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## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
APOLLO	102.13	98.47	+3.72%
SOLARINDS	10464.85	10425.5	+0.38%
BEL	272.35	271.35	+0.37%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
GRSE	1505.3	1586.5	-5.12%
ROSSELLIND	78.66	82.81	-5.01%
PARAS	926.9	975.65	-5.0%
MARINE	190.57	200.61	-5.0%
PREMEXPLN	426.15	448.45	-4.97%

## Defense Business and Industry

### ISRO Chairman: Space Surveillance Key to India's Defense



26-Oct-24

ISRO Chairman Dr. S Somanath highlighted the critical role of space-based surveillance in enhancing India's defense capabilities during the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2024. He emphasized the importance of advanced satellite technology and Space Situational Awareness (SSA) to address operational risks posed by increasing congestion and competition in space. The dialogue also featured discussions on India's strategic development priorities, focusing on self-reliance in the space sector, with 95% of rockets and 60% of satellites sourced domestically. These advancements position India to strengthen its strategic posture in space, ensuring national security while contributing to global space security through innovation and collaboration.

### Chennai Consortium Successfully Tests Indigenous 80mm Rocket



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A consortium led by TridenTech Engineering Pvt Ltd has successfully test-fired an indigenous 80mm unguided rocket, marking a significant advancement in India's defense capabilities. Collaborating with IIT Madras, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Research and Analysis Laboratory (RAL), and BILVA Technologies, the project showcases India's potential in developing cost-effective and scalable weapon systems tailored for various combat scenarios. This success validates the rocket's design and performance while laying the groundwork for enhancements in payload, range, and accuracy. The achievement not only strengthens India's defense posture but also highlights the nation's growing self-reliance and expertise in rocket technology within the global defense landscape.

### Indian Navy Trials Sagar Defence's Autonomous Weaponized Boats



26-Oct-24

The Indian Navy has commenced trials of the Autonomous Weaponized Boat Swarm (AWBS) developed by Sagar Defence Engineering, enhancing India's naval capabilities with unmanned surface vessels equipped for surveillance and combat. A total of 12 units have been ordered, with 10 for naval operations and 2 for the Indian Army at Pangong Lake, showcasing adaptability for both maritime and inland security. This indigenous technology underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing and the integration of advanced unmanned systems, positioning India as a leader in maritime security innovation. The AWBS is set to significantly bolster India's coastal defense operations and operational reliability in challenging environments.

### India Shifts Focus to S5 SSBN Development After S4 Launch



26-Oct-24

India is shifting its strategic focus towards the development of S5-class SSBNs following the successful launch of the S4 (Star) SSBN. These next-generation submarines will boast an impressive submerged displacement of 13,000 tons and advanced features, enhancing India's nuclear deterrence capabilities. The project, overseen by the Prime Minister's Office, reflects India's commitment to strengthening its second-strike capability amid growing geopolitical challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. With significant upgrades to Cochin Shipyard Limited and shared technologies between the S5 SSBN and Project-77 nuclear attack submarines, India is poised to maintain a modern and formidable underwater fleet, ensuring robust national security for years to come.

## India Proposes \$2 Billion RTA Program for 90-Seat Turboprop SHARE

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Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu is set to present a proposal for India's Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) project, a domestically developed 90-seat turboprop aimed at enhancing local aviation manufacturing and reducing foreign dependence. Backed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and the National Aerospace Laboratories, the project has attracted interest from private firms and seeks approximately \$2 billion for development. The RTA is expected to cater to the growing demand for regional air travel, aligning with the government's UDAN initiative, and could position India as a competitive player in the global aerospace market, potentially leading to export opportunities. This initiative showcases India's commitment to bolstering its aerospace capabilities and self-reliance.

## Tejas Mk1A Integrates Advanced Scorpius-SPJ Jammer Pod SHARE

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Recent images confirm the integration of the advanced Scorpius-SPJ ELL-8222SB Electronic Countermeasures pod into India's Tejas Mk1A Light Combat Aircraft, enhancing its ECM capabilities. This sophisticated system employs Staring Multibeam AESA technology, allowing it to detect and jam multiple threats simultaneously, which is crucial in high-intensity combat. The pod's lightweight, compact design ensures minimal impact on the aircraft's speed and maneuverability, while its operational flexibility supports dynamic mission profiles. With these enhancements, the Tejas Mk1A significantly improves its electronic warfare capabilities, enabling it to operate effectively in contested airspace against modern threats, reinforcing India's defense posture.

## JDAM-ER Enhances Indian Air Force's Precision Bombing Arsenal SHARE

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The Indian Air Force has bolstered its capabilities with the induction of the JDAM-ER, enhancing its precision-guided munitions alongside existing systems like SPICE and HAMMER. The JDAM-ER offers cost-effective, extended-range bombing, with a reach exceeding 70 kilometers, but faces limitations due to GPS reliance. In contrast, SPICE and HAMMER provide advanced features, such as GPS-independent targeting and propulsion, enabling strikes in challenging environments. While the JDAM remains a reliable choice for cost and simplicity, the integration of these diverse munitions into the Tejas Mk1A exemplifies India's commitment to modernizing its strike capabilities amidst evolving warfare challenges.

## Bharat Dynamics Boosts Global Interest in Amogha-III Missile SHARE

26-Oct-24

Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) is actively promoting its third-generation Amogha-III anti-tank guided missile (ATGM), which has generated significant international interest following successful field trials in 2023. With a combat range of 200 to

2500 meters and advanced features such as a tandem warhead, dual-mode imaging infrared seeker, and soft launch capability, the Amogha-III is poised to enhance infantry effectiveness against armored targets. BDL is currently in advanced negotiations with several potential buyers, indicating strong prospects for India's defense exports. This initiative not only showcases India's growing capabilities in defense manufacturing but also enhances national security through international collaboration.

## Indian Navy Boosts MiG-29K Oxygen Output with NCL's Zeolites SHARE

26-Oct-24

The Indian Navy has successfully enhanced the oxygen output of its MiG-29K fighter jets from 30% to 85% by collaborating with the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), which rejuvenated the zeolites used in the jets' on-board oxygen generation system. This innovation stems from NCL's expertise developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, where they created zeolite materials for medical-grade oxygen. The rejuvenation process not only restores operational capacity but also showcases the Navy's commitment to leveraging indigenous technologies for defense needs. Furthermore, NCL's zeolite technology holds promise for broader applications, reinforcing India's strategic focus on self-reliance in defense and technology sectors.

## GRSE Unveils 7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft for Indian Navy SHARE

26-Oct-24

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) launched the 7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), named INS Abhay, for the Indian Navy, marking a significant addition to the fleet. These 77.6-meter vessels are designed for operations in coastal waters, equipped with advanced anti-submarine capabilities and 80% of their components sourced from Indian suppliers. Vice Admiral Pendharkar emphasized the importance of these ships in countering underwater threats, especially as the Navy faces decommissioning of older vessels. GRSE's commitment to modern shipbuilding is evident as they aim to deliver a record 100 warships in the coming decade, overcoming challenges posed by the COVID pandemic and supply chain disruptions.

## Astra Mk1 Missiles to Equip Tejas Mk1A Squadrons for IAF SHARE

26-Oct-24

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to integrate additional Astra Mk1 air-to-air missiles into its upcoming Tejas Mk1A squadrons, enhancing its aerial capabilities significantly. Stationed at Nal Air Base near the Pakistan border, this deployment emphasizes the IAF's commitment to maintaining operational readiness in strategically sensitive areas. With a range of over 110 kilometers and advanced guidance systems, the Astra Mk1 will bolster the Tejas Mk1A's effectiveness in various missions, including Combat Air Patrols. This development is a critical step in strengthening the IAF's preparedness to address potential aerial threats in the evolving geopolitical landscape of South Asia.

## Moroccan Army Expands Tata 66 Truck Fleet After Success



26-Oct-24

The Royal Moroccan Army plans to expand its fleet of Tata 66 LPTA 2445 trucks, following the successful delivery of 92 units from Tata Group last year. These trucks demonstrated their effectiveness during disaster relief operations, enhancing their appeal for military logistics. The LPTA 2445, based on the robust Czech Tatra 815 design, is renowned for its durability in challenging terrains, making it suitable for both military and humanitarian missions. Tata Group's success in Morocco highlights India's growing influence in the global defense market, reinforcing the company's position as a key player in international defense logistics.

## India Urgently Needs Indigenous Stealth Air-Launched Missiles



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The article emphasizes India's urgent need for indigenous stealth air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs) following the effectiveness of SCALP missiles in Ukraine's conflict. With only 36 Rafale jets equipped with SCALPs, India's operational flexibility is limited, underscoring the necessity for domestic development led by DRDO and HAL. Proposed systems like the stealth ALCM and CATS Hunter could enhance India's standoff capabilities and reduce dependence on foreign suppliers. Accelerating these developments would not only tailor missiles to India's specific needs but also bolster its defense industry and operational reach across multiple aircraft platforms, thereby strengthening its deterrent posture in the region.

## DesertCheetah Brigade Showcases Precision with Strella System



26-Oct-24

The Indian Army's Southern Command DesertCheetah Air Defence Brigade has successfully conducted a precision target engagement exercise using the Strella Air Defence System in challenging desert conditions. This exercise demonstrated the brigade's operational readiness and the system's adaptability, showcasing its rapid-response capabilities against simulated airborne threats. The success highlights the importance of the Strella system in India's layered defense strategy, especially in low-altitude, high-speed target scenarios. Overall, this achievement reaffirms the brigade's commitment to maintaining airspace security and operational excellence in complex environments, reflecting the Indian Army's robust preparedness to counter aerial threats effectively.

## France Invites India to Co-Develop Extended-Range AASM Hammer



26-Oct-24

France has invited India to collaborate on developing an extended-range version of the AASM Hammer weapon system, enhancing its range beyond 100 kilometers for integration with Indian Rafale and Tejas Mk1A jets. This initiative, resulting from high-level discussions, aims to bolster India's strategic strike capabilities by allowing aircraft to engage adversaries from safer

distances while minimizing exposure to enemy air defenses. The AASM Hammer's advanced features and precision strike capabilities will provide the Indian Air Force with a significant operational advantage, reflecting the commitment of both nations to maintain a technological edge and ensure regional stability. Such collaboration signifies a strengthening defense partnership between India and France.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### India to invest 30.5% of \$31.6B on two nuclear submarines



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India plans to allocate approximately 30.5% of its projected \$31.6 billion submarine procurement budget over the next decade to construct two indigenous Project-77 nuclear attack submarines at Cochin's Naval Dockyard, with expected operational readiness by 2030. The remaining budget will focus on conventional submarines, including three more Kalvari-class submarines and six under Project-75I, enhancing India's naval capabilities by 2032. This significant investment underscores India's commitment to modernizing its armed forces and strengthening its maritime security in a rapidly evolving regional security landscape, reflecting a strategic response to geopolitical challenges. Overall, the initiative positions India as a formidable naval power in the Indian Ocean region.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India, China Troops Disengage Along LAC Following BRICS Agreement



26-Oct-24

Indian and Chinese troops are actively disengaging along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) following an agreement reached by their leaders during the BRICS Summit, marking a significant step toward restoring peace in the border areas after the prolonged standoff that began in 2020. Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized that the consensus is based on principles of equal and mutual security, allowing for the restoration of traditional patrolling and grazing rights. Prime Minister Modi and President Xi agreed on the importance of dialogue to mitigate tensions and maintain peace, with the disengagement process expected to conclude by October 28-29. This development reflects India's diplomatic efforts to stabilize relations with China, demonstrating a commitment to resolving border issues through dialogue while ensuring national security.

### India-Bangladesh Border Talks Postponed Amid Recent Changes



26-Oct-24

The bi-annual DG-level border talks between India and Bangladesh, originally scheduled for next month in Delhi, have been postponed due to a change in Bangladesh's plans. This meeting, the 55th edition of such talks, aims to address

comprehensive border management and curbing cross-border crimes. Despite the postponement, the situation along the India-Bangladesh border remains stable, with both countries maintaining good communication. The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has been alerted to ensure vigilance against illegal activities, reflecting India's proactive approach to border security and cooperative regional relations, particularly important in light of recent political changes in Bangladesh.

## India's envoy to Canada urges rejection of Khalistani extremism



26-Oct-24

Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Verma criticized the Canadian government's handling of Khalistani extremists, suggesting that political considerations related to vote banks are influencing their actions. He stated that a small faction of Canadian Sikhs does not represent the entire community, asserting that the majority contribute positively to Canadian society. Verma emphasized that Khalistani elements are undermining India's sovereignty and he challenged Canada to provide credible evidence regarding India's alleged involvement in the killing of Hardeep Nijjar, which he dismissed as baseless. He expressed concerns over the potential influence of Khalistani narratives within Canadian political institutions and highlighted the need for Canada to prioritize its bilateral relations with India over appeasing a small extremist faction for electoral gains.

## India Condemns Pakistan's Kashmir Provocation at UN Debate



26-Oct-24

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, condemned Pakistan's remarks on Jammu and Kashmir during a Security Council debate, labeling them as "mischievous provocation" and emphasizing the dire conditions faced by minority women in Pakistan. He reiterated India's position that dialogue with Pakistan must be predicated on an end to terrorism, dismissing accusations of Hindu supremacy. Harish highlighted India's commitment to the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, showcasing India's pioneering efforts in peacekeeping, including the deployment of an all-female police unit and recent advancements in women's political representation through the Women's Reservation Bill. By fostering women's participation and utilizing new technologies to combat misinformation, India aims to enhance women's roles in governance and peacebuilding while underscoring the importance of a stable and inclusive society.

## Modi and Scholz Stress Urgent Need for Lasting Peace in Ukraine



26-Oct-24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed deep concern over the Ukraine conflict during the seventh India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations in New Delhi, condemning its humanitarian impact and stressing the need for a "comprehensive, just, and lasting peace" in line with international law. They highlighted the unacceptability of nuclear threats and addressed the war's adverse effects on global food and energy security, particularly for developing nations. Scholz emphasized the importance of collaboration,

framing it as beneficial for all parties, and inaugurated a training center at Airbus in India, reinforcing the commitment to mutual development. This partnership showcases India's strategic focus on enhancing international relations and defense cooperation, which can strengthen its position on the global stage while contributing to regional stability and economic growth.

## US Awaits India's Investigation into Khalistani Assassination Plot



26-Oct-24

The US is anticipating a thorough investigation by India into a foiled plot to assassinate a Khalistani activist, emphasizing the need for accountability beyond just those attempting the act. Nikhil Gupta, accused of orchestrating the plot, is in US custody, while Vikas Yadav, a former RAW operative, is wanted. The US is pressing India for meaningful results from its inquiry committee, which recently met US officials to discuss the case. This situation highlights the evolving dynamics of US-India relations, underscoring the importance of collaborative investigations in addressing transnational security threats while maintaining India's sovereignty in its judicial processes.

## Gulf Nations Warn of Rising Tensions Following Israeli Strikes on Iran



26-Oct-24

Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Oman, and Kuwait, condemned Israel's recent strikes on Iranian military targets, asserting that such actions escalate tensions and pose threats to regional security and stability. These countries called on the international community to intervene to de-escalate the situation and prevent further conflicts. The key argument centers on the necessity of maintaining stability in the Middle East, particularly given the complex interplay of military actions and diplomatic relations. From an Indian perspective, maintaining regional stability is crucial, as it directly impacts India's strategic interests and its own defense partnerships in the Gulf region, underlining the importance of a cooperative approach to conflict resolution.

## India and Germany Strengthen Naval Ties for Global Security



26-Oct-24

India and Germany are strengthening their naval cooperation, highlighted by recent joint exercises off India's coasts, as emphasized by Rear Admiral Helge Risch of the German Navy. The presence of the German frigate FGS Baden-Wuerttemberg in Goa symbolizes this commitment to enhancing bilateral relations and promoting global security. This partnership showcases the alignment of shared democratic values and strategic interests between the two nations. By boosting naval collaboration in the Indo-Pacific, India and Germany are not only deepening their ties but also contributing to regional stability and security in an increasingly multipolar world.

## US Calls on Iran to Halt Attacks on Israel Amid Rising Tensions SHARE

26-Oct-24

The United States has urged Iran to cease its attacks on Israel to prevent further escalation of hostilities, following Israeli airstrikes on Iranian military facilities in response to missile attacks. The US has emphasized that Israel's actions are defensive and aimed at minimizing civilian casualties. President Biden's administration is coordinating with Israel to ensure a measured approach in this volatile situation. This call for restraint underscores the US's commitment to supporting Israel's right to self-defense while seeking to mitigate the broader regional conflict, highlighting the intricate balance of power and diplomacy in the Middle East dynamics.

## Peace Follows Victory: NSA Doval on Strategic Conflict Resolution SHARE

26-Oct-24

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval emphasized that true peace comes after defeating adversaries on the battlefield, aligning the terms of peace with national interests. He pointed out the significance of bolstering national morale through a robust counter-narrative on social media to reinforce the nation's resolve. Doval's insights reflect a strategic approach to conflict resolution, underscoring that military strength, coupled with effective communication, plays a crucial role in shaping perceptions and achieving lasting stability. This perspective underscores India's commitment to maintaining security and sovereignty while promoting a narrative that fosters unity and resilience among its citizens.

## Israel warns Iran of severe consequences for new escalation. SHARE

26-Oct-24

The Israeli military has issued a warning to Iran, stating that the country would "pay a heavy price" for any new escalation, particularly following recent Israeli air strikes. Military spokesman Daniel Hagari emphasized Israel's readiness to respond decisively to threats, cautioning that those attempting to provoke a broader regional conflict would face severe consequences. This stance reflects Israel's commitment to maintaining security and stability in a volatile region, reinforcing the importance of deterrence against adversaries. The warning underscores the strategic environment in the Middle East, where Iran's actions can significantly impact regional security dynamics, and highlights Israel's resolve in protecting its national interests.

## Russia Proposes Tu-160 Bombers to Boost India's Air Power SHARE

26-Oct-24

Russia has offered India its modernized Tu-160M strategic bombers, enhancing India's long-range strike capabilities and deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region. While the aircraft boasts advanced avionics and a payload capacity for nuclear-capable missiles, the acquisition raises concerns over high costs, logistical demands, and the need for specialized training and infrastructure. This potential move aligns with India's strategic

interests, complementing its existing nuclear forces, yet the Indian Air Force must evaluate whether this aligns with its multirole fighter-focused doctrine. Ultimately, the offer presents an opportunity for significant enhancement of India's air power, contingent on a thorough assessment of operational feasibility and alignment with defense strategies.

## Chinese Envoy Calls for India-China Cooperation and Dialogue SHARE

26-Oct-24

Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong emphasized the need for India and China to enhance cooperation and effectively manage their differences during a recent meeting, marking the first structured dialogue in five years. The discussions followed an agreement to resume regular patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, highlighting the importance of communication in resolving conflicts. The leaders aimed to prevent specific disagreements from overshadowing their broader bilateral relationship, focusing on long-term stability and development. This strategic approach signifies a positive step towards fostering unity and collaboration between two major developing nations while addressing their vital interests through sustained dialogue.

## Jaishankar and German FM Discuss Trade, Defense, and Security SHARE

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EAM S. Jaishankar and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock conducted a meeting following their Intergovernmental Consultations, focusing on bilateral ties in trade, defense, and security. They underscored the importance of collaboration on global issues, including the situations in Ukraine and Gaza, and developments in the Indo-Pacific. With trade reaching approximately \$30 billion, both nations see substantial potential for growth, particularly through India's new industrial zones, which could attract German investment. The ministers also revisited the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement, aimed at facilitating skilled worker movement, further solidifying their strategic partnership.

## Promoting Dialogue to Curb Violence in Kashmir: Farooq Abdullah SHARE

26-Oct-24

Farooq Abdullah expressed grave concern over recent terror attacks in Kashmir, notably one in Gulmarg that claimed innocent lives, emphasizing the urgent need for dialogue and peace initiatives. He criticized Pakistan for its support of terrorism, arguing that true friendship between India and Pakistan can only flourish if Pakistan halts its violent activities. Abdullah underscored the detrimental effects of violence on local communities and called for a shift towards development and dignity for Kashmiris. His remarks highlight that sustainable peace in the region hinges on Pakistan prioritizing its development and abandoning its hostile stance, enabling Kashmiris to live in tranquility.

## India Champions Peace Amidst Russia-Ukraine Tensions

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India has maintained a neutral stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, abstaining from UN votes against Russia to safeguard its geopolitical interests, particularly concerning China and Pakistan. Prime Minister Modi advocates for dialogue and emphasizes national sovereignty, suggesting India could mediate due to its relationships with both Russia and the West. However, questions arise about India's ability to act impartially given its historical ties with Moscow. While India has provided limited humanitarian aid to Ukraine, enhancing its role in reconstruction efforts could bolster its image as a credible peace actor, demonstrating a commitment to stability in a complex geopolitical landscape.

### Military Operations

## Israel Strikes Iran Military Sites in Response to Missile Attack

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26-Oct-24

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed recent airstrikes targeting military facilities in Iran, reportedly in retaliation for a missile barrage from Iran that resulted in the deaths of two Iranian soldiers. Although specific details about the strikes remain undisclosed, Iranian state media reported explosions around Tehran, suggesting the activation of air defense systems. The United States was notified prior to the operation but did not participate, with the White House labeling Israel's actions as self-defense against the ongoing threat from Iranian missile attacks. This situation underscores the persistent tensions in the region, particularly involving Iran's military ambitions and their implications for neighboring countries, highlighting the need for robust defense strategies by affected nations, including India, which must remain vigilant in the face of regional volatility.

### Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## NIA probes six cases against terrorist Gurpatwant Pannu

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26-Oct-24

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is investigating six cases against designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, having attached three properties in Chandigarh and seized land parcels in Amritsar linked to him. This operation highlights the NIA's strong commitment to dismantling terrorism networks, with a notable conviction rate of 95.13% from 66 cases registered this year. Recent searches in Punjab connected to Pannu's activities yielded incriminating materials, emphasizing the agency's proactive stance against pro-Khalistani elements. Additionally, India's creation of a high-level inquiry committee to address external security concerns reflects its dedication to national and international safety. The handling of Pannu's case underscores

India's resolute measures to combat terrorism and safeguard its sovereignty while addressing global security challenges.

## Botpathri Attack: Army Highlights Pakistan's Role in Kashmir Terrorism

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The Indian Army confirmed that a recent attack in Botpathri, Baramulla, was a cowardly act by Pakistani terrorists aimed at disrupting peace in Kashmir, resulting in the tragic deaths of two soldiers and two local porters. The Army praised the bravery of those who fought back against the terrorists, preventing further harm and underscoring their commitment to national security. The incident highlights Pakistan's ongoing support for terrorism in the region, which seeks to instill fear among the local populace. The sacrifices of the soldiers and porters are commemorated, serving as an inspiration for future generations to resist terrorism and uphold harmony in Kashmir.

## Khalistani Threats: Indian Envoy Sanjay Verma Shares Alarming Encounters

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Indian High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Verma, recounted experiences of intimidation by Khalistani extremists, including a close encounter involving a sharp object, likely a kirpan, during protests in Alberta. He reported receiving threats and hate speech targeting him personally, despite the presence of Canadian security forces, which he praised for their professionalism. Verma emphasized that his diplomatic role is focused on safeguarding India's national interests, particularly against extremist elements in Canada, amidst tensions following allegations of India's involvement in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India has categorically denied these allegations, asserting that Canada has allowed anti-India sentiments to flourish.

## J&K: Intensified Searches Underway After Recent Terror Attacks

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Intensified search operations by the Indian Army and Police are ongoing in Jammu and Kashmir following recent terror attacks that resulted in the deaths of soldiers, civilian porters, and construction workers. The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has mandated enhanced security measures and a comprehensive audit of critical infrastructure projects to ensure safety and deter further violence. This proactive approach not only demonstrates India's commitment to safeguarding its citizens but also highlights the government's determination to tackle terrorism effectively. Such measures are crucial for maintaining stability and fostering development in the region, signaling a strong stance against terrorism and a focus on national security.

## Bloodshed Will Not Go Unpunished: J&K LG on Terror Attacks

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Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has pledged that every act of terrorism resulting in innocent bloodshed will be avenged, emphasizing a strong commitment to dismantling the terror ecosystem supported by Pakistan. He highlighted the security forces' coordinated efforts to eliminate terrorism and protect citizens in the region. This statement reflects India's resolute stance against cross-border terrorism and reinforces its commitment to national security, showcasing the importance of strong governance and collaboration among security agencies. Sinha's remarks serve to bolster public confidence in the measures being taken to ensure safety and stability in Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming India's determination to confront and eradicate the threats posed by terrorism.

## Farooq Abdullah: Kashmir's Future Lies with India, Not Pakistan

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Farooq Abdullah condemned the recent terror attack near Gulmarg, which targeted a Rashtriya Rifles convoy and was attributed to Pakistani terrorists linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed. He emphasized that the violence in Jammu and Kashmir stems from unresolved regional issues and criticized Pakistan for fostering terrorism, asserting that the people of Kashmir will never align with Pakistan. Abdullah's comments reflect a growing concern over the rising violence in the region, where 20 lives have been lost in recent weeks, highlighting the need for a stronger focus on development rather than chaos. This underscores India's enduring commitment to maintaining sovereignty and countering external threats effectively.

## Indian Army: Pakistan's Role in Kashmir Terrorism Uncovered

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26-Oct-24

The Indian Army has accused Pakistan of abetting terrorism in Kashmir, citing recent attacks by Pakistani terrorists as attempts to instill fear and disrupt peace in the region. The Army's spokesman emphasized the need for ongoing operations in Baramulla to counter this persistent threat, indicating a broader strategy to ensure security against cross-border terrorism. With 13 fatalities reported in just two weeks, the rising trend of violence underscores the challenges faced by security forces. This situation reflects Pakistan's alleged support for militant activities, necessitating India's robust response to maintain stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

attacks on Iranian soil in decades. This aggression follows a series of missile exchanges and ongoing threats from Iranian forces and their proxies, raising fears of an all-out war in the region. The international community is closely monitoring these developments as both nations prepare for potential retaliatory actions in an increasingly volatile geopolitical environment. This situation underscores the importance of vigilance and strategic defense planning for nations like India, which may be affected by broader regional instability and the implications of Iran's proxy activities.

## Chinese Hackers Breach Phones of Trump and Vance, Report Says

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26-Oct-24

Chinese hackers targeted the communication devices of Donald Trump and Vance, potentially gaining access to sensitive intelligence such as call frequencies and text exchanges. U.S. authorities, including the FBI and CISA, are investigating the incident, which appears to involve a broader espionage effort affecting officials from both political parties. The breach highlights significant vulnerabilities in commercial telecommunications infrastructure and underscores the urgent need for enhanced cybersecurity measures to protect critical communications. This incident serves as a reminder of the persistent cybersecurity threats posed by state-sponsored actors, emphasizing the importance of robust defenses in safeguarding national security interests.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

## CRPF Boosts Morale with 5,000 Promotions in Special Drive

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26-Oct-24

About 5,000 personnel from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), including constables and non-gazetted officers, received promotions in October through a special drive aimed at enhancing morale ahead of upcoming changes to the promotion system in 2025. This initiative reflects the commitment of the Indian government to recognize and reward the dedication of security forces engaged in internal security duties across the nation. By addressing personnel promotions proactively, the CRPF is not only motivating troops but also reinforcing the importance of their roles in maintaining stability and security in India. Such measures are vital for sustaining high levels of operational readiness and morale within the forces.

## Miscellaneous

## India and Maldives Revive Tourism Ties After Diplomatic Reset

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India and the Maldives are re-establishing their tourism ties following a diplomatic reset marked by President Mohamed Muizzu's recent visit to New Delhi, where he emphasized India's

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

## Israel's Covert Strikes: Targeting Iran's Key Military Assets

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Israel has escalated its conflict with Iran by conducting targeted strikes on Iranian military infrastructure, marking the first direct

significance as a major tourism source. The discussions include potential investments in tourism development in Laamu Atoll, with Indian High Commissioner Munu Mahawar reaffirming tourism as a priority in bilateral cooperation. Although the relationship faced challenges due to previous tensions and a decline in Indian tourist arrivals, the signing of five agreements during Muizzu's visit signifies a commitment to enhance economic and maritime cooperation. As the Maldives seeks to attract more Indian tourists, the renewed partnership aims to revive tourism's critical contribution to its economy, which comprises nearly 30% of GDP, positioning both nations for a collaborative future amidst regional dynamics.

## Former Envoy Urges Parents to Rethink Sending Kids to Canada SHARE

26-Oct-24

Former Indian High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Verma, has warned Indian parents to reconsider sending their children to study in Canada due to the rising number of students facing dire circumstances, including attending substandard colleges and experiencing severe mental health crises. He highlighted that many students return home in body bags, driven by the pressure of failure and financial burdens. Verma emphasized the need for thorough research into educational institutions and criticized unscrupulous agents who mislead families. Despite Canada being a top destination for Indian students, he stressed that the reality often contrasts sharply with expectations, urging parents to prioritize their children's well-being in educational decisions.

## IAF's Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla Set for Axiom-4 Spaceflight SHARE

26-Oct-24

Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as the mission pilot for the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station, scheduled for early 2025. He is currently undergoing comprehensive training at NASA's Johnson Space Center, focusing on essential skills such as docking procedures and emergency protocols. Shukla's selection underscores India's growing capabilities in human spaceflight and its expanding role in international space exploration. This collaboration with NASA and Axiom Space not only enhances India's technological expertise but also fosters stronger partnerships in scientific research, marking a significant milestone in India's space journey.

## Canada Denies NIA's Request for Nijjar's Death Certificate SHARE

26-Oct-24

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) of India is yet to receive the death certificate of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was killed in Canada in June 2022. Following allegations from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding India's involvement in Nijjar's death, India has firmly denied these claims, labeling them as absurd and politically motivated. The NIA is also actively pursuing investigations against other designated terrorists, including Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, whose properties have been seized in India. This situation highlights the growing tensions between India and Canada, particularly

regarding the handling of Sikh separatist activities and the protection of national interests.

## Amarinder Singh slams Trudeau for harming India-Canada ties. SHARE

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Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh criticized Canadian PM Justin Trudeau for jeopardizing India-Canada relations, claiming Trudeau relies on Khalistani support for electoral success amid declining approval ratings. Singh dismissed Trudeau's allegations concerning India's involvement in the murder of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, labeling them as politically motivated and lacking credible evidence. He emphasized that the common Canadian populace desires peace rather than conflict, highlighting the detrimental impact of Trudeau's actions on bilateral ties. Singh's remarks underscore the broader concern regarding Trudeau's appeasement of extremist elements in Canada, which could further strain relations with India, a key partner in regional stability and security.

## L&T Secures Order for Advanced Welding in Global Fusion Project SHARE

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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured a significant order from the ITER Organization to deploy advanced welding technology for the assembly of critical components in the world's largest nuclear fusion project at Cadarache, France. This collaboration includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at developing cutting-edge technology for the ITER Tokamak's vacuum vessel to manage plasma operations. L&T's previous successful contributions to the project underscore India's strong commitment to global nuclear fusion efforts. This partnership not only showcases India's capabilities in high-tech manufacturing but also reinforces its position as a vital player in international scientific and technological cooperation for sustainable energy solutions.

## Man arrested for sharing Dawood Ibrahim's photo online SHARE

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A man named Junaid, residing in Sector-9, has been booked by police for allegedly uploading a picture of notorious gangster Dawood Ibrahim on his social media profile. This act has prompted the authorities to register a case against him under section 196(1)(B) for potentially disturbing communal harmony. The incident underscores the sensitivity surrounding the glorification of individuals associated with crime in India, as it poses risks to societal peace and security. The swift action by law enforcement reflects the commitment of Indian authorities to maintain public order and prevent any actions that could incite unrest within communities.

## ISRO to Test Robotic Arms for Satellite Capture and Deorbiting SHARE

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ISRO is set to test a tethered capture method using robotic arms to facilitate satellite docking and safe deorbiting, addressing the

critical issue of space debris, which currently includes over 40,500 larger pieces in orbit. The agency aims for zero-debris space missions by 2030, reflecting a proactive stance in managing space traffic and collision risks. The challenges include accurately capturing small debris and effectively deorbiting various objects, underscoring the complexity of space operations. India's commitment to sustainable space exploration is evident as ISRO continues to develop innovative technologies for on-orbit servicing and debris management, reinforcing its leadership in the global space arena.

## Sitharaman Urges US Private Sector to Invest in India



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, speaking at a CSIS event in Washington, DC, encouraged private sector investment in India,

highlighting the government's inclusive policy from the 2021 budget that allows private participation across all sectors. She noted ongoing initiatives like the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to boost MSMEs and stimulate post-COVID economic recovery. Sitharaman emphasized the government's commitment to simplifying regulations and increasing foreign direct investment limits to attract global investors. This strategy is poised to enhance job creation and foster a competitive market environment, reinforcing India's position as a robust investment destination.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
APOLLO	100.0	106.99	96.29	102.13	14255848	3.72	52.63	99.87	110.45
SOLARINDS	10508.4	10525.0	10185.3	10464.85	55998	0.38	37.71	11182.73	9352.19
BEL	271.0	276.0	257.45	272.35	40406841	0.37	40.23	280.97	256.3
LOKESHMACH	357.05	362.0	350.0	352.65	38684	-0.54	35.47	380.59	390.72
HAL	4200.0	4218.9	4075.2	4165.6	1520490	-0.75	35.82	4394.47	4156.2
CEF	574.0	576.95	537.7	550.0	33600	-0.83	31.58	596.73	583.33
ASTRAMICRO	735.5	741.25	721.4	729.0	238307	-0.89	27.34	813.25	764.88
PTC	172.11	174.5	166.5	171.27	1318997	-1.15	26.22	190.98	208.85
DCXINDIA	297.9	299.55	282.75	293.0	307504	-1.55	32.97	314.49	336.17
BDL	1050.25	1056.8	1000.0	1033.65	794222	-1.58	30.3	1135.66	1156.31
MTARTECH	1534.0	1547.9	1499.3	1507.6	135139	-1.78	25.93	1699.33	1863.95
BHARATFORG	1438.05	1439.95	1390.0	1400.2	591131	-2.06	31.74	1471.32	1419.7
AZAD	1448.7	1474.95	1396.0	1407.6	104723	-2.83	38.24	1472.87	1393.48
HBLPOWER	543.15	547.65	515.0	524.35	1173752	-3.03	24.82	595.61	541.57
AVANTEL	173.68	175.04	165.08	167.75	710056	-3.12	42.09	176.45	-
ZENTEC	1750.0	1750.0	1655.0	1697.9	277673	-3.12	43.02	1790.17	1222.93
LT	3425.0	3435.0	3315.05	3326.4	3236774	-3.38	29.35	3528.33	3576.99
BEML	3870.7	3915.5	3682.3	3735.65	209118	-3.48	46.02	3761.9	3768.58
MAZDOCK	4218.0	4239.2	4005.0	4062.3	1996300	-3.62	43.47	4237.16	3363.75
TANEJAERO	432.1	441.0	403.1	414.9	26323	-3.84	24.34	475.47	487.69
IDEAFORGE	631.45	631.45	604.0	606.2	201663	-3.98	25.82	669.59	724.69
COCHINSHIP	1414.0	1418.0	1351.75	1365.4	744409	-4.04	26.54	1594.7	1573.1
KRISHNADEF	642.0	645.0	612.45	617.8	28500	-4.17	33.65	688.33	580.24
NIBE	1613.75	1613.75	1549.1	1560.0	25770	-4.33	30.51	1765.08	1602.02
SIKA	2545.0	2545.0	2340.0	2425.0	3193	-4.36	38.3	2578.2	2296.66
DATAPATTNS	2250.0	2276.95	2127.0	2157.9	238554	-4.46	30.51	2363.44	2646.75
ADANIENT	2845.0	2847.0	2654.7	2693.45	1954174	-4.83	23.79	3037.54	3108.07
MIDHANI	333.0	334.65	313.3	318.9	585479	-4.83	20.82	370.03	429.1
HIGHENE	595.0	607.2	560.0	565.1	10496	-4.83	25.93	652.17	707.74
PREMEXPLN	450.0	453.7	426.05	426.15	204119	-4.97	22.41	500.92	485.81
PARAS	976.45	983.45	926.9	926.9	120035	-5.0	29.16	1052.7	972.57
MARINE	204.0	204.0	190.57	190.57	464705	-5.0	28.48	224.55	161.51
ROSSELLIND	79.3	79.3	78.66	78.66	19614	-5.01	15.81	103.18	439.69
GRSE	1585.0	1587.6	1489.05	1505.3	951494	-5.12	36.05	1680.78	1423.34