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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	175.64	166.65	+5.39%
LMW	16550.0	16175.0	+2.32%
CFF	534.2	523.75	+2.0%
WALCHANNAG	198.1	194.46	+1.87%
ZENTEC	1416.1	1415.6	+0.04%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SIKA	697.05	751.1	-7.2%
GRSE	1616.8	1729.3	-6.51%
DCXINDIA	273.51	289.65	-5.57%
KRISHNADEF	785.6	831.35	-5.5%
NIBE	1420.6	1495.35	-5.0%

Defense Business and Industry

INS Surat Showcases MRSAM's Precision Against Sea Threats

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The Indian Navy's INS Surat has demonstrated significant naval air defense capabilities by successfully executing a precision cooperative engagement using the MRSAM missile against a sea-skimming target, showcasing India's advancement in network-centric warfare. Concurrently, amid heightened regional tensions following a Pakistan-based terror attack, the Indian Armed Forces intensified preparatory drills in the Arabian Sea, with Rafale fighter jets conducting complex missions and the INS Vikrant aircraft carrier reinforcing naval presence. The MRSAM, co-developed with Israel, proves crucial for countering multiple aerial threats, reaffirming India's indigenous capabilities. These developments reflect India's strategic focus on enhancing its military readiness and deterrence in response to evolving security challenges in the region.

Trump to propose over \$100B arms deal with Saudi Arabia

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The U.S. is reportedly preparing to offer Saudi Arabia an arms package exceeding \$100 billion, potentially announced during President Trump's upcoming visit to the kingdom. This deal follows prior failed negotiations under President Biden, which sought to curb Chinese arms purchases. Major defense contractors like Lockheed Martin and RTX Corp are expected to play significant roles, with previous discussions about

advanced drones and F-35 jets. This move underscores the U.S.-Saudi defense relationship and reflects shifting geopolitical dynamics, particularly in light of recent conflicts in the region, marking a strategic shift back towards stronger military cooperation with Riyadh.

HAL Prachand Enhances Firepower with New 80mm Rocket Upgrade

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India's Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), the HAL Prachand, is set to enhance its firepower with a new indigenous 80mm unguided rocket, developed through collaboration among key Indian defense entities. This upgrade replaces the 70mm FZ275 LGR and offers improved versatility with various warheads, while extending its operational range to 10-12 kilometers. This initiative underscores India's commitment to reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and aligns with the Make in India initiative, fostering self-reliance in defense capabilities. The future potential for a laser-guided variant of the 80mm rocket further enhances the Prachand's capabilities, ensuring it remains competitive in modern warfare scenarios.

IAF and DRDO Pursue Upgrades for Phalcon AWACS Amid Indigenous Push

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) are discussing upgrades for the ageing Phalcon AWACS, which, despite software updates, relies on outdated technology. The proposed indigenous Netra MkIII AWACS, based on the A330 platform, aims to enhance surveillance capabilities significantly. While local upgrades or replacements could yield cost savings and technological autonomy, any modernization of the Phalcon fleet hinges on the successful development of

the Netra MkIII. This initiative reflects India's commitment to advancing its defense capabilities amid evolving geopolitical challenges, particularly concerning its borders with China and Pakistan.

CVRDE Partners with Jeanuvs for FRCV Ranjeet Autoloader Development



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The Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) is set to collaborate with Jeanuvs Private Limited to develop autoloaders for the Indian Army's Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV) Ranjeet project, aimed at modernizing India's armored capabilities. This partnership, which follows a Request for Proposal from January 2025, enhances the FRCV's design to automate ammunition loading, thereby improving firing rates, crew safety, and operational efficiency. The project, which aims to induct 1,770 units by 2030, incorporates advanced technologies such as AI and modular armor, ensuring that the Indian Army remains prepared for evolving threats in modern warfare. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance and technological advancement in defense.

BSF Tests Indigenous 7.62mm Ugram Rifle to Replace INSAS



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The BSF is evaluating the indigenous 7.62mm Ugram rifle, developed by DRDO, to potentially replace the outdated 5.56mm INSAS rifles currently in use. This move aligns with India's "Make in India" initiative, enhancing self-sufficiency in defense. The Ugram is designed for better performance, particularly in challenging terrains, addressing criticisms of the INSAS regarding stopping power and reliability. Notably, the collaboration between DRDO and a private firm underscores a significant shift towards local manufacturing, promising a stable supply chain and cost-effectiveness for the estimated 265,000 BSF personnel. The trials signal an important step towards modernizing India's border security capabilities.

MDL Competes with DRDO to Design India's Next-Gen P-76 Submarine



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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) is independently designing a new conventional diesel-electric submarine, competing with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for India's Project-76. This initiative allows the Indian Navy to evaluate two indigenous designs concurrently,

fostering innovation and self-reliance. MDL's experience from previous submarine projects, combined with its collaboration with German firms, positions it to potentially deliver a design that incorporates advanced capabilities suited to India's maritime needs. The rivalry may enhance fleet modernization, especially as the Navy seeks to replace aging vessels and expand its submarine fleet to meet future operational requirements. The competitive approach could ultimately yield superior outcomes for India's defense landscape.

India Set to Finalize Pralay Missile Export Deal with Armenia



25-Apr-25

India is nearing the finalization of a significant export deal for the 'Pralay' surface-to-surface missile with Armenia, bolstering their defense relationship amid regional instability, particularly concerning Azerbaijan. The Pralay system, developed by the DRDO, is designed for precise strikes and will be offered with a capped range of 290 kilometers, adhering to India's commitments under the Missile Technology Control Regime. This deal underscores India's role as a reliable defense partner, having previously supplied Armenia with various military equipment. Securing this agreement will not only enhance Armenia's military capabilities but also mark a strategic milestone for India in the Caucasus region, reinforcing its commitment to fostering international partnerships.

Keel Laid for Fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel



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The keel laying ceremony for the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), Yard 3040, was held at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata on April 24, 2025. This event, attended by Vice Admiral Rajaram Swaminathan and other senior officials, signifies a crucial advancement in India's indigenous shipbuilding capabilities, part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. The overall project comprises eleven NGOPVs, with a focus on enhancing coastal defense, surveillance, and anti-piracy operations, thereby bolstering the Indian Navy's maritime capabilities and security posture in an increasingly competitive regional environment.

DRDO Marks Key Progress in Scramjet Engine Testing for Hypersonics



25-Apr-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has achieved a significant milestone in hypersonic weapon technology, successfully conducting over 1,000 seconds of long-duration testing of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor at its state-of-the-art facility in Hyderabad. This test, building on a previous 120-second trial, validates critical design aspects for India's hypersonic cruise missile development, which can travel over five times the speed of sound. The achievement reflects the government's commitment to advancing indigenous defense capabilities and underscores the collaborative efforts of DRDO, industry partners, and academia in enhancing national security through cutting-edge technology.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India and Saudi Arabia Launch First Army Staff Talks on Defense Cooperation



25-Apr-25

India and Saudi Arabia recently held their inaugural Army-to-Army Staff Talks in New Delhi, focusing on enhancing defense cooperation through an Annual Defence Cooperation Plan. Key discussions included plans for Joint Exercise Sada Tanseeq, military training, and the exploration of collaborative efforts in operational logistics and niche technologies to boost interoperability. The deepening defense ties are seen as a vital component of their Strategic Partnership, bolstered by high-level visits and joint exercises. Both nations also emphasized the importance of fostering economic relationships and strengthening trade and investment ties, indicating a comprehensive approach to regional security and stability.

Omar Abdullah supports India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty.



25-Apr-25

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah described the Indus Waters Treaty as "the most unfair document" for the region, aligning with the Indian government's recent decision to suspend the treaty following a terrorist attack. He acknowledged the lack of local support for the treaty and noted upcoming discussions among senior officials, including Union

Home Minister Amit Shah. Pakistan condemned the suspension as an "act of war," emphasizing the treaty's significance for water sharing between the two nations. This situation underscores the complex geopolitical dynamics surrounding water resources in South Asia, with India asserting its position amid security concerns and regional tensions.

UN Chief Urges Restraint Amid Rising India-Pakistan Tensions



25-Apr-25

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed deep concern over escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following a terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which claimed 26 civilian lives. Guterres condemned the attack and emphasized that issues should be resolved peacefully through mutual engagement. In response, India downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan, expelled military attaches, suspended the Indus Water Treaty, and closed the Attari land-transit post to address the cross-border link to the attack. The situation underlines the need for vigilance against terrorism while ensuring that diplomatic channels remain open to prevent further escalation. The global community, while urging restraint, must recognize India's right to defend its sovereignty and protect its citizens.

Trump Calls Russia's Limited Territorial Claims a Major Concession



25-Apr-25

Former President Trump criticized Putin's recent missile attacks on Kyiv, urging him to halt aggression and push for peace negotiations. He described Russia's reluctance to seize additional Ukrainian territory as a "pretty big concession," a view contested by Ukraine and European leaders who emphasize that territorial integrity is non-negotiable. Trump's commentary reflects ongoing tensions about peace talks, with Ukraine remaining firm against surrendering Crimea. Meanwhile, NATO members are urged to enhance defense spending in light of the conflict, ensuring military preparedness remains a priority as discussions continue between US officials and their European counterparts regarding the war's resolution.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Warns of Potential All-Out War Over Kashmir Tensions



25-Apr-25

Recent tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated following a deadly attack in Indian-

administered Kashmir, resulting in the deaths of 26 tourists, which India attributes to Pakistan-based militants. Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has warned of potential "all-out war," emphasizing military preparedness in response to perceived Indian aggression. In retaliation, India has suspended significant diplomatic and economic ties with Pakistan, while both nations engage in belligerent rhetoric. The situation is precarious, with calls for international mediation amidst fears of conflict, especially given both countries' nuclear capabilities. The Kashmir issue remains a focal point of long-standing tensions that could lead to severe regional consequences.

PM Modi Vows Relentless Pursuit of Kashmir Attack Perpetrators

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Prime Minister Modi, addressing a rally in Bihar, condemned a recent deadly attack in Kashmir, vowing to pursue the terrorists to "the ends of the earth." He emphasized that the assault, attributed to the Pakistan-based terror group The Resistance Front, was an attack on the nation's soul, prompting India to take strong retaliatory measures, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan and expelling military officials. Modi's commitment reflects India's unwavering resolve against terrorism, recalling past decisive actions like the surgical strikes in 2016 and Balakot air strikes in 2019. The government's enhanced security measures and international support signal a robust, unified stance against cross-border terrorism.

Pakistan Mulls Tashkent Agreement Withdrawal Amid Rising Tensions

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Recent reports indicate that Pakistan is contemplating withdrawing from the Tashkent Agreement of 1966, a historic peace deal with India, in light of heightened tensions following India's actions on the Indus Waters Treaty and the Pahalgam terror attack. This potential withdrawal comes alongside Pakistan's suspension of the Shimla Agreement of 1972, which has been pivotal for bilateral relations. Analysts suggest that such a move could symbolize Pakistan's rejection of historical commitments to non-interference and peaceful resolution, potentially escalating diplomatic friction and undermining regional stability. However, this could also isolate Pakistan diplomatically, given the international community's support for bilateral frameworks like the Shimla Agreement amid India's rising global influence.

INS Vikrant's Deployment in Arabian Sea: A Show of Strength Amid Tensions

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The Indian Navy's indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, has been deployed in the Arabian Sea amid escalating tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. This strategic positioning signals India's intent to assert maritime dominance, particularly as Pakistan faces military vulnerabilities, including a significant reduction in operational submarines. The Vikrant's capabilities, including MiG-29K jets and advanced missile systems, enhance India's potential to disrupt Pakistan's trade and military logistics. The carrier's presence not only exemplifies India's growing naval prowess but also underscores its commitment to maintaining regional stability and security, particularly in light of Pakistan's provocative actions regarding historical agreements.

India's IWT Suspension: Pakistan Faces Water Loss of 40% in 7 Years

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India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) following a terror attack marks a significant escalation in its strategy to leverage water resources against Pakistan, potentially enabling India to divert 30-40% of Pakistan's water supply in the coming years. This move, aimed at holding Pakistan accountable for its support of terrorism, includes plans for multiple water diversion projects that could impact Pakistan's agriculture and exacerbate its economic challenges. While India faces potential international criticism and environmental concerns, the strategic advantage gained from asserting control over the Indus River system demonstrates India's resolve to secure its national interests amidst regional tensions.

Military Operations

IAF's "Aakraman" Exercise Showcases Rafales and Su-30s Amid Tensions

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting a significant military exercise named "Aakraman," deploying advanced fighter jets like the Rafale and Su-30MKI amid rising tensions with Pakistan following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam. This large-scale drill, which involves complex ground strike operations across diverse terrains, underscores India's preparedness and strategic posture. Concurrently, the

Indian Navy successfully tested a missile from the INS Surat, further demonstrating operational readiness. The timing of Exercise Aakraman, along with heightened military activities, reflects India's commitment to safeguarding national security and preparedness against potential conflicts, drawing parallels to historical instances where military exercises preceded escalated confrontations. These developments are closely monitored by senior defense officials, reinforcing India's edge in air power and advanced missile capabilities in the South Asian region.

Indian Army Vows Strong Response to Pakistan's Ceasefire Violations

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Recent exchanges of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops along the Line of Control (LoC) highlight escalating tensions following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which killed 26 civilians. The Indian Army has responded robustly to ceasefire violations by Pakistan, asserting its commitment to national security amid accusations of Islamabad's involvement in cross-border terrorism, particularly linked to the militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. In retaliation, India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and downgraded diplomatic ties, emphasizing a strong stance against Pakistan's alleged support for terror activities. The situation remains precarious, with military experts suggesting that further escalations, including potential cross-border strikes, could occur as India reassesses its security measures in Kashmir. This demonstrates India's resolve to safeguard its territorial integrity while addressing the persistent threat of terrorism.

BSF Reduces Retreat Ceremonies at Pakistan Border Amid Tensions

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The Border Security Force (BSF) has scaled down the retreat ceremonies at the Attari, Hussainiwala, and Sadki border locations with Pakistan following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 individuals. This decision reflects India's serious concern over cross-border hostilities, emphasizing that peace and provocation cannot coexist. While the symbolic handshake between Indian and Pakistani guards will be suspended and border gates will remain closed during the ceremony, the daily flag-lowering rituals will continue for public viewing. This move underscores India's commitment to security while maintaining a degree of public engagement despite rising tensions.

Pakistan to Test Missiles Amid Rising Tensions with India

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Pakistan is set to conduct a surface-to-surface missile test off its Karachi coast amid heightened tensions with India following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed 26 lives. This missile test, scheduled for April 24-25, comes as India reacts strongly by suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and restricting Pakistani nationals from entering India.

India Accelerates Launch of Advanced Spy Satellite for Border Security

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25-Apr-25

India is expediting the launch of a state-of-the-art spy satellite, EOS-09, developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), to enhance border surveillance, particularly in light of recent terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. This satellite, equipped with a C-band synthetic aperture radar, will provide high-resolution imagery in any weather conditions, day or night, significantly improving India's capability to monitor threats. Union Minister for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, emphasized the satellite's strategic importance for national security. This initiative reflects India's commitment to leveraging advanced technology to safeguard its borders and maintain operational readiness against potential threats from Pakistan.

Pakistan Boosts Troops and Bunker Readiness Amid Rising Tensions

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25-Apr-25

Amid rising tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack linked to Pakistan-based groups, the Pakistani Army has increased troop deployments along the Line of Control (LoC) and instructed soldiers to remain in bunkers. India has responded by suspending the Indus Water Treaty and contemplating military options, including precision air strikes against terror launch pads. The situation has led to a fragile standoff, with both nations bracing for potential escalation. While Pakistan has taken defensive measures, India continues to assert its readiness to protect national security, demonstrating its commitment to countering cross-border terrorism effectively.

IAF's Long-Range Missiles Empower Deep Strikes into Pakistan



25-Apr-25

Since the 2019 Balakot airstrike, India has significantly enhanced the Indian Air Force's (IAF) long-range strike capabilities with advanced munitions like Rudram-II, ROCKS, SCALP, and BrahMos-A, allowing precise attacks deep inside Pakistan without crossing borders. These upgrades address vulnerabilities exposed during Balakot and emphasize India's focus on standoff strike capabilities to minimize risks from Pakistani air defenses. The integration of these munitions with platforms like the Su-30 MKI and Rafale jets strengthens India's counter-terrorism efforts while reshaping South Asian security dynamics. However, the need for diplomatic restraint alongside military modernization remains critical amid the potential for an arms race.

Pakistan's Navy Faces Major Shortfall with Only Two Submarines Amid Tensions with India



25-Apr-25

Recent satellite imagery indicates that the Pakistan Navy has only two operational submarines, revealing significant vulnerabilities in its naval capabilities amid rising tensions with India. With three submarines undergoing maintenance or repairs, Pakistan's underwater warfare readiness is severely compromised, particularly following the suspension of critical agreements like the Shimla Agreement. In contrast, India maintains a robust naval presence with 16 conventional submarines, including six advanced Scorpene-class vessels, enhancing its strategic standing in the region. This disparity could embolden India, especially given the current geopolitical climate and historical precedents of naval operations during crises, highlighting the necessity for Pakistan to reassess its maritime strategy.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

US Committee Criticizes NYT for Mislabeled Pahalgam Terror Attack



25-Apr-25

The recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in 26 fatalities, has led to international condemnation and criticism of The New York Times for labeling the attackers as "militants"

rather than "terrorists." The US House Foreign Affairs Committee publicly rebuked the newspaper, emphasizing the need for accurate terminology in media representations of terrorism. This incident coincided with US Vice President JD Vance's diplomatic visit to India, highlighting ongoing US support against terrorism. The attack underscores the evolving nature of terrorism in Kashmir, particularly with the rise of groups like The Resistance Front, which are seen as proxies for Pakistan's cross-border terrorism. The controversy surrounding media coverage reflects broader concerns about double standards in reporting on terrorism, emphasizing the importance of accurate language to shape public understanding and policy responses.

Pahalgam Terror Attack Compared to Hamas Assault, Says Official



25-Apr-25

The recent Pahalgam terrorist attack, resulting in the deaths of 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen, has drawn parallels with the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, according to Jason Isaacson of the American Jewish Committee. He condemned the attack as brutal and highlighted the shared motivations of targeting civilians based on religious identity. Isaacson emphasized the importance of support for Prime Minister Modi's efforts to combat terrorism and suggested possible Pakistani involvement in the attack, linking it to broader regional instability. This incident underscores the ongoing challenges India faces from terrorism and the necessity for international cooperation in addressing such threats.

Assam MLA Aminul Islam Arrested for Allegedly Supporting Pakistan



25-Apr-25

Assam's opposition MLA Aminul Islam was arrested on sedition charges for allegedly defending Pakistan's involvement in a recent terror attack in Pahalgam that resulted in 26 fatalities. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted ongoing investigations into a Congress MP's suspected ties to Pakistan, including claims of salary payments to the MP's wife from Pakistan while she was employed in Delhi. Sarma indicated that the MP had engaged in clandestine visits to Pakistan and Nepal, raising concerns about the nature of these travels. The investigation, led by an SIT, aims to uncover potential connections, with further actions possibly involving central agencies. This situation underscores heightened scrutiny on political figures regarding national security.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Confesses to Terror Support for US SHARE

25-Apr-25

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khwaja Asif recently acknowledged the country's long history of supporting terrorist groups, claiming it was done at the behest of the United States. This admission underscores Pakistan's troubling role in harboring terrorism, particularly following a deadly attack in Pahalgam that killed 26, prompting India to take strong diplomatic measures, including the suspension of the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme and halting the Indus Waters Treaty. Prime Minister Modi emphasized the need to eliminate terrorism, vowing to hold those responsible accountable. This situation highlights the ongoing threats to regional stability posed by Pakistan's support for terrorist activities against India.

UK MP Bob Blackman Voices Strong Support for India's Anti-Terror Actions SHARE

25-Apr-25

UK MP Bob Blackman expressed strong support for India's decisive actions against terrorism following the recent attack in Pahalgam that killed 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen. He emphasized the need for collaboration among UK political parties in backing India's potential military actions against terrorist bases across the Line of Control. The High Commissioner of India, Vikram Doraiswami, highlighted the attack's intent to undermine normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir and reiterated India's commitment to justice and resilience against terrorism, underscoring that there will be no forgiveness or deterrence against those responsible. This solidarity reinforces India's stance on countering cross-border terrorism effectively.

Jhantu Shaikh's Martyrdom: A Unifying Call for Patriotism SHARE

25-Apr-25

Havildar Jhantu Ali Shaikh, a soldier from West Bengal's Nadia district, was martyred during a counterterror operation in Kashmir, embodying the spirit of service and unity amidst rising communal tensions. His bravery has been hailed as a powerful counter to those attempting to politicize the tragedy, with various political voices emphasizing that patriotism transcends religious identities. The tragedy has sparked an outpouring of support for Shaikh's family, highlighting the need for solidarity in the face of divisive narratives. His sacrifice serves as a reminder of India's secular

ethos and the collective duty of all its citizens to defend the nation, regardless of community background.

Intensive search for escaped terrorists in Udhampur region SHARE

25-Apr-25

A combing operation involving the army, police, and CRPF special forces is underway in Udhampur and surrounding districts to capture three escaped terrorists, with aerial surveillance enhancing efforts. The operation follows a recent encounter that resulted in the death of a soldier from the Special Forces. Security officials report a heightened threat, evidenced by seven recent encounters in the area, leading to the deaths of five terrorists and five personnel. This ongoing initiative underscores India's commitment to counter-terrorism and maintaining regional stability, showcasing the effectiveness of coordinated security measures in challenging environments.

Lashkar-e-Taiba associate killed in J&K encounter amid threats. SHARE

25-Apr-25

A Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist associate, Altaf Lalli, was killed by security forces during an encounter in Bandipora, Jammu and Kashmir, stemming from intelligence regarding terrorist presence. Two security personnel were injured and are in stable condition. This operation followed a recent attack on tourists in Pahalgam, where 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen were killed, highlighting the ongoing threat posed by terrorism in the region. The proactive measures taken by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police underline their commitment to combating terrorism and maintaining security, reflecting India's determination to safeguard its citizens against such violent threats.

Pakistan's Army Chief Remains Silent Post-Kashmir Terror Attack SHARE

25-Apr-25

Following a recent terror attack in Kashmir, Pakistan's Army Chief General Asim Munir has remained notably silent, delegating responses to civilian leaders who have condemned the incident and denied links to the militants involved. This silence contrasts with his earlier hardline rhetoric on Kashmir and suggests a calculated move to avoid escalating tensions with India. Analysts speculate that this may reflect the military's strategy to reduce direct confrontation while still supporting Kashmir's significance. Meanwhile, Indian officials cite Munir's prior statements as evidence of Pakistan's

ongoing support for militant activities, intensifying calls for a robust response from New Delhi amidst heightened regional tensions.

India briefs G20 envoys on Pahalgam attack and cross-border terror. SHARE

25-Apr-25

India has briefed foreign envoys from G20 nations and strategic partners about the recent Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives, linking it to cross-border terrorism. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri detailed retaliatory measures against Pakistan, including expelling military attaches and suspending the Indus Water Treaty. Prime Minister Modi emphasized a policy of zero tolerance for terrorism, vowing to pursue the perpetrators relentlessly. The briefing underscored India's commitment to international collaboration against terrorism, reinforcing its stance that such acts will not go unpunished, as the nation stands united in its resolve against terror threats.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

TCS Unveils Sovereign Cloud to Safeguard India's Sensitive Data SHARE

25-Apr-25

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has launched a sovereign cloud infrastructure, the TCS SovereignSecure Cloud, designed to keep sensitive data within India's borders, enhancing data sovereignty and compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act. This initiative aligns with India's growing emphasis on digital security and AI integration, aiming to modernize public services and bolster economic growth. TCS's commitment to developing solutions specifically for India's needs reflects a strategic move to leverage domestic capabilities while addressing critical data security issues. This development underscores India's ambitions to lead in digital transformation, fostering a secure and innovative environment for government and public sector enterprises.

Redesign Cyber Systems to Combat AI-Powered Attacks: Kaspersky SHARE

25-Apr-25

Eugene Kaspersky emphasized the need for fundamentally redesigning digital systems to create "cyber immune" architectures capable of resisting AI-driven cyber threats. He warned that cybercriminals are

leveraging AI to enhance their attack capabilities, outpacing current defensive measures. Kaspersky proposed a radical shift in cybersecurity strategies, advocating for tightly prescribed application permissions to limit vulnerabilities. He highlighted the urgency of fostering public-private partnerships and enhancing education on cybersecurity, as the scale of daily new malware attacks continues to rise. Despite the challenges, Kaspersky remains optimistic about developing effective defenses against these evolving threats.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Navy Officials Arrested in Odisha for Agniveer Recruitment Fraud SHARE

25-Apr-25

Three individuals, including two Indian Navy officials, were arrested in Odisha for allegedly extorting money from candidates seeking recruitment as Agniveers. They were accused of pretending to assist candidates with their applications and threatening them, taking advantage of social media platforms for communication. Police have seized bank documents and transaction proof, revealing extortion amounts between ₹30,000 to ₹1.2 lakh per person. The investigation continues, with reports indicating the involvement of additional suspects in similar fraudulent activities. This incident highlights the need for stricter oversight in recruitment processes to maintain the integrity of the armed forces and protect candidates from exploitation.

Family Pleads for Safe Return of BSF Jawans Held by Pakistan SHARE

25-Apr-25

In recent developments, two Border Security Force (BSF) jawans, Purnam Sahu and PK Singh, were reportedly detained by Pakistan Rangers after inadvertently crossing the India-Pakistan border. The incidents occurred in Punjab's Ferozepur sector while the soldiers were on duty, escorting farmers near the border. Sahu, who was resting under a tree that straddled the international boundary, was taken into custody, while Singh was also captured under similar circumstances after stepping outside the Indian border fence. Family members of Sahu expressed their grief and concern, seeking assurances about his safety, while efforts for his release have involved flag meetings between Indian and Pakistani border officials. These incidents come amid heightened tensions following a

recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which claimed numerous lives and has added strain to diplomatic relations. Despite the precedent of such inadvertent crossings being resolved through established military protocols, the current geopolitical climate complicates the situation, making the safe return of the soldiers a pressing concern for the families and the nation. India must continue to engage diplomatically while reinforcing the operational readiness of its border forces to prevent such incidents in the future.

Supreme Court challenges IAF on stepmother's pension eligibility SHARE

25-Apr-25

The Supreme Court of India is examining the eligibility of a stepmother for a family pension from the Indian Air Force (IAF), questioning the conventional interpretation of "mother" under the IAF regulations. The case arose from Jayashree, who cared for her stepson since childhood after his biological mother passed away, but was denied pension after his death. The court highlighted the evolving family dynamics and criticized the rigid application of regulations, suggesting that the definitions should reflect contemporary realities. The hearing is set to continue as the court seeks clarification on existing judgments related to this issue.

Miscellaneous

IAF Drop Tank Accidentally Damages Madhya Pradesh Home SHARE

25-Apr-25

A heavy metal object, later identified as a drop tank, inadvertently fell from an Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft onto a house in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, causing significant damage but no injuries. The incident occurred around 11 am, resulting in a loud explosion and an 8 to 10-foot deep pit in the courtyard of the residence belonging to teacher Manoj Sagar. The IAF expressed regret over the incident, stating an inquiry has been initiated to determine the cause and offered compensation for the property damage. Police and local administration are coordinating with the IAF for investigations, emphasizing the importance of safety and accountability within military operations. This incident underscores the IAF's commitment to transparency and responsibility while highlighting the need for rigorous adherence to operational protocols to prevent such occurrences.

Home Minister Urges States to Identify and Deport Pakistani Nationals SHARE

25-Apr-25

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has instructed chief ministers across India to identify and deport Pakistani nationals who overstay their visas, following heightened tensions after a terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, primarily tourists. The Indian government has revoked all visas issued to Pakistani citizens since April 27 and encouraged Indian nationals in Pakistan to return home. This move underscores India's commitment to national security and vigilance against external threats, reinforcing the government's proactive stance in managing cross-border issues and ensuring the safety of its citizens amidst rising geopolitical tensions with Pakistan.

Rising Threat: Terrorists Equipped with Advanced M4 Carbines SHARE

25-Apr-25

A recent attack on tourists near Pahalgam, India, involved terrorists using AK-47s and the notably sophisticated American-made M4 carbines, indicating the attackers' advanced capabilities. This raises concerns about the acquisition of such weapons, potentially sourced from U.S. military stockpiles left in Afghanistan or supplied by Pakistan's state apparatus. The M4 carbine, lighter and versatile, is favored for urban warfare and can be equipped with advanced attachments, marking a shift in the weaponry used by militants. This development highlights an emerging threat in the region, necessitating a reassessment of counter-terrorism strategies by Indian forces to address evolving challenges.

Army Chief visits Baisaran for security review post-terror attack SHARE

25-Apr-25

Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi is visiting Baisaran Valley in Jammu and Kashmir today for a security review following a recent terrorist attack that resulted in 26 casualties, reflecting India's commitment to maintaining security in the region. In response to the attack, India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and closed the Integrated Check Post at Attari, signaling a firm stance against terrorism. This incident has garnered widespread condemnation both domestically and internationally, emphasizing the need for robust security measures. Overall, the visit highlights the Indian Army's proactive approach in addressing security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir.

Hegseth's Unsecured Internet Connection Raises Security Concerns



25-Apr-25

Recent revelations indicate that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth had an unsecured internet connection in his office to access the Signal messaging app, raising concerns about potential exposure of sensitive defense information. This "dirty" internet line bypassed Pentagon security protocols, potentially compromising communications related to military operations. While Hegseth's use of Signal for non-classified chats is under investigation, some officials fear it could have endangered service members by disclosing critical details. The Pentagon has secure communication systems in place, but the incident emphasizes vulnerabilities to hacking and surveillance, particularly from adversaries like Russia and China, highlighting the need for stringent compliance with cybersecurity protocols in sensitive environments.

Farooq Abdullah Calls for Tourists to Defy Fear and Visit Kashmir



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Farooq Abdullah has urged tourists to visit Kashmir despite a recent deadly attack that killed several tourists, emphasizing that succumbing to fear would equate to a victory for Pakistan's terror tactics. He called for national unity and criticized the dual control over Kashmir's security. In response to the attack, an all-party meeting condemned the violence and reinstated commitment to peace and communal harmony, while urging enhanced protection for tourists. The government has taken steps to facilitate tourism by increasing flight frequencies to Srinagar, underscoring the importance of tourism for Kashmir's economy and the resilience of its communities against terrorism.

European Research Funders Halt Collaboration with China Amid Data Concerns



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Major European research funders have paused collaboration with China due to concerns over its Data Security Law, which restricts sharing "important data" internationally without approval. This suspension, affecting projects related to health and environmental research, reflects apprehensions about legal liabilities and vague definitions surrounding data protection. The German Research Foundation, Swedish Research Council, and Swiss National Science Foundation have not co-funded projects with China's National Natural Science Foundation since 2021. This situation highlights the growing skepticism towards China's data regulations and suggests potential impacts on global research cooperation, particularly in vital health sectors amidst pandemic preparedness discussions.

Indian Airlines Face Higher Costs and Delays Due to Pakistan's Airspace Ban



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Indian airlines, particularly Air India and IndiGo, are anticipating increased fuel costs and longer flight times due to Pakistan's closure of its airspace following tensions from a militant attack in Kashmir. This rerouting affects around 1,200 flights scheduled from New Delhi to Europe, the Middle East, and North America, leading to operational disruptions and higher expenses for airlines already facing challenges from aircraft delivery delays. The situation underlines the geopolitical volatility in the region and its direct impact on civil aviation, with past airspace closures costing Indian airlines significantly. As the ban is set until May 23, airlines are urgently reassessing operational impacts and regulatory compliance.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
LOKESHMACH	0.0	178.99	175.64	175.64	9138	5.39	50.84	153.32	339.35
LMW	16116.0	16950.0	15726.0	16550.0	11367	2.32	64.94	15640.31	15925.5
CFF	534.2	534.2	534.2	534.2	35200	2.0	72.29	467.31	626.22
WALCHANNAG	194.51	205.0	178.99	198.1	1349145	1.87	61.14	176.61	268.69
ZENTEC	1414.1	1422.0	1345.0	1416.1	428228	0.04	49.16	1452.74	1710.52
MTARTECH	1453.5	1453.5	1372.1	1420.8	140661	-0.44	57.9	1350.51	1635.1
LT	3310.0	3335.7	3230.1	3272.1	2004819	-0.86	49.33	3299.48	3528.36
BDL	1435.0	1439.9	1373.0	1413.6	1844748	-1.12	63.64	1344.22	1226.76
HBLPOWER	518.45	540.0	496.1	511.2	2567447	-1.23	54.03	502.19	571.31
DYNAMATECH	6480.0	6528.5	6327.0	6386.0	8981	-1.45	50.9	6297.66	7233.68
BHARATFORG	1105.6	1115.7	1080.8	1088.5	1392564	-1.63	49.99	1088.04	1352.94
TANEJAERO	310.65	310.65	304.45	304.45	15680	-2.0	50.57	305.02	440.59
MAZDOCK	2727.0	2745.7	2585.0	2661.1	3521060	-2.08	55.56	2615.36	2309.05
MIDHANI	303.0	304.0	285.0	291.25	723841	-2.2	55.45	281.13	354.44
HAL	4305.0	4339.0	4147.5	4196.4	2298293	-2.41	57.87	4185.89	4284.1
HIGHENE	491.05	498.85	471.0	477.85	9105	-2.49	46.92	488.43	618.73
PARAS	1080.0	1097.0	1016.55	1045.1	558660	-2.55	58.04	1003.1	1082.48
ASTRAMICRO	807.4	817.95	769.65	786.2	347500	-2.55	63.36	725.97	784.83
BEL	306.8	307.8	293.7	297.6	20307004	-2.65	56.21	292.85	289.67
AZAD	1549.8	1560.9	1490.1	1504.7	265132	-2.7	58.2	1406.59	1545.65
DATAPAT'NS	2142.1	2156.7	2030.0	2086.6	1086995	-3.08	68.69	1821.08	2357.56
PREMEXPLN	400.95	403.0	370.9	387.05	358323	-3.47	55.1	369.22	489.03
AVANTEL	134.59	134.94	125.12	129.82	1713254	-3.54	59.79	119.86	-
IDEAFORGE	376.95	378.7	355.1	362.8	260116	-3.61	49.01	357.72	579.76
ADANIENT	2450.1	2459.5	2323.5	2354.3	1414809	-3.61	50.29	2360.47	2667.31
PTC	186.5	187.22	178.21	179.49	1971126	-3.63	62.77	171.07	178.15
BEML	3178.4	3186.9	3014.9	3049.9	375284	-3.68	52.78	3048.51	3714.49
SOLARINDS	13254.0	13300.0	12641.0	12757.0	107402	-3.7	70.88	11650.5	10454.43
APOLLO	116.64	116.84	110.8	111.74	4803740	-4.0	42.01	118.02	110.82
ROSSELLIND	78.24	78.24	71.32	71.95	50430	-4.17	53.29	69.89	213.16
COCHINSHIP	1470.0	1481.2	1403.2	1415.5	1279388	-4.2	49.77	1428.59	1680.87
MARINE	202.0	202.0	186.51	192.83	500793	-4.58	54.98	181.61	227.13
NIBE	1490.0	1490.0	1420.6	1420.6	18252	-5.0	63.77	1248.12	1610.38
KRISHNADEF	834.4	835.0	755.05	785.6	81000	-5.5	58.28	739.88	700.17
DCXINDIA	289.9	291.45	268.78	273.51	1123526	-5.57	59.2	245.17	320.03
GRSE	1732.1	1739.0	1597.8	1616.8	2245648	-6.51	49.0	1676.97	1709.28
SIKA	764.95	777.0	655.7	697.05	102252	-7.2	61.79	657.21	532.93