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AZAD	1740.3	1672.0	+4.08%
MTARTECH	2696.9	2595.9	+3.89%
PARAS	746.65	721.0	+3.56%
GRSE	2921.1	2829.4	+3.24%

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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	168.11	177.74	-5.42%
RELINFRA	170.53	179.36	-4.92%
MARINE	245.75	252.6	-2.71%
DCXINDIA	194.57	199.14	-2.29%
WALCHANNAG	155.14	158.43	-2.08%

Defense Business and Industry

US Approves $93 Million Arms Sale of Excalibur Projectiles to India

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The United States government has approved a significant $93 million arms sale to India that includes 216 M982A1 Excalibur precision-guided artillery rounds valued at $47.1 million alongside 100 sets of the FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missile system worth $45.7 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) officially notified the US Congress of this Foreign Military Sale on November 19, 2025. The deal encompasses not only the weapons but also related equipment such as 25 lightweight command launch units for the Javelins, fire control components, training, missile simulation rounds, spare parts, and lifecycle support. This procurement aims to significantly enhance India's precision strike capabilities and anti-armour defenses, particularly valuable in the context of evolving security dynamics along India's northern borders with China and Pakistan. The Excalibur rounds are GPS-guided to ensure high accuracy and extended range, improving first-strike effectiveness while reducing collateral damage. The Javelin system, produced jointly by Raytheon Technologies and Lockheed Martin, offers a fire-and-forget capability for tackling modern armored threats in diverse terrains. US officials emphasized that these sales align with strengthening the US-India strategic partnership, supporting India as a Major Defense Partner, without altering the basic military balance in the region. This deal follows closely on the heels of a 10-year US-India defence cooperation framework announced in late October 2025, signaling deepening defense ties amid growing geopolitical shifts in the Indo-Pacific. Delivery schedules and further support activities are ongoing.

Russia offers India Su-57 tech transfer, meeting defense demands.

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Russia has reaffirmed its commitment to support India's future fighter aircraft requirements, offering unrestricted technology transfer for the Sukhoi Su-57 fifth-generation stealth fighter. This assurance follows multiple high-level engagements between Indian and Russian officials, including a meeting between Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and President Vladimir Putin. The proposed deal includes both the initial supply of Su-57E fighters and a pathway for licensed production in India, encompassing critical technologies such as engines, optics, and advanced radar systems. The significance of this partnership is underscored by the geopolitical landscape, where India is navigating its defense procurement options between competing offers from the United States and Russia. The Su-57, now enhanced with combat experience upgrades, positions itself as a game-changer for the Indian Air Force, addressing squadron strength deficits while bolstering India's self-reliance in defense production. This collaboration not only strengthens bilateral ties but also reflects Russia's strategic intent to remain a key defense supplier amid a competitive global arms market.

HAL and HENSOLDT Partner to Enhance Helicopter Safety Systems

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HAL has entered a strategic partnership with HENSOLDT Sensors GmbH, Germany, during the Dubai Air Show 2025 to develop an advanced Obstacle Avoidance System (OAS) and Degraded Visual

Environment (DVE) systems for Indian military helicopters. This collaboration will enable HAL to indigenously design, manufacture, integrate, and sustain these sophisticated avionics, particularly enhancing helicopter safety through the use of LiDAR technology, which provides synthetic vision to detect critical obstacles even in poor visibility conditions. The contract empowers India with not only the rights to the technology but also export capabilities, positioning the country among a select group capable of producing and distributing such advanced safety solutions globally. This partnership underscores the growing Indo-German defense-industrial cooperation and represents a significant leap forward for India's aerospace ecosystem, enhancing operational safety and reducing risks associated with helicopter operations, particularly in challenging environments.

Navy orders ₹1,400 crore from start-ups to enhance indigenous defense innovation. SHARE

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The Indian Navy has placed procurement orders worth 1,400 crore with 16 start-ups and MSMEs since 2018 as part of its initiative to enhance self-reliance and innovation in defense. Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan announced that over 2,700 crore in proposals have received Acceptance of Necessity under the iDEX framework, highlighting the launch of over 565 challenges aimed at addressing emerging security needs. The upcoming Swavlamban 2025 seminar will showcase these innovations and facilitate connections between Indian innovators and international defense partners, emphasizing the Navy's commitment to both military and civilian applications. This initiative underscores the broader goal of bolstering India's defense export capabilities and fostering a robust ecosystem for maritime innovation.

Indian Navy seeks approval for five advanced missile destroyers to enhance maritime capabilities. SHARE

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The Indian Navy is poised to seek government approval for the procurement of five next-generation missile destroyers, as announced by Vice Admiral Vatsayan. The initiative aims to enhance naval capabilities by integrating advanced smart technologies that have been trialed on a pilot platform, ensuring the development of future-ready smart ships. This move underscores India's commitment to modernize its naval fleet and bolster maritime security amid evolving geopolitical challenges. The addition of these destroyers is expected to significantly strengthen India's defense posture in the Indian Ocean region, reflecting a strategic response to regional maritime dynamics.

16,000 MSMEs Transform India's Defence Sector, Boosting Production and Exports. SHARE

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Approximately 16,000 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are playing a pivotal role in enhancing India’s indigenous defence capabilities, contributing to a remarkable increase in defence production, which reached Rs 1.54 lakh crore in FY25 and is projected to hit Rs 1.75 lakh crore in the current fiscal year. The government's commitment to bolstering military infrastructure is evident from the rise in the defence budget from Rs 2.53 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs 6.81 lakh crore by 2025-26. Policy reforms, including streamlined acquisition procedures and a significant Research, Development and Innovation scheme, support the aim of reaching Rs 3 lakh crore in defence production by 2029. Additionally, India’s defence exports have expanded to over 100 countries, further establishing the nation as a global defence manufacturing hub.

Tejas Mk1's Dubai Airshow performance confirmed, false oil leak claims debunked. SHARE

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The Indian government has refuted false claims regarding the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1 allegedly suffering an oil leakage during the Dubai Airshow 2025. The Press Information Bureau clarified that the circulating videos depict a standard procedure for draining condensed water from the aircraft's Environmental Control System and On-Board Oxygen Generating System, not a technical malfunction. These misleading narratives, amplified by certain accounts, are seen as attempts to undermine the aircraft's performance and reliability. The Tejas Mk1’s participation in the airshow underscores India's commitment to showcasing its indigenous aviation capabilities to an international audience.

Adani Group invests ₹7,000 crore to significantly boost ammo production capacity in India. SHARE

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Adani Group has announced a substantial investment of ₹7,000 crore to expand its ammunition production at its facility in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, aiming to increase annual output from 150 million to nearly 500 million rounds. The initiative aligns with India's strategy to bolster indigenous defense manufacturing and reduce reliance on imports, particularly amidst supply chain challenges. Adani Defence is also diversifying into advanced warfare technologies, including drones and precision-guided systems, while collaborating with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and international firms to enhance technological capabilities. This development signifies a transformative shift in India's defense landscape, showcasing the potential of private sector involvement in establishing the country as a global defense manufacturing hub and supporting the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission.

HAL and EDGE Group partner to enhance precision-guided munitions collaboration. SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE's EDGE Group at the Dubai Airshow to enhance collaboration in the development and marketing of long-range precision-guided munitions (PGMs). This partnership aims to leverage both companies' expertise and technology to offer advanced PGM solutions to customers globally, reflecting India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities and fostering international defense partnerships. The agreement highlights India's strategic focus on enhancing indigenous defense production and its readiness to collaborate with global leaders in the defense sector, thereby reinforcing its position in the evolving geopolitical landscape.

Final A321 Aircraft Returns to Enhance IAF's Netra MkII Capabilities SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully reintegrated the final Airbus A321 aircraft into service for the Netra MkII airborne early warning and control system (AEW&C) program, marking a critical milestone. This completion follows the extensive structural retrofit and modification of six ex-Air India A321 jets, undertaken in collaboration with Airbus and Indian defence firms. The Netra MkII, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security in July 2025 and valued at approximately ₹19,000 crore, features indigenous AESA radars housed in a dorsal fin, providing 360-degree surveillance with enhanced detection ranges beyond 500 km. These aircraft will significantly boost India's airborne surveillance, threat detection, and command capabilities against challenges from neighbouring China and Pakistan. The project aims to complete full operational deployment by late this decade, giving the IAF a cutting-edge, network-centric air defence platform tailored for India's evolving geopolitical security environment. The fleet's readiness highlights India's strategic push for indigenous advanced defence technologies.

India Showcases Upgraded Netra AWACS Mk1A with GaN Tech at Dubai Airshow 2025 SHARE

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India showcased its upgraded Netra AWACS Mk1A at the Dubai Airshow 2025, held from November 17 to 18 in the United Arab Emirates. The Mk1A variant features advanced Gallium Nitride (GaN) radar technology, which enhances power efficiency, detection range, and tracking capabilities, marking a significant leap in airborne early warning and control systems. This indigenous system highlights India's growing prowess in defence technology and signals the country's intent to compete in the global AWACS export market, especially offering cost-effective alternatives to Western systems. The display at one of the world's premier defence expos demonstrates India's confidence in its aerospace capabilities and reinforces its position as a rising defence exporter. The event also featured significant participation from Indian defence firms and startups, alongside the Indian Air Force's aerial displays by the Surya Kiran team and LCA Tejas fighters, showcasing a comprehensive snapshot of India's expanding defence and aerospace strength. This presence at Dubai projects India's strategic defence vision and its emphasis on technological self-reliance.

Global Su-30 Operators Consider India's Astra Mk2 Missile Amid Supply Concerns SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is poised to initiate Limited Series Production of the indigenous Astra Mk2 air-to-air missile by 2026,

marking a significant leap in India's self-reliance in defense capabilities. With a striking range of 160 to 200 kilometers and advanced features including a dual-pulse rocket motor and AESA seeker, the Astra Mk2 aims to enhance the Indian Air Force's combat superiority and attract global operators of the Su-30 aircraft, particularly those facing challenges with Russian missile supplies amid ongoing geopolitical tensions. This strategic development not only positions India as a key player in the defense market but also offers a viable alternative to outdated Russian missile systems, fostering stronger international defense partnerships.

DRDO and France's DGA sign agreement to boost defense R&D collaboration. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) of India has formalized a Technical Agreement with the Directorate General of Armaments (DGA) of France to enhance collaboration in defense research and development. Signed on November 20, 2025, in New Delhi by DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat and Lt. Gen. Gael Diaz de Tuesta of DGA, this strategic partnership aims to harness the strengths and resources of both nations to address future defense challenges. The agreement establishes a framework for joint research, training programs, testing activities, and knowledge exchange in critical areas, including aeronautics, unmanned systems, artificial intelligence, cyber security, and quantum technologies. Both parties expressed optimism that this collaboration will bolster national security and contribute to advancements in global defense technology, underlining the importance of international partnerships in enhancing defense capabilities.

Singapore boosts ISR capabilities with Elbit's Hermes 900 UAV acquisition for enhanced maritime surveillance. SHARE

20-Nov-25

On November 19, 2025, Singapore announced the acquisition of Elbit Systems' Hermes 900 UAV to modernize its ISR capabilities, replacing the older Hermes 450 fleet. This upgrade is integral to the Republic of Singapore Air Force's efforts under the SAF 2040 initiative, enhancing operational effectiveness through longer endurance, increased payload capacity, and sophisticated sensor integration. The Hermes 900 will significantly bolster Singapore's maritime surveillance and ISR operations amid rising regional tensions in the Indo-Pacific, emphasizing its commitment to maintaining a technological edge and ensuring regional stability without escalating conflicts. The progressive delivery of these UAVs aligns with Singapore's strategy of leveraging advanced autonomous systems in defense initiatives.

Elbit Systems wins $210 million contract to upgrade Merkava tanks. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Elbit Systems has been awarded a $210 million contract by the Israeli Ministry of Defense to modernize the Merkava main battle tanks over six years, starting in 2025. This upgrade will enhance the tanks' electronic systems, incorporating AI-driven electro-optical sights for improved observation and advanced target acquisition capabilities, reflecting lessons learned from the "Iron Swords War." The project underscores Israel's commitment to maintaining a qualitative military edge in a volatile regional climate and emphasizes self-reliance in defense technology. With a record backlog of $25.2 billion, Elbit's expansion in armored vehicle modernization highlights the increasing demand for advanced defense solutions amid ongoing security challenges.

US Greenlights $105M Upgrade for Ukraine's Patriot Missile Systems SHARE

20-Nov-25

On November 18, 2025, the U.S. government approved a $105 million foreign military sale to Ukraine aimed at upgrading its Patriot air defense systems. This package will enhance the operational capacity of existing M901 launchers to the advanced M903 configuration, allowing for the integration of various missile types and improved capabilities against threats, including hypersonic missiles. The sale, which includes essential training and logistical support primarily from RTX Corp. and Lockheed Martin, underscores U.S. commitment to bolstering Ukraine's defense amidst ongoing conflict with Russia. This strategic enhancement not only strengthens Ukraine's military capabilities but also aligns with U.S. foreign policy objectives to maintain stability in Europe and counter evolving missile threats.

Fraunhofer unveils innovative acoustic system for drone detection in complex environments. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Germany's Fraunhofer Institute for Digital Media Technology has unveiled an innovative acoustic drone detection system that operates beyond the line of sight and excels in complex environments like urban and

forested areas. This system, developed over several years under projects AMBOS and ALADDIN, complements existing detection technologies by utilizing acoustic signals to "hear around corners," which enhances overall situational awareness for defense and security applications. With detection ranges between 50 to 200 meters and low energy consumption, it provides a cost-effective, low-maintenance addition to current drone detection networks. The broader implications of this technology are significant, as it bolsters national security measures against the rising threats posed by unmanned aerial systems.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Pakistan boosts military budget amid tensions, India remains prepared. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Pakistan government has approved an additional PKR 50 billion (approximately Rs 1,576.73 crore) supplementary budget for its armed forces, aimed at bolstering security at international borders and upgrading naval bases, amidst ongoing tensions with India. In contrast, India's defense budget for the same period exceeds INR 6.81 lakh crore, with Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi affirming India's readiness to respond decisively to any provocation from Pakistan, citing the successful Operation Sindoor as indicative of India's military preparedness. He emphasized the nation's commitment to countering state-sponsored terrorism, asserting that dialogue cannot coexist with acts of terror, thereby reinforcing India's strategic stance in the South Asian geopolitical landscape.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India monitors China's naval supplies to Pakistan, enhancing its own capabilities. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Indian Navy is actively monitoring China's expedited supply of sophisticated submarines and warships to Pakistan, a move viewed as an effort to disrupt regional maritime balance. Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, the Navy's Vice Chief of Naval Staff, emphasized that India is fully aware of these developments and is enhancing its anti-submarine warfare capabilities in response. With a $5 billion agreement, Pakistan is set to induct eight Hangor-class submarines, with full delivery expected by 2028, raising concerns regarding its naval preparedness following recent tensions with India. The Indian Navy is adapting its strategies to maintain maritime superiority, as it continues to build modern vessels, including domestically produced nuclear-powered submarines and advanced diesel-electric attack submarines. Despite China commissioning its third aircraft carrier, India remains confident in its maritime edge, with significant deliveries of new capabilities anticipated over the next few years. This situation underscores the ongoing strategic competition in the Indian Ocean and the imperative for India to bolster its naval readiness and technological advancements amidst evolving regional threats.

Trump designates Saudi Arabia as a Major Non-NATO Ally, boosting military ties. SHARE

20-Nov-25

In a significant shift in U.S.-Saudi relations, President Donald Trump has designated Saudi Arabia as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) and announced the sale of advanced military equipment, including F-35 fighter jets, to the kingdom during Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's visit to Washington. This designation aligns Saudi Arabia more closely with Israel in terms of military privileges and reflects a broader strategic pivot in U.S. foreign policy, aimed at enhancing defense cooperation amid regional tensions, particularly concerning Iran. The announcement of nearly $1 trillion in investments from Saudi Arabia to the U.S. further cements this relationship, with Trump emphasizing the importance of military ties and economic collaboration that include advancements in artificial intelligence and nuclear technology. However, this move raises concerns regarding Israel's qualitative military edge and potential geopolitical ramifications in the Middle East, as Congress may scrutinize the sale due to past controversies surrounding human rights and regional stability. The events unfold against a backdrop of historical tensions, notably the aftermath of the Khashoggi murder, highlighting the complexities of balancing ethical considerations with strategic interests.

Pak Minister warns of possible war; India showcases military readiness. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has stated

that the country is on high alert and cannot rule out the possibility of an all-out war with India, citing recent military rhetoric and strategic developments along the borders. Asif's comments echo the earlier statements from India's Chief of Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, who referred to Operation Sindoor as a precursor to future military readiness, emphasizing India's capability to respond decisively if provoked. Pakistan, which has alleged that India is supporting destabilizing activities in Afghanistan and orchestrating terror attacks within its borders, is increasingly highlighting its preparedness to confront threats from both India and the Taliban. This volatile situation is exacerbated by recent violent incidents in India, including a deadly car explosion in New Delhi, and further compounded by Pakistan's claims of Indian involvement in regional unrest. The interplay of aggressive posturing from both nations underscores the fragility of South Asia's security environment, raising concerns about potential miscalculations that could lead to a significant military conflict.

Indian and Pakistani naval ships visit Colombo, highlighting regional dynamics. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sukanya recently made a port call in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for operational turnaround, where it was received with traditional naval honors. Commanded by Commander Santosh Kumar Verma, the Offshore Patrol Vessel is engaging in goodwill activities with the Sri Lanka Navy, alongside visits to local attractions before its scheduled departure. Simultaneously, the Pakistan Naval Ship (PNS) SAIF also visited Colombo for replenishment but departed shortly after. This dual naval presence underscores the strategic maritime engagements in the region, highlighting India's proactive approach to fostering diplomatic ties through naval cooperation while maintaining a vigilant stance amid increasing regional dynamics.

Indonesian Defence Minister to Discuss BrahMos Deal in New Delhi. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Indonesian Defence Minister General (Ret.) Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin is set to visit New Delhi from November 26-28 to advance discussions on the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile deal, which is valued at over USD 350 million. This visit marks a pivotal development in India's defense export strategy and follows Indonesia's acquisition of shore-based BrahMos regiments aimed at enhancing its maritime defense capabilities, particularly in the strategically significant Natuna Islands region. The discussions will encompass delivery timelines, site finalization for coastal batteries, and operator training for Indonesian personnel in India. Additionally, the meeting is expected to explore co-production and technology transfer opportunities, with Indonesia expressing interest in integrating Indian firms into its naval modernization efforts, including submarine and frigate acquisitions. The BrahMos deal not only symbolizes India's growing influence as a defense supplier in Southeast Asia, following the Philippines' earlier purchase, but also reflects Indonesia's strategic intent to diversify its defense procurement sources amid increasing maritime challenges in the region. This collaboration aligns with India's ambition to establish itself as a prominent player in the global arms market, particularly under its Make in India initiative.

EU initiates Military Schengen to enhance military mobility and response. SHARE

20-Nov-25

On November 19, 2025, the European Union advanced its initiative for a 'Military Schengen' aimed at enhancing military mobility across member states by 2027. This initiative intends to streamline troop and equipment movement, reducing transit times significantly, and is supported by a €1.7 billion budget allocation, with an additional request for nearly €18 billion from 2028-2034. The European Commission's Military Mobility Package includes upgraded infrastructure projects and enhanced response systems, coordinated with NATO to ensure interoperability. This effort responds to geopolitical tensions, particularly with Russia, and underscores the EU's commitment to strengthening its defense posture and regional security capabilities while facilitating rapid military responses.

Russian spy ship harasses RAF with lasers, escalating tensions. SHARE

20-Nov-25

On November 19, 2025, the UK Ministry of Defence confirmed that the Russian reconnaissance ship Yantar directed laser beams at RAF pilots conducting missions off Scotland, marking a concerning escalation in Russian tactics within UK territorial waters. Defence Secretary John Healey responded by revising Royal Navy rules of engagement to enable more assertive monitoring of the vessel, emphasizing the UK's readiness to counter further provocations. While

Moscow denied the allegations, analysts noted that such actions represent a significant development in "grey-zone" warfare, heightening tensions in the North Atlantic. Indian observers have voiced the importance of vigilance against similar espionage activities, given the strategic significance of undersea communications infrastructure for both NATO and Indian interests.

US Army Leaders Visit Kyiv to Discuss Ukraine's Defense Needs SHARE

20-Nov-25

On November 19, 2025, a high-level U.S. Army delegation led by Army Secretary Daniel P. Driscoll visited Kyiv to engage Ukrainian leaders amid escalating Russian military pressure and ongoing territorial losses. The discussions centered on enhancing Ukraine's air defense and strike capabilities, as well as a proposed U.S.-backed peace plan involving potential territorial concessions from Ukraine. This visit underscores the U.S. commitment to supporting Ukraine's defense while navigating complex negotiations aimed at achieving a durable peace in the region. The situation remains precarious as Ukraine faces increased military challenges, especially with the onset of winter, highlighting the urgent need for effective diplomatic and military solutions.

Trump endorses controversial peace plan favoring Russia's demands on Ukraine. SHARE

20-Nov-25

US President Donald Trump has endorsed a contentious 28-point peace plan for the Russia-Ukraine conflict, reportedly designed to secure concessions from Kyiv that align closely with Moscow's demands. The proposal, conveyed by Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff, requires Ukraine to surrender territory in the Donbas, significantly reduce its military capacity, and disallow foreign troops on its soil, while recognizing the Russian language and church within Ukraine. Ukrainian officials have dismissed the plan as heavily biased in favor of Russia and a potential threat to Ukraine's sovereignty, viewing it as an attempt by Moscow to regain ground militarily lost during the conflict. This development reflects shifting political dynamics in Kyiv, where internal pressures may prompt negotiations on terms previously deemed unacceptable.

India-Russia summit to strengthen naval ties in the Indo-Pacific. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The upcoming annual India-Russia summit on December 5 is poised to enhance bilateral naval cooperation, particularly through joint exercises and military-technical collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region. Russian officials, including maritime board chairman Nikolai Patrushev, have engaged with Indian defense leaders to discuss initiatives in shipbuilding and strategic stability in the Indian Ocean. This dialogue reflects India's openness to partnering with Russia amid global power dynamics, particularly in the context of U.S. and Chinese ambitions in the region. Additionally, recent naval exercises by Russia and Myanmar demonstrate efforts to fortify maritime security and cooperation, further underscoring the importance of stability in the Bay of Bengal and surrounding waters.

Russian drone strike kills 25 in Ternopil as Zelenskyy seeks Turkish support. SHARE

20-Nov-25

A recent Russian drone and missile attack on Ternopil, Ukraine, resulted in the deaths of at least 25 individuals, including three children, while President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited Turkey for discussions with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to garner diplomatic support against Russia's ongoing aggression. The assault, involving 476 drones and 48 missiles, highlights the escalating humanitarian crisis, prompting Zelenskyy to stress the need for increased international pressure on Russia. As Ukraine continues to defend itself amidst Russian strikes, NATO allies, including Romania and Poland, took precautionary measures by scrambling fighter jets in response to the incursion of drones into their airspace. This situation underscores the urgent need for a coordinated international response to stabilize the region and protect civilian lives.

India strengthens ties with Russia by opening consulates in Yekaterinburg and Kazan. SHARE

20-Nov-25

India has expanded its diplomatic presence in Russia by inaugurating two new consulates in Yekaterinburg and Kazan, as part of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit. The consulates aim to strengthen trade, technology partnerships, and cultural exchanges, particularly in heavy engineering, pharmaceuticals, and defence production. Jaishankar emphasized Yekaterinburg's industrial importance as a gateway to Siberia and Kazan's role as a cultural bridge between

Russia and Asia, noting the potential for collaboration in various sectors. The initiative reflects India's strategic intent to enhance regional engagement, support its sizable student community in Russia, and reinforce the enduring India-Russia partnership in a multipolar world.

Australian FM Wong visits India to strengthen bilateral ties and defense cooperation. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong's recent visit to India for the 16th India-Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue underscores the deepening bilateral ties and the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in 2020. The discussions are set to enhance cooperation in defence, technology, maritime security, and trade, aligning both nations' strategic interests amid evolving geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific. Wong emphasized the importance of a resilient Indo-Pacific architecture and highlighted ongoing collaboration through the Quad framework. This engagement follows Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's previous visit to Australia, reinforcing mutual trust and shared strategic objectives, particularly in defence manufacturing and maritime domain awareness, which are crucial for regional stability and prosperity.

Kwatra and Congressman Moore Discuss Strengthening Indo-US Trade, Security, and Energy Ties. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Ambassador Kwatra's recent meeting with US Congressman Riley Moore has reinforced the strong momentum in Indo-US relations, particularly in trade, security, and energy cooperation. Union Minister Piyush Goyal emphasized the ongoing negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement, which aim to balance economic interests while safeguarding key sectors. The signing of a 10-year defence cooperation agreement exemplifies deepening interoperability and technological collaboration, essential for enhancing security in the Indo-Pacific. Additionally, both nations are expanding energy partnerships, focusing on renewable technologies and clean energy innovations, reflecting their commitment to mutual growth and addressing global challenges, thereby solidifying India's role as a reliable partner in the international arena.

Ajit Doval and Bangladesh NSA Rahman discuss bilateral relations and regional stability. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Ajit Doval, India's National Security Advisor, held a significant meeting with Bangladesh's NSA, Rahman, amid rising political tensions in Bangladesh following the ousting of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The discussions highlighted India's commitment to regional stability and the importance of upcoming general elections, which India has advocated to be free and inclusive. The bilateral dialogue comes at a time when Bangladesh has requested the extradition of Hasina, raising concerns over India's diplomatic relations with its neighbor. Additionally, the Colombo Security Conclave's focus on maritime security, counter-terrorism, and disaster relief underscores the broader regional cooperation imperative among Indian Ocean nations in addressing common challenges.

Modi to Attend G20 Summit in South Africa Amid US Absence SHARE

20-Nov-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the G20 Leaders Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, from November 22-23, where he will address key sessions on sustainable economic growth, climate change, and the future of artificial intelligence. This summit marks a pivotal moment for developing nations, as it is the fourth consecutive G20 meeting held in the Global South, underscoring their growing influence in global governance. Notably, the absence of the United States raises questions about its commitment to multilateral economic forums, while India aims to push its agenda of digital infrastructure and climate-positive development. The summit presents an opportunity for India to reinforce its leadership role in global decision-making, particularly in fostering inclusive cooperation across economic and defense domains.

Afghan Commerce Minister Azizi visits India to boost trade and investment ties. SHARE

20-Nov-25

Afghan Commerce Minister Azizi's recent visit to India marks a significant step in revitalizing trade and investment ties between Afghanistan and India amidst challenging political circumstances. This visit, characterized as one of the most substantial official interactions since the Taliban's takeover in 2021, aims to enhance bilateral economic collaboration,

demonstrated by discussions on establishing a joint trade committee and inviting Indian investment in Afghanistan's mineral and energy sectors. India's decision to restore its Technical Mission in Kabul underscores its commitment to engaging with Afghanistan, focusing on humanitarian support and development initiatives. This outreach not only serves Afghanistan's economic revival but also positions India strategically in the region, countering influences from China and Pakistan while reinforcing stability in South Asia.

Military Operations

BSF neutralizes 255 Pakistani drones this year, enhancing border security.

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The Border Security Force (BSF) has neutralised 255 drones from Pakistan this year, which were primarily used for smuggling heroin and weapons, according to Inspector General Atul Fulzele. In preparation for the fog season, which typically hampers visibility and facilitates smuggling, the BSF is enhancing surveillance and monitoring riverine areas while conducting joint checks with Punjab Police to prevent illegal activities. This year alone, the BSF has intercepted 329 kg of heroin, 16 kg of methamphetamine, 191 weapons, and apprehended 240 Indian smugglers alongside 19 Pakistani nationals engaged in cross-border crimes. Such proactive measures underscore India's commitment to securing its borders and countering smuggling threats effectively.

IAF Remotely Piloted Aircraft safely lands near Jaisalmer after engine failure.

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An Indian Air Force (IAF) Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) was forced to land safely near Jaisalmer due to an engine malfunction during a routine training sortie. Fortunately, there were no injuries to personnel or damage to property, highlighting the effective safety protocols in place. The RPA was successfully recovered from an empty field with only minimal damage, underscoring the robustness of IAF's equipment and operational procedures. This incident reflects the importance of RPAs in enhancing the IAF's reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities, reinforcing India's commitment to maintaining a high level of readiness and operational effectiveness in its defense strategy.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Pak politician admits Pakistan's role in Delhi blast, targeting India.

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In a stark on-record admission, former Pakistan-occupied Kashmir “prime minister” Chaudhry Anwarul Haq has publicly linked Islamabad to the 10 November 2025 car bomb blast near Delhi’s Red Fort, which killed at least 14–15 people and injured dozens. In a viral speech to the PoK Assembly after his ouster on 17 November, Haq declared, “If you keep bleeding Balochistan, we will hit India from the Red Fort to the forests of Kashmir. By the grace of Allah, we have done it… they still can’t count the bodies.” His remarks implicitly credit Pakistan-backed terror groups, even as probes by NIA and Delhi Police trace the blast to a Jaish-e-Mohammad–linked “white-collar” module of doctors tied to plots like “Operation D-6”. The confession reinforces Indian claims of state-enabled cross-border terrorism and will sharpen New Delhi’s diplomatic, intelligence and covert response calculus.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

CISA orders urgent fixes for critical Fortinet vulnerability in agencies.

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CISA has mandated U.S. government agencies to address a critical vulnerability, CVE-2025-58034, in Fortinet's FortiWeb web application firewall. This OS command injection flaw permits authenticated attackers to execute root-level code, posing significant risks to federal systems. Agencies have been given a tight deadline until November 25 to secure their systems, following the identification of this vulnerability in the context of rising cyber threats, including a recent attack linked to a Chinese hacking group. The urgency is underscored by the inclusion of this flaw in CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog, reflecting the broader implications of such vulnerabilities in national security and cyber defense strategies.

CERT-In warns Asus DSL routers vulnerable to cyber threats; update firmware now. SHARE

20-Nov-25

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a critical alert for users of select Asus DSL-series Wi-Fi routers, highlighting a significant authentication bypass vulnerability (CVE-2025-59367) that can be exploited remotely, risking the security of entire networks. This flaw affects popular models such as Asus DSL-AC51, DSL-N16, and DSL-AC750, commonly used in homes and small offices across India. Users are urged to update their router firmware, change default passwords, and monitor network activity to mitigate potential cyber threats. This warning underscores a growing trend of vulnerable networking devices being targeted by cybercriminals, emphasizing the importance of maintaining updated security measures in an increasingly digital lifestyle.

Nation-state actors merge cyber warfare with physical attacks, raising security concerns. SHARE

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Recent findings by Amazon Threat Intelligence reveal a concerning trend of nation-state actors integrating cyber warfare with kinetic operations, termed "cyber-enabled kinetic targeting." The analysis highlights two case studies involving Iranian cyber groups—Imperial Kitten and MuddyWater—that demonstrate how cyber reconnaissance is used to facilitate physical attacks, such as maritime strikes and missile launches. This evolution blurs the lines between digital and physical warfare, urging defenders to re-evaluate cybersecurity strategies and enhance intelligence sharing across sectors. The implications stress the necessity for critical infrastructure protection and the complexities of attribution in hybrid warfare scenarios, marking a significant shift in modern conflict dynamics.

Operation WrtHug compromises 50,000 outdated ASUS routers globally through six security flaws. SHARE

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A newly identified cyber campaign, codenamed Operation WrtHug, has compromised over 50,000 outdated ASUS WRT routers globally, primarily affecting regions such as Taiwan, the U.S., and Russia. The operation exploits six known security vulnerabilities, enabling attackers to gain control of these devices through the ASUS AiCloud service. SecurityScorecard reports similarities to China-linked botnet activities, suggesting possible links to known Chinese hacking groups. This incident underscores the increasing trend of malicious actors targeting network devices for mass infection, raising concerns about cybersecurity vulnerabilities that could have broader implications for global digital infrastructure.

Logitech confirms data breach; no sensitive info compromised, possibly linked to Clop gang. SHARE

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Logitech has confirmed a data breach involving the unauthorized exfiltration of data, reportedly by the Russia-linked ransomware group Clop, which claims to have stolen approximately 1.8TB of files. The company asserts that no sensitive or customer-related information was compromised, as sensitive details such as national ID numbers and credit card data were not stored on the affected systems. The breach is believed to have exploited a zero-day vulnerability in a third-party software platform, which has since been patched. This incident raises significant concerns regarding cybersecurity, especially in relation to the vulnerabilities of third-party platforms and the potential impact on consumer trust.

US report reveals China's disinformation campaign against Rafale jets. SHARE

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A recent report by the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission has revealed that China orchestrated a disinformation campaign aimed at discrediting the French Rafale fighter jets following the May 2025 India-Pakistan border crisis. The campaign, which sought to promote China's J35 aircraft, involved the use of fake social media accounts to disseminate false narratives and AI-generated images claiming Rafale aircraft debris was caused by Chinese weapons. This misinformation effort was reportedly amplified by actors from both China and Pakistan, with Chinese embassies globally tasked to undermine Rafale's reputation. Such tactics underscore the intense geopolitical competition in the defense sector, highlighting the lengths to which nations may go to influence international arms sales.

Miscellaneous

Indian Navy's 'Swavlamban 2025' to Boost Innovation and Self-Reliance

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The Indian Navy is set to host 'Swavlamban 2025', a significant event focused on innovation and indigenisation, scheduled from November 25-26 at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi. Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, emphasized the seminar's role in showcasing the Navy's strides toward Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defense technologies, highlighting themes of collaboration and technological advancement in response to evolving security needs. This year's seminar will specifically present challenges derived from lessons learned during Operation Sindoor, encouraging participants to propose innovative solutions. In addition to exhibit zones for successful indigenous products, the event will feature brainstorming sessions on policy frameworks, expert panels discussing emerging technologies, and an interactive session with venture capitalists aimed at fostering innovation. Swavlamban 2025 represents a crucial initiative for the Indian Navy to engage innovators from academia, industry, and startups, promoting a unified approach to enhance future naval capabilities and strengthen national defense.

ITBP's 27th battalion named best anti-Naxal unit for combat success and community engagement.

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The Indo-Tibetan Border Police's 27th battalion has been recognized as the best anti-Naxal unit for its exemplary operational success and community engagement in Chhattisgarh, highlighted during the Raising Day Director General's Parade in Udhampur. The battalion's significant achievements include the elimination of two senior Naxal commanders and the neutralization of nine other top leaders, demonstrating a strategic approach in dismantling the Naxalite infrastructure. Beyond combat, the unit has fostered community trust through initiatives like career counseling and medical facilities, serving over 6,000 villagers. This recognition underscores the Indian government's commitment to eradicating the Naxal threat by 2026 while promoting sustainable development in affected regions.

Indian Navy's Half Marathon to feature special local trains for participants.

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The Indian Navy will host the 8th edition of the Western Naval Command (WNC) Navy Half Marathon on November 23, 2025, as part of Navy Day celebrations, expected to attract around 20,000 participants. To facilitate smooth travel for runners, the Western Railway will operate a special local train from Virar to Churchgate, departing at 02:30 am and arriving at 04:12 am. Additionally, Central Railway will provide two special suburban services from Kalyan and Panvel to ensure accessibility for participants. The marathon will feature three race categories: 21 km Aircraft Carrier Run, 10 km Destroyer Run, and 5 km Frigate Run, promoting interaction between naval personnel and the public, and showcasing historical locations in South Mumbai.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SWANDEF	1036.05	1036.05	1036.05	1036.05	5168	5.0	100.0	678.02	106.64
AZAD	1681.0	1758.3	1670.3	1740.3	677028	4.08	63.24	1658.42	1562.3
MTARTECH	2609.9	2706.6	2609.9	2696.9	498015	3.89	70.2	2477.91	1645.2
PARAS	721.5	764.95	721.5	746.65	3083236	3.56	58.89	713.39	664.75
GRSE	2835.0	2963.7	2829.0	2921.1	3107722	3.24	67.27	2687.94	2323.68
ZENTEC	1439.0	1466.8	1416.3	1445.8	1420724	3.15	56.13	1387.52	1553.59
TECHERA	254.8	259.2	241.1	255.85	32800	2.79	47.75	273.1	192.02
SUNITATOOL	811.55	852.1	811.55	831.25	44000	2.43	54.43	807.52	781.01
IDEAFORGE	483.0	501.0	480.1	493.5	454387	2.38	55.05	478.96	470.89
ASTRAMICRO	975.9	999.0	970.0	993.3	184084	2.25	40.05	1038.09	934.48
LMW	15270.0	15730.0	15178.0	15620.0	3607	2.02	54.39	15656.2	15624.88
MAZDOCK	2780.0	2848.0	2775.8	2829.5	1653665	1.66	56.78	2756.61	2810.51
DATAPATTNS	3050.0	3215.0	3042.7	3104.6	1830313	1.62	67.84	2835.97	2451.79
DRONACHRYA	60.35	61.5	58.5	60.05	75000	1.61	51.75	59.29	73.82
JYOTICNC	983.6	1002.15	983.6	992.15	609382	1.56	61.68	923.8	1019.57
COCHINSHIP	1700.0	1771.0	1700.0	1724.7	1911722	1.49	44.15	1759.92	1704.11
NIBE	1072.45	1111.0	1072.2	1104.25	6013	1.43	35.58	1190.89	1364.6
URAVIDEF	199.0	204.0	188.81	197.62	16839	1.41	26.28	223.94	407.39
APOLLO	280.7	285.9	278.25	283.3	2687882	1.4	49.04	278.83	196.08
BEML	1950.0	1995.0	1944.1	1965.8	246517	1.38	35.88	2080.8	1890.28
BDL	1542.0	1583.0	1540.1	1557.0	1803892	1.31	53.43	1527.1	1531.44
AVANTEL	158.0	163.35	157.71	159.33	1197478	1.05	38.24	167.45	145.26
SOLARINDS	13875.0	14060.0	13787.0	13951.0	104582	1.03	51.5	13837.1	13474.6
MACPOWER	960.95	986.8	958.3	969.7	12665	0.91	68.86	854.3	891.24
HIGHENE	624.65	639.95	606.0	619.8	5750	0.89	55.03	599.13	601.56
TEMBO	811.0	824.35	800.0	809.25	125140	0.87	70.46	699.31	552.21
ADANIENT	2450.1	2478.9	2440.4	2446.1	1526556	0.53	47.58	2457.9	2416.36
MIDHANI	351.4	359.8	350.15	353.15	199668	0.47	34.65	375.57	361.22
LT	4035.0	4048.0	4007.7	4037.4	1463574	0.44	66.5	3964.25	3551.85
CFF	625.05	636.2	625.0	627.0	20200	0.41	41.72	658.41	579.37
DYNAMATECH	9789.0	9832.5	9610.0	9753.0	12284	0.28	75.37	8662.6	6966.77
PREMEXPLN	570.2	581.9	566.05	570.45	268399	0.04	42.44	602.22	500.45
BEL	425.0	427.2	422.2	423.0	10463382	-0.05	55.39	419.02	359.88
KRISHNADEF	807.8	814.9	791.7	803.1	42000	-0.09	50.82	795.88	778.12
SIKA	1021.0	1058.0	1015.0	1028.95	21327	-0.2	27.73	1122.77	974.2
PTC	164.11	164.95	162.75	163.29	632149	-0.43	40.05	166.78	170.66
ROSSELLIND	60.74	60.74	59.18	59.4	10861	-0.45	39.63	61.23	66.61
HBLPOWER	944.7	946.3	922.7	931.1	3596257	-0.46	45.73	990.29	659.24
GOODLUCK	1185.7	1189.4	1158.3	1176.2	71224	-0.57	45.44	1205.52	981.56
HAL	4763.9	4775.8	4710.0	4716.6	798346	-0.58	47.38	4733.86	4468.62
BHARATFORG	1460.0	1460.2	1432.9	1435.4	903044	-0.75	72.27	1351.36	1197.95
AXISCADES	1526.0	1544.8	1505.0	1512.9	23947	-0.82	49.75	1495.07	1180.58
RTNINDIA	45.38	46.62	44.66	44.94	1506002	-0.86	23.48	49.6	51.09
TANEJAERO	337.25	342.8	330.0	333.6	7315	-1.24	40.41	346.57	365.17
CENTUM	2550.3	2560.5	2500.2	2515.4	14491	-1.27	50.72	2477.25	2154.42
WALCHANNAG	159.12	162.0	154.51	155.14	162468	-2.08	34.81	168.02	195.2
DCXINDIA	199.9	200.32	194.0	194.57	635285	-2.29	24.55	215.04	265.58
MARINE	252.9	256.5	245.0	245.75	359959	-2.71	57.03	240.25	198.0
RELINFRA	180.0	182.0	170.39	170.53	1745523	-4.92	28.17	196.17	277.7
LOKESHMACH	177.7	182.0	164.01	168.11	185623	-5.42	33.48	185.52	189.53