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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
PARAS	980.6	933.95	+4.99%
MIDHANI	320.3	306.4	+4.54%
HBLPOWER	540.9	518.6	+4.3%
ZENTEC	1766.95	1695.35	+4.22%
TANEJAERO	404.55	388.6	+4.1%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ROSSELLIND	82.35	95.32	-13.61%
TEMBO	687.8	730.7	-5.87%
DCXINDIA	303.1	318.3	-4.78%
KRISHNADEF	684.55	704.25	-2.8%
PTC	166.57	170.92	-2.55%

Defense Business and Industry

India's DRDO Achieves Milestone with Successful Hypersonic Missile Trial

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has achieved a significant milestone by successfully conducting flight trials of its long-range hypersonic missile on November 16, 2024, from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. This missile, designed to carry various payloads over 1,500 kilometers, is a critical advancement in India's military capabilities, placing it among a select group of nations with such advanced technology. The trials were monitored using a range of tracking systems, confirming successful terminal maneuvers and impact accuracy, although reports indicated a technical anomaly where the canister cap remained attached to the missile post-launch. Despite this unexpected occurrence, the missile's flight performance showcased the robustness of its propulsion system, affirming India's growing prowess in hypersonic technology and its commitment to self-reliance through indigenous development. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lauded this achievement as a historic moment for India, emphasizing its strategic importance in enhancing national security and deterrence capabilities. The successful trials not only reaffirm India's dedication to advanced military technology but also its ability to respond to emerging threats in a rapidly evolving global security landscape.

Modi's Nigeria Visit to Propel Sales of Prachand Gunships

17-Nov-24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Nigeria is poised to enhance defense ties between India and the West African nation, with a focus on potentially selling the indigenously developed Prachand attack helicopters to address Nigeria's airpower deficiencies against groups like Boko Haram. This visit follows a recent Indian defense delegation trip to Lagos, where Nigeria expressed strong interest in various Indian defense products, including small arms and armored vehicles. The sale of the Prachand helicopters would mark a significant milestone for India's defense export ambitions, as it competes with established international models, and would deepen military collaboration that has been evolving since 2007, including military training and intelligence sharing. The discussions will also encompass broader areas like maritime security, particularly in the Gulf of Guinea, where India has been active in joint naval exercises to combat piracy and enhance trade route safety. This strategic partnership not only underscores India's growing role as a defense supplier to Africa, having already established ties with nations like Egypt and Algeria, but also reflects a commitment to mutual democratic values, regional security, and economic cooperation, further solidified by robust bilateral trade nearing USD 15 billion and significant Indian investments across various sectors in Nigeria.

BrahMos-A Missile Range to Nearly Double to 800km, Boosting IAF Power



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BrahMos Aerospace is set to enhance the range of its BrahMos-A air-launched cruise missile from 450km to nearly 800km, significantly increasing its operational capabilities. Currently, 40 Indian Air Force (IAF) Su-30MKI jets are equipped to deploy this missile, with plans to modify an additional 20 aircraft, bringing the total to 60. This upgrade, expected to commence testing in 2026, is driven by advancements in missile propulsion and fuel efficiency, ensuring reliability and performance at the new range. The enhanced BrahMos-A will serve as a formidable deterrent against high-value targets, providing the IAF with greater operational flexibility and reinforcing India's strategic position in the region. Overall, this development underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities amid evolving geopolitical challenges.

IAF Considers Airbus C-295M to Modernize Transport Fleet



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is considering the Airbus C-295M as a replacement for its aging An-32 transport aircraft, focusing on enhancing its high-altitude capabilities through potential engine upgrades, possibly using the PW150A variant. In parallel, Airbus has partnered with Tata Advanced Systems Limited to establish a comprehensive production ecosystem for the C-295, marking India's first private-sector aircraft manufacturing venture. This project aims to deliver fully Indian-assembled C-295 aircraft by 2026, positioning India as the largest operator of the model and a competitive aerospace hub for exports. The collaboration not only modernizes the IAF's tactical airlift capabilities but also strengthens India's defense manufacturing landscape, potentially attracting further investments and enhancing the country's position in the global aerospace supply chain.

HAL's Indian Multi-Role Helicopter Set for 2027 Launch



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to roll out its Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) by 2027, designed to fulfill both military and civil aviation needs as a self-reliant alternative to foreign models. The IMRH will incorporate the indigenous Aravalli engine, enhancing fuel efficiency and reliability, while addressing various mission profiles like troop transport

and medical evacuation. With its 13-ton capacity, the IMRH aims to reduce dependency on imported helicopters, align with Atmanirbhar Bharat goals, and potentially compete in the global market. HAL's commitment to refining the IMRH signifies a significant advancement in India's aerospace capabilities, fostering a robust defense manufacturing base.

DRDO Advances 120mm and 125mm Guns for Future MBT Program



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The DRDO is advancing the development of 120mm and 125mm smooth-bore guns for India's Next Generation Main Battle Tank (NGMBT) under the Future Main Battle Tank (FMBT) program, focusing on enhancing armored warfare capabilities. These smooth-bore designs improve projectile velocity and accuracy, providing the Indian Army with flexible options tailored to mission needs. The dual development strategy allows for greater adaptability in firepower while aligning with international ammunition compatibility. This initiative underscores India's commitment to indigenously producing advanced defense systems, enhancing its armored forces in a competitive regional environment, and showcasing a strategic move towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Indian Army Boosts Training with New 81 MM Mortar Simulators



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The Indian Army is enhancing its training capabilities with the induction of additional 81 MM Mortar Simulators, aimed at improving the proficiency of Mortar Fire Controllers and Mortar Position Controllers. These advanced simulators offer realistic battlefield scenarios, immersive 3D terrain, and integrated mockup mortar launchers, enabling simultaneous training for multiple soldiers in various conditions, including night operations. By leveraging this technology, the Army seeks to significantly enhance its infantry soldiers' skills and operational readiness, ensuring effective defense of the nation's borders. This move underscores India's commitment to adopting modern training methodologies to maintain a robust military posture.

DRDO Advances Astra MkIV BVRAAM to Tackle 5th Gen Jets for AMCA



17-Nov-24

The DRDO is advancing its Astra MkIV BVRAAM program to counter 5th generation stealth aircraft, with a focus on enhanced guidance and propulsion technologies. Building on previous models, the Astra

MkIV aims to include features like multi-mode seekers and advanced propulsion systems to ensure effectiveness against high-speed, low-observable targets. The missile's development is aligned with India's AMCA program, expected to integrate this advanced system, with prototype testing potentially beginning by the mid-2030s. This initiative underscores India's commitment to maintaining strategic air superiority amid evolving threats from advanced aerial platforms.

Tata-Airbus Launches C295 Production Line for Global Exports

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The Tata-Airbus collaboration has launched India's first private-sector aircraft production line for the C295 in Vadodara, set to supply the Indian Air Force with 56 transport aircraft starting in 2026. This initiative not only strengthens India's defense capabilities but also positions the country as a global aerospace manufacturing hub, with a comprehensive supply chain spanning multiple cities. The C295's versatility enhances its military and humanitarian roles, and Airbus aims to leverage this facility for international exports, marking a strategic shift in India's defense manufacturing landscape. Overall, this project reflects India's growing aerospace prowess and its potential to attract further investments in the sector.

IIT Indore and Army Training Command Join Forces for R&D in Tech

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IIT Indore and the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on research and development in AI, Cyber Security, Signal Processing, and VLSI Technology, enhancing the Indian Army's technological capabilities. This partnership aims to address military challenges through academic expertise and practical military insights, facilitating innovation aligned with modern warfare demands. It will involve joint training, problem-solving initiatives, and access to IIT Indore's advanced labs, reinforcing the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" vision of self-reliance in defense. The collaboration underscores the importance of synergizing academic research with military requirements to bolster India's defense readiness and technological advancement.

IAF's Sukhoi Fleet Set for Major Upgrade with 5th Gen Tech

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to launch the Super Sukhoi upgrade program for its Su-30MKI fleet, enhancing 84 aircraft in two phases. The first phase will incorporate advanced avionics, AESA radar, and improved electronic warfare systems from the Tejas Mk1A and MkII programs, while the second phase, scheduled around 2030, will integrate cutting-edge technologies from the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) initiative. This modernization aims to keep the Su-30MKIs combat-ready until 2060, maintaining India's strategic edge in aerial warfare as it adapts to evolving threats while phasing out older aircraft. Overall, this initiative highlights India's commitment to enhancing its indigenous defense capabilities and ensuring operational relevance in the face of regional challenges.

MBDA Seeks Indian Partnerships for Advanced MICA NG Missile Program

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MBDA is expanding its collaboration with Indian companies for the MICA NG missile program, building on previous success in localizing production of major subassemblies for the existing MICA missile. The MICA NG, set for delivery in 2026, will feature enhanced capabilities, including a double-pulse rocket motor and advanced electronic components for improved range and interception success rates. This partnership not only underscores India's growing role in the global defense supply chain but also enhances the country's defense manufacturing ecosystem by integrating advanced missile technologies, fostering self-reliance, and strengthening strategic partnerships.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Nepal and India Strengthen Cooperation on Border Security

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Nepal and India recently held their eighth annual border security coordination meeting in Kathmandu, focusing on enhancing cooperation to address cross-border challenges, including the movement of third-country nationals from China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. Both sides acknowledged concerns over illegal crossings, human trafficking, and cross-border

criminal activities, with India particularly noting the influx of Chinese and Pakistani nationals, while Nepal raised issues regarding Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshi nationals amid political instability. The discussions emphasized the need for joint patrolling, communication, and disaster preparedness, with Nepal maintaining 244 outposts and India over 400 along the porous border. These annual meetings, ongoing since 2012, provide a vital platform for both nations to strengthen border integrity and security through effective collaboration and timely information sharing.

Australia, Japan, and US Strengthen Support for India's Maritime Role SHARE

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Australia, Japan, and the US have reaffirmed their commitment to support India's maritime surveillance in the Indo-Pacific, as stated during the recent Trilateral Defence Ministers Meeting in Darwin. Starting in 2025, the nations will enhance maritime domain awareness, recognizing India's leadership in regional cooperation. The success of recent exercises, like Exercise KAKADU, underscores growing coordination among these countries to promote stability and security. The joint statement also emphasized adherence to international maritime laws and support for ASEAN unity, reflecting a collective commitment to a rules-based order and collaborative security efforts, which positions India as a pivotal player in regional geopolitics.

Jaishankar: Ladakh disengagement is a step, not a reset SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that the recent disengagement between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is a crucial step but does not signify a reset in relations. He stated that while the disengagement addresses one aspect of the conflict, de-escalation remains the next focus. Jaishankar highlighted the complexity of India-China ties and noted that the world is watching India's political stability amidst global instability. His comments reflect India's strategic approach in managing its border issues while maintaining diplomatic prudence towards China.

Israeli Airstrikes in Gaza Kill 12 Amid Security Crackdown SHARE

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Israel conducted airstrikes in the Gaza Strip, resulting in the deaths of 12 Palestinians, amid heightened tensions following a drone attack on Prime Minister

Netanyahu's residence last month. In a related security operation, Israeli police arrested three individuals for firing flares at Netanyahu's home. Concurrently, Israeli warplanes targeted southern Beirut, a known Hezbollah stronghold, indicating an escalating response to perceived threats. This situation underscores the broader regional instability and Israel's commitment to safeguarding its national security against militant activities from Gaza and Lebanon, reflecting the complex geopolitical dynamics in the region where defensive measures are increasingly prioritized.

Israeli Airstrike in Beirut Kills Hezbollah Media Chief, Signaling Escalation SHARE

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An Israeli airstrike in Beirut targeted a building, reportedly killing Hezbollah's media relations chief, Mohammad Afif. The attack occurred in the Ras al-Nabaa neighborhood and caused significant damage to the structure. This incident underscores the ongoing tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, illustrating Israel's willingness to strike key figures within the militant organization. For India, which shares concerns about regional stability and counter-terrorism, such developments highlight the importance of robust defense strategies and intelligence sharing, especially in the context of rising threats from non-state actors in the region that could potentially influence India's own security landscape.

India to Host Sanyukt Vimochan Exercise with Nine Nations SHARE

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The Indian Army will host Exercise Sanyukt Vimochan 2024 on November 18-19 in Gujarat, attended by representatives from nine friendly countries focused on Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR). This annual exercise aims to enhance disaster management capabilities, facilitating knowledge exchange among participating nations, while showcasing India's indigenously developed defense and HADR equipment. The event aligns with India's leadership in global disaster resilience initiatives, such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), launched by Prime Minister Modi in 2019. By fostering international cooperation, the exercise underscores India's commitment to effective disaster response and resilience, positioning it as a key player in regional and global security dynamics.

Russia Gains Ground in Ukraine as Conflict Approaches 1,000 Days SHARE

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As the conflict in Ukraine nears its 1,000th day, Russia is reportedly making incremental territorial gains amidst intense opposition from Ukrainian forces. The outcome of the upcoming US elections is anticipated to have significant implications for military support to Ukraine, potentially impacting its security and the overall dynamics of the war. This ongoing situation highlights the geopolitical complexities in Eastern Europe and underscores the importance of sustained international support for Ukraine. For India, the evolving conflict and the resultant shifts in global alliances could inform its own defense and diplomatic strategies, particularly in maintaining regional stability and fostering partnerships.

US State Dept: India Key to Indo-Pacific Stability and Cooperation SHARE

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The US State Department has reaffirmed India's critical role as a partner in ensuring Indo-Pacific and global stability, highlighting the deepened cooperation in trade and security under President Biden's administration. Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel expressed gratitude for this partnership, while India's Ministry of External Affairs echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the multifaceted nature of US-India relations as a fellow democracy. Prime Minister Modi has conveyed eagerness to continue strengthening this comprehensive global and strategic partnership with the incoming US administration. This collaboration underscores both nations' commitment to promoting global peace, stability, and prosperity in a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape.

Biden and Xi emphasize human control over nuclear arms, not AI. SHARE

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President Biden and President Xi Jinping have reached a significant agreement emphasizing that control over nuclear weapons should remain with humans rather than artificial intelligence. This consensus highlights the increasing need to navigate the complexities surrounding nuclear arms amid rising technological advancements. The discussion reflects a broader understanding of the potential risks associated with AI in military applications, reinforcing the importance of human oversight. For India, this agreement underlines the necessity of maintaining robust command and control structures in its own nuclear strategy, ensuring

a balanced approach toward both technological innovation and strategic stability in the region.

Israel Calls G20 Statement Biased, Demands Right to Self-Defense SHARE

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Israel has criticized a draft G20 summit statement regarding the Israel-Gaza conflict, calling it unbalanced and biased, and is advocating for the acknowledgment of its right to self-defense alongside a condemnation of Hamas and Hezbollah. Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar emphasized that omitting these elements could threaten regional peace. Concurrently, Israel has been intensifying its operations against Hezbollah in Beirut, targeting key infrastructure and munitions depots. This situation underscores the ongoing complexities of Middle Eastern geopolitics, highlighting Israel's concerns about security and the importance of international recognition of its defensive measures in the face of persistent threats.

Rajnath Singh Praises Modi's Role in Easing Russia-Ukraine Tensions SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted Prime Minister Modi's diplomatic intervention during the Russia-Ukraine conflict, where he facilitated communication between President Putin and President Zelenskyy, leading to a temporary ceasefire. Singh emphasized that this achievement showcased India's rising global influence and Modi's unique capabilities in international diplomacy. This incident underscores India's strategic role in global conflict resolution, positioning the nation as a key player in international affairs. The success of Modi's engagement reflects India's commitment to protecting its citizens abroad and enhancing its diplomatic stature on the world stage.

Military Operations

Russia unleashes intense missile and drone strikes on Ukraine's infrastructure. SHARE

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Russia has launched one of its most intense missile and drone attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, resulting in widespread explosions, civilian casualties, and power outages across major cities like Kyiv and Odesa. Ukrainian air defenses successfully intercepted

a considerable number of these assaults, showcasing their resilience amidst ongoing aggression. In response, Poland has mobilized its air force, indicating a growing regional concern over security dynamics. This escalation underscores the persistent threat posed by Russia, highlighting the critical need for enhanced defense cooperation among Eastern European nations to safeguard their sovereignty and infrastructure against such aggressive maneuvers.

Indian Navy Showcases 40 Aircraft and 25 Warships in Puri

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On December 4, the Indian Navy will conduct a significant operational demonstration in Puri, featuring 40 aircraft and 25 warships, aimed at enhancing public awareness of maritime operations and celebrating India's naval heritage. This marks the first celebration of such an event in Odisha, providing locals and tourists a chance to witness advanced naval capabilities, including a demonstration by commandos. The live broadcast aims to foster a deeper understanding of the Indian Navy's pivotal role in national security and maritime interests, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding India's maritime domain while connecting with the rich maritime traditions of Odisha.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Army Chief Gen Dwivedi to Visit Nepal for Honorary Rank

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Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi is set to embark on a significant four-day visit to Nepal, where he will be conferred the honorary rank of "General of the Nepal Army" by President Ramchandra Paudel, reinforcing the enduring military ties between India and Nepal. The visit aims to address the stalled recruitment of Nepali Gorkhas into the Indian Army, particularly in light of concerns surrounding the Agnipath scheme, which has limited tenure options. With a legacy of around 60% of Gorkha battalions comprised of Nepali soldiers, this recruitment pause poses socio-economic challenges for Nepali youths. General Dwivedi's discussions will also encompass defense modernization efforts and ongoing military exercises, such as the upcoming "Surya Kiran." This visit symbolizes India's commitment to enhancing regional stability and defense collaboration amidst evolving security challenges in South Asia.

Army Chief General Dwivedi Reviews Training Initiatives at ARTRAC

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Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi recently visited the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) to review and enhance training initiatives within the Indian Army. During the visit, he was briefed on various doctrinal developments and the implementation of structured training programs across the nation's training institutes. General Dwivedi commended the ongoing efforts to incorporate cutting-edge technology, emphasizing the importance of evolving into a modern, self-reliant, and battle-ready force. This focus on advanced training and modernization underscores the Indian Army's commitment to maintaining operational readiness and adapting to contemporary warfare challenges, thereby reinforcing India's strategic defense posture.

Miscellaneous

Curfew and internet shutdown in Manipur amid escalating protests

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In Manipur, escalating violence has led to a curfew and internet shutdowns following protests that targeted the homes of state ministers and MLAs after the recovery of bodies of missing individuals. Protesters demanded justice, expressing frustration towards the government, while Congress leaders criticized Prime Minister Modi for allegedly neglecting the state amid the unrest, claiming that the situation reflects a deliberate divisive strategy by the ruling party. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's cancellation of campaign events highlights the government's response to the crisis. The Congress party's calls for the Prime Minister to visit and restore peace underline the urgency of reconciliation efforts as law enforcement struggles to maintain order amidst growing civil unrest and demands for military action against militants.

SpaceX to Cut US-India Travel to 30 Minutes with Starship

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Elon Musk has announced plans for SpaceX's ambitious Earth-to-Earth rocket flights, promising to reduce travel time between the US and India to just 30 minutes. This initiative aims to transform SpaceX spacecraft into superfast planes that will fly at low Earth orbit, significantly reducing conventional flight durations. The Starship rockets could carry up to 1,000

passengers and complete intercontinental journeys in record times, presenting a potential reduction in travel distance by approximately 2,200 percent. Musk's vision for ultra-fast travel highlights an opportunity for enhanced global connectivity, with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reportedly poised to approve this innovative venture, potentially revolutionizing international travel.

Delhi court exempts Vikash Yadav from court appearance due to life threats. SHARE

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A Delhi court has granted Vikash Yadav, accused of attempting to kill alleged Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun in the USA, exemption from personal appearance due to threats to his life. Yadav, a former RAW official, cites serious risks from his disclosed personal information and ongoing surveillance by hostile elements. His application claims that even video appearances pose safety concerns, asserting that his physical presence in court could jeopardize his life. Yadav, arrested last December on kidnapping and extortion charges, remains eager to prove his innocence through trial, highlighting the complex interplay of national security and individual safety amidst escalating geopolitical tensions.

PM Modi to Receive Nigeria's GCON Award, Strengthening Ties SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to receive Nigeria's Grand Commander of The Order of the Niger (GCON), becoming only the second foreign leader to be honored in this way, following Queen Elizabeth. His visit marks the first by an Indian Prime Minister to Nigeria in 17 years, aimed at strengthening strategic ties based on shared democratic values. During this trip, Modi will engage in bilateral discussions to enhance India-Nigeria cooperation, particularly in development assistance and defense collaboration, reflecting India's growing influence in West Africa. With over 200 Indian companies investing significantly in Nigeria, this visit underscores India's commitment to deepening bilateral relations and fostering mutual growth.

Hindu-American Leader: Democrats Misused Human Rights for Votes SHARE

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Dr. Bharat Barai, an influential Indian-American leader, highlighted that approximately 70% of Hindu Americans supported Donald Trump in the recent elections, citing

dissatisfaction with the Democratic Party's handling of human rights issues in India and Bangladesh. He criticized the Democrats for using human rights as a political tool and noted the lack of condemnation for violence against Hindus in Bangladesh by U.S. leaders. Barai emphasized that Trump's strong statements on this issue, along with his rapport with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, were pivotal in garnering support from the Hindu community, particularly in swing states, signaling the importance of this demographic in future elections.

George Cross for Spy Noor Inayat Khan to Be Displayed in London SHARE

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The George Cross medal awarded posthumously to British Indian spy Noor Inayat Khan for her bravery during World War II will be displayed at the RAF Museum in London starting December. Khan, the first female wireless operator sent to occupied France, exhibited remarkable courage despite being a pacifist. Her story, underscored by her final words "liberte," highlights the contributions of individuals from diverse backgrounds in fighting against tyranny. The display aims to inspire future generations by showcasing her sacrifice and unwavering commitment to the Allied cause, reaffirming the importance of such historical narratives in contemporary society.

UKPNP Urges Global Action Against Pakistan's Human Rights Abuses in PoJK SHARE

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The United Kashmir Peoples National Party (UKPNP) has called for urgent global pressure on Pakistan to address human rights violations in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB), highlighting systemic authoritarianism and oppression in the region. UKPNP President Jamil Maqsood emphasized the need for genuine self-governance and electoral reforms, criticizing the military's dominance over civilian institutions and the exploitation resulting from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. By engaging with international bodies like the UN and the European Parliament, UKPNP seeks to raise awareness and foster global solidarity against the tyranny faced by the people of PoJK and PoGB, advocating for their democratic rights and self-determination.

Traders Urge Reopening Shipki La for Cross-Border Trade with China



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Traders in Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti are advocating for the reopening of the Shipki La mountain pass to revive cross-border trade with China, which has been stalled since 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. The closure has adversely affected local businesses, particularly the Lavi Fair in Rampur, which traditionally attracted customers looking for Chinese goods. Meena Devi, a local trader, emphasized the potential benefits of reopening the pass, citing a variety of goods like wool, silk, and herbal medicines that could be imported. The Indo-China Trade Association of Kinnaur, alongside the district administration, has petitioned the state government to address the issue with the Centre, highlighting the mutual economic benefits of resuming trade. This situation underscores the importance of balancing economic interests with geopolitical considerations in India's approach to China.

Kash Patel, Trump ally, emerges as top candidate for FBI chief.



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Kash Patel, a counterintelligence expert close to Donald Trump, is being considered to head the FBI, which would make him a notable Indian American figure in the administration. Patel has a history of advocating for drastic reforms at the FBI and shares Trump's controversial views on the 2020 election. His extensive background includes roles in national security, counterterrorism, and intelligence, which aligns with his proposed reshaping of government operations. While Patel's appointment faces opposition from establishment figures within the Republican Party, his strong rapport with Trump and expertise in intelligence operations position him as a significant candidate amid ongoing discussions about government integrity and accountability.

Govt Plans Rs 6,000 Cr Tunnel to Boost Leh-Pangong Connectivity



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The Indian government is contemplating the construction of a 7-8 km twin-tube tunnel through Kela Pass, at an estimated cost of Rs 6,000 crore, to enhance connectivity between Leh and Pangong Lake. This initiative, proposed by the Ladakh administration, aims to facilitate easier access for both civilians and military personnel, thereby strengthening strategic operations in the region. Improved connectivity is crucial for bolstering India's defense capabilities in the

sensitive border area, reflecting the government's commitment to infrastructure development in Ladakh amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions. Overall, this project represents a significant step toward enhancing logistical support for the Indian Armed Forces while promoting tourism and local economy in the region.

Chandrayaan-5: Advancing Lunar Exploration Beyond

Chandrayaan-3



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India's Chandrayaan-5 mission, a collaboration between ISRO and JAXA, aims to advance lunar exploration capabilities significantly, following the success of Chandrayaan-3. With a larger 350 kg rover, this mission will perform in-depth surface analysis and in-situ sample analysis at the Moon's south pole, a region of great scientific interest. The enhanced lander will incorporate advanced technologies for precise landing and extended operational duration, crucial for future human exploration. Chandrayaan-5 not only symbolizes ISRO's growth in space technology but also reinforces India's commitment to contributing to global scientific knowledge while enhancing its capabilities for future interplanetary missions.

Farooq Abdullah: J&K Independence Advocates Ignore Reality



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Farooq Abdullah, president of the National Conference, reaffirmed Jammu and Kashmir's integral status within India, criticizing those advocating for its independence as disconnected from reality. He highlighted the geopolitical complexities posed by nuclear neighbors Pakistan and China, emphasizing the region's economic dependence. Abdullah noted strained India-Pakistan relations, illustrated by the Indian cricket team's potential withdrawal from the Champions Trophy in Pakistan, and remarked on the intertwining of sports and politics, questioning the media's portrayal of truth in current events. His comments reflect a steadfast commitment to J&K's status and India's national integrity amidst external pressures.

ISRO Turns to SpaceX for GSAT-20 Launch Amid Heavy-Lift Delays



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ISRO has contracted SpaceX to launch the GSAT-20 satellite, weighing 4,700 kg, due to its inability to provide timely development of a heavy-lift launch vehicle. The unavailability of commercial slots with Arianespace, coupled with geopolitical constraints

limiting partnerships with Russia and China, has rendered SpaceX the most viable option. The GSAT-20 launch is scheduled for November 19, 2024, highlighting ISRO's reliance on foreign partnerships for heavier payloads amid operational challenges. This situation underscores the urgent need for ISRO to expedite the development of its own heavy-lift capabilities to enhance its autonomy in satellite launches and reduce dependency on external providers.

ISRO's NGLV Program: Boosting Payloads and Space Ambitions



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The Indian Space Research Organisation's Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) program aims to triple the payload capacity of the current LVM3 rocket, targeting 30 tons to Low Earth Orbit while being cost-effective. With a partially reusable design, advanced green propulsion systems, and modular production capabilities, the NGLV is expected to significantly enhance India's space launch efficiency. Scheduled for completion in eight years, the first flight is anticipated in 2031, supporting India's broader ambitions, including a crewed lunar landing by 2040. The project's collaborative development with Indian industry underscores India's commitment to building a robust space ecosystem.

Hindu Americans Celebrate Trump's Victory with Joyful Festivities



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Indian-Americans celebrated President Elect Trump's victory in Chicago, with around 1,500 community members expressing their enthusiasm through song and dance. Many in the Hindu community believe Trump's policies will support their interests both domestically and internationally. In India, villagers in Vadluru, Andhra Pradesh, celebrated with hopes that Trump's presidency would enhance their local conditions, particularly due to the prominence of Usha Vance, wife of Trump's running mate J.D. Vance, a

descendant of their ancestors. This sentiment reflects a strong connection between the Indian-American community and developments in U.S. politics, highlighting their optimism for positive changes under Trump's administration.

PM Modi Visits Nigeria, Receives Abuja's 'Key to the City'



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Prime Minister Modi arrived in Nigeria as part of a three-nation tour, where he was warmly welcomed and presented with the 'Key to the City' of Abuja. He expressed his desire to deepen bilateral ties, emphasizing the strategic partnership rooted in shared democratic values. Modi's engagement with the Indian community highlights the significance of diaspora relations in enhancing India's soft power. This visit not only signifies India's commitment to strengthening ties with African nations but also reflects a broader geopolitical strategy to enhance India's influence in the region, fostering collaboration in areas such as trade, security, and cultural exchange.

Haji Salim, Drug Lord Linked to ISI, Under NCB Investigation



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The NCB has seized nearly 4,000 kilograms of drugs linked to the notorious drug kingpin Haji Salim, whose cartel has been operating extensively in the Indian Ocean region. With operations often originating from Iran and passing through various countries, Salim's network is believed to be supported by the Pakistani ISI, further complicating regional security. Despite significant law enforcement efforts, including the confiscation of drugs valued at approximately 40,000 crores over the past two and a half years, Salim remains elusive, continuing to pose a serious threat not only as a drug trafficker but also as a financier of narco-terrorism. His connections to other criminals, including Dawood Ibrahim, highlight the transnational nature of these threats to India's security.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
PARAS	925.05	980.6	925.05	980.6	144638	4.99	43.53	1004.65	990.1
MIDHANI	329.05	341.2	316.8	320.3	6119128	4.54	38.5	333.85	421.88
HBLPOWER	520.95	548.0	520.1	540.9	1824681	4.3	43.31	556.01	547.67
ZENTEC	1690.0	1794.45	1682.1	1766.95	367481	4.22	47.18	1808.62	1297.45
TANEJAERO	393.65	435.0	383.05	404.55	40654	4.1	35.28	423.96	490.46
SOLARINDS	9735.0	10132.0	9735.0	10008.55	58802	3.31	41.2	10372.73	9580.12
ASTRAMICRO	749.9	774.75	741.5	752.05	156939	1.95	42.08	768.25	778.52
NIBE	1602.1	1750.0	1602.1	1709.45	25235	1.86	44.54	1733.4	1669.78
PREMEXPLN	423.75	437.9	416.35	431.9	80384	1.76	38.69	458.99	495.95
GRSE	1438.4	1470.0	1375.0	1406.4	828483	1.6	33.77	1563.88	1468.2
AZAD	1570.0	1629.95	1566.0	1579.05	157861	1.19	53.68	1533.47	1455.36
MARINE	230.0	235.14	225.19	226.41	511797	1.1	51.2	218.27	170.28
BDL	988.0	1011.0	968.3	989.55	577725	1.06	35.01	1057.7	1169.46
MAZDOCK	3939.0	3985.0	3851.2	3926.1	1249981	0.91	40.5	4149.67	3487.89
MTARTECH	1560.0	1600.0	1551.65	1572.25	98587	0.79	40.44	1605.75	1825.95
HIGHENE	588.0	612.0	588.0	601.9	5092	0.57	40.22	619.14	709.95
BHARATFORG	1321.5	1356.9	1301.55	1328.75	1860816	0.55	32.04	1409.32	1431.24
HAL	4080.0	4185.0	3920.35	4087.05	3878379	0.5	38.1	4283.38	4246.08
ADANIENT	2824.0	2844.8	2801.0	2826.8	646797	0.36	41.15	2890.57	3102.04
IDEAFORGE	576.0	588.3	570.15	578.45	111837	0.36	38.03	603.33	711.96
APOLLO	94.08	97.6	93.6	94.41	849757	0.35	38.85	98.74	108.82
BEL	282.0	284.45	275.5	280.95	20541591	-0.21	45.38	284.6	263.38
DATAPATNS	2172.15	2213.95	2146.95	2166.65	162032	-0.25	38.96	2306.13	2673.36
COCHINSHIP	1320.0	1343.95	1301.0	1312.4	279812	-0.38	30.5	1445.18	1617.72
LOKESHMACH	357.9	363.0	346.0	348.45	77482	-0.41	44.65	361.0	390.26
CFF	568.0	592.0	565.0	586.2	14600	-0.43	42.09	602.63	593.8
BEML	3820.2	3882.8	3720.5	3791.2	381587	-0.53	43.46	3969.43	3827.89
LT	3558.0	3565.75	3500.15	3526.25	1291765	-0.61	46.51	3533.72	3575.99
AVANTEL	146.4	152.0	143.0	144.94	1399582	-1.01	25.22	167.3	-
SIKA	2498.0	2501.25	2389.0	2397.4	3467	-1.28	37.81	2519.12	2360.37
PTC	172.92	174.4	166.1	166.57	1573768	-2.55	32.88	178.4	207.09
KRISHNADEF	0.0	684.55	684.55	684.55	16250	-2.8	48.67	683.22	591.24
DCXINDIA	318.25	328.0	302.4	303.1	861542	-4.78	39.35	322.98	334.26
TEMBO	0.0	687.8	687.8	687.8	20545	-5.87	74.89	554.1	311.77
ROSSELLIND	0.0	82.35	82.35	82.35	15673	-13.61	25.16	91.38	426.72