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Defense Business and Industry

Indian Navy to Enhance Counter-Drone Capabilities Post-Operation Sindoor

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The Indian Navy is moving to acquire counter-drone systems and longer-range attack vectors after lessons from Operation Sindoor, Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti said, tying the push to the May 7-10, 2025 India-Pakistan hostilities sparked by the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians. During the standoff, INS Vikrant with MiG-29K fighters adopted a forward posture that constrained Pakistan's air and naval activity to the Makran coast, reinforcing deterrence in the northern Arabian Sea, according to official briefings and subsequent analyses. Sobti stressed cost-effective defenses against low-cost UAVs, reflecting a tactical shift toward layered, affordable counter-UAS alongside enhanced strike options post-Sindoor.

CDS Chauhan: Sudarshan Chakra to be a powerful integrated defense system

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India's proposed Sudarshan Chakra air defense system, articulated by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, aims to integrate advanced sensors, missiles, and AI tools, resembling Israel's Iron Dome. This ambitious project, announced by Prime Minister Modi, is set for implementation by 2035 and aims to shield vital

national assets while ensuring a robust military response. Gen Chauhan emphasized the need for a whole-of-nation approach, integrating multiple domains and advanced technologies to enhance operational capabilities. He also highlighted the importance of joint training and research in military strategy, underscoring India's commitment to self-reliance and future-ready defense forces.

Paras Defence Wins ₹45.32 Crore Order for Air Defense Systems

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Paras Defence and Space Technologies Limited has secured a ₹45.32 crore order from Bharat Electronics Limited for advanced air defense systems, including Signal and Data Processing Systems and Multi-Sensor Fusion Systems, aimed at enhancing India's air defense capabilities. This contract is part of a broader push towards self-reliance in defense, coinciding with a record production of ₹1.50 trillion in FY 2024-25 and reflecting a notable growth in private sector contributions. The deal underscores India's commitment to indigenous technology and reinforces the operational readiness of its defense architecture, aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative to bolster national security through domestic innovations.

Shree Refrigeration Wins ₹106.62 Crore Order for Navy Support Ships

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Shree Refrigeration Limited has secured a significant order worth ₹106.62 crore from Hindustan Shipyard Limited for the Indian Navy's Fleet Support Ship project, which involves

constructing five advanced vessels to enhance naval operational capabilities. This order follows previous contracts totaling over ₹205 crore for critical HVAC systems, underscoring SRL's role in supporting India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing. The turnkey systems will ensure optimal environmental control aboard these support ships, vital for prolonged naval operations. This initiative aligns with India's strategic goals to bolster maritime strength and enhance logistical capabilities, thereby reinforcing a robust defense ecosystem.

L&T Completes Successful Flight Trials of TEER UAS for IAF SHARE

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L&T Precision Engineering and Systems has successfully completed multiple flight trials of its TEER unmanned aerial system, showcasing its capabilities in simulating realistic combat scenarios for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The TEER, designed entirely in-house, operates as a Manoeuvrable Recoverable Aerial Target (MRAT) equipped with advanced payloads like radar augmentation systems and an Acoustic Miss Distance Indicator, making it suitable for air defence training and weapon system evaluation. This initiative aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat strategy, aiming to bolster indigenous defence capabilities and reduce reliance on foreign systems. The drone's modular catapult launch system ensures rapid deployment and logistical efficiency, while its recoverable design enhances cost-effectiveness in training exercises. Moreover, L&T is progressing towards a next-generation variant, TEER-NG, capable of emulating low-altitude, high-speed threats, which is crucial for testing modern air defence systems. Overall, the successful trials mark a significant advancement in India's indigenous aerial target technology, reinforcing defence preparedness and contributing to the modernization of training infrastructure for air defence across the armed forces, ultimately enhancing India's strategic autonomy in military capabilities.

DRDO Seeks CCS Funding for AMCA Engine Development SHARE

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In a significant advancement for India's defense capabilities, the Defence Research and

Development Organisation (DRDO) is moving to secure funding from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) for the development of a 120-kilonewton thrust engine for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program, in partnership with French aerospace firm Safran. This collaboration aims for a complete transfer of technology, fostering self-reliance in military aviation with an estimated investment of \$7 billion. The AMCA, India's flagship fifth-generation stealth fighter, will eventually utilize these indigenous engines, enhancing its capabilities for air superiority and deep-strike missions. Safran India has committed to the challenging task of integrating the new engine into existing airframes, like the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, which will streamline upgrades without the need for entirely new designs. This approach not only emphasizes India's strategic need for rapid enhancement of its defense fleet but also aligns with the Make in India initiative by fostering local manufacturing and technical expertise. Despite historical concerns over delays in technology transfer, the partnership establishes a robust framework aimed at fostering accountability, ensuring timely delivery, and enhancing India's aerospace ecosystem, ultimately reinforcing India's position in global defense technology.

Mazagon Dock Shares Drop After Submarine Deal Clarification SHARE

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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. saw a decline of over 1% in its share price following a clarification regarding the Rs 70,000-crore deal for six submarines, which is part of 'Project 75 India'. The company stated that there are currently "no negotiations" with the Defence Ministry, contradicting earlier reports suggesting that discussions had commenced. This project, crucial for enhancing India's naval capabilities, involves collaboration with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems for submarines equipped with Air Independent Propulsion systems. The clarification aims to manage market expectations while highlighting the ongoing significance of domestic submarine manufacturing in bolstering India's maritime security.

Indian Army Issues RFP for 30 Indigenous Surveillance Systems SHARE

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The Indian Army has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of 30 Passive Surveillance Suite & Detection Systems under the 'Buy (Indian)' category, aimed at enhancing its surveillance and electronic intelligence capabilities. This advanced system is designed for both air defense and ground monitoring, featuring multi-target tracking and operational resilience against harsh conditions. By prioritizing indigenous manufacturing, this initiative reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and bolsters the Army's operational preparedness through stealthy intelligence-gathering capabilities. This procurement aligns with ongoing modernization efforts to address current and future security challenges effectively.

US May Acquire Stakes in Boeing and Lockheed Martin, Says Commerce Chief SHARE

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The Trump administration is contemplating acquiring stakes in major defense companies like Lockheed Martin and Boeing, according to U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. This initiative aims to enhance federal involvement in U.S. businesses, particularly in defense contracting, as ongoing discussions focus on funding munitions acquisitions. The proposal has sparked debate about the implications for corporate autonomy and market dynamics, with shares of Lockheed and Boeing experiencing slight increases. Lutnick emphasized that companies seeking federal assistance must be prepared to work closely with the government, suggesting a shift towards deeper government integration in the defense industry, which could bolster national security efforts.

African militaries shift focus to cost-effective, lightweight drones. SHARE

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The African military landscape is increasingly shifting towards lighter, more affordable drone technology, with countries like Nigeria showcasing smaller drones at a recent military conference. These adaptable, often disposable drones are proving economically viable for

missions, minimizing the risks associated with deploying expensive assets. As jihadist groups employ modified commercial drones, the Nigerian military is also focusing on indigenous innovation and developing jamming systems to counter this evolving threat. This trend reflects a broader shift in warfare dynamics, emphasizing speed and agility over traditional capabilities, highlighting the need for African nations to enhance their technological prowess in defense.

DRDO Seeks Proposals for High Purity Silicon Carbide Production SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop high purity Silicon Carbide (SiC) source powder, crucial for the growth of SiC single crystals used in advanced defense technologies. This move underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in critical material production, reducing dependence on international suppliers. SiC's exceptional properties make it vital for applications in radar systems, electronic warfare, and beyond. The initiative, part of the Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme, offers substantial financial support to Indian industries, including MSMEs and startups, promoting innovation and collaboration for indigenous technological advancement in defense and strategic sectors.

DRDO's TDF Project to Develop Indigenous Reusable Aerial Target for IAF Training SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has initiated a groundbreaking project under its Technology Development Fund (TDF) to create a reusable High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), enhancing the Indian Air Force's (IAF) training capabilities while supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This innovative platform will simulate modern fighter aircraft profiles, improving weapon testing and engagement training while reducing dependence on costly imported systems. With advanced features like adjustable Radar Cross Section and multi-role capabilities, the HEAT aims to optimize operational preparedness for various systems, including the Akash and Barak-8. By fostering

collaboration with private industry, this project promises to significantly bolster India's self-reliance in defense technology.

India to Acquire Israeli Wind Demon Missiles for Enhanced Strike Capabilities

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India is set to enhance its long-range precision strike capabilities by procuring hundreds of Wind Demon tactical light cruise missiles from Israel Aerospace Industries, alongside increasing its stockpile of Rampage air-launched ballistic missiles. The Wind Demon, capable of striking high-value targets with precision and adaptability across various platforms, addresses India's need for effective engagement of mobile and time-sensitive targets in complex warfare, particularly against adversaries like Pakistan and China. This strategic acquisition underscores India's commitment to modernizing its defense forces and leveraging advanced stand-off weaponry to ensure operational superiority in contested environments.

India's DRDO Unveils Autonomous Biped and Quadruped Robots

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made significant strides in military robotics with the successful demonstration of its bipedal and quadruped robots under the STAR program. These innovations aim to enhance operational effectiveness in high-risk environments, aligning with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The biped robot features bioinspired manipulation abilities and advanced AI for autonomous operations, while the quadruped excels in mobility across challenging terrains. Both robots address crucial military and civilian applications, showcasing India's commitment to indigenous defense technology and reinforcing national security capabilities ahead of the 2035 target for the Rashtriya Suraksha Kavach.

DRDO Enhances India's BMD with AD-2 Interceptor Fabrication

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing its ballistic missile defense capabilities with the fabrication

of the AD-2 interceptor, crucial for the Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) program. The AD-2, designed to intercept threats outside the atmosphere and optimized for intermediate-range ballistic missiles, will undergo trials in 2026. This development strengthens India's multi-layered defense against rising threats from Pakistan and China, notably their ballistic and hypersonic missiles. Additionally, DRDO is planning a Phase-III BMD program to tackle advanced threats, highlighting India's commitment to enhancing its defense infrastructure and strategic deterrence capabilities in a volatile regional landscape.

Indian Navy, TKMS Discuss Integrating DRDO's 500-km SLCM on U-214NG

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The Indian Navy is progressing in discussions with Germany's TKMS to integrate the DRDO's indigenous 500-km-range Submarine-Launched Cruise Missile (SLCM) onto U-214NG submarines under Project 75-India. This initiative reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities, moving away from foreign systems like the Exocet SM-39. The SLCM's dual-role capacities and compatibility with existing submarines enhance naval operations while ensuring ease of upgrades. As part of the broader Make in India initiative, this integration aligns with strategic goals for enhanced deterrence and operational flexibility in the Indo-Pacific, demonstrating a significant advancement in India's defense capabilities.

IAF Chief: Tejas LCA Replaces MiG-21, Enhances Combat and Training

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is transitioning from the ageing MiG-21 fleet to the indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), which features modern technology and multi-role capabilities. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh highlighted Tejas's advanced systems, including a fly-by-wire setup and enhanced weaponry, emphasizing its potential as both a combat aircraft and a training platform. With over 40 Tejas Mk-1s already inducted and plans for further variants, this shift not only aims to improve operational efficiency but also showcases India's growing defense production capabilities, driven by both public and private

sector innovation. Tejas symbolizes a new era for the IAF, reinforcing India's strategic autonomy in defense.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

CDS Anil Chauhan: India Must Balance Peace with Power SHARE

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General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff of India, articulated a robust stance on India's defense strategy during the Ran Samvad-2025 seminar, emphasizing that while India is a peace-loving nation, it cannot afford to be pacifist, highlighting the notion that "peace without power is utopian." He reflected on Operation Sindoor, stating it is still ongoing and has provided valuable lessons that are currently being implemented. The CDS outlined four critical trends shaping future warfare: an increased propensity for short-duration conflicts to achieve political goals, a blurring of the lines between war and peace, the importance of public resilience in conflict, and the evolving metrics of victory defined by operational speed and precision strikes rather than mere casualties. He underscored the necessity for India to boost self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in defense, integrating advanced technologies and fostering joint training across military domains to enhance operational effectiveness. Additionally, Chauhan called for serious academic discourse on military strategy, leadership, and technological advancements, arguing that a comprehensive understanding of both historical and contemporary warfare is essential for India's transformation into a powerful and secure nation. The seminar aims to foster strategic dialogue among military professionals and is a crucial step toward enhancing India's military preparedness in the face of rapidly changing global dynamics. This initiative signifies a decisive pivot towards developing a holistic and integrated approach to defense, ensuring that India remains firmly positioned as a formidable force regionally and globally.

IAF Chief urges cautious theaterisation; calls for joint planning center SHARE

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Indian Air Force Chief, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, emphasized caution in rapidly implementing the proposed theaterisation plan, advocating instead for a joint planning and coordination center in Delhi to enhance tri-services synergy. Highlighting the effective collaboration seen during Operation Sindoor and the recent conflict with Pakistan, he argued against the creation of new military structures like theater commands, suggesting that the current command systems, while maintaining core competencies, need a focus on centralized planning with decentralized execution. Singh stressed that India should not simply replicate foreign models like those of the US or China, as the unique requirements of the Indian context must be addressed. He proposed starting with established coordination frameworks to assess their efficacy before making further structural changes. The Chief of Air Staff underscored the need for seamless communication and strategic alignment with political leadership during operations to ensure successful outcomes, reflecting a deep understanding of the operational landscape while maintaining a prudent approach to organizational reform.

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh: Emphasizing Offensive Air Power in Warfare SHARE

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Air Chief Marshal AP Singh has emphasized the growing relevance of air power in modern warfare, asserting that it should be used offensively to achieve decisive outcomes, particularly in light of recent military operations like Operation Sindoor against Pakistan. During a discussion at the Army War College, he explained that the Indian Air Force (IAF) had the capability to continue strikes during this operation but chose not to, as its primary objectives were met. He argued against the notion that escalating military actions is necessary, advocating instead for conflict termination once goals are achieved. The operation, which was launched in response to a terror attack, demonstrated the effective use of technology and air power as essential tools in India's defense strategy. Singh highlighted that the operation challenged the misconception that

air power automatically leads to escalation, underscoring its strategic importance in future conflicts. This perspective reinforces the Indian military's commitment to a decisive and technology-driven approach in safeguarding national security.

Politics

Navy's vital role includes economic security, says Rajnath Singh.



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the Indian Navy's pivotal role in not only maritime security but also economic security, noting that the region's stability is crucial for India's energy needs. He highlighted the commissioning of the multi-mission stealth frigates INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, which bolster the Navy's capabilities and contribute to India's self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. In response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack, Singh stated that India effectively retaliated through 'Operation Sindoor,' showcasing the nation's commitment to counter-terrorism and its readiness to defend national security against any threats.

Goa CM grants Indian citizenship to Pakistan-born Brenden Crasto



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A Pakistan-born man, Brenden Valentine Crasto, received Indian citizenship from Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, marking a significant moment as he becomes the third person in Goa to gain nationality under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). Crasto, who has lived in India since 2006 and married an Indian national, fulfills all legal requirements for citizenship as outlined in the CAA. This legislation, passed in 2019, aims to provide Indian nationality to specific religious communities from neighboring countries, reflecting India's commitment to humanitarian principles. The successful application process underscores the government's dedication to implementing the CAA effectively, despite previous delays.

Rajnath Singh: Soldiers Targeted Terrorists by Their Actions, Not Religion



26-Aug-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized that during Operation Sindoor, Indian forces targeted terrorists based on their actions, not religion, following the Pahalgam attack. He praised the unity and support from border communities and affirmed the preparedness of the armed forces for decisive action, underlining India's commitment to counter-terrorism. Singh also highlighted the significant advancements in India's education sector, attributing these changes to Prime Minister Modi's reforms, which he believes will propel the country to new heights. He concluded by advocating for a balanced approach to education that fosters both physical and spiritual development, reflecting India's ancient wisdom and inclusive philosophy.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Indian Navy to host maritime security discussion with 18 nations



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The Indian Navy will host the 'Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion' under the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) from August 27-28 in Kochi, engaging young naval leaders from 18 IONS nations. The event aims to address maritime security challenges and promote collaboration on emerging technologies and training capabilities. With over 20 navies participating, discussions will center on the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Region and the role of IONS. This initiative, conceived in 2008, underscores India's commitment to enhancing maritime cooperation and fostering a secure maritime environment amidst growing regional challenges.

Zelenskyy emphasizes Ukraine's reliance on India's peace efforts



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed gratitude to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his warm wishes on Ukraine's Independence Day and emphasized Ukraine's reliance on India's contributions to ending the

ongoing conflict with Russia. He highlighted India's principled stance on peace and diplomacy, indicating that India's involvement could significantly influence global efforts for a dignified resolution. Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting sincere diplomatic efforts for a peaceful settlement of the conflict while recalling his visit to Kyiv, which marked a pivotal moment in enhancing India-Ukraine relations. This exchange not only underscores the mutual respect and friendship between the two leaders but also reflects the strategic importance of India's neutral position as a potential mediator in global conflicts. As geopolitical dynamics evolve, India's engagement with Ukraine aligns with its broader objectives of promoting peace and stability, thereby enhancing its role as a responsible global player. The dialogue signals a commitment to constructive collaboration in areas such as economic reconstruction and security dialogue, reinforcing the idea that diplomatic efforts are essential for stability in both Europe and the Indo-Pacific, revealing the interconnected nature of contemporary global security challenges.

Ukraine Enhances Drone Defense with Advanced Electronic Warfare Systems SHARE

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Ukraine's Armed Forces have received the FC.K electronic warfare systems, developed in cooperation with Germany, designed to jam drone control signals and disrupt video transmissions, with the first batch consisting of 30 units already operational. Additionally, the Veres-2 portable EW station has been successfully delivered and deployed across several brigades, demonstrating effective capabilities against warhead-carrying Mavic and Autel UAVs, with positive feedback highlighting its superior performance and reliability in combat scenarios. Both systems emphasize Ukraine's technological progress in modern warfare, showcasing innovations that enhance defensive capabilities against drone attacks. The success of these systems underlines the importance of continued investment in cutting-edge defense technologies, as well as the value of international partnerships in strengthening military capabilities, a strategy that could offer useful insights for India as it seeks to bolster its

own defense industry and electronic warfare capabilities in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

Gen Upendra Dwivedi Strengthens India-Algeria Defense Ties SHARE

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Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi's recent visit to Algeria marks a significant step in strengthening bilateral defense ties, following India's Operation Sindoor aimed at countering terrorism. The discussions with Lieutenant General Mostefa Smaali focused on enhancing military collaboration through Army-to-Army exchanges, capability development, and training cooperation, capitalizing on the compatibility of both nations' defense systems. This visit, which included a welcome dinner attended by various dignitaries, underscores India's strategic commitment to fostering partnerships in North Africa, with Algeria identified as a key regional player. The backdrop of the visit includes India's active role in a recent Defense Seminar, where Indian defense industries showcased modernization and technology capabilities, paving the way for potential collaborations. General Dwivedi's engagement is poised to establish a robust operational synergy, promote peace and security frameworks, and further position India as a responsible global security provider. This synergy, particularly in counter-terrorism efforts, reflects India's proactive defense diplomacy and its broader vision for regional stability amidst emerging geopolitical challenges, ultimately enhancing trust and interoperability between the two militaries. By aligning operational successes with diplomatic outreach, India reaffirms its intent to play a pivotal role in global defense engagement and cooperative deterrence against terrorism.

China protests Japan's call for leaders to boycott PLA parade SHARE

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Japan has urged world leaders to avoid attending China's upcoming military parade commemorating the 80th anniversary of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, scheduled for September 3. This has led to diplomatic tensions, with China protesting Japan's request and asserting its sovereignty

over disputed territories. The parade follows the SCO summit, where Prime Minister Modi will participate. Japan's concerns stem from perceptions of the event having anti-Japanese overtones, complicating international leaders' decisions on attendance. This situation highlights the ongoing geopolitical friction in East Asia, emphasizing the importance of historical narratives in shaping current diplomatic relations.

Trump seeks to curb nuclear arms growth by Russia and China.



26-Aug-25

US President Donald Trump emphasized the need to curb nuclear proliferation from Russia and China, highlighting ongoing discussions with President Putin and the intention to involve Beijing in limiting nuclear arsenals. He indicated that while the US and Russia possess the majority of nuclear warheads, China's stockpile is rapidly growing. Trump's remarks came during a meeting with South Korean President Lee Jae-myung, underscoring the importance of international cooperation in nuclear security amidst regional tensions, particularly concerning Ukraine. His comments reflect the broader geopolitical landscape where nuclear disarmament discussions are critical for maintaining global stability and security.

Taiwan reports increased PLA aircraft and PLAN vessels near its territory.



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Taiwan has reported an uptick in PLA activity, with six aircraft sorties and seven PLAN vessels operating near its territory, including one sortie that crossed into Taiwan's Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). This surge in military presence follows a similar pattern observed the previous day, prompting Taiwan's Foreign Minister to label China as a "regional troublemaker," particularly regarding Taiwan's exclusion from the Pacific Islands Forum. This situation highlights China's assertive posture in the region, raising concerns about regional stability and the implications for Taiwan's sovereignty, while also emphasizing the need for vigilance among countries supporting Taiwan in maintaining its defense capabilities.

U.S. envoy emphasizes efforts for peace in Russia-Ukraine war



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U.S. envoy Keith Kellogg indicated ongoing efforts to secure a peace settlement in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, noting a need for security guarantees for Ukraine. Despite high-level visits from various leaders pledging support, including significant military aid, doubts persist regarding the effectiveness of Western commitment against Russia's strategy. Analysts suggest that Putin may aim to outlast Western resolve while continuing military actions. Amidst this, Ukraine remains active in drone strikes against Russian targets, highlighting the ongoing volatility in the region and the challenges facing diplomatic efforts. The situation underscores the complexities of achieving lasting peace and stability in Eastern Europe.

USS Frank Cable Visits Chennai to Strengthen US-India Naval Ties



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The USS Frank Cable, an Emory S Land-class ship, arrived at Chennai Port for a brief visit, aiming to reinforce partnerships with the Indian Navy. Commissioned in 1979, it specializes in submarine support, repairs, and medical services, with a crew of around 520, including civilian mariners. The ship's visit highlights the collaborative efforts between the US and Indian navies, fostering closer ties in maritime operations. Activities such as cricket matches with local students further promote cultural exchange, showcasing the commitment to strengthening bilateral relations in defense and community engagement.

Bangladesh urges Pakistan to resolve 1971 war issues during visit.



26-Aug-25

Bangladesh's Foreign Adviser M Touhid Hossain addressed unresolved issues from the 1971 war with Pakistan during a visit from Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, marking a potential thaw in relations. Key topics included an apology for the genocide, asset claims, and the status of stranded Pakistani citizens. Both nations expressed the need to resolve historical grievances to enhance bilateral ties, focusing on trade and investment under the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA). This diplomatic engagement

follows a period of strained relations with India, highlighting Bangladesh's shifting strategic priorities while still emphasizing the importance of addressing historical injustices for future cooperation.

Field Marshal Munir tightens military control over Pakistan's minerals to attract US investment.



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Field Marshal Asim Munir has intensified military control over Pakistan's economic decisions, particularly in the mineral-rich Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, to attract US investment in critical minerals like lithium. This strategy has led to a crackdown on civilians, displacing around 100,000 in recent military operations, raising concerns about the sustainability of such investments amid rising regional unrest. As violence escalates, especially against Chinese projects, Munir aims to stabilize Pakistan's struggling economy but risks further destabilization in a region already fraught with tension and militant activity. The situation underscores the complexities of military-led resource control amidst international economic interests.

Pak DPM's Dhaka visit ignores 1971 genocide and atrocities.



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Ishaq Dar's visit to Dhaka, aimed at mending relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh, has been criticized for neglecting the 1971 atrocities committed by the Pakistani army, including the genocide of 3 million civilians and the systematic rape of 200,000 women. This oversight remains a significant barrier to reconciliation, as highlighted by a Bangladeshi lawyer who underscores these acts as crimes against humanity. The failure to address this dark chapter hinders genuine diplomatic progress, demonstrating the deep-seated historical grievances that continue to influence contemporary relations in the region. Thus, meaningful dialogue is essential for fostering a constructive relationship moving forward.

Military Operations

MiG-21's Legacy Secured by Downing F-16 in 2019 Engagement



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The Indian Air Force's (IAF) MiG-21 has marked nearly six decades of service, solidifying its legacy as a formidable fighter jet that has played a crucial role in numerous conflicts, including the 2019 downing of a Pakistani F-16 by Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman during a high-stakes engagement. Introduced in 1963, the MiG-21 evolved from a high-altitude interceptor to a versatile aircraft capable of ground attack and reconnaissance missions, symbolizing the enduring Indo-Russian military partnership. Despite its challenges, including a spate of accidents leading to the moniker "flying coffin," the MiG-21's operational success and the skill of its pilots have been commendable, culminating in its active role in strategic operations up to 2025. As the IAF prepares to retire its last MiG-21 squadron, the aircraft's remarkable history of combat effectiveness and its contributions to India's defense capabilities are being honored, marking the end of an era that saw the MiG-21 not only train thousands of pilots but also safeguard India's skies against various threats. The MiG-21's legacy, underscored by its impressive combat record against technologically advanced adversaries, highlights the adaptability and ingenuity of the IAF, ensuring that its impact will resonate for years to come.

CDS Gen Chauhan Advocates Rapid Military Response to Conflicts



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India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has emphasized the necessity for a swift and decisive military response to future conflicts, highlighting the importance of enhanced synergy among the three armed services. This approach is aimed at strengthening India's military capabilities in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment. By advocating for improved inter-service cooperation, Gen Chauhan is addressing the critical need for agility and effectiveness in India's defense strategy, ensuring that the

country is well-prepared to respond to emerging threats. This focus on collaboration reflects India's commitment to maintaining its strategic edge and securing national interests amid regional tensions.

Operation Sindoor is paused, not concluded: Defence Minister **SHARE**

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh clarified that Operation Sindoor is not concluded but merely paused, emphasizing the necessity of adapting to the evolving landscape of modern warfare. He pointed out the rapid emergence of new technologies, strategies, and equipment in contemporary conflicts, which underscores the importance of continuous evolution in defense operations. This statement reflects India's proactive stance in addressing security challenges and its commitment to maintaining a robust defense strategy. By acknowledging the dynamic nature of warfare, India is poised to enhance its military readiness and ensure national security amidst changing geopolitical scenarios.

Indian Army deploys rescue teams and helicopters in flood relief. **SHARE**

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The Indian Army has deployed multiple rescue columns and helicopters to assist in flood-hit regions of Jammu and Punjab, showcasing its commitment to humanitarian efforts in times of crisis. Each rescue column consists of 25 to 30 personnel, with flexibility in numbers based on the unfolding situation, demonstrating the Army's preparedness and adaptability. This proactive response not only emphasizes the capability of the Indian defense forces to handle natural disasters but also reinforces their essential role in national resilience and support for affected communities. Such actions bolster the public's trust in the military's dedication to safeguarding and aiding citizens during emergencies.

Indian Army conducts search operation along LoC in Kashmir. **SHARE**

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The Indian Army has initiated a search operation along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Boniyar sector of north Kashmir following reports of

suspicious movement. This proactive measure demonstrates the Army's vigilance in maintaining security along the sensitive border. Concurrently, in a separate incident, rescue operations successfully saved four family members trapped by flash floods in the Ravi river, showcasing the swift response capabilities of local law enforcement and emergency services. Additionally, a rusted grenade was discovered in Srinagar, underscoring ongoing security concerns in the region. These events collectively highlight the Indian forces' commitment to both border security and civilian safety in challenging circumstances.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Eight militants arrested, ten weapons seized in Manipur operation. **SHARE**

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In a significant joint operation, the Army, Assam Rifles, and other security forces apprehended eight militants from two outfits in Manipur, recovering 10 sophisticated arms and a substantial cache of ammunition. Conducted across six districts, these intelligence-driven operations underscore the forces' commitment to restoring peace and security in the region. The arrested militants are linked to the Kangleipak Communist Party and the Revolutionary People's Front/People's Liberation Army. Authorities are also urging the public to be vigilant against misinformation on social media, warning that circulating fake news could lead to legal repercussions, while encouraging the return of looted arms and ammunition to maintain communal harmony.

Pakistani spy linked to CRPF's SI MR Jat also contacted 15 officials **SHARE**

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A recent investigation revealed that CRPF Assistant Sub-Inspector Moti Ram Jat, arrested for sharing classified information with a Pakistani intelligence operative, was in contact with at least 15 other individuals linked to the Indian Army and government. Jat allegedly transmitted sensitive documents related to security deployments and troop movements, receiving payments for his actions. The investigation highlights the vulnerabilities within India's

security framework and emphasizes the need for tighter controls and vigilance against espionage, particularly amid ongoing regional tensions with Pakistan. Strengthening intelligence and counterintelligence measures will be crucial for safeguarding national security in the face of such threats.

TTP Launches Deadly Attack on Frontier Corps Fort in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

26-Aug-25

A recent attack by Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) on a Frontier Corps fort in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa resulted in the deaths of five personnel and injuries to 22 others. This incident highlights the escalating violence and militant activity in the region, marked by multi-pronged offensives that have been increasing in frequency throughout 2025. The use of advanced weaponry and tactics by TTP points to a significant security challenge for Pakistan, raising concerns about the effectiveness of counterterrorism efforts. This ongoing conflict underscores the volatility in the tribal belt and emphasizes the need for strategic responses to enhance regional security and stability.

Google alerts on China-backed hackers targeting diplomats in Southeast Asia.

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Google has warned of a China-backed cyber-espionage campaign targeting diplomats in Southeast Asia, attributed to the hacking group UNC6384. The attacks involved compromising Wi-Fi networks to install malware disguised as software updates, threatening sensitive diplomatic data. This issue underscores the escalating cybersecurity tensions between the US and China, with Microsoft also identifying state-backed Chinese hackers exploiting software vulnerabilities. The situation reflects a broader concern regarding cyber threats against key global institutions, highlighting the need for enhanced cybersecurity measures among diplomatic and governmental bodies, particularly in the face of persistent state-sponsored cyber activities.

AI Essential for Strengthening Cybersecurity in India

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The ET World Leaders Forum 2025 highlighted the urgent need for businesses to leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to combat the rapid rise in cyberattacks in India, which now occur at a staggering rate of four incidents per minute. Experts noted that while bad actors exploit AI to enhance their attacks, there is a critical shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the country, with only 350,000 available against a demand for 1 million. The conversation stressed the importance of offensive strategies in cybersecurity, especially given the advanced capabilities of countries like China. It underscores the necessity for businesses to invest in training and awareness to safeguard against evolving threats.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

J&K government bans pen drives to improve cybersecurity measures.

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The Jammu and Kashmir government has prohibited the use of pen drives on official devices to bolster cybersecurity and protect sensitive data. This directive aims to minimize risks of data breaches and malware infections, reflecting a strong commitment to data sovereignty. Additionally, it restricts the use of unsecured platforms for handling official materials. The move comes amid reports of significant cyberattacks on Indian websites, including those in J&K, highlighting the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity measures. By allowing controlled whitelisting of pen drives in exceptional cases, the government balances operational needs with the imperative of safeguarding sensitive information.

Miscellaneous

IAF Bids Farewell to MiG-21 as Air Chief Flies Final Sorties

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently conducted final sorties of the iconic MiG-21 fighter jet ahead of its retirement on September 26, 2025,

marking the end of a 62-year legacy. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, flew the historic MiG-21 Bison CU2777, which was the first of its kind to be upgraded, reflecting on its significant contributions to India's aerial defense during major conflicts like the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars and the Kargil conflict. The farewell event at Nal Airbase also coincided with the filming of Bollywood's "Love and War," creatively intertwining aviation history with contemporary culture. Despite the MiG-21's legacy as a workhorse of the IAF, Air Chief Marshal Singh emphasized the need for modernization, stating that the aircraft's technology is outdated and difficult to maintain. The transition towards newer platforms such as the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and the French Rafale underscores the IAF's commitment to advancing its capabilities. While the MiG-21 will be missed by those who flew it, the focus on modernizing India's air power is a positive step forward, ensuring the IAF remains adept and prepared for future challenges. The ceremonial farewell planned in Chandigarh will encapsulate the MiG-21's storied past, while also heralding a new era of aviation in India, blending historical reverence with a forward-looking perspective on air defense.

Sheshnaag-150: India Advances with Long-Range Swarming Drone Trials



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NewSpace Research and Technologies has successfully completed flight trials for the Sheshnaag-150, a long-range swarming strike drone system, marking a significant advancement in India's indigenous UAV capabilities. This 150kg drone, designed for coordinated swarm attacks, boasts an operational range over 1,000 km and a remarkable precision strike capability with a Circular Error Probable of 5 meters. It represents a shift in military doctrine, focusing on low-cost, attritable drones that can overwhelm enemy defenses through saturation attacks, particularly relevant in contested areas like the LAC with China and LoC with Pakistan. The Sheshnaag-150 enhances the Indian Armed Forces' operational effectiveness, reflecting a modernized approach to defense strategy.

Uttarakhand CM Announces Rapid Expansion of Airports to International Standards



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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the rapid progress towards expanding Pantnagar and Dehradun Airports to international standards, emphasizing the strategic significance of Chinyalisaur Airport for the Char Dham Yatra. The Indian Air Force will manage the airstrips at Chinyalisaur and Gauchar, enhancing both local connectivity and defense capabilities in border areas. The state government also plans to expand Pithoragarh Airport with an investment of Rs 450 crore. In addition, new helicopter services are set to launch under the Udan scheme, reinforcing the commitment to improving air services while promoting local products and fostering economic growth in the region.

India and Fiji Strengthen Economic Ties and Cooperation



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India and Fiji are enhancing their economic partnership by diversifying trade portfolios and improving supply chain resilience. Key initiatives include granting market access to Indian ghee and establishing a 100-bedded Super Specialty Hospital in Suva, showcasing India's commitment to healthcare. The nations are also collaborating on clean water projects and pharmaceuticals, highlighted by Fiji's recognition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia. This multifaceted cooperation aligns with India's Act East Policy and reinforces its proactive role in the Indo-Pacific, promoting mutual growth, sustainability, and a people-centered approach in development initiatives. Overall, these efforts exemplify India's dedication to fostering inclusive economic ties with Pacific Island nations.

ISRO Unveils Ambitious Roadmap for Space Missions by 2035



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India's space agency, ISRO, has unveiled an ambitious roadmap that includes the Chandrayaan-4 mission, a dedicated Venus Orbiter, and the Bharatiya Antriksh Station (BAS), aiming for full-scale operations by 2035. This strategy reflects India's commitment to establishing an independent presence in space,

highlighted by the planned Gaganyaan manned mission in 2027. Prime Minister Modi praised the achievements, emphasizing India's growing stature in global space exploration. With a focus on lunar and interplanetary missions, alongside advancements in rocket technology, ISRO is positioning India as a leader in the new space race, showcasing the nation's scientific prowess and aspirations.

Kaspersky's eSIM Store Boosts Secure Travel in APAC's Comeback



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The Asia Pacific travel sector is rebounding impressively post-pandemic, with international arrivals projected to reach 762 million by 2026. In response to the demand for secure connectivity, Kaspersky has launched the eSIM Store, allowing travelers to easily install digital SIMs on their devices. This innovation caters to a mobile-first generation, providing quick access to global data plans without the hassle of physical SIM swaps. However, the rise of eSIMs has also attracted cybercriminals, highlighting the need for heightened digital security as travel and connectivity evolve in tandem with the region's vibrant tourism economy.

ISRO poised to surpass NASA in global recognition, says Shukla



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Indian Air Force Group Captain Sudhanshu Shukla expressed confidence that the Indian

Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will soon overshadow NASA in global recognition, highlighting the growing enthusiasm for India's space achievements. Celebrated upon his return from the ISS, Shukla noted the success of his mission, which included 60 scientific experiments, seven of which were developed by Indian scientists. He emphasized the mission's role in inspiring the younger generation to pursue careers in space exploration. Shukla's experience reflects India's rapid advancements in space technology and its potential for future research, fostering national pride and ambition among aspiring astronauts.

UP Launches Scholarship for Space Tech Students in Shukla's Name



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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a scholarship in the name of astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, aimed at supporting students pursuing higher education in space technology. This initiative highlights the state's advancements in space education, with several institutions now offering relevant courses. Adityanath emphasized the need to nurture talent in scientific fields to bolster India's leadership in space exploration, as exemplified by Shukla's recent historic mission to the ISS. The collaboration with ISRO is also being sought to further enhance opportunities for youth in space research, reflecting a commitment to India's scientific heritage and future aspirations.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
RTNINDIA	52.97	60.0	52.35	58.2	100853395	10.19	60.77	53.39	54.16
SWANDEF	390.8	390.8	390.8	390.8	4644	5.0	99.99	255.75	39.09
TANEJAERO	416.0	427.95	408.0	422.5	26734	2.2	49.16	421.29	381.09
NIBE	1193.4	1212.0	1177.1	1202.0	3350	0.68	25.74	1398.15	1484.09
DYNAMATECH	6400.0	6601.5	6320.0	6483.5	8909	0.4	40.34	6584.62	7003.72
TEMBO	623.9	624.95	601.0	615.65	114894	0.24	71.15	536.39	585.41
HIGHENE	650.0	670.0	640.85	650.8	11598	0.14	50.85	623.69	602.45
MACPOWER	822.6	826.4	803.0	816.6	6536	0.02	36.02	888.87	1049.63
DRONACHRYA	74.26	76.0	73.9	73.9	32000	0.0	41.94	74.4	89.25
ROSSELLIND	68.65	68.65	65.02	66.82	38113	-0.25	46.38	67.04	71.16
TECHERA	199.5	200.5	196.0	200.5	14400	-0.3	49.7	199.92	179.46
SIKA	1152.0	1219.0	1130.0	1153.9	65166	-0.7	42.05	1215.8	779.62
AXISCADES	1276.4	1290.0	1228.9	1266.9	66891	-0.74	49.44	1260.71	907.92
HBLPOWER	776.0	782.85	763.05	771.3	1042106	-1.15	72.3	688.66	569.35
ADANIENT	2304.0	2309.3	2249.4	2272.0	1071550	-1.34	36.85	2340.09	2425.83
BHARATFORG	1136.2	1143.2	1110.0	1122.3	1196400	-1.5	38.21	1162.47	1210.32
HAL	4456.0	4457.0	4370.0	4383.6	1118397	-1.66	35.29	4490.94	4327.0
BEL	372.0	372.05	364.25	365.85	15718869	-1.67	31.83	381.63	326.88
LT	3599.0	3600.0	3531.0	3541.3	1787363	-1.72	42.7	3623.21	3513.22
AVANTEL	151.59	153.74	146.49	148.1	1643040	-1.82	59.98	134.21	138.68
MARINE	170.01	171.92	167.07	168.44	81722	-2.02	33.23	174.58	208.8
GOODLUCK	1129.0	1149.0	1096.2	1106.9	129551	-2.03	56.3	1057.08	904.57
DATAPAT'TNS	2552.1	2593.9	2488.0	2505.6	207037	-2.03	40.9	2567.31	2347.59
KRISHNADEF	785.05	790.0	773.0	773.7	28500	-2.07	37.14	799.39	753.94
AZAD	1560.1	1565.4	1515.0	1534.6	131347	-2.11	45.66	1539.29	1575.96
CENTUM	2792.3	2799.0	2718.8	2729.2	12044	-2.26	65.2	2460.56	1933.13
ZENTEC	1538.1	1538.1	1470.0	1504.1	579088	-2.31	44.1	1462.89	1744.9
JYOTICNC	950.3	951.0	920.1	927.8	133482	-2.36	37.92	966.25	1117.66
MIDHANI	388.0	390.7	376.0	380.75	264036	-2.37	38.27	393.63	348.63
MAZDOCK	2732.0	2732.0	2672.0	2687.8	1371398	-2.46	39.19	2740.19	2654.61
COCHINSHIP	1683.5	1687.0	1635.1	1641.9	490027	-2.47	31.14	1707.0	1625.14
CFF	660.0	660.0	641.15	641.2	45600	-2.59	53.3	626.06	586.29
URAVIDEF	480.0	480.0	465.0	472.85	2857	-2.65	37.71	492.84	452.6
BDL	1515.0	1521.8	1461.3	1477.6	4587873	-2.83	32.34	1556.73	1425.17
SOLARINDS	14650.0	14650.0	14105.0	14233.0	192518	-2.87	40.0	14633.95	12317.61
MTARTECH	1497.1	1501.3	1448.0	1457.8	60814	-2.92	41.59	1495.87	1543.55
APOLLO	251.48	253.2	241.01	243.3	21913532	-2.97	77.48	193.21	140.61
PARAS	672.45	673.75	649.95	651.8	453527	-3.07	37.77	661.78	611.91
RELINFRA	266.0	287.0	265.0	267.05	1901769	-3.12	36.5	287.94	292.11
BEML	3989.9	3996.0	3855.0	3864.6	163627	-3.23	37.27	3989.97	3714.23
DCXINDIA	266.0	266.15	256.15	257.35	527654	-3.34	47.19	257.2	293.86
LMW	15077.0	15167.0	14200.0	14612.0	15657	-3.4	36.37	15134.35	16005.97
ASTRAMICRO	1038.0	1038.0	994.25	1000.25	370764	-3.68	50.33	985.36	852.29
GRSE	2498.0	2514.3	2411.2	2424.2	538682	-3.75	36.88	2568.71	2025.32
SUNITATOOL	758.0	758.0	731.2	740.0	11125	-3.85	48.49	725.54	768.83
IDEAFORGE	490.0	493.45	470.0	472.35	172095	-3.98	47.98	454.02	498.41
WALCHANNAG	183.85	183.85	175.0	176.2	104381	-4.02	30.79	186.99	217.66
PREMEXPLN	520.0	523.0	500.0	501.7	305957	-4.13	51.16	473.43	467.96
LOKESHMACH	210.99	213.0	199.05	201.29	88910	-4.36	47.38	206.36	231.72
PTC	187.68	187.75	177.99	178.79	1792196	-4.74	42.7	185.01	167.17