscores the ongoing misinformation campaigns aimed at creating panic and undermining the credibility of the Indian defense establishment amidst heightened tensions following recent conflicts in Kashmir.

## Ukrainian Pilot Ejects from F-16 in Unusual Incident

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Ukraine's air force reported the loss of an F-16 fighter jet after an incident that led the pilot to safely eject. The situation was characterized as unusual, and preliminary assessments suggest it was not due to Russian fire. This incident marks the second crash of an F-16 since Ukraine began receiving these aircraft from U.S. allies last year, highlighting ongoing operational challenges amid the conflict. The Ukrainian air force has initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash, underscoring the complexities of integrating advanced Western military equipment into their operations while facing persistent threats.

## Russia claims two settlements captured in Ukraine amid ongoing battles.

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Russia claims to have captured two settlements in eastern Ukraine, while Ukraine contests these assertions, stating intense fighting continues over a vast 1,100 km front. Direct talks between the two nations are anticipated in Turkey, though hopes for a breakthrough remain low, especially as President Putin has not responded to Ukraine's calls for a meeting. Ukraine's military leader highlights ongoing active combat and suggests Russia's strategy has devolved

into a war of attrition, with significant troop deployments. This situation underscores the complexities of achieving peace and stability in the region amidst persistent conflict.

## Turkey's Military Support to Pakistan in Attacks on India Uncovered

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Recent reports have unveiled significant Turkish military involvement in Pakistan's aggression against India during the May 2025 conflict, particularly in Operation Sindoor, where over 350 Turkish drones were used alongside military operatives. The two Turkish operatives killed during the operation underline the depth of this collaboration, which included real-time coordination of drone strikes targeting Indian positions. This strategic partnership, marked by hardware transfers and joint training, raises alarms in India, prompting both domestic backlash against Turkey and robust countermeasures by Indian forces, who successfully intercepted many drones. The situation significantly alters regional security dynamics, necessitating vigilant responses from India to safeguard its sovereignty.

## Did General Munir Seek Shelter After India's Precision Strikes?

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Following India's precision air strikes targeting critical Pakistani military installations, including the Nur Khan Airbase, reports indicate that General Asim Munir sought refuge in a fortified bunker, reflecting a significant psychological impact on Pakistan's military leadership. This response demonstrates India's effective deep-penetration strike capability, causing structural damage and exposing vulnerabilities within Pakistan's top brass. Munir's precautionary relocation to a secure bunker for hours, followed by a move to a safe house, highlights concerns about future Indian strikes and a potential shift in the operational base of Pakistan's army chief. Such actions from Pakistan indicate a state of alarm within their military command, emphasizing India's growing deterrent capability.

## Indian UAVs Outshine as Pakistani Drones Go Missing in Action

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In the recent India-Pakistan conflict from May 11 to May 14, 2025, Pakistani Baykar UCAVs, including the TB2 and Akinci, were notably absent from frontline operations, challenging claims of Pakistan's aerial superiority. In contrast, Indian UAVs, such as the Heron



TP, showcased their effectiveness by providing real-time intelligence for IAF airstrikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The absence of Pakistani UCAVs is attributed to India's advanced air defense systems and electronic warfare capabilities, which deterred their deployment. This situation underscores India's growing dominance in aerial operations and highlights the vulnerabilities facing Pakistan's drone fleet amidst evolving military dynamics.

## **IAF's Operation Sindoor: Deceptive UAVs Target Pakistani Air Defenses**



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully executed Operation Sindoor, employing pilotless target aircraft to mimic the radar signatures of fighter jets, deceiving Pakistan's air defenses and revealing critical positions. This innovative tactic involved UAVs, notably the indigenous Lakshya and the Banshee Jet 40+, which diverted Pakistan's air assets and triggered the activation of air defense systems, leading to their destruction by Israeli-made loitering munitions. This operation exemplifies the IAF's advanced strategies in modern warfare, showcasing effective deception and precision strikes that crippled Pakistan's air capability, paving the way for significant missile attacks while demonstrating India's growing defense prowess and strategic innovation.

## **IAF Strikes Bholari Airbase, Destroys AWACS, Inflicts Heavy Losses**



16-May-25

Retired PAF Air Marshal Masood Akhtar has confirmed that the Indian Air Force (IAF) executed a precision strike on Bholari Air Base on May 10, 2025, using four BrahMos missiles, resulting in the destruction of a Saab 2000 Erieye AWACS and significant PAF casualties, including at least five deaths. This operation, dubbed "Operation Sindoor," aimed to degrade Pakistan's military capabilities in response to its alleged support for terrorism. The loss of the AWACS is a severe blow to Pakistan's air defense, highlighting critical tactical errors, such as the failure to secure high-value assets during heightened conflict, ultimately impacting Pakistan's situational awareness and military readiness.

## **French Expert Confirms No Rafale Shootdown in Kashmir**



16-May-25

On May 7, 2025, following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan claimed to have shot down multiple Indian aircraft, including Rafale jets, which was swiftly debunked by

experts and India's Press Information Bureau. A French aerospace expert clarified that alleged debris was a Mirage 2000 fuel tank, not evidence of a downed aircraft. Pakistan failed to provide verifiable evidence, and analysts highlighted the advanced capabilities of the Rafale, making such claims implausible. This incident reflects a broader narrative, where Western media may be driven by motives to question India's defense capabilities, emphasizing the need for a robust information strategy in response to disinformation campaigns.

## **India's D4 Anti-Drone System Shines in Pakistan Conflict, Gains Global Interest**



16-May-25

India's indigenous Drone Detect, Deter, and Destroy system (D4S) has gained significant recognition for its effectiveness in neutralizing Turkish-supplied drones during the recent India-Pakistan conflict. Developed by DRDO and manufactured by BEL, the D4S employs advanced techniques for both soft and hard kill of aerial threats, demonstrating its operational versatility and combat readiness across the Indian Armed Forces. The system's success has sparked international interest, positioning India as a rising player in the global counter-UAV market and enhancing its defense technology stature. This development aligns with India's AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing self-reliance and innovation in defense capabilities.

## **IAF Strikes Sukkur Air Base, Dismantles Pakistan's Drone Hub**



16-May-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) executed a precise strike on Pakistan's Sukkur Air Base, destroying a hangar housing Wing Loong II drones during Operation Sindoor, following a deadly terror attack attributed to Pakistan-backed groups. The strike, utilizing Rampage air-launched ballistic missiles from Jaguar aircraft, was a significant setback for Pakistan's drone capabilities, with at least one drone confirmed lost. This operation showcases India's enhanced strike capabilities and strategic resolve to counter aerial threats from Pakistan, particularly as the Sukkur base was a critical hub for advanced UAV operations. The successful mission is indicative of India's proactive defense strategy amidst ongoing regional tensions.

## IAF's Upgraded S-125 Successfully Intercepts Turkish Drones, Showcasing Modernization Efforts

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The Indian Air Force's upgraded S-125 Neva/Pechora air defence system has successfully intercepted Turkish-made drones operated by Pakistan, validating India's modernization efforts to enhance legacy hardware. Originally inducted in the 1970s, the system has undergone significant upgrades, including digitization and integration with the IAF's command and control systems, extending its operational viability to 2030. This success emphasizes India's strategic approach of investing in proven systems rather than immediate replacements, ensuring robust air defence against contemporary aerial threats. The ability to counter advanced UAVs like the Bayraktar TB2 highlights the effectiveness and adaptability of India's air defence capabilities amidst evolving warfare challenges.

### Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## Six Terrorists Neutralized in Kashmir in 48-Hour Operation

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In a significant escalation of anti-terror operations, Indian security forces eliminated six terrorists linked to various militant organizations, including Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad, in the Kashmir Valley within a span of 48 hours. These operations, executed by a coordinated effort of the Indian Army, CRPF, and J&K Police, were part of a recalibrated counter-terror strategy in response to an uptick in militant activities following recent attacks, including a deadly incident in Pahalgam that resulted in 26 civilian casualties. Officials highlighted the strategic use of intelligence and advanced technology, such as drone surveillance, in locating terrorist hideouts, while also stressing the importance of operational secrecy to mitigate risks to civilians and ongoing investigations. The reduction of active local militants to just seven, the lowest since 1990, reflects the increasing effectiveness of security measures being implemented. This renewed focus on counter-terrorism signifies India's robust approach to curbing terrorism, aimed at dismantling the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir while addressing the broader challenges posed by cross-border terrorism and ensuring regional stability.

## Jaishankar thanks Afghan FM for condemning Pahalgam attack

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently engaged in a significant phone conversation with acting Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, marking a clear reaffirmation of India's commitment to its longstanding ties with Afghanistan amid rising regional tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack. The two ministers condemned attempts by Pakistan to sow discord between their countries, specifically addressing false media claims suggesting India's involvement in a purported false flag operation. Jaishankar expressed appreciation for Afghanistan's condemnation of the attack and emphasized India's ongoing developmental support, while also discussing enhanced bilateral cooperation in trade, transit, and humanitarian assistance. Both sides rejected Pakistani accusations regarding Indian missile strikes and insisted on countering potential terrorist threats emanating from Afghan soil, especially from groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. Furthermore, they highlighted the importance of regional stability and dismissed claims of Taliban involvement in Kashmir as propaganda. This dialogue is pivotal in reinforcing India's position in the region while showcasing a united front with Afghanistan against external interference, particularly from Pakistan, and it bodes well for future cooperative initiatives like the development of the Chabahar Port.

## Manipur Security Forces Arrest Five Militants Amidst Ethnic Tensions

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Security forces in Manipur have successfully arrested five militants from various banned outfits across three districts, including the United National Liberation Front, KCP (PWG), Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup, and Prepak (Pro). The operations led to the seizure of firearms, ammunition, and grenades during the arrests, highlighting ongoing efforts to combat ethnic violence that has plagued the state since May 2023, resulting in over 260 fatalities. With President's rule imposed following the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh, these actions reflect the government's commitment to restoring order and stability in the region amidst ongoing tensions between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities.

## Modi Government Unveils Strategy to Expose Pakistan's Terrorism



16-May-25

In a strategic diplomatic initiative, the Modi government plans to send multi-party Parliamentary delegations to major global capitals to counter Pakistan's narrative regarding the recent Pahalgam terror attack. This unprecedented move aims to present India's evidence of Pakistan's involvement in cross-border terrorism and clarify that India's military operations target terror infrastructure, not civilians. With support from the Ministry of External Affairs and intelligence agencies, the delegations will highlight Pakistan's long-standing state policy of using terror to destabilize India. This effort seeks to isolate Pakistan diplomatically while reinforcing India's position in international discussions, especially in light of increasing internationalization of the Kashmir issue.

### Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

## India Strengthens Cybersecurity Amidst Pakistan Ceasefire



16-May-25

Following the recent ceasefire between India and Pakistan, the Indian government has heightened its cyber security measures in response to increased cyber threats. Advisories were issued across ministries, urging the implementation of stringent security protocols due to a surge in cyber attacks targeting government communications and critical infrastructure. The National Informatics Centre is leading efforts to enhance preparedness through internal exercises and the establishment of robust cyber hygiene practices. The proactive stance taken by the government underscores the importance of safeguarding national security in an evolving geopolitical landscape, highlighting India's commitment to addressing cyber threats effectively and protecting its digital assets.

### Mil Personnel & Veterans

## 8-Year-Old Tamil Nadu Boy Donates Savings to Indian Army



16-May-25

An 8-year-old boy, Sai Dhanvish from Tamil Nadu, has captured hearts by donating his savings to the Indian Army, showcasing a commendable spirit of gratitude

and support amidst rising tensions due to recent terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. His generous contribution, collected from relatives, symbolizes the deep-rooted respect and admiration that many Indians hold for the armed forces, particularly following India's Operation Sindoor against Pakistani terror infrastructure. This act of kindness highlights the collective resolve of citizens to support their military and reflects a growing sense of national pride, especially at a time when security forces are actively engaging with threats to the nation's peace.

## Rajnath Singh Visits Bhuj Airbase to Boost IAF Readiness



16-May-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the Bhuj Rudra Mata Air Force Station in Gujarat to meet IAF personnel, following his trip to Jammu and Kashmir where he addressed security forces amidst heightened tensions with Pakistan. His visit focused on reviewing operational preparedness in light of recent military conflicts, particularly concerning drone threats from Pakistan. Singh raised concerns about the safety of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, urging international oversight by the IAEA, and emphasized India's commitment to combating terrorism based on actions rather than religion. This underscores India's proactive stance on national security and the necessity of international accountability for rogue states.

## Massive Tiranga Yatra in Mysuru Unites Thousands to Honor Soldiers



16-May-25

Thousands participated in the Tiranga Yatra in Mysuru to honor Indian soldiers, showcasing national solidarity amidst recent tensions with Pakistan. The event featured a massive 500-meter tricolor flag, and attendees included diverse groups such as ex-servicemen, students, and spiritual leaders. MP Yaduveer emphasized that the gathering was non-political, reinforcing India's resolve against terrorism while advocating for peace. The event also drew attention to the sacrifices of soldiers who endure harsh conditions for national security, highlighted by spiritual leaders condemning recent terrorist attacks and praising the Indian armed forces' swift responses. This collective display of patriotism underscores the unity and strength of the nation in the face of adversity.

## Miscellaneous

### Rubin: IMF Aid to Pakistan, Backed by Trump, Risks Stability SHARE

16-May-25

The International Monetary Fund's recent approval of a fresh \$1 billion disbursement to Pakistan represents the first tranche of a broader \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility designed to stabilize Islamabad's chronically faltering economy, bringing total IMF support under this program to about \$2.1 billion to date. Former Pentagon official Michael Rubin, writing in publications for the American Enterprise Institute and the Washington Examiner, lambasted the Trump administration for allowing what he termed aid to a "terror-addled, pro-China regime," arguing that Islamabad's deepening financial dependence on Beijing—exacerbated by some \$40 billion in debts under the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor—undermines U.S. strategic goals and regional security. He highlighted that Pakistan's continued use of state-sponsored militant proxies, most recently underscored by the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians, should have disqualified it from relief, and urged President Trump to leverage his February executive order reviewing U.S. funding for international bodies to withhold future contributions.

### Rajnath Singh urges IMF to reconsider aid to Pakistan amid terror concerns. SHARE

16-May-25

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has urged the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to reconsider its USD one billion assistance to Pakistan, asserting that such financial support could inadvertently fund terrorism. In his address, he emphasized the importance of preventing assistance that could contribute to terror infrastructure in Pakistan and praised the Indian Air Force for its significant successes in combating terrorism. Singh's remarks come in light of Pakistan's historical use of external funding for nefarious purposes, reinforcing India's position on maintaining regional security and countering threats effectively. His statements highlight India's proactive stance in safeguarding its national interests against potential external aggressions.

### Madhya Pradesh Deputy CM's Army Remarks Spark Political Firestorm SHARE

16-May-25

Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Devda sparked controversy by stating that the Indian Army is "bowing at Prime Minister Modi's feet," leading to criticism from Congress leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who accused BJP officials of insulting the military. Devda later clarified that he meant the nation respects the army for its efforts in operations like Operation Sindoor. Congress is using this incident to launch protests and calls for action against BJP leaders, while BJP spokesperson Ashish Aggarwal defended Devda's comments as a recognition of the army's valor. This political exchange highlights ongoing tensions between the ruling party and opposition regarding respect for the armed forces.

### Pakistan Deputy PM faces backlash for citing fake PAF image in Parliament SHARE

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Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar faced significant backlash after citing a fake newspaper image during a parliamentary session, falsely attributing a claim to The Daily Telegraph that proclaimed the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) as the "undisputed king of the skies." This incident, which has drawn international criticism, exemplifies a troubling trend where Pakistani officials utilize unverified social media content to bolster national narratives amidst escalating tensions with India. The fabricated image, quickly debunked by fact-checkers, including Pakistan's own media, reflects a broader pattern of misinformation that has pervaded official discourse, particularly following military exchanges with India. Pakistani officials have previously made dubious claims about shooting down Indian jets, with some relying on social media as proof, raising serious concerns about the credibility and verification standards within their government. The failure to retract or clarify these misleading assertions only exacerbates Pakistan's diplomatic challenges, as misinformation undermines public trust and complicates understanding of the actual military situation. This episode highlights the need for responsible communication from government officials, especially during critical security discussions, to ensure that citizens are accurately informed about national defense matters.



## Anil Kapoor praises Indian Army and calls for national unity SHARE

16-May-25

Veteran actor Anil Kapoor expressed strong support for the Indian Army following the execution of Operation Sindoor, a retaliatory strike against terror launch pads in response to the Pahalgam attack that resulted in civilian casualties. He emphasized national unity, stating that despite internal differences, Indians stand together for their nation, showcasing gratitude for the armed forces' valor. Kapoor's sentiments align with Prime Minister Modi's reassurances regarding India's security preparedness and the de-escalation of tensions with Pakistan. His messages resonate with the larger public sentiment, reflecting a collective appreciation for the sacrifices made by India's defense personnel amid regional challenges.

## Exercise Raahat Enhances India's Humanitarian Disaster Response SHARE

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The Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) successfully conducted Exercise Raahat in Assam, a large-scale humanitarian assistance and disaster relief simulation aimed at enhancing civil-military cooperation and multi-agency coordination during natural disasters like floods and earthquakes. This exercise reflects India's commitment to improving disaster response capabilities, particularly in the flood-prone northeastern regions, by simulating real-time scenarios involving civilian evacuations and infrastructure restoration. Exercise Raahat not only reinforces India's disaster preparedness in line with the Sendai Framework but also showcases the effectiveness of inter-agency collaboration, promoting community resilience in vulnerable areas.

## Caste Remark on Wing Commander Vyomika Singh Triggers Political Outcry SHARE

16-May-25

A casteist remark by Samajwadi Party MP Ramgopal Yadav about Wing Commander Vyomika Singh has ignited political controversy, with the SP MP claiming that had the BJP known her caste, she would have been targeted similarly as Colonel Sofiya Qureshi. This statement has drawn backlash from BJP leaders, including Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who emphasized that soldiers should not be viewed through the lens of caste or religion. The incident highlights the ongoing political tensions regarding identity in India, showcasing the BJP's commitment to

national unity and respect for the armed forces, while also critiquing the divisive rhetoric from opposition parties.

## Amazon India and Flipkart Face Action for Selling Pakistani Flags SHARE

16-May-25

Amazon India and Flipkart have received notices from the Consumer Affairs Ministry for selling Pakistani flags and merchandise, deemed "insensitive" amid rising tensions following India's Operation Sindoor in Kashmir. The Confederation of All India Traders raised concerns over such sales affecting national sentiment and sovereignty. In response, Amazon stated it complies with Indian laws and promptly removes non-compliant listings. This action underscores the government's commitment to regulating e-commerce platforms to prevent the sale of items that could offend national sentiment and ensure compliance with trade laws, reflecting a broader effort to uphold consumer rights and national security.

## Indian Astronaut Launch Delayed Due to Technical Issue, Not Politics SHARE

16-May-25

The launch of Indian astronaut Shukla to the ISS has been postponed due to a minor technical issue discovered during pre-launch checks and a review of the flight schedule, not related to geopolitical tensions. Shukla will join an international crew for the Ax-4 mission, conducting vital experiments that support India's Gaganyaan program set for 2027. This mission highlights India's growing capabilities in human spaceflight and international collaboration. The delay reflects standard safety protocols emphasizing reliability and mission success, reinforcing India's commitment to advancing its space exploration goals.

## Concerns Rise Over Trump-Linked Crypto Deal with Pakistan's Military SHARE

16-May-25

A recent deal between World Liberty Financial (WLF), linked to the Trump family, and Pakistan's military leadership, including Army Chief General Asim Munir, has raised significant concerns in India due to its timing amidst heightened India-Pakistan tensions. The agreement aims to integrate blockchain technology in Pakistan's financial sector, but its opacity and the Trump family's involvement have led to fears of potential geopolitical ramifications and the creation of a financial lifeline with political implications. Strategic commentators in New Delhi perceive this as an opaque

financial alliance that could impact regional stability, calling for closer scrutiny of its broader implications.

## Apple Stays Committed to 'Make in India' Despite Trump's Comments SHARE

16-May-25

Apple has reaffirmed its commitment to India as a major production hub despite U.S. President Trump's recent comments advocating for increased manufacturing in the United States. The company plans to continue its investment and expansion strategies, driven by India's competitive manufacturing ecosystem, with expectations of producing \$22 billion worth of iPhones by March 2025. Industry leaders emphasize that India's role in Apple's global supply chain is robust, supported by government initiatives such as the production-linked incentive scheme. Overall, Apple's steadfast commitment highlights India's growing significance in global electronics manufacturing, showcasing resilience against external political pressures.

## India Unveils First Nano-Metre Chip Design Centres in Noida and Bengaluru SHARE

16-May-25

India has inaugurated its first 3 nano-metre chip design centres in Noida and Bengaluru, marking a significant advancement in its semiconductor capabilities. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized the strategic importance of these facilities for India's semiconductor ecosystem, which is set to benefit from increased investments and talent development. The government's initiatives, including a semiconductor learning kit for engineering students, aim to cultivate industry-ready engineers, enhancing India's position in global semiconductor innovation under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision. Renesas Electronics highlighted its commitment to expanding semiconductor capabilities in India, supporting numerous academic institutions and startups, further solidifying India's role in the global semiconductor lifecycle.

## India's First Biological Experiments on ISS to Boost Space Research SHARE

16-May-25

India is poised to conduct its inaugural biological experiments aboard the International Space Station (ISS) through the BioE3 initiative, led by ISRO and the Department of Biotechnology. This mission, part of

AXIOM-4, with Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, will investigate the effects of microgravity and radiation on microalgae and cyanobacteria, crucial for sustaining life in space. The studies aim to identify suitable algal species for long-duration missions, focusing on carbon and nitrogen recycling from human waste. This advancement highlights India's commitment to exploring sustainable life support systems in extraterrestrial environments, bolstering its position in global space research initiatives.

## Adani Airport Ends Partnership with Celebi Over Security Concerns SHARE

16-May-25

Adani Airport Holdings has terminated its ground handling partnership with Turkish firm Celebi for Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports due to the Indian government's revocation of Celebi's security clearance. The firm has directed Celebi to hand over all ground handling facilities to maintain uninterrupted operations, asserting a commitment to service continuity through new agencies. Notably, existing employees of Celebi will be transferred to the new handling agencies under their current employment terms. This decisive action underscores India's focus on national security and operational integrity in airport management, reflecting a broader strategy to safeguard critical infrastructure from foreign vulnerabilities.

## Are Commercial Interests Shaping Negative Narratives on India? SHARE

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Recent commentary from former Indian Ambassador Jawed Ashraf suggests that negative narratives in Western media regarding India, particularly its indigenous aircraft like the HAL Tejas, may be influenced by commercial interests in aerospace. As India advances its defense manufacturing capabilities, established Western players perceive the Tejas as a competitive threat, prompting media portrayals that emphasize India's shortcomings while downplaying successes. This scrutiny could be seen as a tactic to maintain market dominance by influencing potential buyers in developing nations. Overall, the interplay of geopolitics and commerce appears to shape perceptions of India's defense initiatives, highlighting both its rising capabilities and the challenges posed by established global competitors.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
PARAS	1530.0	1817.4	1515.3	1799.5	7718276	18.82	84.34	1301.2	1082.58
PREMEXPLN	433.4	516.0	433.4	493.5	6504931	13.92	65.0	423.98	470.95
COCHINSHIP	1850.0	2068.0	1835.5	2035.6	33598999	12.33	79.39	1556.94	1603.56
MAZDOCK	3200.0	3578.0	3186.0	3522.4	16561103	10.68	75.04	2928.2	2332.88
GRSE	2273.0	2560.0	2252.8	2481.7	14393037	9.87	80.22	1878.44	1669.74
DATAPATNS	2654.0	2939.0	2650.4	2868.2	2391599	9.26	77.7	2301.32	2297.25
WALCHANNAG	211.0	229.99	208.77	227.47	2301330	8.79	68.89	193.33	258.79
AVANTEL	114.04	123.0	113.2	122.2	3192883	7.86	54.82	119.32	-
BEML	3410.4	3684.9	3393.0	3654.1	1963661	7.7	72.29	3199.68	3599.89
ASTRAMICRO	1000.0	1099.0	1000.0	1072.8	2751729	7.03	82.88	856.13	782.21
DCXINDIA	330.6	355.0	326.9	347.7	3341367	5.54	72.28	290.41	312.35
MTARTECH	1560.0	1668.0	1548.9	1636.4	760843	5.44	75.87	1448.51	1601.23
HAL	4874.0	5165.0	4833.6	5127.7	6753397	5.4	76.52	4496.88	4238.6
ZENTEC	1794.8	1794.8	1717.9	1794.8	1021058	5.0	76.16	1473.3	1717.71
SIKA	825.0	860.0	825.0	853.35	148453	4.99	75.24	723.78	542.36
IDEAFORGE	537.1	584.8	530.25	560.5	3395966	4.95	78.8	418.15	553.59
MIDHANI	399.2	422.0	393.0	417.8	3315073	4.66	82.86	322.05	342.65
BEL	351.6	371.15	349.6	363.9	68855818	3.85	80.45	316.56	289.85
APOLLO	137.0	142.2	135.49	140.39	18550667	2.92	66.48	122.56	111.73
ROSSELLIND	75.9	76.59	74.55	76.12	27327	2.16	59.82	72.23	176.84
LOKESHMACH	0.0	192.03	191.0	192.03	28598	2.0	66.39	169.66	297.57
TANEJAERO	358.65	358.65	358.65	358.65	14834	1.99	71.98	302.99	418.27
BDL	1818.0	1938.6	1807.3	1842.0	10174301	1.97	77.79	1539.82	1227.66
HIGHENE	655.6	675.0	654.0	665.5	32322	1.51	78.36	522.78	600.15
ADANIENT	2529.0	2584.2	2516.2	2555.0	1641135	1.39	63.3	2397.74	2620.05
BHARATFORG	1250.0	1270.0	1240.4	1263.0	1693383	1.39	67.86	1142.18	1320.02
DYNAMATECH	7125.0	7239.0	6980.0	7136.5	20754	1.16	69.53	6547.85	7206.63
SOLARINDS	13935.0	14339.0	13880.0	14025.0	220490	1.04	73.15	13210.75	10585.32
KRISHNADEF	912.0	956.3	900.55	920.8	111250	1.01	68.71	815.67	700.74
AZAD	1825.0	1848.9	1785.0	1819.6	351828	0.38	72.87	1613.95	1543.19
NIBE	1514.85	1574.0	1494.5	1518.25	23256	0.28	65.32	1411.63	1567.83
CFF	566.3	566.3	555.25	555.25	12200	0.0	70.7	522.51	605.46
LMW	17640.0	17640.0	17252.0	17434.0	2808	-0.08	63.89	16518.1	15980.93
LT	3642.0	3642.0	3600.0	3604.7	1278520	-0.37	69.86	3384.16	3514.79
PTC	188.4	188.4	185.0	185.99	664421	-0.59	62.83	179.32	175.27
MARINE	209.14	215.8	204.44	207.28	564864	-0.79	60.56	196.79	223.91
HBLPOWER	577.2	585.0	565.6	568.75	1948870	-1.46	66.35	510.73	564.92