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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
GRSE	1695.8	1557.1	+8.91%
COCHINSHIP	1539.05	1465.8	+5.0%
TEMBO	859.45	818.55	+5.0%
DCXINDIA	355.6	339.65	+4.7%
APOLLO	98.41	94.35	+4.3%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
MARINE	269.45	276.4	-2.51%
ZENTEC	2404.25	2464.5	-2.44%
MAZDOCK	2317.4	2364.88	-2.01%
TANEJAERO	417.9	426.2	-1.95%
PREMEXPLN	524.85	534.2	-1.75%

Defense Business and Industry

India Urged to Fast-Track Development of 6th Gen Fighter Jet S SHARE

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Recent calls within the Indian defense community emphasize the urgent need to accelerate the development of a 6th generation fighter jet program in response to China's advancements. Analysts advocate for immediate conceptualization by the Aeronautical Development Agency, aligning the timeline with the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project. Suggestions include exploring partnerships, particularly with France, for advanced propulsion technology. Additionally, there's a push to redirect government funding from welfare schemes to defense initiatives, with many arguing that maintaining aerial superiority is crucial for national security. Concerns are mounting over a potential technological gap, and experts underscore the importance of streamlining processes and enhancing international collaboration to secure India's strategic autonomy and technological edge in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

China Launches Two Advanced Stealth Jets, Heightening Regional Tensions Stare

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China has unveiled two advanced stealth combat aircraft designs, both in flight testing, indicating significant advancements in its military aviation capabilities. The larger model features a tri-engine, diamond-delta wing design for enhanced stealth and performance, while the smaller one has a conventional twin-engine setup with a distinctive tailless

configuration. Analysts note that these designs reflect China's innovative approach to military aviation, potentially challenging U.S. and allied dominance in the Indo-Pacific region. The emergence of these aircraft, particularly the J-36, poses strategic implications for India, which currently relies on Rafale jets, as it may heighten tensions along the India-China border and necessitate an enhanced focus on India's own defense capabilities to maintain aerial superiority in the region.

India's Defense Sector Achieves Major Milestones in 2024 Share

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In 2024, India made significant strides in its defense sector, highlighted by the successful flight test of the Agni-5 missile under Mission Divyastra, showcasing advanced MIRV capabilities, and a \$4 billion deal for Predator drones with the US. The induction of the Zorawar light tank emphasizes India's focus on indigenous manufacturing, while a 4.79% increase in the defense budget supports modernization efforts. With record production and exports in the defense industry, coupled with a strong emphasis on selfreliance through the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, India is positioning itself as a significant player in global defense manufacturing. These developments reflect India's commitment to enhancing national security and operational readiness amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

India's \$700M BrahMos Deal Elevates Defense Ties with Vietnam S SHARE

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India is set to strengthen its defense ties with Vietnam through a \$700 million BrahMos missile deal, which will enhance the military capabilities of both the Vietnamese Army and Navy. This agreement highlights

India's growing role as a key defense supplier in Southeast Asia, aligning with its strategy to boost defense exports while supporting regional partners against threats, particularly from China. The deal reflects Vietnam's need to modernize its armed forces amid rising tensions in the South China Sea, and it opens avenues for further collaboration in advanced military systems and localized production, significantly bolstering Vietnam's defense manufacturing capabilities.

China's New Amphibious Assault Ship Boosts Naval Power SHARE

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China recently launched the Sichuan, its largest amphibious assault ship, capable of deploying fighter jets using electromagnetic catapult technology. This 40,000-ton vessel represents a significant enhancement of the People's Liberation Army Navy's capabilities, aiming for operational reach beyond its coastal waters. As China seeks to bolster its naval power, the development of such ships, along with plans for a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, positions it to compete with the U.S. Navy's established fleet. This advancement underscores the growing focus on maritime strength and the potential for increased geopolitical tensions in the Asia-Pacific region, emphasizing the need for India to enhance its own naval capabilities to maintain regional stability and security.

IAF and HAL in Talks for 97 Additional LCA Mk-1A Aircraft Share

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are negotiating a contract for an additional 97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk-1A, following an Acceptance of Necessity from the Defence Acquisition Council. This procurement, estimated at Rs 65,848 crore, emphasizes India's commitment to enhancing its indigenous defense capabilities. The negotiations will cover critical aspects such as pricing and delivery schedules, and address challenges related to production capacity and engine supply. Successful execution will not only strengthen the IAF's operational readiness but also showcase India's growing selfreliance in defense technology, essential maintaining strategic autonomy in a complex geopolitical landscape.

India's Dry Kaveri Engine to Undergo Russian Flight Trials in 2025 SHARE

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India's aerospace sector is set for a breakthrough as the Gas Turbine Research Establishment prepares for flight trials of the new Dry Kaveri engine, slated for February 2024, using Russia's IL-76 aircraft. This engine, designed for unmanned platforms, produces 48 kN of thrust without an afterburner, emphasizing India's commitment to self-sufficiency in aero-engine technology. Godrej Aerospace's role in manufacturing the engine highlights India's advanced capabilities in high-precision aerospace components. Successful trials could not only enhance India's defense capabilities but also open avenues for future orders and export opportunities, showcasing India's growing influence in the global aerospace industry.

DRDO Showcases Advanced Hypersonic Missile Models in Hyderabad Share

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has showcased advanced hypersonic missile models at its facility in Hyderabad, highlighting India's progress in high-speed missile technology. Among the models are the Common Hypersonic Glide Body (CHGB), designed for versatile platform launch and high-speed maneuverability; the AD-AH anti-hypersonic interceptor for India's Ballistic Missile Defence system; and the Long-Range Anti-Ship Hypersonic Missile (LRASHM) aimed at enhancing naval strike capabilities. These developments reflect India's commitment to strengthening its defense against evolving threats and maintaining strategic deterrence in a complex geopolitical environment, positioning itself as a leader in hypersonic technologies.

Azad Engineering Fuels DRDO's Anti-Ship Missile Initiative with New Turbo

Generators 🕓 SHARE

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Azad Engineering is advancing the development of the Advanced Turbo Gas Generator (ATGG), a pivotal propulsion system for India's Medium-Range Anti-Ship Missile program under the DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment. This cutting-edge single-spool turbojet engine features a four-stage axial flow compressor, promising enhanced efficiency and reduced reliance on foreign technology. Its durable, compact design is adaptable for various aerospace applications, including UAVs and target drones. This collaboration between Indian defense and private

sector firms highlights India's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense capabilities and showcases a significant step towards self-reliance in military technology, ultimately strengthening national security.

IRDE Develops Next-Gen Enhanced Night Vision Sights for Forces Share

27-Dec-24

The Instruments Research Development and Establishment (IRDE) is advancing the development of next-generation Enhanced Night Vision Sights (ENVS), including the Enhanced Night Vision Binocular (ENVB) and Enhanced Night Vision Weapon Sight (ENVWS). These devices are designed to improve operational effectiveness for Indian defense personnel in low-light conditions, featuring rugged designs, substantial detection ranges, and extended operational durations. The ENVB offers a 40-degree field of view and a detection range of 350 meters, while the ENVWS provides 4x magnification with a 500-meter detection range. This initiative underscores India's commitment indigenous defense technology, situational awareness and target acquisition in modern combat scenarios.

Zorawar's High-Altitude Trials: A Triumph in India's Defense Self-Reliance Share

The successful high-altitude trials of the Light Tank Zorawar exemplify India's commitment to self-reliance in defense through the Atmanirbharta initiative. Developed collaboratively by DRDO and L&T, the Zorawar, weighing 25 tons, surpasses older models with enhanced operational capabilities for mountainous terrains, particularly highlighted by recent standoffs with China. This project not only modernizes the Indian Army's armored capabilities but also promotes indigenous production and innovation, fostering ancillary industries and export potential. The Zorawar's success indicates a promising shift in India's defense procurement and development strategies, emphasizing user involvement in design specifications to meet contemporary operational needs effectively.

Nilgiri-Class Frigates Enhance Defense with Advanced SRGM and Dart

Ammo S SHARE



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The Indian Navy's P17A Nilgiri-class frigates have integrated the 76/62 mm Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) with the advanced Strales fire control system and Dart programmable guided ammunition, enhancing

their capabilities against swarm drones and subsonic cruise missiles. This indigenous technology, developed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, allows for high precision in multi-threat scenarios, ensuring effective defense and versatility in naval operations. The integration underscores India's commitment to selfreliance in defense technology under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative, positioning these frigates as crucial assets in protecting maritime interests and maintaining regional stability amidst evolving threats.

IAF Boosts AWACS and Refuelling Aircraft Protection with AMPS SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is enhancing the protection of its AWACS and refuelling aircraft against the growing threat of surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) by exploring the integration of Airborne Missile Protection Systems (AMPS). These advanced systems countermeasures like flares and Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) to neutralize missile threats effectively. Collaborating with the DRDO for indigenous development, the IAF aims to ensure operational security and flexibility in contested zones, allowing critical force multipliers to perform their roles in reconnaissance and aerial refuelling with greater safety. This strategic move underscores the IAF's commitment to modernizing its defenses amidst evolving aerial threats.

Airbus and Germany to Offer Cost-Effective Eurofighter Typhoon for India's 110-Jet MRFA Bid SHARE

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Airbus, in partnership with Germany, is preparing to present the Eurofighter Typhoon Tranche 5 for India's upcoming MRFA tender for 110 fighter jets, expected by mid-2025. Highlighting its cost-effectiveness and advanced technological features, including improved avionics and multi-role capabilities, Airbus aims to capitalize on the recent price rise of the Dassault Rafale to enhance its competitive edge. Collaborating with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) could align with India's "Make in India" initiative, further strengthening domestic defense manufacturing. This tender represents a significant opportunity for various contenders, including Boeing and Lockheed Martin, to contribute to India's defense modernization goals.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Japan Approves Record \$55 Billion Defense Budget for Enhanced Deterrence S SHARE

27-Dec-24

Japan's Cabinet has approved a record 8.7 trillion yen (\$55 billion) defense budget for 2025, emphasizing a shift towards enhanced strike-back capabilities amid rising threats from China, North Korea, and Russia. This budget, part of a five-year military buildup, includes funding for long-range cruise missiles, Tomahawks, and advanced destroyers, showcasing Japan's commitment to bolster its domestic defense industry and military cooperation with allies like Australia and the U.S. Additionally, Japan's focus on unmanned weapons and artificial intelligence aims to address its shrinking population's impact on military personnel. Overall, this strategy reflects Japan's proactive stance in regional security dynamics and commitment to defense modernization.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Jaishankar and US NSA Sullivan Strengthen Strategic Partnership Share

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently met with U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan in Washington, D.C., to discuss the progress of the India-U.S. strategic partnership and exchange views on regional and global developments. This meeting follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. in September, underscoring the commitment to enhancing bilateral ties through continuous high-level dialogues. Jaishankar expressed satisfaction with the discussions, emphasizing the ongoing cooperation particularly in defense and technology. The meetings reflect a broader trend of strengthening collaboration between the two nations, driven by shared democratic values and aligned interests, which is crucial for regional stability and global security. This ongoing engagement solidifies India's position as a key partner for the U.S. in the Indo-Pacific region.

Afghanistan Protests Pakistani Airstrikes in Paktika Province S SHARE

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Following recent Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan's Paktika province, which reportedly killed 46 people, Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned Pakistan's Charge d'Affaires to protest the violation of its airspace. Afghanistan condemned the strikes as a deliberate attempt to undermine bilateral trust, asserting that its territorial integrity is a crucial red line. The strikes aimed at Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) bases have heightened tensions, with Afghanistan warning of consequences. Pakistan alleges that the Afghan Taliban harbors TTP militants, while the Taliban denies collaboration, further complicating the already strained relations between the two nations. This situation illustrates the delicate balance of security dynamics in the region.

Houthis' Attacks on Israel Spark U.S. and Allied Retaliation S SHARE

27-Dec-24

The Houthis, an Iranian-backed group in Yemen, have increased attacks on Israel, prompting retaliatory airstrikes from Israel and military responses from the U.S. and Britain aimed at protecting maritime trade routes in the Red Sea. The Houthis, who have escalated their military capabilities with support from Iran, view their actions as part of a broader conflict against U.S. and Israeli interests. This situation has disrupted international shipping, leading to increased costs and risks. Israel has vowed to intensify efforts against the Houthis, signaling a shift in focus following recent conflicts with Hamas and Hezbollah, which can potentially reshape regional dynamics and influence the geopolitical landscape significantly in favor of allies opposing Iranian influence.

Russia Issues Nuclear Testing Warning to Trump Administration Share

27-Dec-24

Russia has warned the incoming Donald Trump administration about the potential for nuclear testing, citing Trump's radical stance on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov stated that in light of the current hostile U.S. policies, Russia is considering various measures to ensure its security, including possible nuclear tests if the U.S. resumes testing. Since the end of the Cold War, only a few nations have conducted nuclear tests, with India and Pakistan doing so in 1998. This situation underscores the delicate

balance of global nuclear deterrence and highlights the need for strategic vigilance from India amidst escalating geopolitical tensions.

COCOMI Opposes MHA's Cross-Border Pass Amid Security Concerns Share

27-Dec-24

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), representing the majority Meitei community, has rejected the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) recent notification introducing a border pass system for cross-border movement between India and Myanmar. They argue that this move threatens Manipur's security and communal harmony, particularly against a backdrop of escalating violence from Chin-Kuki narco-terrorists and illegal infiltrators. The MHA's initiative, which replaces the Free Movement Regime, aims to regulate movement within 10 km of the border for legitimate purposes. COCOMI calls for the withdrawal of the notification, expressing concerns over its potential to compromise state integrity and safety.

Military Operations

Defence Ministry: LAC with China Stable Yet Sensitive After Disengagement SHARE

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The Indian Defence Ministry reported a stable yet sensitive situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, following recent disengagement at key friction points Depsang and Demchok, and the resumption of traditional patrolling activities. While Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi emphasized that the situation remains precarious until conditions revert to their pre-2020 state, he acknowledged the successful completion of troop relocations. The Indian military maintains high operational readiness along both the LAC and the Line of Control with Pakistan, reflecting a broader strategy to ensure national security. Meanwhile, the Indian Navy has actively safeguarded maritime interests, responding to piracy and ensuring the safety of over 230 merchant vessels. Emphasizing the need for enduring peace, the government remains cautiously optimistic about ongoing diplomatic efforts with China, although challenges remain in actual implementation.

India and Nepal to Launch Joint Military Exercise SuryaKiran on Dec 29 SHARE

27-Dec-24

The 18th edition of Exercise SuryaKiran, a joint military exercise between India and Nepal, is set to take place in Saljhandi, Nepal, from December 29, 2024, to January 13, 2025. This exercise, which has been held alternately in both countries since 2011, aims to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare, counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under the United Nations Charter. The recent visit of Nepali Army Chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel to India has further solidified military cooperation, with discussions yielding agreements on operational and technological capabilities and the transfer of military equipment. This joint exercise not only strengthens defense ties but also reflects the enduring cultural and historical connections between the two nations, emphasizing India's commitment to fostering regional stability and cooperation.

Pakistan Army Claims 25 LoC Violations by India in 2024 Share

27-Dec-24

The Pakistan Army accused India of 25 violations of the Line of Control (LoC) in 2024, claiming that Indian forces have been using brutal tactics in Jammu and Kashmir. Army spokesman Lt Gen Ahmad Sharif Chaudhry emphasized the killing of 925 terrorists by Pakistani forces during 60,000 operations, while asserting that India conducts false flag operations. He also noted a significant reduction in illegal Afghan crossings and highlighted the necessity for Afghanistan to tackle terrorism originating from its soil. These accusations reflect Pakistan's ongoing narrative to divert attention from its internal security challenges and the persistent issue of cross-border terrorism, primarily attributed to Pakistan's own militant groups.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Death of LeT Deputy Leader Hafiz Abdul Rehman Makki in Lahore

27-Dec-24

Hafiz Abdul Rehman Makki, the deputy leader of the Pakistan-based Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and brother-in-law of Hafiz Saeed, died from a heart attack in Lahore after suffering from diabetes-related complications. Makki had previously been sentenced to six months in

prison for terror financing in 2020 and was designated a global terrorist by the UN in 2023, which resulted in an asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo. His death may impact the operational leadership of JuD, an organization linked to numerous terror activities, including the Mumbai attacks, emphasizing the ongoing challenges India faces from Pakistan-based terrorism.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Delhi HC: Vitiligo Justifies Rejection from ITBP Recruitment S SHARE

27-Dec-24

The Delhi High Court ruled that vitiligo is a valid reason for rejecting a candidate seeking recruitment in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). The court emphasized that the ITBP's recruitment guidelines specifically classify vitiligo as a disqualifying condition, and adherence to these regulations is essential. The petitioner argued for a comparison with Air Force recruitment policies, where candidates with covered vitiligo may be accepted, but the court clarified that differing standards in other forces do not apply. This decision underscores the importance of strict compliance with established recruitment criteria to maintain the operational integrity of the armed forces.

Miscellaneous

India's Defense Advancements in 2024: A Leap Towards Self-Reliance S SHARE

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In 2024, India made significant strides in its defense capabilities, showcasing its commitment to selfreliance and modernization under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. Key achievements included the successful acquisition of 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from the United States, enhancing surveillance and offensive capabilities with advanced weaponry. The inauguration of Tata-Airbus' C-295 manufacturing facility in Vadodara marked a pivotal moment in India's aerospace sector, enabling the domestic production of tactical transport aircraft. The Defense Acquisition Council approved projects worth over ₹21,772 crore, emphasizing indigenous development, such as the induction of 550 Asmi machine pistols for closequarters combat. Additionally, discussions with Russia for acquiring the Voronezh radar system promise to bolster air defense capabilities significantly. With a

defense budget of ₹6.22 lakh crore and an ambitious target of ₹50,000 crore in defense exports by 2029, India is not only focusing on domestic production but is also enhancing its role as a key player in the global defense supply chain, with private firms contributing significantly to exports. The combination of robust acquisitions, indigenous manufacturing efforts, and strategic partnerships will continue to strengthen India's defense posture and operational readiness in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape. The overarching narrative reflects India's ambition to become a global defense manufacturing hub while ensuring that its armed forces are equipped with state-of-the-art technology address contemporary to challenges.

Indian Coast Guard Rescues 9 from Sinking Vessel in Arabian Sea Share

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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully rescued nine crew members from the sinking vessel Taj Dhare Haram in the Arabian Sea, showcasing commendable coordination with Pakistan's maritime agencies. The operation, which involved swift action after a distress signal was detected by a Coast Guard Dornier aircraft, highlights the ICG's efficiency under challenging conditions. This rescue follows a previous successful mission where 12 seafarers were saved, indicating a growing trend of humanitarian collaboration between India and Pakistan at sea. Such joint efforts not only exemplify a spirit of cooperation but also enhance maritime safety in the region, reflecting India's commitment to protecting lives beyond its territorial waters.

Former PM Manmohan Singh, 92, Dies, Leaving a Lasting Legacy SHARE

27-Dec-24

Dr. Manmohan Singh, the former Prime Minister of India and a pivotal figure in the country's economic reform movement, passed away at AIIMS Delhi due to agerelated health issues, leaving behind a legacy as a "visionary statesman" who significantly shaped India's economic landscape. Singh, who served as Prime Minister from 2004 to 2014 and previously as Finance Minister during the critical reforms of 1991, was widely revered for his integrity, dedication to public service, and his role in creating a burgeoning middle class in India. His death prompted a profound outpouring of grief from leaders across the political spectrum, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who acknowledged Singh's contributions to improving the

lives of many Indians, and former U.S. President Barack Obama, who described him as "wise" and "thoughtful." The Indian government has declared a seven-day mourning period, during which all official activities will be suspended, and Singh's last rites will be conducted with full state honors, marking the end of an era for Indian politics and economics. The tributes reflect a collective respect for Singh's economic policies that transformed millions of lives, and the acknowledgment of his work continues to resonate in discussions about India's current and future economic trajectory, underscoring the importance of visionary leadership in navigating complex challenges.

Indian Navy Safeguards 230 Vessels, 90 Lakh MT Cargo in a Year S SHARE

27-Dec-24

The Indian Navy has successfully escorted over 230 merchant vessels, transporting 90 lakh metric tons of cargo valued at over USD 4 billion in the past year, in response to rising piracy and Houthi attacks in the Western Arabian Sea. With a deployment of more than 30 ships, including advanced warships with aerial surveillance capabilities, the Navy has responded to over 25 incidents, notably the attack on the MV Chem Pluto, thus enhancing maritime security and protecting commercial shipping lanes. This operational surge underscores India's commitment to regional stability and solidifies its role as a key security partner amidst geopolitical tensions. Additionally, modernization efforts, with 63 out of 64 planned warships being built indigenously, bolster self-reliance in defense manufacturing, highlighting its pivotal role in supporting the domestic shipbuilding industry.

Karima Baloch: A Lasting Symbol of Resistance Against Oppression Share

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Hakeem Baloch highlighted the legacy of Karima Baloch as a powerful symbol of resistance against Pakistan's oppressive regime, emphasizing dedication to human rights and justice. Her activism, particularly against enforced disappearances, garnered international recognition, prompting her to seek refuge in Canada, where her efforts continued until her death. Canadian Despite dismissing foul play, her family's skepticism persists. The memorial event reinforced her influence on marginalized communities and energized attendees to continue advocating for Baloch rights, showcasing the ongoing struggle against human rights abuses in Pakistan. This situation underscores the need for global attention to the plight of Balochistan and the broader implications for regional stability.

WHO Chief Tedros Escapes Airstrike at Sanaa Airport Amid Tensions Share

27-Dec-24

WHO Chief Tedros and his UN colleagues narrowly escaped an aerial bombardment at Sanaa Airport while preparing to leave Yemen after assessing the humanitarian crisis and negotiating for the release of detained staff. The Israeli military confirmed the strikes targeted Houthi military infrastructure in response to Houthi attacks on Israel, causing multiple casualties and affecting various facilities across Yemen. UN officials condemned the attacks, emphasizing the need for restraint and the protection of civilians and humanitarian workers. This incident underscores the escalating tensions fueled by Iran's influence in the region, highlighting the complexities of the conflict involving Israel and the Houthi movement.

China to Construct Massive Dam on Brahmaputra, Sparking Concerns Sparking Concerns

27-Dec-24

China has approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet, raising concerns for India and Bangladesh regarding water control and potential flooding during conflicts. The project, costing around USD 137 billion, aims to harness significant hydropower resources, generating over 300 billion kWh annually, which could benefit various sectors. While China claims the project promotes ecological protection and national security, India is concurrently developing its dam on the Brahmaputra to ensure water security. This development underlines the importance of cross-border cooperation on transboundary river management amidst rising geopolitical tensions in the region.

Clash Between Indian Fans and Khalistani Supporters at MCG SHARE

27-Dec-24

A confrontation occurred outside the Melbourne Cricket Ground during the Boxing Day Test match between India and Australia, where Khalistani supporters clashed with Indian fans. The incident involved Khalistani individuals waving flags and chanting anti-India slogans, allegedly without tickets. Indian fans expressed their disapproval, emphasizing that the small group should not be given attention, as they are disconnected from Punjab and pursuing a personal agenda. This incident highlights the ongoing tensions

related to the Khalistani movement abroad and reinforces the need for unity among Indian communities in the face of such disruptions.

India-US Nuclear Deal: A Landmark Achievement of Manmohan Singh SHARE

27-Dec-24

The 2008 civil nuclear agreement between India and the United States, championed by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, marked a significant shift in India's global standing, effectively ending its nuclear isolation and fostering strategic ties with the US. This deal was pivotal in enhancing India's access to civilian nuclear technology, reinforcing its stance as a responsible nuclear power amid regional security challenges. Singh's leadership during this period demonstrated strong resolve, even in the face of political risks, leading to a notable upswing in US-India strategic cooperation. The agreement laid the groundwork for India's evolving defense partnerships and high-technology collaborations, solidifying its role in global geopolitics.

ISRO's PSLV-C60: A Playful Take on Innovative Space Design S SHARE

27-Dec-24

ISRO's recent PSLV-C60 rollout featured an unconventional design: a round protective hood over its fourth stage, sparking humor online and creating a viral meme. While initially amusing, this design choice

reflects ISRO's innovative shift towards enhancing efficiency and safety in launch operations, allowing for direct satellite integration at the launch pad. The playful social media commentary highlights public engagement with space exploration, while the adaptation signifies ISRO's commitment to modernizing its processes and potentially reducing costs. This humorous encounter underlines India's capability in space technology and the agency's agility in evolving with contemporary practices.

INS Sarvekshak Docks in Mauritius for Joint Hydrographic Survey S SHARE

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INS Sarvekshak arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, on December 26, 2024, to conduct a Joint Hydrographic Survey, enhancing bilateral ties between India and Mauritius. The ship was welcomed by Indian High Commissioner Anurag Srivastava and other officials, followed by a coordination meeting with Mauritius' Hydrographic Survey Unit. This collaboration focuses on technical knowledge exchange, professional interactions, and training sessions, facilitating Mauritius in maritime infrastructure development and resource underscores management. The visit commitment to regional cooperation and maritime security under the SAGAR initiative, fostering a robust partnership that benefits both nations strategically and economically.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
GRSE	1558.3	1753.95	1536.0	1695.8	3900341	8.91	54.59	1694.56	1579.5
COCHINSHIP	1470.0	1539.05	1445.0	1539.05	340981	5.0	49.23	1598.41	1711.88
TEMBO	835.0	859.45	818.55	859.45	89821	5.0	67.79	765.26	381.08
DCXINDIA	336.9	367.9	335.4	355.6	2551596	4.7	63.59	331.01	333.57
APOLLO	95.0	99.0	94.71	98.41	2012681	4.3	53.32	98.05	104.79
PARAS	995.4	1036.9	990.5	1016.1	111779	2.57	43.03	1074.01	1032.97
IDEAFORGE	578.0	594.5	578.0	589.15	178907	2.05	44.08	607.63	690.94
CFF	699.0	715.0	685.0	696.0	19400	2.05	53.65	703.73	619.7
BEML	4014.9	4094.95	4002.7	4073.0	142804	1.54	43.62	4277.15	3955.54
MTARTECH	1643.45	1679.7	1625.5	1668.1	167092	1.5	47.95	1701.96	1791.31
NIBE	1702.2	1759.0	1661.0	1723.7	22852	1.35	46.08	1775.96	1738.12
DATAPATTNS	2494.95	2549.0	2472.65	2512.6	89544	1.17	50.67	2566.12	2721.46
MIDHANI	340.0	348.9	337.3	342.85	210547	1.08	41.64	365.5	408.51
BDL	1188.85	1218.0	1173.0	1199.95	379608	0.93	52.98	1217.94	1208.54
ASTRAMICRO	770.0	779.5	763.45	774.55	86476	0.82	44.44	805.83	801.47
LMW	16905.0	17068.0	16905.0	17009.2	1627	0.42	53.1	17041.44	16150.61
ADANIENT	2415.0	2446.15	2390.5	2409.95	1982291	0.4	41.76	2457.67	2993.11
SIKA	2505.0	2550.0	2450.0	2503.7	2389	0.37	41.64	2626.43	2501.57
AVANTEL	156.99	160.0	156.5	157.1	230858	0.23	43.36	163.93	-
KRISHNADEF	770.0	776.0	758.75	761.85	31500	0.18	60.71	717.89	648.03
HAL	4240.0	4293.0	4203.2	4233.35	873116	0.1	37.48	4481.94	4439.49
AZAD	1689.15	1701.7	1670.0	1680.9	52156	0.1	47.65	1740.5	1543.22
BHARATFORG	1320.0	1347.0	1311.6	1314.85	1037735	0.05	43.35	1339.2	1451.85
PTC	148.01	148.88	146.4	147.96	1274971	-0.04	30.45	164.59	200.65
HBLPOWER	634.0	642.0	626.2	631.7	814579	-0.05	48.2	657.41	561.67
LOKESHMACH	327.35	329.15	323.8	326.5	26792	-0.2	35.98	354.1	390.21
SOLARINDS	10215.15	10450.0	10100.0	10183.25	33851	-0.31	46.22	10469.64	10083.24
LT	3632.4	3643.65	3603.5	3608.1	1309122	-0.59	39.01	3777.27	3617.26
ROSSELLIND	77.0	78.7	75.8	76.13	19491	-0.9	29.85	82.59	363.41
BEL	295.85	296.15	291.35	292.05	9495184	-1.07	41.04	306.71	278.77
HIGHENE	614.0	628.0	602.0	609.45	4200	-1.57	38.8	651.34	716.55
PREMEXPLN	544.0	544.0	520.0	524.85	135578	-1.75	54.23	507.48	523.09
TANEJAERO	426.2	433.95	409.95	417.9	16953	-1.95	37.56	455.85	490.91
MAZDOCK	2375.0	2392.5	2292.2	2317.4	2629581	-2.01	48.1	2420.74	1919.44
ZENTEC	2474.4	2478.1	2348.1	2404.25	428550	-2.44	66.3	2186.17	1470.83
MARINE	279.1	279.1	263.0	269.45	760625	-2.51	46.27	288.84	193.39