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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
DCXINDIA	292.2	270.92	+7.85%
LOKESHMACH	166.65	158.72	+5.0%
KRISHNADEF	852.35	821.05	+3.81%
SIKA	757.15	735.7	+2.92%
BHARATFORG	1135.5	1103.6	+2.89%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ASTRAMICRO	807.25	831.35	-2.9%
HIGHENE	483.45	495.75	-2.48%
MARINE	205.44	209.69	-2.03%
NIBE	1513.25	1542.25	-1.88%
WALCHANNAG	194.57	197.76	-1.61%

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

India Seals Borders, Suspends Indus Waters Treaty After Pahalgam Attack



23-Apr-25

Following the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, which claimed more than 25 lives, including pilgrims and local civilians, the Government of India moved swiftly to impose a suite of punitive diplomatic and security measures against Pakistan. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi cut short his visit abroad and convened an emergency meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, announcing the

- Indus Waters Treaty to be held in abeyance
- Immediate sealing of the Wagah–Attari and other land border crossings, effectively halting bilateral trade and transit. All who crossed through these borders have to return by 01 May
- All Pakistani defence and military attachés were declared persona non grata and instructed to leave the country within a week, while the staffing strength at Pakistan's High Commission was capped at just 30 officials, India to withdraw defence attaches from Pakistan
- Ministry of External Affairs revoked SAARC visa exemptions and ordered the cancellation of all existing Pakistani visas, giving holders have to depart Indian soil in 48 hours.

In parallel, trade talks were suspended indefinitely, cross-LoC bus and trade routes were shut down, and

Indian security forces were placed on high alert along the Line of Control, with enhanced patrols and aerial surveillance to preempt any further infiltration. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah personally flew to Srinagar to oversee the large-scale search operations and to coordinate with state authorities. Industry and economic ramifications include the impact on bilateral commerce and regional markets. Opposition parties, largely endorsed the government's tough posture but urged a comprehensive long-term counterterrorism strategy. Internationally, New Delhi leveraged these developments at the United Nations, securing statements of support from key partners, while Islamabad, vehemently denied any state involvement in the Pahalgam atrocity.

PM Modi Cuts Saudi Visit Short After Deadly Kashmir Attack



23-Apr-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi cut short his visit to Saudi Arabia following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which left at least 28 people dead, including tourists and locals. The attack, claimed by the Resistance Front, a proxy of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, highlights the persistent threat of terrorism in the region, reminiscent of the 2019 Pulwama attack. Upon his return, Modi held an emergency meeting with key security officials to assess the situation, and he condemned the attack while emphasizing India's unwavering resolve against terrorism. This incident underscores the pressing need for heightened security measures in tourist areas and a robust response to safeguard civilian lives, demonstrating India's commitment to combatting terrorism and ensuring the safety of its citizens.

Navy Officer and UP Man on respective honeymoon Gunned Down in front of their wives in Pahalgam

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Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, a 26-year-old Indian Navy officer recently married, was tragically killed in a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which also claimed the lives of several tourists along with another Newly Wed from UP Shubham Dwivedi. Narwal and Dwivedi, on a honeymoon trip with their wives, were shot in front of their wives just days after their wedding. The deaths has sparked widespread outrage, prompting protests across Kashmir and strong condemnation from political leaders, including Prime Minister Modi, who vowed that those responsible would face justice. The incident underscores the ongoing threat of terrorism in the region, despite efforts by the Indian Army and police to enhance security and stability. The Indian Navy expressed profound sorrow over Narwal's loss, highlighting the bravery of the armed forces amidst such heinous acts.

Indian Army Re-Deploys ALH Dhruv Helicopters for Urgent Ops

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Following a tragic terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian Army has temporarily re-deployed select Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv aircraft for counter-terrorism operations in Srinagar, despite the fleet being grounded since January 2025 due to a critical flaw discovered in the swashplate, which led to a fatal crash. The grounding was a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of personnel, and the helicopters are now being utilized under strict inspections for urgent operations. Both the Indian military and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are collaborating closely to address safety concerns, with HAL asserting that the helicopter's design is not fundamentally flawed. This strategic move reflects the urgency of enhancing operational readiness and intensifying anti-terror efforts in Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing the ALH Dhruv's vital role in India's security framework.

Security forces unveil images of Pahalgam attack terrorists.

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Security forces have released sketches and photographs of the terrorists responsible for the recent Pahalgam attack, which tragically claimed the lives of at least 28 civilians, including tourists. Identified as members of The Resistance Front, an offshoot of

Lashkar-e-Taiba, the attackers executed a meticulously planned assault, segregating victims and using military-grade weapons, including AK-47 rifles. Intelligence sources indicate that the operation was orchestrated by a top LeT commander, highlighting the involvement of external support and local collaborators. The National Investigation Agency has taken charge of the investigation, which features high-level governmental coordination to ensure justice for the victims and reinforce security in the region. This incident underscores the persistent threat of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, necessitating robust counter-terrorism strategies to protect civilians and restore stability.

Jammu Strengthens Security Amid Pahalgam Terror Attack Protests

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Following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which resulted in 26 fatalities, including foreign tourists, security has been heightened across Jammu, prompting a rare statewide shutdown supported by various political and social groups. The Jammu and Kashmir Congress, along with multiple organizations, called for a bandh to protest against the violence and show solidarity with the victims' families. The attack, attributed to militants from The Resistance Front, led to increased security measures across the region, including checkpoints and search operations, particularly in tourist areas. This coordinated response reflects a strong collective stand against terrorism and emphasizes the importance of maintaining peace and security in Jammu and Kashmir, especially for the vital tourism sector. The government has also pledged compensation for the victims' families, highlighting the serious commitment to addressing the repercussions of such heinous acts.

Israel's Foreign Minister Expresses Condolences Over J&K Attack

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Israel expressed deep sorrow regarding the recent terror attack on tourists in Jammu & Kashmir, reaffirming its solidarity with India in the fight against terrorism. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar conveyed his condolences to the victims and their families following the attack near Pahalgam, which resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries. The incident occurred during US Vice President J.D. Vance's visit to India, highlighting ongoing security challenges in the region. This international condemnation underscores the importance of global support in countering

terrorism, reflecting India's commitment to maintaining security and stability in Jammu & Kashmir amidst such threats.

IAF Honors Fallen Corporal Tage Hailyang in Pahalgam Attack



23-Apr-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) mourned the tragic loss of Corporal Tage Hailyang, who was killed in a terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, that claimed the lives of 26 individuals, including tourists. Hailyang, stationed in Srinagar, was on holiday with his wife when the attack occurred, attributed to The Resistance Front, linked to Pakistan's Lashkar-e-Taiba. The IAF expressed condolences and solidarity with the victims' families, while Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlighted the bravery and sacrifice of Hailyang, emphasizing the profound loss felt by the nation. The incident underscores the ongoing threat of terrorism in the region and the resilience of Indian forces in the face of such challenges.

Pakistan Air Force Heightens Military Readiness After Pahalgam Attack



23-Apr-25

In the aftermath of a tragic terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22, 2025, which resulted in the loss of at least 26 civilian lives, primarily targeting tourists, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has escalated its military readiness along the Indian border. Reports indicate that the PAF has deployed its Saab Erieye Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft for enhanced surveillance, reflecting a high state of alert presumably in anticipation of a potential Indian retaliatory action. The attack, attributed to The Resistance Front (TRF), a faction associated with the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), involved targeted killings based on religious identity, raising international concerns and exacerbating tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. In response, Indian officials, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have condemned the attack and reiterated India's unwavering commitment to counter-terrorism, pledging decisive action against both the perpetrators and their backers. High-level security meetings in New Delhi have focused on enhancing combat readiness and conducting operations to apprehend those responsible. The situation accentuates the historical pattern of escalatory cycles between India and Pakistan, where incidents of terrorism often lead to military posturing and potential conflict. India's strong stance against

terrorism, coupled with its military preparedness, underscores its determination to protect its sovereignty and civilian populace while sending a clear message to Pakistan regarding its support for terrorism.

NIA Denies Tahawwur Rana's Request to Contact Family Amid Probe



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) opposed Tahawwur Rana's plea to communicate with his family, citing concerns he could share crucial information related to the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Rana, an associate of the main conspirator David Coleman Headley, was extradited to India following a US Supreme Court dismissal of his plea. The NIA emphasized that the investigation is at a critical stage, revealing that Headley had detailed the operational plans and involved Pakistani nationals to Rana. The court has reserved its order regarding Rana's communication request, underscoring the ongoing efforts to address and prosecute the conspiracy behind the attacks that claimed 166 lives.

Army Thwarts Terror Infiltration at Uri, Two Terrorists Killed



23-Apr-25

On April 23, 2025, the Indian Army successfully foiled an infiltration attempt by 2-3 terrorists at the Uri LoC in Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in their deaths during an ensuing firefight. This operation follows a tragic terror attack in the Baisaran Valley, where 26 civilians were killed, attributed to the Pakistan-based Resistance Front, associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba. In response, a heightened security alert has been implemented across J&K, with increased measures to protect sensitive areas and ongoing anti-terror operations. Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have actively engaged in security assessments, emphasizing India's commitment to counter-terrorism and regional stability in the face of escalating threats.

Amit Shah: We Grieve, But Will Not Tolerate Terrorism



23-Apr-25

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the death of at least 28 people, mostly tourists. Shah emphasized that India will not yield to terror and assured that the perpetrators would be brought to justice. Singh reiterated a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism, stating that the government would

target not only the attackers but also those behind the conspiracy. Following security reviews with top military officials, he ordered an increase in combat readiness and intensified anti-terror operations. Prime Minister Modi also condemned the attack, demonstrating a unified government stance against terrorism, which aims to solidify national security and reinforce India's commitment to protecting innocent lives amidst rising threats.

Intelligence Bureau Officer Killed in J&K Terror Attack While on Family Vacation SHARE

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An Intelligence Bureau officer, Manish Ranjan, was tragically killed in a terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, while on vacation with his family. The attack has drawn condemnation from various political leaders, including Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who emphasized the need for stringent action against terrorist groups. This incident underscores the ongoing security challenges in the region, despite the Indian government's efforts to combat terrorism. The collective outrage from leaders highlights a strong national resolve to enhance safety measures for tourists and citizens alike, reinforcing India's commitment to national security amidst such threats.

Pahalgam Pony Operator Syed Adil Hussain: A Hero Against Terrorism SHARE

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In a tragic incident in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, pony ride operator Syed Adil Hussain was killed while bravely attempting to save tourists during a terrorist attack that claimed 26 lives. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah condemned the attack, noting Hussain's heroism in trying to disarm a terrorist. The attack was carried out by around 56 militants from the Resistance Front, an offshoot of the Pakistani terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba. This incident highlights the ongoing threat of terrorism in the region and the valor of local individuals who risk their lives to protect others, underscoring the need for robust security measures and community resilience against such attacks.

Two terrorists neutralized in Baramulla after deadly Pahalgam attack. SHARE

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Two terrorists were killed in an encounter in Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir, following a deadly attack in

Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives. The Indian Army thwarted an infiltration attempt by the terrorists, recovering a significant cache of weapons and ammunition. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who cut short his visit to Saudi Arabia in response to the Pahalgam attack, condemned the incident and reaffirmed India's unwavering commitment to combating terrorism. This swift military action illustrates India's proactive defense strategy and determination to ensure the safety of its citizens, reinforcing the nation's resolve against terrorism amid ongoing security challenges in the region.

56 Foreign Terrorists in J&K: LeT Dominates, Threat to Stability SHARE

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A recent report indicates that 56 foreign terrorists, primarily from Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), are currently active in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), with a worrying trend of foreign operatives outnumbering locals. Security forces attribute a recent deadly attack on tourists in Pahalgam to LeT operatives, dismissed claims by the Resistance Front as a façade. Former J&K police chief SP Vaid emphasizes that this shift in terrorist strategy could negatively impact tourism and stability in the region, which aligns with Pakistan's intent to destabilize Kashmir. He urges unity among Kashmiris to counter this threat effectively.

Kashmir Boosts Security After Pahalgam Tourist Attack SHARE

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Following a tragic terrorist attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 tourists, Indian security officials are implementing a significant overhaul of security measures in Kashmir. This includes establishing a permanent presence of army and paramilitary forces in the mountainous regions surrounding popular tourist sites to address existing security gaps. With the Amarnath Yatra approaching and expected high civilian movement, the strategic repositioning of security forces aims to enhance safety for pilgrims and locals alike. High-level discussions are ongoing to finalize a comprehensive security framework, reflecting a robust response to the threat of terrorism in this sensitive region.

Security Forces Clash with Terrorists in Kulgam After Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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An encounter between terrorists and security forces erupted in Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir, a day after a

terrorist attack in Pahalgam killed 26, mostly tourists. Security personnel initiated a search operation based on intelligence about militant presence, leading to gunfire from the terrorists. Prime Minister Modi convened a Cabinet Committee on Security meeting to address the deteriorating security situation in the region. In a proactive response, Indian forces have remained on high alert, successfully thwarting an infiltration attempt in Baramulla, showcasing their commitment to maintaining stability and safeguarding civilians in the face of ongoing terrorism threats.

Rajnath Singh Cancels Ladakh Visit After Pahalgam Terror Attack SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has cancelled his planned visit to Ladakh due to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which resulted in the tragic loss of 26 civilian lives. This incident has sparked widespread outrage in India and internationally. Following the attack, Singh convened a crucial meeting to assess the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, attended by top defense officials, including the NSA and military chiefs. This swift reaction underscores the Indian government's commitment to addressing terrorism and enhancing security in sensitive regions, highlighting the need for robust measures to protect civilians and maintain peace in the area.

Lashkar Commander Incites Violence in J&K Ahead of Attack SHARE

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Ahead of a deadly attack in Pahalgam, Lashkar commander Abu Musa incited violence in Jammu and Kashmir, invoking the abrogation of Article 370 as justification. His inflammatory rhetoric coincided with a massacre that claimed 26 lives, highlighting escalating anti-India sentiments from Pakistan-based terror groups. The meticulously planned attack involved local operatives and was preceded by intelligence warnings, indicating the serious threat of cross-border terrorism. This incident, along with Musa's rally, emphasizes the need for heightened security measures and vigilance in countering terrorism, particularly as summer approaches, ensuring tourist safety and regional stability.

Kerala Officials Escape Unharmmed from Deadly Kashmir Terror Attack SHARE

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A recent terror attack in Kashmir targeted tourists, marking it as one of the deadliest since the 2019

Pulwama strike. Kerala High Court judges and MLAs visiting for official meetings were unharmed, prompting immediate emergency support measures from the Kerala government for affected families, including the tragic loss of a resident. Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah condemned the attack, with security forces launching a manhunt for the militants. This incident underscores ongoing terrorist threats in the region and highlights the need for enhanced security protocols to protect both locals and visitors.

Home Minister Amit Shah Visits Pahalgam Terror Attack Site, Honors Victims SHARE

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Home Minister Amit Shah visited the site of a recent terror attack in Pahalgam, where terrorists opened fire on tourists, resulting in fatalities. During his visit, Shah paid tribute to the victims and emphasized India's unwavering commitment to combating terrorism, highlighting a significant reduction in terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir. The attack, linked to The Resistance Front, involved attackers identified as Pakistani nationals and local collaborators. Prime Minister Modi also condemned the assault and cut short his visit to Saudi Arabia to address national security concerns, reinforcing the government's zero-tolerance stance on terrorism and immediate crisis response protocols.

Shiv Sena's Raut Calls for Amit Shah's Resignation After Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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The recent Pahalgam terror attack, claimed by The Resistance Front, targeted non-Muslim tourists, prompting serious security concerns in Jammu and Kashmir. Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut criticized Home Minister Amit Shah for security lapses, particularly following the revocation of the region's special status in 2019. The attackers, donning military-style uniforms, exploited limited security in remote areas, raising questions about counter-terrorism readiness. Prime Minister Modi's swift return from Saudi Arabia for a security review and Shah's visit to the attack site highlight the urgency of addressing these issues. This incident has intensified scrutiny over the government's Kashmir strategy and may impact international perceptions of India's counter-terrorism efforts.

Pakistan Denies Ties to Pahalgam Attack Amid Rising Tensions [SHARE](#)

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Pakistani Defence Minister Asif has denied any connection to the recent deadly attack on tourists near Pahalgam, attributing the violence to internal unrest in India, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized Pakistan's rejection of terrorism and accused India of deflecting blame, while India's officials remain skeptical of Pakistan's claims, suspecting foreign militant involvement in the incident. The attack comes amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, especially following the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in 2019, with both nations exchanging accusations regarding regional unrest. This incident further complicates the already strained relations, highlighting the persistent challenges in addressing cross-border terrorism and internal security issues.

Kashmiris Unite in Grief and Resolve After Pahalgam Attack [SHARE](#)

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PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti expressed deep regret over the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, stating that Kashmiris are ashamed and share in the grief of those affected. Leading a protest march, she condemned the act as a cowardly assault not just on tourists but on the very essence of Kashmiriyat, emphasizing the need for swift justice against the perpetrators. She urged the government to act decisively and stated that this tragedy has united the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the nation in mourning, asserting that such violence would not be tolerated. The call for accountability highlights the ongoing struggle against terrorism in the region.

China Condemns Pahalgam Attack, Expresses Condolences to Victims [SHARE](#)

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China's foreign ministry has expressed sincere sympathies following a tragic attack on tourists in Jammu and Kashmir that resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals. Spokesman Guo Jiakun condemned the attack and extended condolences to the victims' families. This reaction highlights China's stance on terrorism and its implications on regional stability, showcasing a diplomatic approach despite ongoing tensions with India. While such statements are often politically motivated, they also reflect a recognition of the shared challenges posed by extremism in the region, underscoring the necessity for collaborative

efforts to combat terrorism and ensure safety for all civilians, including those in disputed territories.

Govt vows strong response to Pahalgam terror attack, emphasizes defense self-reliance [SHARE](#)

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Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, promising a strong response and reiterating India's zero tolerance towards terrorism. He emphasized the government's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing, highlighting advancements in indigenous defense systems like the LCA Tejas and BrahMos. Singh described the Indian Air Force's evolution as integral to national security and stressed the importance of technology and innovation, particularly from the private sector and start-ups. He also noted the strategic significance of the Indo-Pacific region amid shifting global power dynamics, underscoring the government's resolve to meet emerging challenges.

Defense Business and Industry

Aerpace Industries' aerRecon ARM-5 Drone Boosts India's Defense Readiness [SHARE](#)

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Aerpace Industries Limited has successfully tested its new surveillance drone, the aerRecon ARM-5, marking a significant achievement in India's defense technology. Designed for challenging terrains, this drone can perform vertical takeoffs and landings, adapting to various surveillance missions while ensuring safety by operating in high-risk areas. This development not only showcases India's growing capabilities in unmanned systems but also strengthens international partnerships, particularly with the UAE, highlighting the potential of the private sector in contributing to national security. The aerRecon ARM-5 stands as a testament to India's commitment to innovation and self-reliance in defense readiness.

JD Vance Advocates F-35A Fighters to Boost India's Defense Ties [SHARE](#)

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During his visit to India, US Vice President JD Vance advocated for India to acquire the F-35A stealth fighter jets, emphasizing their potential to enhance the Indian Air Force's capabilities and strengthen the strategic

partnership within the Quad framework. The discussions also touched upon broader defense cooperation and included the launch of the India-US COMPACT initiative, aimed at fostering military partnerships and advanced technology exchanges. However, India's immediate focus remains on its own Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft tender and domestic manufacturing under the 'Make in India' policy, which may favor alternatives like the Rafale. The dynamics of this proposal and India's existing procurement priorities will shape future defense relations.

Stacie Sire Named VP of Boeing India Engineering & Tech Center

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Boeing has appointed Stacie Sire as vice president and managing director of the Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) in Bengaluru, succeeding Ahmed Elsherbini. With 27 years of experience at Boeing, Sire aims to advance BIETC's goals and enhance team capabilities, supporting the company's growth in India's aerospace and defense sectors. Her extensive background in engineering and leadership positions is expected to drive innovation and collaboration within the organization. This leadership change reflects Boeing's commitment to strengthening its presence in India, a key market for its strategic objectives in aerospace and defense.

Paras Defence to Create Key Magnets for India's First Indigenous MRI

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Paras Defence & Space Technologies has announced its pivotal role in developing India's first indigenous MRI machine's high-performance magnets, as part of a consortium led by SAMEER. This initiative aims to enhance self-reliance in advanced medical technology, significantly reducing import dependency and making quality diagnostics more accessible. The manufacturing is slated to begin at Paras Defence's Ambarnath facility, with the first MRI scanner planned for clinical evaluation at AIIMS New Delhi by October. This project not only promises to lower procurement costs by 30% but also aims to position India as a global hub for cutting-edge medical technology, generating jobs and enhancing domestic capabilities in the medical devices sector.

Bell Enhances Helicopter Maintenance Training in Valencia

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Bell has expanded its helicopter maintenance training offerings at its Training Academy in Valencia, Spain, catering to global clients, particularly in the EMEA region. The new programs include a comprehensive Bell 429 Field Maintenance Course and an Integrated Avionics Course, both certified by various aviation authorities, focusing on in-depth technical skills and practical experience. This initiative highlights Bell's commitment to enhancing customer training and ensuring technicians are well-equipped to maintain Bell platforms effectively. The advanced training facilities in Valencia, which include a Level D simulator, position Bell as a leader in aviation training, thereby strengthening its global footprint in the defense aviation sector.

TASL Celebrates Delivery of 300th Pilatus Aircraft Fuselage

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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has marked a significant milestone in India's aerospace manufacturing by delivering its 300th Pilatus aircraft fuselage, underscoring its global leadership in precision engineering. This achievement highlights a decade-long collaboration with Swiss aerospace company Pilatus and reflects India's growing role as a reliable manufacturing hub in the global aerospace supply chain. TASL's facility in Hyderabad employs cutting-edge technology and rigorous quality standards, positioning it to meet increasing global demand and explore new international partnerships. This milestone not only reinforces the Indian defense industry's potential but also supports the broader ambition of achieving self-reliance in aerospace and defense manufacturing.

Azerbaijan Think Tank Questions Akash SAMs Against Turkish Drones

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A report by Azerbaijan's AIR Center raises concerns about India's Akash surface-to-air missile system's effectiveness against Turkish-supplied UAVs in the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. As Armenia enhances its air defenses with a \$720 million deal for 15 Akash systems, the report notes that while the Akash could neutralize threats from Azerbaijani drones like the TB2, its success depends on Armenia's ability to integrate it within a layered defense network. Indian defense exports to Armenia are seen as a strategic move

against the Pakistan-Turkey-Azerbaijan axis, potentially altering the military balance in the region. However, Azerbaijan's investment in defense modernization could counteract these advancements, underscoring ongoing tensions.

IAF Enhances C-130J Super Hercules with Advanced EW Pods SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is considering equipping its C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft with advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) pods to enhance its capabilities in electronic combat support. This development aims to allow the C-130Js to detect and neutralize enemy radar systems, significantly bolstering their role in contested airspaces. With the ability to employ indigenous technology from DRDO, the integration would transform select C-130Js into multi-role assets, enabling real-time threat characterization while maintaining transport functions. Although technical and logistical hurdles exist, the initiative reflects India's commitment to adapting its assets for modern warfare and improving operational effectiveness against sophisticated adversaries.

India's Akash Missile System Challenges China's Offer in Brazil SHARE

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India's Akash Missile System is competing for Brazil's air defense modernization project, positioning itself as a strong contender against China's Sky Dragon 50. The Akash, developed by DRDO, offers superior range and multi-target engagement, making it an attractive solution for Brazil's defense needs, especially given its current limitations with outdated systems. A government-to-government deal could expedite procurement and strengthen bilateral ties, with potential for co-development in naval platforms and aircraft. India's commitment to enhancing defense exports, supported by Exim Bank's plans to open an office in Brazil, underscores its strategic focus on South-South cooperation and expanding its defense footprint in Latin America.

Optiemus and Avix Collaborate to Boost Drone Parts Production in India SHARE

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Optiemus Unmanned Systems has partnered with Taiwan's Avix Technology to manufacture high-performance drone components in India, supporting the Make in India initiative. This collaboration aims to establish a self-reliant defense technology ecosystem

and was showcased at the Milipol India Exhibition 2025, alongside the launch of four advanced drones tailored for defense, surveillance, and reconnaissance. Notably, the drones feature optical fibre cable navigation, enhancing their capabilities in electronic warfare environments. This partnership underscores India's commitment to leveraging indigenous manufacturing and advanced technology, fostering national security and aligning with the government's defense modernization goals. Overall, it reflects a significant stride in enhancing the domestic defense industry's capabilities.

India Strengthens Naval Power with INS Vela's Acceptance Milestone SHARE

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India is advancing its maritime defense capabilities with the signing of the Second Reading acceptance documents for INS Vela, the fourth Kalvari-class submarine under Project-75. This milestone, marked on April 22, 2025, underscores India's commitment to enhancing its strategic presence in the Indian Ocean amidst rising geopolitical tensions and China's expanding naval influence. INS Vela, equipped with advanced stealth technology and a variety of mission capabilities, is set to join the operational fleet alongside its predecessors, bolstering India's underwater combat prowess. This development reflects a significant step towards ensuring national security and reinforcing the Indian Navy's operational readiness in a dynamic regional environment.

QuBeats Develops Quantum Navigation to Enhance IAF's Resilience SHARE

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QuBeats, a pioneering Indian startup, is developing quantum-based navigation solutions to counter GPS-denied threats faced by the Indian Air Force, collaborating with the Ministry of Defence. Founded by Rajat Sethi, the company focuses on enhancing military resilience against electronic jamming and spoofing, vital for modern warfare. By utilizing quantum magnetometers and inertial navigation systems, QuBeats aims to provide accurate positioning independent of satellite signals. This initiative aligns with India's goal of self-reliance in defense technology, addressing risks along borders with China and Pakistan, and could also tap into global demand for GPS-independent navigation systems, enhancing India's defense export potential.

India Revamps Export SOP to Accelerate Defense Sales Growth [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Ministry of Defence has revamped its export Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to enhance defense exports, aiming for \$5 billion annually by 2025. Key reforms include streamlined timelines for export permissions for Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (FOEMs), reducing authorization from 60-90 days to 30-45, and expanding the non-lethal items list from 9 to 15. This initiative aligns with the Make in India policy, boosting Indian manufacturers' competitiveness in global markets. With defense exports already reaching \$2.63 billion in FY 2023-24, these changes are expected to further accelerate growth, facilitating timely deliveries and fostering long-term partnerships in the global defense supply chain.

NextLeap and Dheya Collaborate on Turbojet UAV Development in India [SHARE](#)

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Bengaluru-based NextLeap Aeronautics and Dheya Technologies have partnered to develop advanced turbojet-powered UAVs, enhancing India's defense capabilities and supporting the Make in India initiative. This collaboration aims to reduce dependence on imported UAVs while facilitating military and civilian applications, including intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. NextLeap's innovative UAV designs and Dheya's engineering expertise are expected to create systems with superior speed and payload capacities. The venture reflects India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense technology and modern warfare readiness, positioning the country as a competitive player in advanced aerial systems.

India and Vietnam Strengthen Defense Ties with C-295 Partnership [SHARE](#)

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India and Vietnam are strengthening their defense ties through collaboration on the Airbus C-295 transport aircraft, where Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel will train Vietnamese technicians. This partnership not only showcases India's growing role as a regional hub for maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) but also enhances operational interoperability between the two nations. The establishment of a state-of-the-art MRO facility in Vadodara aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, generating revenue and creating jobs while reducing reliance on foreign providers. This initiative reinforces India's position as a mentor in

regional security and reflects its commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

BSF Trials DRDO's Ugram Rifle to Replace INSAS, Boosting Firepower [SHARE](#)

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The Border Security Force (BSF) is trialing the indigenous Ugram 7.62mm assault rifle, developed by DRDO, as a potential replacement for the outdated INSAS rifle, marking a significant modernization effort. This shift aligns with the Indian Army's transition to more powerful 7.62mm platforms, reflecting a strategic enhancement of firepower for counter-insurgency and border operations. The Ugram's fully indigenous design promises improved reliability and supply chain resilience, addressing past criticisms of the INSAS's performance in challenging environments. As the BSF adapts to evolving threats, including cross-border infiltration, the Ugram's trials represent a crucial step toward self-reliance in defense manufacturing under the Make in India initiative.

Indian Navy Inducts 10th Indigenous ACTCM Barge, LSAM 24 [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Navy recently inducted its 10th Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, LSAM 24, at a ceremony in Mumbai, highlighting a significant advancement in indigenous defense capabilities. Constructed by Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, these barges were designed in collaboration with an Indian ship design firm and tested for seaworthiness at the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory. The successful delivery of these barges aligns with the government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, showcasing a commitment to enhancing operational efficiency in transporting ammunition and supporting the Navy's operational readiness. This development underscores the crucial role of MSMEs in bolstering India's defense infrastructure.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Indian Army Advocates DPM Reforms to Boost Private Sector Competition [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army is advocating for reforms in the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) to eliminate biases favoring Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), which impede competition with private

industries. Lt Gen Aujla emphasized the need for a level playing field to further the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, addressing procedural issues that stifle private sector innovation. Key recommendations include adopting an apportionment concept in tendering to diversify contracts and prevent monopolization, thereby enhancing the military's capabilities while supporting MSMEs with advanced solutions. These changes aim to align procurement processes with India's strategic goals, including the Make in India initiative and the Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured (IDDM) framework.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Trump Calls Modi, Vows Full Support for India Post-Kashmir Attack SHARE

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US President Donald Trump condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which resulted in 26 fatalities, mostly among tourists, and expressed full support for India in seeking justice for the victims. In a phone call with Prime Minister Modi, Trump emphasized the US's solidarity with India against terrorism. The White House and various US officials reiterated their condemnation of the attack and extended condolences to the victims' families. This incident has prompted a strong response from both nations, reinforcing their collaborative stance against terrorism and highlighting the importance of international solidarity in combating such heinous acts.

Zelenskyy Rejects Land Cession in Peace Talks Ahead of London Meeting SHARE

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Ukrainian President Zelenskyy firmly rejected proposals for ceding territory to Russia in upcoming peace talks, emphasizing that Ukraine's land is non-negotiable. Despite ongoing attacks on Ukrainian cities, including a significant drone assault on Odesa, negotiations in London aim to push for a ceasefire. Zelenskyy stated that Ukraine's delegation will discuss only unconditional ceasefire options, underscoring the urgency for genuine peace talks. Meanwhile, the Kremlin remains cautious about the discussions, indicating Moscow's preference for battlefield momentum. This complex situation reflects the challenges of achieving a lasting resolution to the ongoing conflict while ensuring Ukraine's territorial integrity.

Military Operations

Pakistan Heightens Military Readiness Amid Fears of Indian Retaliation SHARE

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Following a terror attack in Pahalgam that killed at least 28 people, Indian officials are expressing grave concerns over Pakistani military mobilization near the Line of Control (LoC). The Resistance Front, linked to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility, prompting Indian leaders, including Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, to emphasize a strong retaliation against the perpetrators. Observations of increased Pakistani Air Force activity suggest preparations for potential conflict, with experts likening this situation to the 2019 Pulwama incident. Calls for a robust response, reminiscent of Israel's tactics against Hamas, have gained traction, highlighting the urgency for India to assert its deterrence capabilities while navigating the risks of escalation in an already volatile region. The international community's increasing scrutiny of Pakistan's support for terrorism adds another layer to the ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Pakistan Army Chief's Provocative Remarks Amid Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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India recently faced a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, claimed by The Resistance Front, linked to Pakistan-based terror groups. In the backdrop, Pakistan Army chief Gen Asim Munir called Kashmir the "jugular vein" of Pakistan, evoking the two-nation theory, which many in India interpreted as a direct incitement to terrorism. India's External Affairs Ministry firmly rejected these assertions, stating Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and emphasizing Pakistan's role in sponsoring terrorism. This incident underscores the ongoing tensions and the need for India to remain vigilant against cross-border terrorism, while reinforcing its territorial integrity and sovereignty.

Explosions at Russian Military Base Near Moscow Begin to Subside SHARE

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A series of ammunition explosions at a Russian military base in the Vladimir region, triggered by a fire due to safety breaches, have reportedly begun to subside, according to regional governor Alexander Avdeev. The

incident, which occurred east of Moscow, resulted in injuries to four individuals and the evacuation of approximately 450 nearby residents. Schools and businesses in the affected area remain closed as assessments of the damage are underway. This event underscores ongoing concerns regarding safety and operational protocols within the Russian military, potentially impacting the broader security landscape in the region.

Israel Intercepts Missile from Yemen Amid Rising Regional Tensions SHARE

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Israel's military reported intercepting a missile launched from Yemen by Iran-backed Huthi rebels, which has been a growing concern as these groups have increasingly targeted Israel in solidarity with Palestinians amid the ongoing Gaza conflict. The missile triggered air raid sirens in northern Israel, highlighting the operational capabilities of both the Huthi forces and Israel's defense systems. This incident underscores the broader regional instability influenced by Iranian proxies and the ongoing U.S. military efforts to counter Huthi attacks affecting international shipping. Israel's proactive stance in targeting Huthi positions reflects its commitment to securing its borders and maintaining the stability of vital trade routes.

Defence Minister Briefed as Additional Troops Deployed Post-Kashmir Attack SHARE

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A high-level meeting involving the Army, Navy, and Air Force Chiefs, along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, was convened in response to a terrorist attack on Hindu tourists in Kashmir, resulting in 28 deaths and numerous injuries. The attack, attributed to The Resistance Front, has prompted the induction of additional troops for search and neutralization operations in the affected areas. The Defence Minister condemned the violence and expressed condolences, while the incident has raised security alerts across Jammu and Kashmir and drawn international condemnation. This escalation highlights the ongoing insurgency in the region, emphasizing the government's commitment to restoring security and delivering justice.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Sophos Report: Outdated Devices Leaving Businesses Exposed to Attacks SHARE

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Sophos' Annual Threat Report 2025 highlights significant cybersecurity risks facing small and medium-sized businesses, with attackers predominantly infiltrating networks through edge devices, particularly VPNs, which accounted for over 25% of incidents. Ransomware remains a critical threat, impacting 90% of mid-sized organizations, while multi-factor authentication is increasingly rendered ineffective as attackers exploit legitimate remote access tools and employ advanced social engineering tactics. The report emphasizes the vulnerability posed by outdated devices, termed "digital detritus," which are often overlooked in security protocols, thereby facilitating easier network breaches. This underscores the urgent need for businesses to bolster their cybersecurity measures and stay ahead of evolving threats.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

121 AFMC Graduates Commissioned into Indian Armed Forces SHARE

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A total of 121 graduates from the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), including 28 women, were commissioned into the Indian armed forces during a ceremony in Pune. Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin emphasized the importance of integrity and commitment to service, urging the new officers to embody the values of the Armed Forces Medical Services. This batch demonstrated exceptional performance, with 145 cadets graduating, including five from friendly foreign nations. The commissioning reflects India's dedication to strengthening its defense medical capabilities and highlights the successful integration of women in military roles, reinforcing the progressive ethos of the armed forces.

Miscellaneous

RBI mandates banks to shift to .bank.in domain by 2025 for safety. SHARE

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated banks to transition their net banking websites to the exclusive .bank.in domain by October 31, 2025, to enhance cybersecurity and curb online fraud. This initiative aims to bolster public trust in digital banking amidst rising incidents of digital payment fraud. The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) will facilitate the registration and migration process. By providing a secure domain, the RBI seeks to help customers easily identify legitimate banking sites and mitigate risks associated with phishing and spoofing attacks, ultimately strengthening the financial sector's cybersecurity framework.

Hindustan Shipyard to Deliver Propulsion Systems for Indian Navy's New Fleet Support Ships SHARE

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Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL) has secured a significant contract with MAN Energy Solutions to supply propulsion packages for five new Fleet Support Ships

(FSS) for the Indian Navy. This partnership, emphasizing advanced technology and strategic collaboration, aligns with India's self-reliance goals, as MAN will introduce Indian-made components and enhance local manufacturing. The propulsion systems, featuring robust MAN 20V32/44CR engines, are designed for reliability and efficiency, supporting the navy's operational capabilities. This milestone not only showcases India's commitment to modernizing its naval fleet but also strengthens partnerships within the defense sector, fostering the Make in India initiative and enhancing maritime security.

Fraudster Impersonating Army Captain Swindles Couple of ₹17.5 Lakh SHARE

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A fraudster, Sagar Guleria, posing as an Indian Army captain, duped an army naik's wife, Manpreet Kaur, out of ₹17.50 lakh under the guise of securing a subsidized loan. After Kaur submitted her documents and received the loan, Guleria convinced her husband to transfer the entire amount to him, claiming it was necessary for the subsidy process. Upon discovering Guleria's deceit, as he is a fugitive involved in similar scams, the couple filed an FIR against him. This incident highlights vulnerabilities within the defense community, emphasizing the need for improved awareness and protective measures against fraudulent schemes targeting service members and their families.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
DCXINDIA	272.0	295.72	269.1	292.2	3379139	7.85	69.8	241.51	321.65
LOKESHMACH	166.65	166.65	166.0	166.65	56934	5.0	45.71	153.44	340.47
KRISHNADEF	830.0	858.0	822.35	852.35	74750	3.81	70.74	727.31	701.53
SIKA	755.7	774.0	734.0	757.15	70751	2.92	77.79	636.85	531.96
BHARATFORG	1103.0	1139.6	1095.9	1135.5	1365780	2.89	56.95	1097.43	1358.6
CFE	513.5	513.5	513.5	513.5	4800	2.0	67.76	459.1	629.91
TANEJAERO	304.6	304.6	304.6	304.6	3520	1.99	50.98	307.73	443.58
SOLARINDS	12973.0	13155.0	12888.0	13084.0	139212	1.95	82.1	11426.35	10442.64
DATAPAT'TNS	2144.6	2190.0	2073.1	2171.4	1605266	1.94	77.87	1781.68	2368.13
PTC	183.0	186.75	180.9	182.36	2363268	1.44	71.35	168.74	178.44
LT	3275.4	3315.0	3266.7	3301.0	2381699	1.33	51.49	3315.73	3531.43
BDL	1421.0	1439.0	1387.8	1427.3	1370764	1.23	66.2	1334.7	1229.13
IDEAFORGE	376.0	379.5	366.05	374.3	248280	1.13	53.65	359.66	584.18
PARAS	1062.0	1080.1	1051.0	1072.2	243361	1.03	63.81	998.54	1087.19
BEL	305.6	310.3	301.8	305.85	21918666	0.82	64.77	292.58	289.81
AZAD	1573.0	1593.2	1532.4	1572.8	255243	0.78	65.93	1399.33	1548.81
ROSSELLIND	75.99	76.98	74.7	75.32	31683	0.57	58.95	68.51	218.2
MTARTECH	1436.0	1452.4	1405.0	1436.2	86295	0.54	60.32	1347.4	1640.09
HAL	4304.9	4360.0	4255.3	4307.0	1803742	0.49	66.06	4162.12	4296.49
DYNAMATECH	6520.0	6584.5	6409.0	6503.5	5665	0.43	54.27	6319.34	7242.61
MAZDOCK	2780.0	2829.0	2713.2	2765.9	2256385	0.38	62.61	2608.73	2307.83
ADANIENT	2460.0	2473.8	2421.2	2453.6	672262	0.33	61.41	2357.2	2675.0
LMW	16200.0	16340.0	16101.0	16203.0	16431	0.25	60.93	15625.66	15926.92
GRSE	1743.0	1770.0	1694.0	1734.8	1300707	0.04	62.98	1679.98	1718.19
BEML	3188.0	3219.9	3105.0	3170.0	258611	-0.06	60.21	3022.33	3729.5
COCHINSHIP	1496.0	1519.5	1456.7	1485.7	1076643	-0.21	60.8	1430.1	1691.98
MIDHANI	296.8	297.5	287.1	293.2	287902	-0.36	57.54	280.9	356.2
APOLLO	119.4	120.3	116.34	117.88	3745058	-0.53	49.75	119.15	110.73
PREMEXPLN	402.0	406.3	383.55	394.4	202022	-0.57	59.15	367.54	492.44
AVANTEL	134.85	136.5	130.53	132.69	755569	-0.87	65.64	118.75	-
HBLPOWER	534.0	539.5	517.6	525.65	1269299	-1.05	59.0	498.07	571.3
ZENTEC	1470.0	1476.8	1425.0	1439.0	241096	-1.44	51.9	1458.37	1710.7
WALCHANNAG	199.95	201.77	192.5	194.57	474761	-1.61	59.45	173.67	269.52
NIBE	1584.95	1590.0	1465.15	1513.25	64263	-1.88	73.58	1193.43	1615.93
MARINE	210.7	213.28	201.15	205.44	329991	-2.03	63.9	179.77	226.9
HIGHENE	496.0	502.8	477.05	483.45	11734	-2.48	48.8	490.57	622.18
ASTRAMICRO	835.0	835.95	800.8	807.25	307535	-2.9	69.4	717.52	786.33