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#### **Top Gainers**

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SWANDEF	577.1	549.65	+4.99%
LOKESHMACH	204.03	196.46	+3.85%
MTARTECH	1869.0	1807.6	+3.4%
DRONACHRYA	68.5	66.33	+3.27%
AVANTEL	193.57	189.73	+2.02%

#### **Top Losers**

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
URAVIDEF	270.75	285.0	-5.0%
AXISCADES	1684.2	1764.4	-4.55%
MARINE	217.98	226.7	-3.85%
PARAS	713.0	734.25	-2.89%
JYOTICNC	913.8	937.25	-2.5%

#### **Defense Business and Industry**

### Indian Navy to Commission Androth, Second ASW-SWC Vessel SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Navy is set to commission the Androth, its second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam on October 6, 2025. This advanced vessel, constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) with over 80% indigenous components, exemplifies India's commitment to Aatmanirbharta and maritime selfreliance. Named after Androth Island in Lakshadweep archipelago, the new Androth honors its predecessor, which served for over 27 years. Equipped with state-of-the-art weaponry and sensor systems, Androth will enhance the Navy's maritime security capabilities, underscoring India's resolve to build worldclass warships through indigenous efforts and strengthen its maritime defense architecture in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment.

### Defence and Culture Ministries MoU for INSV Kaundinya Project Share

23-Sep-25

The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Culture recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Stitched Ship Project, INSV Kaundinya, aimed India's ancient reviving craftsmanship. The traditional wooden vessel will be constructed using the indigenous "stitched ship" technique and is set to retrace historical trade routes to Oman later this year under the Indian Navy's management. Concurrently, the Indian Navy's

indigenous stealth frigate INS Satpura visited Colombo, enhancing bilateral naval ties with Sri Lanka through various cooperative activities. These initiatives underscore India's commitment to preserving its maritime heritage while strengthening regional security partnerships, reflecting the government's strategic focus on cultural diplomacy and maritime collaboration in the Indian Ocean.

### Indian Armed Forces to Test Drones in 'Exercise Cold Star' SHARE

23-Sep-25

In a significant move to enhance its air defence capabilities, the Indian armed forces will conduct 'Exercise Cold Star' from October 6-10 in Madhya Pradesh, focusing on drone and counter-drone systems. This exercise, described as the largest of its kind since the recent conflict with Pakistan, will involve the participation of all three military services, along with industry partners and research institutions. Air Marshal Rakesh Sinha, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, emphasized the importance of evolving military strategies, particularly in light of lessons drawn from recent operational experiences. The exercise aims to rigorously test some of India's unmanned aerial systems (UAS) as well as counter-UAS technologies, paving the way for a more robust air defence framework. Additionally, India is advancing its indigenous air defence initiative, 'Sudarshan Chakra', slated for completion by 2035, which aims to establish a comprehensive air defence network comparable to Israel's Iron Dome. This development underscores the heightened urgency in both India and Pakistan to advance drone technology, marking the beginning of a drone arms race in the region, and reflects India's commitment to maintaining strategic superiority in aerial warfare capabilities.

### Crisil forecasts private defense orders to reach Rs 55,000 crore by FY26. SHARE

23-Sep-25

A recent report by Crisil highlights a significant forecast for the Indian private defense sector, predicting a revenue growth of 16-18% in FY26, with order books expected to reach Rs 55,000 crore, a 37.5% increase from Rs 40,000 crore in FY25. This growth is attributed strong domestic demand and substantial to government initiatives, including the Make In India campaign, which have encouraged private investments and innovation in defense manufacturing. The report indicates that private defense companies have experienced a robust 20% compound annual growth rate over the past four fiscal years, supported by equity infusions of approximately Rs 3,600 crore, facilitating capital expenditure and research and development. Key segments driving this expansion include electronic command, systems and warfare control, communications, computers, and intelligence systems. Furthermore, the government's updated Technology Perspective and Capability Roadmap (TPCR-2025) prioritizes advancements in digital and cyber capabilities, further emphasizing the shift towards a more modernized and technologically integrated defense framework. This trend not only strengthens India's defense manufacturing capabilities but also positions the country favorably in the global defense market, underscoring its commitment to self-reliance and strategic innovation in the sector.

### Rajnath Singh and Morocco Minister discuss defense cooperation. Share

23-Sep-25

During his official visit to Morocco, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh engaged in discussions with Moroccan Minister of Trade Ryad Mezzour to enhance cooperation in the defence, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals sectors, marking a pivotal moment in India-Morocco relations. This visit, the first by an Indian Defence Minister to Morocco, highlighted the historical friendship and strategic convergence between the two nations. A significant achievement during this visit was inauguration of Tata Advanced Systems' manufacturing facility in Berrechid, the first Indian plant in Africa, underscoring commitment to boosting defence exports through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This collaboration not only strengthens bilateral ties but also positions India as a key player in global defence manufacturing, reflecting its rising stature on the international stage.

### Rajnath Singh inaugurates TASL's defence manufacturing plant in Morocco. S SHARE

23-Sep-25

On September 23, 2025, Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) state-of-the-art defence manufacturing facility in Berrechid, Morocco, marking a historic milestone in India-Morocco relations. This facility, which covers 20,000 square meters, will produce the indigenously developed Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8x8, a versatile modern combat vehicle designed in partnership with India's Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO). emphasized that the initiative aligns with India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, extending beyond self-reliance to foster global partnerships under the "Make in India" and "Make with Friends" frameworks. The facility is expected to significantly contribute to Morocco's defence capabilities while generating local employment and creating a robust ecosystem for engineers and suppliers, with plans for 50 percent local value addition over time. By establishing this plant, India not only strengthens its strategic ties with Morocco but also positions itself as a credible source of advanced technology, enhancing regional security and stability. The strategic location of Morocco as a gateway to Africa and Europe further amplifies the significance of this collaboration, with the facility set to serve as a bridge between markets and continents.

### RTX Corporation Secures NATO Contract for Electronic Warfare System Share

23-Sep-25

RTX Corporation has secured a NATO contract for its Electronic Warfare Planning and Battle Management (EWPBM) system, enhancing commanders' capabilities to visualize electronic warfare threats. The integrated software tool, designed to synthesize data from various sources, aims to improve situational awareness and facilitate joint operations in complex multi-domain warfare environments. This collaboration will also bolster NATO's electromagnetic warfare capabilities, emphasizing the importance of interoperability among allies. The development underscores a growing focus on integrating advanced technologies within defense systems, enhancing readiness and strategic effectiveness in contemporary military operations, which is crucial as nations navigate increasingly multifaceted security challenges.

# Cochin Shipyard partners with HD Korea to boost India's shipbuilding

capabilities. 🕓 SHARE

23-Sep-25

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has signed a memorandum of understanding with HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering to enhance India's shipbuilding capabilities, aligning with national initiatives like Maritime India Vision 2030. This strategic partnership aims to utilize CSL's infrastructure and expertise alongside HD Korea's technology to build large vessels, including Suezmax tankers, at CSL's new 310-meter dry dock, which has the capacity to construct six vessels annually. Additionally, CSL plans a greenfield investment of approximately Rs 15,000 crore in Tamil Nadu to establish a modern shipyard, expected to create around 10,000 jobs. This initiative is poised to position India as a global shipbuilding hub, significantly boosting employment in various sectors and reinforcing India's maritime strength.

### Indian Coast Guard commissions second Adamya-class patrol vessel. S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Coast Guard has recently commissioned the ICGS Adamya, the second vessel in the Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels series, at Paradip Port, Odisha. Built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited, this 51-meter vessel showcases India's commitment to self-reliance with over 60% indigenous content, contributing to the strengthening of maritime capabilities. The ship, equipped with advanced maneuverability features, operational systems, and a robust weaponry suite, will enhance surveillance duties across India's maritime zones. The commissioning of ICGS Adamya underscores India's strategic focus on ensuring maritime security and operational readiness, reflecting the nation's commitment to safeguarding its maritime interests in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment.

### EnSilica and Codasip launch CHERI ASICs for secure defense applications S SHARE

23-Sep-25

EnSilica and Codasip have announced a partnership to develop custom CHERI-enabled ASICs with postsecurity, targeted towards industrial, quantum automotive, applications. and defense This collaboration aims to enhance cybersecurity in critical systems incorporating CHERI's advanced architecture. which addresses memory safety vulnerabilities. The integration of 32-bit and 64-bit CHERI RISC-V processors into System-on-Chip designs will provide tailored solutions that meet specific application needs, enhancing both safety and resilience against sophisticated cyber threats. This initiative is significant as it positions EnSilica at the forefront of delivering robust cybersecurity solutions, essential for safeguarding national infrastructure and defense capabilities, amid rising global cyberattack risks.

### Evolving Electronic Warfare Capabilities for Modern Threats S SHARE

23-Sep-25

L3Harris has showcased its Distributed Spectrum Collaboration and Operations (DiSCO) technology as a critical advancement in electronic warfare capabilities during recent military exercises, including Talisman Sabre 2025 and DSEI 2025. This innovative architecture enhances real-time situational awareness by integrating data from various sensors across distributed platforms, enabling swift responses to complex electromagnetic threats. As adversaries develop advanced and agile systems, the need for robust electronic warfare solutions has never been more pressing. L3Harris's commitment cloud-based, multi-domain to technologies signifies a strategic move towards ensuring electronic warfare superiority for U.S. and allied forces, emphasizing the importance of shared operational insights in modern combat scenarios.

# Zen Tech and ideaForge shares rise after ₹30,000 crore drone deal announcement. Share

23-Sep-25

Shares of Zen Technologies Ltd. and ideaForge Technology Ltd. rose by up to 2% following Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh's announcement of forthcoming proposals for drone contracts valued at ₹30,000 crore. Speaking at Network18's Reform Reloaded summit, Singh emphasized the government's commitment to procuring Medium Altitude Long Endurance Drones and highlighted the importance of advancing technology in areas such as satellite imagery and precision ammunition. He noted that some "off-theshelf" purchases would be necessary to bridge existing technology gaps. Zen Technologies anticipates a significant influx of orders for anti-drone systems, aiming for cumulative revenues exceeding ₹6,000 crore by 2026-2028, indicating a robust outlook for India's defense manufacturing sector. This strategic move underscores India's focus on enhancing indigenous capabilities in advanced military technology.

### Indian Army set to order portable drone jammers from Paras Defence S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Army is poised to acquire portable drone jamming technology from Paras Defence and Space Technologies Ltd., marking a significant step in enhancing its air defense capabilities. This contract, valued at up to \$3 million, comes in the wake of increased drone threats and the recent Operation Sindoor against Pakistan. The Chimera 200, a compact jamming system with a 3km operational range, has already undergone successful testing. As geopolitical tensions rise, the urgency for agile defense solutions has become paramount, prompting India to explore various drone countermeasures. This initiative not only posture but strengthens India's defense underscores the potential of indigenous defense manufacturing in meeting contemporary security challenges.

### Icomm-Caracal to deliver 200 CSR 338 sniper rifles to CRPF S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Abu Dhabi-based Caracal, in partnership with Icomm Tele Ltd, has been awarded a contract to supply 200 CSR 338 sniper rifles to India's Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The rifles will be manufactured at the recently inaugurated Icomm Caracal Small Arms Complex in Hyderabad, which aims to bolster India's defense manufacturing capabilities under the Make in India initiative. This collaboration not only ensures the delivery of advanced sniper systems but also promotes technology transfer and job creation in the region. Set for delivery in the fourth quarter of 2025, this contract marks a significant step towards enhancing India's defense industrial ecosystem and achieving greater self-reliance in defense production.

### GRSE Signs \$62.4 Million Contract for Hybrid Vessels with Germany Share

23-Sep-25

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) has formalized a significant \$62.4 million contract with Germany's Carsten Rehder for the construction of four hybrid multi-purpose vessels, with an option for two additional units. This deal, which expands GRSE's international presence, enhances its capabilities in ecofriendly shipbuilding by utilizing battery-assisted hybrid propulsion systems that align with International Maritime Organisation decarbonisation targets. The new vessels, measuring 120 meters in length with a cargo capacity of 7,500 tons, are designed to facilitate

a variety of cargo, including renewable energy components. This partnership underscores India's growing expertise in sustainable maritime solutions and reinforces the "Make in India, Make for World" initiative, marking a pivotal step towards enhancing India's global competitiveness in the shipbuilding sector.

#### Indian Navy Boosts Indigenous Shipbuilding with 54 Vessels

Underway 😥 SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Navy is accelerating its indigenous shipbuilding efforts with 54 vessels currently under construction, aiming to have 10 commissioned by December 2025 and all by 2030. This initiative aligns with the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, emphasizing self-reliance, as over 80% local content is now incorporated in new platforms. The transition from a "Buyers Navy" to a "Builders Navy" signifies a strategic shift, marked by the commissioning of INS Tamal, the last major warship constructed abroad. modernization drive enhances India's maritime security and positions it as a key player in the Indian Ocean Region, supporting its SAGAR strategy for regional cooperation and security. The ambition to operate over 200 warships by 2035 reflects a significant leap toward becoming a major maritime power.

### India Set to Test New Long-Range Subsonic Cruise Missile S SHARE

23-Sep-25

India is poised to conduct a crucial test of the newgeneration Long-Range Subsonic Cruise Missile (ITCM), a significant advancement from the Nirbhay missile program. Powered by an indigenous turbofan engine, the ITCM is designed for precision strikes against both land and sea targets, featuring advanced navigation and stealth capabilities. The Indian Navy is integrating ITCM with shipborne radar and combat systems, alongside developing multiple launch variants for diverse operational roles. This development complements the existing BrahMos missile and enhances India's strategic deterrence, reinforcing its commitment to self-reliance in defense under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Successfully demonstrating the ITCM's capabilities will further empower India's naval presence in the Indian Ocean and strengthen its overall military readiness.

#### Mahindra Armado ALSV Boosts Indian Army with Drone and Anti-Drone Tech S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Army's modernization initiative has received a significant boost with the Mahindra Armado Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV) now equipped with advanced drone-mounted capabilities and a Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS). This innovative configuration allows the Armado to deploy a hexacopter for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR) operations while enhancing troop safety against aerial threats. The vehicle's modular design and specifications, including ballistic protection up to STANAG Level II, make it suitable for highintensity missions, particularly in challenging terrains like Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. These developments underscore India's proactive measures in countering emerging drone threats and underscore the military's commitment to enhancing awareness and operational efficacy in complex environments.

### Tejas Mk1A and Mk2 Missiles Upgrade: Strategic Edge for IAF SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to enhance its combat capabilities significantly with the integration of the indigenous Astra Mk3 (Gandiva) and European MBDA Meteor missiles on the Tejas Mk1A and Mk2 fighter jets. This advancement could compel the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) to operate defensively due to the superior range and technology of these missiles, which significantly outmatch the PAF's existing arsenal. The Gandiva boasts a range of up to 340 km, while the Meteor can exceed 200 km, allowing IAF jets to engage threats deep within Pakistani airspace. This shift not only strengthens India's air dominance but also poses a strategic challenge to the PAF, highlighting potential vulnerabilities in its defense posture amid evolving regional security dynamics.

# Taiwanese Expert Recommends Indian Air Defense Systems for Modernization S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Dr. Alexander Huang, a strategic expert from Taiwan, has endorsed India's growing capabilities in the global defense sector, advocating for Taiwan to consider Indian air defense systems for its military modernization. Speaking at a seminar addressing Indo-

Pacific deterrence, he highlighted India's successful indigenous defense production, citing systems like the Akash and MR-SAM as reliable and cost-effective alternatives to traditional suppliers. With Taiwan's increasing security concerns stemming from China's military strategy, Huang's support for Indian defense products underlines the importance of diversifying alliances. This development reflects India's expanding role in defense exports, totaling \$2.63 billion in 2024-25, and positions India as a strategic partner for countries seeking dependable defense solutions amidst geopolitical tensions.

### GTRE Confirms RSPA UCAV Specs: Mach 0.9, 35,000 ft Altitude Share

23-Sep-25

India's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) has confirmed the specifications for its upcoming Stealth Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV), the Robotic Stealth Precision Attack (RSPA), designed for precision strikes and reconnaissance. Powered by the indigenously developed Kaveri Derivative Engine (KDE), the RSPA can achieve speeds of Mach 0.9 and altitudes of 35,000 feet. This 13-ton platform, with a range exceeding 1,600 nautical miles, is poised to enhance the Indian Air Force's capabilities significantly. The stealth features and autonomous operations make the RSPA a strategic asset, reducing risks to human pilots while effectively countering advanced adversary air defenses, thereby solidifying India's position in modern aerial warfare.

### Admiral Arun Prakash Advocates Merging AMCA and TEDBF into N-AMCA SHARE

23-Sep-25

Former Indian Navy Chief Admiral Arun Prakash has proposed merging the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) and Twin Engine Deck-Based Fighter (TEDBF) programs into a unified naval variant, the N-AMCA, to align with evolving defense needs. This joint effort would enhance cost efficiency, technological synergy, and strategic alignment, particularly against the backdrop of China's expanding naval capabilities. The N-AMCA could support both the Indian Air Force and Navy by leveraging shared components and advanced fifth-generation features, addressing the TEDBF's viability concerns due to limited demand. This initiative aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India strategies, aiming for 70-80% indigenous content in defense manufacturing, thereby promoting national self-reliance in advanced military aviation technology.

### Tejas Mk1A's 13th Aircraft Flies with CAT-B F-404 Engine Share

23-Sep-25

The 13th Tejas Mk1A aircraft, designated LA5045, has successfully completed its maiden flight at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) facility in Bengaluru, utilizing a Category-B (CAT-B) F-404 engine. This achievement is crucial for India's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) program, especially amidst delays in the delivery of the General Electric F404-IN20 engines due to supply chain issues. HAL's strategic decision to employ CAT-B engines ensures that airframe testing remains on schedule, addressing the Indian Air Force's urgent demand for modern fighter jets. The adaptability shown by HAL underscores the importance of maintaining production momentum as the IAF seeks to enhance its capabilities, with the full integration of the F404-IN20 engines anticipated by late 2025.

### HAL to Play Key Role in Developing 120kN Engine for AMCA S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has confirmed its significant involvement in the development of a new 120kN thrust engine for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, collaborating with the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) and France's Safran. HAL's extensive experience as India's sole jet engine manufacturer uniquely positions it to handle manufacturing, component development, integration, and testing of the new engine. This collaboration is pivotal, as HAL aims to absorb advanced technologies like digital engine control and thrust vectoring, enhancing its capabilities for future indigenous programs. This development underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defense capabilities while fostering self-reliance in critical aerospace technologies, thereby bolstering national security and strategic autonomy.

### HAL Chief Confirms 80% ToT Mandate in F414 Engine Talks SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Chief of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has reaffirmed the Indian government's commitment to securing an 80% Transfer of Technology (ToT) in the ongoing negotiations with GE Aerospace for the coproduction of F414 jet engines, crucial for India's next-generation fighter aircraft, including the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). This landmark deal, a significant outcome of Prime Minister Modi's visit to the US, aims to enhance India's self-reliance in defense

manufacturing and reduce dependency on foreign suppliers. Despite complexities surrounding Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) involving third-party vendors, HAL is actively collaborating with GE to ensure comprehensive technology transfer. This agreement's successful finalization will not only bolster India's military capabilities but also strengthen its defense manufacturing ecosystem, marking a pivotal step towards indigenization and modernization of the armed forces.

### IAF Plans to Induct 300-400 Unmanned Stealth Jets by 2040s S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is poised for a significant transformation in its aerial warfare strategy, with plans to induct 300 to 400 unmanned stealth aircraft by the 2040s. This ambitious initiative aims to enhance India's military capabilities amid rising regional tensions, particularly with China and Pakistan. The proposed fleet will consist of Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCAs), Tactical Stealth Fighter Bombers, and Unmanned Stealth Fighters, designed for versatile roles ranging from intelligence gathering to precision strikes. However, successful integration hinges on the timely development of prototypes by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and efficient production by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), as delays in related projects could impede progress. This initiative underscores India's commitment to advancing its defense capabilities while adapting to modern warfare trends.

### MDL and Tamil Nadu Government Sign MoU for New Eastern Shipyard Share

23-Sep-25

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu Government to explore the development of a state-of-the-art greenfield shipyard on India's eastern coast, aligning with the Government of India's Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047. The MoU was executed on September 19, 2025, during an event organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, with key officials in attendance. This initiative is expected to bolster the country's maritime capabilities and enhance domestic shipbuilding, thereby contributing to India's strategic defense infrastructure. The establishment of underscores shipyard the government's commitment to advancing the defense manufacturing sector, fostering local economic growth, and ensuring a robust maritime presence in the region.

### Dassault's 60% 'Made in India' Rafale Offer May Fall Short of Needs Share

23-Sep-25

French aerospace giant Dassault Aviation's proposal to produce Rafale fighter jets in India with 60% indigenous content has sparked debate regarding India's defense strategy, particularly concerning the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) program. Analysts argue that a minimum of 80% local content is essential for achieving operational sovereignty, longterm readiness, and significant technology transfer. Concerns are amplified by Dassault's track record of unmet offset obligations linked to previous Rafale purchases, suggesting potential risks in future agreements. A firm stance from the Indian Ministry of Defence is urged to ensure the MRFA contract not only addresses immediate defense needs but also bolsters India's domestic aerospace industry for long-term selfreliance and economic growth.

#### **Politics**

### Plea to Remove Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhatt's Graves from Tihar Share

23-Sep-25

A plea has been filed in the Delhi High Court seeking the removal of the graves of terrorists Mohammad Afzal Guru and Mohammad Maqbool Bhatt from Tihar Jail, where they were executed. The petitioners argue that their graves have turned the central prison into a site for radical pilgrimage, undermining national security and public order. They assert that this presence glorifies terrorism, violating the Delhi Prisons Rules, which mandate disposing of the bodies of executed prisoners in a manner that prevents such veneration. The broader significance of this issue lies in its potential impact on public perceptions of terrorism and the state's commitment to preventing the glorification of individuals who threatened India's sovereignty and security.

#### **Geopolitics and Security Alliances**

### Navy Chief Dinesh Tripathi visits Sri Lanka to boost maritime security. Share

23-Sep-25

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi commenced a four-day visit to Sri Lanka aimed at

enhancing maritime security and defense cooperation. His discussions with Sri Lankan officials, including Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, are focused on capability enhancement, training, and strengthening bilateral ties. Admiral Tripathi's participation in the Galle Dialogue 2025 underscores India's commitment to maritime diplomacy in the Indian Ocean Region. This visit reaffirms the robust India-Sri Lanka relations, promoting mutual respect and stability through joint naval exercises and operational interactions. The engagements are pivotal in fortifying regional security frameworks amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics, reflecting India's strategic vision of fostering cooperative security in the Indian Ocean.

### India extends airspace ban on Pakistan flights until October 24. SHARE

23-Sep-25

India has extended the closure of its airspace to Pakistan-registered flights until October 24, following a series of escalations that began with a terror attack in Pahalgam in April that resulted in 26 fatalities. Both countries have maintained restrictions on each other's airspace since April, issuing separate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) to formalize the closures. The NOTAM specifies that Indian airspace will remain closed to all aircraft operated or owned by Pakistan entities, including military flights. This ongoing airspace restriction underscores the heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, reinforcing India's commitment to national security in the face of provocations, and highlights the prolonged geopolitical standoff that continues to affect regional stability and air operations.

#### Jaishankar Meets US Ambassador-Designate Sergio Gor at UNGA SHARE

23-Sep-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with US Ambassador to India-designate Sergio Gor on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. The discussions aimed to strengthen the US-India bilateral relationship amid ongoing trade negotiations and geopolitical challenges, including recent tariff increases imposed by the US on Indian oil imports. Jaishankar also engaged with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, emphasizing the importance of sustained communication on priority issues. This interaction underscores the strategic significance of US-India ties, particularly in the context of regional stability and collaborative efforts in trade and security. The meetings highlight India's proactive diplomatic efforts to navigate

complex international relationships while seeking mutual benefits.

### Russia and China Face Complex Gas Supply Negotiations Amid Geopolitics Share

23-Sep-25

Russia's ongoing negotiations with China regarding gas supply deals have become increasingly complex in the wake of geopolitical tensions and shifts in energy demand. As China emerges as the sole major buyer of Russian Arctic gas, analysts highlight the significance of pricing strategies and pipeline logistics, particularly with the proposed Power of Siberia 2 pipeline aiming to facilitate increased exports. While Russia faces pressure to secure favorable terms following its loss of European markets, the dynamics of global LNG supply, particularly from the U.S. and Qatar, complicate China's energy independence ambitions. This underscores the evolving energy landscape in which both nations are maneuvering to balance their economic needs against strategic geopolitical considerations.

### NATO warns Russia to cease airspace violations over Estonia Share

23-Sep-25

NATO has issued a stern warning to Russia regarding its recent airspace violations over Estonia, labeling these actions as "escalatory" and potentially dangerous. Following a series of incidents, including the incursion of armed Russian jets and the downing of Russian drones over Poland, NATO convened urgent discussions under Article 4 of its founding treaty due to heightened security concerns along its eastern flank. The alliance affirmed its unwavering commitment to collective defense, emphasizing that all necessary military and non-military measures would be employed to deter threats. This situation underscores the escalating tensions stemming from the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and highlights NATO's resolve to protect member states against external aggression, reinforcing the critical nature of international security frameworks in maintaining regional stability.

### Putin proposes one-year extension of New START treaty to Trump. S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed a oneyear extension of the New START nuclear weapons treaty limits, contingent upon a similar commitment from the U.S. following its expiration in February 2026. This offer, made public during a Security Council meeting, is seen as a potential avenue for dialogue amid ongoing tensions exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. Experts warn that if the treaty lapses, it could ignite an arms race between the two nations, which possess the largest nuclear arsenals globally. Putin emphasized the necessity of mutual adherence to maintain global non-proliferation, indicating a willingness to negotiate new arms control agreements, particularly if U.S. military activities do not destabilize the existing balance of power.

### India and Morocco Sign MoU to Strengthen Defense Cooperation SHARE

23-Sep-25

India and Morocco have formalized their defense ties through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aimed at enhancing their strategic partnership. This India's commitment to agreement underscores bolstering international military cooperation and reflects its proactive stance in strengthening alliances with key nations. The MoU is significant as it aligns with India's broader defense strategy to enhance its influence and collaborative efforts in global security dynamics. By fostering stronger ties with Morocco, India not only diversifies its defense partnerships but also strengthens its geopolitical stance amid rising tensions in various regions. This development highlights India's ongoing efforts to position itself as a pivotal player in international defense and security frameworks, reinforcing its role in promoting stability in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

### US Secretary of State Rubio and EAM Jaishankar Discuss Ties at UNGA SHARE

23-Sep-25

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a significant meeting at the UNGA, discussing critical areas of cooperation amid recent trade tensions. reaffirmed the importance of Indo-US ties, focusing on defense collaboration, energy security, and critical minerals, particularly in light of China's regional ambitions. The dialogue emphasized a shared commitment to advancing security cooperation under the Quad framework and enhancing bilateral trade and technology initiatives, despite ongoing disagreements over India's Russian oil imports. This meeting marks a pivotal step in stabilizing relations and underscores India's role as a key partner in the US's Indo-Pacific strategy, reinforcing both nations' strategic alignment in addressing global challenges.

#### Pakistani Defence Minister Questions Saudi Military Support in Conflict Share

23-Sep-25

Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has expressed ambiguity regarding Saudi Arabia's potential military support in the event of an India-Pakistan conflict, despite the recent Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement signed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. While the pact includes a collective defense clause, Asif's guarded responses suggest uncertainty about Saudi Arabia's military involvement, particularly amid rising tensions following India's Operation Sindoor. Analysts view the agreement more as posturing against Israel than as a genuine deterrent to India, given Saudi Arabia's strong economic ties with India. The situation complicates India's strategic calculus, as the pact could embolden Pakistan, yet Saudi Arabia seems intent on maintaining its robust relationship with India while navigating regional security dynamics.

### UN Chief Calls Palestinian Statehood a Fundamental Right SHARE

23-Sep-25

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stressed that Palestinian statehood is a fundamental emphasizing the necessity of a two-state solution based on pre-1967 borders. The UN General Assembly's recent resolution, supported by 142 countries including India, aims to revitalize this framework amid ongoing deadlock in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. France and other Western nations have recognized Palestine, framing it as crucial for regional peace and a counter to extremism, a move that has drawn criticism from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who views such recognitions as rewarding terrorism. This geopolitical shift highlights a growing international consensus on Palestinian statehood, potentially increasing pressure on Israel while intensifying tensions in the region.

#### **Military Operations**

### Soldier Dies from Gunshot Wound in Udhampur, J&K; Inquiry Launched S SHARE

23-Sep-25

A soldier died from a gunshot wound in Udhampur district, Jammu and Kashmir, while waiting in a parked vehicle outside a military hospital. Authorities have initiated an inquiry to determine whether the incident was due to accidental firing or a suicide. The soldier, who served as a driver, was found by colleagues shortly

after the shot was heard and was later pronounced dead at the hospital. This tragic event underscores the ongoing challenges faced by armed forces personnel in high-stress environments and raises concerns about mental health and safety protocols within the military. Addressing these issues is crucial for maintaining the morale and well-being of soldiers serving in sensitive regions like Jammu and Kashmir.

### Pakistan Air Force Bombs Tirah Valley, Killing 21 Civilians S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The recent bombing of Tirah Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by the Pakistan Air Force has resulted in the tragic loss of 21 civilian lives, including women and children, prompting strong condemnation from local political leaders. Babar Saleem Swati, Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, called for immediate accountability and comprehensive relief for victims, emphasizing the state's duty to ensure citizen safety. Accusations of a deliberate bombing campaign by opposition leaders highlight growing mistrust between local populations and the federal government, raising concerns about human rights and internal stability in Pakistan. This incident underscores the critical need for effective governance and transparency in military operations to prevent further civilian casualties and restore public confidence.

### IAF Recovers Guidance System from Pakistani Fatah-1 Rocket Share

23-Sep-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully recovered and analyzed the guidance and navigation system from a Pakistani Fatah-1 guided artillery rocket that fell into Srinagar's Dal Lake during a military operation on May 10, 2025. The recovery showcases India's advanced air defense capabilities, as the IAF prioritized securing the precision guidance system for insights into Pakistan's missile technology. The debris, which included a 150 kg high-explosive warhead, was safely destroyed to prevent misuse. This operation highlights India's strategic approach to countering adversary capabilities and enhancing its own defense systems, particularly in light of Pakistan's ongoing efforts to develop indigenous precision-strike weaponry aimed at countering India's conventional military advantage.

#### **Terrorism and Counterterrorism**

### Two Notorious Maoist Leaders Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter S SHARE

23-Sep-25

In a significant counter-insurgency operation, two prominent Maoist leaders, Raju Dada and Kosa Dada, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. Both were allegedly members of the Central Committee of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist) and had bounties of Rs 40 lakh each on their heads. The gun battle ensued during a pre-planned search operation based on credible intelligence regarding Maoist movement in the region. Following the intense exchange of fire, security teams recovered an array of weapons, including an AK-47 rifle, and a substantial cache of explosives and Maoist propaganda materials. This operation reflects the efficacy of India's security forces in systematically dismantling the leadership of the Maoist insurgency, with the death toll of Naxals in Chhattisgarh reaching 249 this year alone. Union Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized that such decisive actions significantly weaken the operational command of the Maoist groups, contributing to the overarching goal of eradicating Maoism from India by March 2026. This latest operation underscores the continuous efforts and resolve of the Indian government to restore peace and stability in the region, highlighting the importance of sustained anti-Naxal strategies in addressing the underlying issues of insurgency and promoting development in affected areas.

### Indian and Canadian Agencies Target Sikhs for Justice Leadership SHARE

23-Sep-25

The recent arrest of Inderjeet Singh Gosal in Canada, a key coordinator for the proscribed Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), signifies a strengthened collaborative effort between Indian and Canadian agencies to counter the Khalistan movement. Indian officials have raised alarm over the SFJ's propaganda activities, which pose a significant threat by radicalizing Sikh communities abroad and undermining India's security. The SFJ, despite claiming to represent legitimate grievances, has been linked to incitements of violence, including calls for the assassination of Prime Minister Modi. The incident underscores the urgent need for Canada to address the radical elements operating within its borders, highlighting the potential for domestic unrest

and the importance of international cooperation in maintaining regional stability.

### Manipur: Army and Assam Rifles arrest 9 suspects, seize weapons Share

23-Sep-25

In a series of intelligence-led operations conducted from September 15 to 21, 2025, the Indian Army and Assam Rifles, under the Spear Corps, successfully apprehended nine suspected cadres in Manipur and seized a significant cache of weapons and narcotics. The operations spanned multiple districts, illustrating a comprehensive initiative to enhance security and combat illicit activities. Notably, the Assam Rifles uncovered a concealed stockpile of arms, including rifles and grenades, along with an extensive haul of methamphetamine tablets valued at over ₹102 crores. These proactive measures highlight the Indian defense forces' commitment to maintaining peace, countering cross-border narcotics trafficking, and addressing insurgency threats, thereby ensuring stability and safety for the nation's youth and communities along the Indo-Myanmar border.

#### **Cybersecurity and Information Warfare**

### ShadowV2 Botnet Misuses AWS Docker for DDoS Services Share

23-Sep-25

Cybersecurity researchers from Darktrace have unveiled the ShadowV2 botnet, a sophisticated cybercrime operation exploiting misconfigured Docker containers on Amazon Web Services (AWS) to facilitate distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. This botnet represents a significant evolution in cyber threats, functioning as a subscription service with an advanced command-and-control framework that includes APIs and user interfaces, allowing clients to execute DDoS attacks seamlessly. The attackers leverage the Python Docker SDK to communicate with exposed Docker daemons, building malicious containers directly on the victim's server to minimize forensic traces. This campaign underscores a troubling trend where cybercrime is industrialized, treating such attacks as a commodifiable service. The implications of this shift are profound, as it poses a heightened risk to cloud infrastructure security and demands more robust cybersecurity measures safeguard to against increasingly sophisticated threats. The emergence of such advanced cyber capabilities highlights the urgent need for vigilant defense strategies, particularly as the

global landscape becomes more reliant on cloud technologies.

### Jaguar Land Rover extends production halt to October 2025 after cyberattack S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Tata-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has extended its production halt until October 1, 2025, following a cybersecurity incident that disrupted operations on September 2. The pause, initially set to end on September 24, has raised concerns over job security for its 33,000 employees and the impact on the UK supply chain, which supports 104,000 jobs. The hacker group "Scattered Lapsus\$ Hunters" claimed responsibility for the breach, highlighting vulnerabilities in JLR's system. This incident occurs amid JLR's existing financial challenges, notably due to rising U.S. tariffs. The situation underscores the critical need for robust cybersecurity measures in the automotive sector, particularly as digital transformation accelerates.

### Russia Uses Cyber Attacks as a Strategic Weapon Against Industries Strategic

23-Sep-25

In 2024, ongoing geopolitical tensions have intensified as Russia employs cyber-attacks as a strategic weapon, particularly against key industries in nations such as South Korea. The cybercrime group SectorJ149 has executed sophisticated spear-phishing campaigns targeting manufacturing and energy sectors, utilizing advanced malware techniques to exfiltrate sensitive information. This shift from financial motivations to state-oriented cyber-hacktivism underscores dangerous evolution in Russia's cyber warfare approach, posing significant risks to global economic resilience and critical infrastructure. As countries face these rising cyber threats, establishing robust Cyber Threat Intelligence frameworks and collaborative defenses becomes essential to mitigate the impact of such strategic assaults.

### GitHub Enhances npm Security with 2FA and Trusted Publishing S SHARE

23-Sep-25

GitHub has announced substantial updates to npm security aimed at protecting the open source software community from increasingly sophisticated threats, including the recent Shai-Hulud attack that compromised numerous popular JavaScript packages. The new measures will enforce two-factor authentication (2FA) with FIDO-based WebAuthn and implement short-lived access tokens to reduce the risk

of account takeovers and unauthorized publishing. These enhancements also introduce a trusted publishing model, which eliminates the need for API tokens in favor of identity-based proofs for package releases. This proactive approach underscores the shared responsibility of developers in ensuring the integrity of the software supply chain, highlighting the critical need for robust security measures in an era of escalating cyber threats.

### Ghana Re-Elected Chair of African Cybersecurity Authorities Share

23-Sep-25

Ghana has been re-elected as the Chair of the African Network of Cybersecurity Authorities (ANCA) during the 6th ANCA meeting held in Rabat, Morocco, on September 17, 2025. This unanimous endorsement reflects the confidence of member states in Ghana's leadership and its commitment to enhancing cybersecurity across Africa. Since taking on the inaugural chairmanship in 2023, Ghana has achieved significant milestones, including the adoption of a five-year strategy and the establishment of a guiding constitution for the network. This development underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing cybersecurity challenges on the continent, positioning Africa to have a stronger voice in global cybersecurity dialogues.

### Hardware vulnerabilities rise 88% with IoT device growth S SHARE

23-Sep-25

A recent report by Bugcrowd reveals an alarming 88% increase in hardware vulnerabilities due to the rapid proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, with 81% of security researchers encountering new vulnerabilities in the past year. The report emphasizes the growing complexity of the security landscape, where attackers exploit foundational layers like hardware and APIs. As organizations rush to deploy features quickly, the average payouts for critical vulnerabilities have surged, signaling a shift in threat dynamics. This underscores a broader industry challenge; as new attack vectors emerge, collaboration among cybersecurity professionals becomes essential to effectively counter evolving threats and enhance defenses against a continuously expanding attack surface.

#### SolarWinds Web Help Desk Vulnerability Allows Unauthenticated RCE SHARE

23-Sep-25

SolarWinds has issued an urgent advisory regarding a critical vulnerability in its Web Help Desk software, identified CVE-2025-26399, which allows unauthenticated remote code execution (RCE) with a severity rating of 9.8 out of 10. This flaw stems from the deserialization of untrusted data and represents a patch bypass for two previously resolved vulnerabilities, indicating a recurring weakness in the software. SolarWinds has released a hotfix for version 12.8.7 and strongly urges users to install it to prevent potential remote attacks. The discovery highlights the ongoing challenges in software security, underscoring the need for robust mitigation strategies to protect against evolving cyber threats in an increasingly digital landscape.

#### **Uttar Pradesh Urges Stronger Cybersecurity** for Power Sector Share

23-Sep-25

Uttar Pradesh's Additional Chief Secretary for Energy, Narendra Bhooshan, emphasized the critical need for enhanced cybersecurity in the state's power sector during a recent conference in Lucknow. He highlighted the increasing digitization of the energy sector, which has made it susceptible to cyber threats, including state-sponsored attacks. To address these challenges, Uttar Pradesh has implemented advanced measures such as smart meters with encryption and a Centralized Security Operations Centre (CSOC) for real-time monitoring. Bhooshan outlined strategic priorities, including the adoption of a Zero Trust architecture and the use of AI for threat detection, while advocating for indigenous solutions to strengthen cybersecurity and foster self-reliance. This initiative is significant as it positions Uttar Pradesh as a leader in safeguarding India's critical infrastructure, critical for the nation's developmental goals by 2047.

#### South Korea to announce new cybersecurity measures after hacks Share

23-Sep-25

The South Korean presidential office announced plans to implement comprehensive cybersecurity measures following significant hacking incidents affecting major telecom and financial firms. Recent breaches at SK Telecom, KT Corp., and Lotte Card compromised sensitive personal data of millions, prompting concerns over national digital security. President Lee emphasized the need for both private sector accountability and

government-led systemic defenses to combat increasingly sophisticated cyber threats, underlining that without robust security, South Korea's aspirations to dominate in digital and AI sectors could falter. This response reflects a proactive approach to safeguarding citizens' information and enhancing the resilience of critical infrastructure against future cyberattacks, a vital consideration for national security and economic stability.

#### Mil Personnel & Veterans

#### DGR Hosts Iob Fair in New Delhi for Armed Forces Officers SHARE

23-Sep-25

The Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) organized a Job Fair for Armed Forces Officers on September 22, 2025, at the United Services Institution of India in New Delhi. This event brought together over 300 retired and retiring officers seeking employment and 26 participating companies offering more than 100 job vacancies across various sectors, including supervisory, technical, management, and strategic advisory roles. The initiative aims to facilitate second career opportunities for ex-servicemen, leveraging their skills and discipline to benefit corporate entities. This endeavor not only assists in integrating experienced personnel into the civilian workforce but also enhances the corporate landscape by providing access to a pool of highly trained candidates.

#### Vice Admiral Arti Sarin: First Woman to **Lead Armed Forces Medical**

Services SHARE



23-Sep-25

Vice Admiral Arti Sarin has made history as the first woman to lead the Armed Forces Medical Services in India, assuming the role as Director General after a remarkable 40-year career shaped by dedication and a military family background. A graduate of the Armed Forces Medical College, she has held pivotal roles across all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, including significant contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic and in conflict zones like Jammu and Kashmir. Her achievements not only set a precedent for female leadership in the military but also inspire young women to pursue careers in defense. Sarin's journey symbolizes the evolving landscape of the Indian Armed Forces, where gender barriers are increasingly being dismantled.

### GSV Trains IAF Officers in Supply Chain Management Skills S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Gati Shakti VishwaVidyalaya (GSV) successfully conducted a specialized Supply Chain Science Course for officers of the Indian Air Force (IAF) from September 15 to 19 in Vadodara. This initiative aimed to enhance the officers' understanding of aerospace and defense supply chains, featuring sessions on demand forecasting, inventory control mechanisms, and advancements in multimodal transport systems. Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia emphasized the importance of continuous knowledge enhancement to adapt to technological changes and develop tailored solutions for IAF's supply chain complexities. This collaboration between GSV and the IAF not only showcases the commitment to modernizing defense logistics but also reflects a proactive approach in addressing emerging challenges within national security frameworks. The initiative underscores the necessity for advancing skills in a rapidly evolving defense landscape.

### SPARSH Cuts Defence Pension Grievance Resolution Time to 20 Days S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The System for Pension Administration - Raksha (SPARSH) has significantly improved the grievance redressal process for defence pensioners in India, reducing the average resolution time from 56 days to just 20 days. As of now, 31.54 lakh pensioners are enrolled in the system, which has successfully resolved 87% of legacy discrepancies, benefitting 20.17 lakh beneficiaries following the implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP)-III. The initiative, praised by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, exemplifies the Indian government's commitment to efficient governance and transparency. By facilitating direct bank transfers and minimizing bureaucratic hurdles, SPARSH stands as a transformative model in pension administration, enhancing the dignity and timely support for defence personnel.

#### Wing Commander Alok Chandra Sends Legal Notice to Netflix, T-Series Over Defamation of IAF Officer in \*Metro... In

Dino\* SHARE

23-Sep-25

Wing Commander Alok Chandra has issued a legal notice to Netflix and T-Series, alleging defamatory portrayal of an Indian Air Force officer in the film \*Metro... In Dino\*. He claims the character, played by

Pankaj Tripathi, misrepresents an IAF officer, undermining the dignity of the armed forces. The notice details severe emotional distress, social humiliation, and reputational damage caused by the film, which he argues perpetuates harmful stereotypes and erodes public trust in military personnel. Chandra seeks Rs 50 lakh in compensation for the alleged defamation. This incident highlights the importance of responsible media representation of armed forces, particularly in a nation where military pride is paramount.

#### Miscellaneous

### Cognitive Electronic Warfare Market Set for Rapid Growth Share

23-Sep-25

The cognitive electronic warfare (EW) market is expected to expand from USD 24.8 billion in 2025 to USD 115.1 billion by 2035, driven by defense modernization and the integration of AI technologies for real-time threat detection. India is poised for a robust growth rate of 20.8% CAGR, reflecting its strategic focus on enhancing electronic capabilities amid rising geopolitical tensions. Key players in the market, such as BAE Systems and Lockheed Martin, are heavily investing in advanced cognitive EW solutions to address complex military challenges. This growth underscores the critical need for adaptive military technologies, reinforcing national security operational readiness in an increasingly sophisticated threat landscape.

### UNGA 2023: Global Unity Amidst Gaza and Ukraine Conflicts Share

23-Sep-25

The 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which began its high-level debate on September 9, 2023, has been marked by themes of unity and global challenges, as reflected in the session's theme, "Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights." The assembly is expected to focus prominently on two critical issues: the ongoing conflict in Gaza and the war in Ukraine, with significant diplomatic activities including Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas addressing the assembly via video link due to a US visa denial, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky seeking international support amid battlefield difficulties. India, represented by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar instead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, engaged in discussions emphasizing the strengthening of Indo-US ties, particularly in

defense, trade, and energy sectors. The UNGA has also highlighted India's potential for permanent membership in an expanded Security Council, underscoring its contributions to multilateralism and its importance as a global player. This year's assembly takes place against a backdrop of calls for UN reforms to adapt its structure and functions to contemporary geopolitical realities, with India positioned as a central voice in these discussions. The convergence of leaders at the UNGA serves as a reminder of the challenges faced in achieving consensus on pressing global issues, revealing a landscape marked by both cooperation and stark divisions among member states.

#### Concerns Rise as Windows 10 Updates End, Prompting New PC Purchases Share

23-Sep-25

Microsoft's announcement to end support for Windows 10 updates on October 14 has sparked significant concern among users and consumer advocacy groups. With approximately 650 million users on Windows 10, many fear they may need to purchase new computers due to compatibility issues with Windows 11, leaving up to 400 million devices potentially vulnerable to cyber threats. Critics argue this move not only imposes financial burdens on consumers but also raises environmental concerns due to increased electronic waste. Experts note that lack of updates heightens the risk of cyber attacks and could also hinder users' ability to run new third-party applications. The situation highlights ongoing debates around planned obsolescence and the responsibilities of tech companies toward their customers.

#### Stellantis confirms data breach affecting 18 million customers. SHARE

23-Sep-25

Stellantis, the automotive conglomerate encompassing brands like Chrysler and Jeep, has confirmed a data breach involving the personal information of its customers. The breach, linked to a compromised thirdparty service provider's platform supporting Stellantis' American customer service operations. reportedly resulted in the theft of 18 million customer records. While the company acknowledged the breach, specific details about the types of data stolen or the number of affected customers remain undisclosed. This incident adds Stellantis to a growing list of companies experiencing data breaches associated with Salesforce databases, raising concerns about the security of customer data in an increasingly digital landscape. The incident underscores the need for robust cybersecurity measures across industries to safeguard sensitive information.

#### IAF's Sarang Helicopter Team to Perform at Mysuru Dasara Festivities Share

23-Sep-25

The Sarang Helicopter Display Team of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will perform at the Mysuru Dasara festivities, aimed at inspiring local youth to consider careers in the armed forces. This marks the team's return to the air show circuit after a four-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and previous grounding of the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv fleet following a tragic crash in January. The IAF's Sarang team, established in 2003, has showcased over 1,200 displays, promoting both national pride and the capabilities of indigenous defense technology developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). This event underscores the IAF's commitment to outreach and recruitment while reinforcing the importance of homegrown military innovation.

#### Delhi Ramlila Celebrates Culture, Tech, and Armed Forces Pride S SHARE

23-Sep-25

Ramlila committees in Delhi-NCR are celebrating cultural heritage and technological advancement by integrating AI into their productions, alongside paying tribute to the Indian Armed Forces for Operation Sindoor. Events showcase dramatic retellings of the Ramayana with innovative elements such as 3D stage designs and replicas of missiles and fighter jets, including Agni and Rafale, underscoring national pride. Notable productions, such as those by the Dwarka Shri Ramlila Society and Luv Kush Ramlila, emphasize the valor of Indian military forces, enhancing audience engagement with AI documentaries and vivid stage presentations. This contemporary blend of tradition and technology not only preserves cultural narratives but also fosters a patriotic spirit, highlighting the significance of the armed forces in national identity.

#### OECD Increases India's 2025 Growth **Forecast Amid Geopolitical**

Challenges SHARE



23-Sep-25

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has raised its GDP growth forecast for India from 6.3% to 6.7% for 2025, citing robust domestic demand and the positive impact of Goods and Services Tax reforms. The report notes a significant decline in food price inflation due to strong

domestic supply chains and strategic export controls, providing relief amid global inflationary pressures. While global growth is projected to reach 3.2% in 2025, concerns persist over rising tariffs and trade uncertainties, particularly from the U.S. The OECD's outlook underscores India's economic resilience and adaptability, reinforcing its potential as a key player in the evolving global economic landscape amidst geopolitical disruptions.

### PM Modi Wishes 'Shana Tova' to Israel's Netanyahu and Jews Worldwide Share

23-Sep-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm greetings for the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the global Jewish community, utilizing the Hebrew phrase "Shana Tova." This gesture underscores India's commitment to fostering strong bilateral ties with Israel, marked by mutual respect and cultural understanding. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also conveyed their wishes to their Israeli counterparts, reinforcing themes of peace and prosperity. This development highlights the deepening relationship between India and Israel, particularly in diplomatic and cultural spheres, reflecting a shared commitment to collaboration in addressing regional and global challenges.

#### NPCI Mandates RASP for Mobile App Security; DoveRunner Leads Compliance S SHARE

23-Sep-25

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has moved to harden mobile-payment security across the UPI ecosystem by mandating Runtime Application Self-Protection (RASP) capabilities for all Payment Service Providers and third-party application providers; the shift responds to a steady rise in sophisticated runtime attacks and aims to embed protections - such as code-integrity checks, root/jailbreak detection, antidebugging, tamper-resistance, and configurable in-app responses - directly into mobile apps rather than relying solely on perimeter controls. NPCI first signalled this direction in procurement paperwork and an expression of interest for a mobile-application security solution in October 2024 and followed with a broader UPI information-security compliance framework and a series of 2025 circulars tightening API and operational safeguards; regulators expect entities to adopt RASP, complete compliance audits and report remediation timelines as part of onboarding and annual compliance.

Vendors that provide zero-code, in-app shielding and real-time analytics — including established app-protection platforms — are positioning their RASP offerings to help banks and fintechs meet NPCI's requirements and accelerate deployment across millions of UPI-enabled endpoints

### 13-Year-Old Afghan Boy Found in Delhi Flight's Landing Gear S SHARE

23-Sep-25

A 13-year-old Afghan boy made headlines after he was discovered in the landing gear compartment of a KAM Airlines flight that arrived in Delhi from Kabul. The incident occurred on Sunday when the boy, hailing from Kunduz city, allegedly sneaked into Kabul airport out of curiosity. After being found roaming near the aircraft, he was handed over to the Central Industrial Security Force for questioning and subsequently repatriated to Afghanistan on the same flight. Security checks revealed no threats, but the incident underscores the vulnerabilities at airport security in the region. This raises concerns about airport safety protocols and highlights the need for improved security measures, especially in areas of geopolitical instability like Afghanistan.

### Supreme Court seeks government response on independent Air India crash

probe 🕓 share

23-Sep-25

India's Supreme Court has requested the government's response regarding a plea for an independent investigation into the Air India plane crash that occurred on June 12, resulting in the deaths of 260 people. The petition, filed by the NGO Safety Matters Foundation, raises concerns over potential conflicts of interest, citing the involvement of officials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the existing probe panel. The preliminary investigation suggested pilot error due to confusion shortly after takeoff. This appeal for an impartial review underscores the importance of accountability in aviation safety, particularly as families of victims pursue legal action in the United States against Boeing and Honeywell, highlighting the need for transparent investigations to restore public trust in aviation safety standards.

### India and France discuss Jaitapur nuclear project cooperation. S SHARE

23-Sep-25

India and France held talks regarding the Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project, India's first nuclear initiative in

North India, during a meeting between Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and French Secretary General Anne-Marie Descotes. The project will feature six reactors with a total capacity of 10,380 MW, contributing significantly to India's nuclear energy goal of 100 GW by 2047. Discussions focused on advanced technologies, including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), and emphasized the importance of nuclear energy in India's clean energy transition and net-zero emissions target by 2070. As the two nations deepen their strategic partnership, France reiterated its support for enhancing EU-India relations and the upcoming Al Impact Summit in 2026, reflecting a shared commitment to innovation and global challenges.

AFMS conducts over 60 health camps under Swasth Naari initiative Share

23-Sep-25

The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has successfully organized over 60 health camps under the

Government of India's Swasth Naari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, benefiting approximately 30,000 women. Launched by the Prime Minister on September 17, 2025, this initiative emphasizes maternal and child health care, screening for non-communicable diseases, and public awareness on crucial health issues, including menstrual hygiene and nutrition. The AFMS, adhering to its motto 'Sarve Santu Niramaya,' exemplifies the synergy between military and civilian healthcare, reinforcing the government's vision of a healthy and empowered society as a cornerstone of Viksit Bharat 2047. This initiative highlights the defense sector's growing role in national health priorities, particularly in remote areas such as Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast.

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## **Defence Sector Stocks**

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SWANDEF	577.1	577.1	577.1	577.1	1392	4.99	100.0	377.73	58.57
LOKESHMACH	198.8	208.0	190.52	204.03	205463	3.85	53.99	198.34	216.26
MTARTECH	1812.0	1876.0	1784.0	1869.0	387647	3.4	79.17	1568.91	1531.27
DRONACHRYA	67.98	71.75	67.2	68.5	403000	3.27	42.9	70.21	84.54
AVANTEL	191.3	196.5	188.25	193.57	8126545	2.02	77.5	168.8	139.92
KRISHNADEF	832.5	842.0	813.0	835.4	25750	1.96	59.16	782.29	764.9
APOLLO	332.95	341.35	320.5	338.25	6823335	1.87	71.52	302.61	160.44
ADANIENT	2642.6	2695.0	2593.0	2676.4	5610022	1.78	80.04	2368.47	2403.38
GOODLUCK	1110.0	1128.0	1095.2	1119.5	146208	1.6	51.04	1139.85	920.93
NIBE	1378.95	1412.0	1369.25	1380.0	11586	1.51	62.46	1236.45	1438.23
MACPOWER	842.5	914.9	842.5	869.6	15025	0.86	47.63	866.38	1005.46
MIDHANI	401.05	406.95	394.5	404.3	456177	0.81	55.9	389.28	354.11
IDEAFORGE	539.75	541.95	525.05	532.9	417575	0.79	60.19	508.46	491.06
GRSE	2681.0	2695.0	2620.0	2680.8	1515851	0.46	58.73	2482.31	2115.49
LT	3646.9	3673.5	3613.2	3657.6	1262120	0.36	57.48	3597.49	3509.23
TANEJAERO	388.5	389.1	378.0	383.15	17526	0.29	41.07	392.16	378.29
BEML	4339.8	4385.0	4285.1	4334.8	377511	0.16	59.23	4141.48	3725.86
LMW	15533.0	15698.0	15475.0	15623.0	3204	0.15	62.71	14665.5	15894.57
TECHERA	207.0	221.0	205.0	210.7	190400	0.1	62.54	191.25	179.33
WALCHANNAG	209.5	213.79	208.25	209.13	135119	0.02	58.56	196.42	211.07
ZENTEC	1644.0	1644.0	1590.0	1603.5	294825	-0.12	59.46	1507.77	1715.25
HAL	4814.5	4834.8	4758.1	4799.9	746869	-0.18	61.67	4596.18	4355.13
RELINFRA	269.0	273.7	262.0	264.8	1551246	-0.21	44.91	267.72	291.89
ROSSELLIND	65.47	67.1	64.1	65.27	27777	-0.31	46.68	65.64	69.43
BHARATFORG	1256.0	1273.8	1247.1	1251.0	1451840	-0.4	61.94	1192.75	1195.55
BEL	406.4	407.7	402.3	404.45	11906108	-0.48	62.14	386.56	335.66
CENTUM	2810.0	2827.9	2765.7	2794.7	14882	-0.55	56.42	2760.05	2039.88
HIGHENE	607.4	607.4	600.0	604.0	3585	-0.56	34.33	639.52	605.56
ASTRAMICRO	1115.6	1117.0	1091.0	1107.1	265167	-0.71	59.06	1056.72	879.41
HBLPOWER	819.0	832.0	805.5	812.3	1014656	-0.76	50.05	844.97	595.61
PTC	174.09	174.3	172.0	172.3	843765	-0.82	36.56	175.83	167.41
SIKA	1336.85	1337.0	1256.35	1293.65	56676	-0.97	67.01	1165.22	842.89
CFF	642.7	645.0	625.0	632.95	26800	-1.03	47.62	639.32	586.42
RTNINDIA	55.98	56.24	54.92	55.15	2604891	-1.11	41.3	58.73	53.49
SUNITATOOL	723.15	729.95	710.0	715.0	19625	-1.13	53.04	683.51	779.79
PREMEXPLN	595.0	596.65	579.6	588.35	454146	-1.23	60.14	550.66	477.83
MAZDOCK	2977.0	2991.3	2914.1	2939.5	934666	-1.24	60.16	2797.35	2718.82
AZAD	1632.0	1634.7	1601.7	1614.1	87623	-1.26	52.53	1599.23	1569.9
DCXINDIA	273.0	274.4	268.0	269.2	482332	-1.32	50.44	269.08	288.16
DYNAMATECH	7208.0	7300.0	7037.0	7082.5	10923	-1.35	62.9	6752.92	6947.35
DATAPATTNS	2814.2	2860.0	2764.7	2773.3	234908	-1.45	58.46	2622.25	2373.6
SOLARINDS	14464.0	14527.0	14100.0	14215.0	109997	-1.72	45.31	14213.75	12697.96
TEMBO	600.1	609.55	589.9	590.65	29268	-1.72	48.29	617.93	577.38
COCHINSHIP	1924.0	1925.0	1876.0	1885.4	1479948	-1.95	64.0	1739.63	1652.61
BDL	1625.0	1633.5	1570.9	1595.4	1691145	-1.98	55.47	1516.06	1469.4
JYOTICNC	938.1	939.75	902.0	913.8	164456	-1.98	44.13	914.63	1091.45
PARAS	735.75					-2.5	53.82		628.47
		736.6	711.55	713.0	517247			685.5	204.21
MARINE	229.09	229.94	217.03	217.98	511092	-3.85 -4.55	70.49	189.93	
AXISCADES	1773.3	1779.2	1676.2	1684.2	191000	-4.55	67.82	1499.92	1006.37
URAVIDEF	271.0	271.0	270.75	270.75	15430	-5.0	15.19	371.14	443.46