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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
HBLPOWER	992.45	931.7	+6.52%
SWANDEF	736.45	701.4	+5.0%
RTNINDIA	52.73	50.78	+3.84%
TECHERA	295.45	285.5	+3.49%
MACPOWER	843.35	821.6	+2.65%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
HIGHENE	605.2	645.2	-6.2%
ZENTEC	1339.8	1396.5	-4.06%
KRISHNADEF	777.3	810.2	-4.06%
SUNITATOOL	812.5	844.95	-3.84%
DRONACHRYA	59.94	62.07	-3.43%

Defense Business and Industry

India's defense minister highlights indigenous platforms' role in national security and self-sufficiency.

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During the recent Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) Annual Session-2025, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the importance of India's indigenous defense platforms, celebrating their significant role in enhancing the nation's reputation both regionally and internationally, particularly demonstrated during Operation Sindoor. He praised the Akash missile system and other indigenous technologies for their effective performance, highlighting that the success of such operations is attributed not only to the armed forces but also to the "industry warriors" behind innovation and manufacturing. In light of recent military engagements with Pakistan, Singh reiterated the need for India to maintain readiness for potential conflict, asserting that the evolving global landscape necessitates a renewed focus on indigenisation as a key element of national security strategy. He noted that India was previously reliant on imports for its defense needs, but the country's defense production has surged from approximately ₹46,000 crore in 2014 to a projected ₹1.51 lakh crore, with significant contributions from the private sector. The Defence Minister urged the industry to develop comprehensive supply chains and focus on manufacturing subsystems domestically to minimize dependence on foreign components, promoting the spirit of "Made in India, Made for the World." This concerted push towards self-sufficiency is seen as

critical for strengthening India's defense capabilities and fostering a resilient domestic ecosystem amid increasing geopolitical uncertainties.

Indian Navy to commission Ikshak, third indigenous survey vessel, enhancing maritime capabilities.

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The Indian Navy's indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large), Ikshak, is set to be commissioned on November 6, 2025, at Naval Base Kochi, under the auspices of Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff. As the third vessel of her class, Ikshak emphasizes the Navy's commitment to self-reliance and advanced indigenous capabilities, showcasing over 80% local content through collaboration with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and Indian MSMEs. Designed for hydrographic survey operations, she also serves dual purposes as a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief platform and a Hospital Ship, while being the first SVL ship to accommodate women, reflecting the Navy's progressive ethos. The induction of Ikshak reinforces India's maritime capabilities and commitment to advancing hydrographic excellence in support of national security and regional stability.

IAF plans to acquire 800 medium-range swarm drones for extended strikes.

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is advancing its indigenous drone warfare capabilities with plans to acquire 800 medium-range swarm drone systems under the Collaborative Long Range Target Saturation/ Destruction (CLRTS/D) program, approved by the Defence Acquisition Council in late October 2025.

These autonomous swarm drones, designed for precision deep-strike and base-disruption missions, can operate over ranges of approximately 1,100 kilometers even in dense electronic warfare conditions. About 80% of the swarm will carry specialized warheads to penetrate shelters and disable key infrastructure, while 20% will handle distributed intelligence with onboard AI for collective target selection and real-time decision-making. The drones integrate INS/GPS/IRNSS navigation and secure communication links, enabling coordinated adaptive missions even if communications degrade. Powered by indigenous mini-turbojet or electric-hybrid engines, this acquisition marks a strategic leap for India's extended strike capabilities, significantly enhancing deterrence and offensive options amid evolving regional security dynamics, particularly vis-à-vis China and Pakistan. The project complements other UAV acquisitions, emphasizing self-reliance and technological sophistication in India's defence modernization drive.

Motilal Oswal optimistic on BEL, HAL, BDL after DAC approvals, sees 23% growth potential.



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After the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved capital acquisition proposals worth ₹79,000 crore on October 23, 2025, Motilal Oswal expressed strong optimism about growth prospects for Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). The brokerage highlighted a substantial rise in domestic procurement, boosting from 54% in FY19 to 92% in FY25, driven by the government's focus on indigenization under the "Make in India" framework. These approvals encompass advanced systems for the Army, Navy, and Air Force including the Nag Missile System, Landing Platform Docks, and electronic intelligence systems, signaling a major push toward enhancing India's defense capabilities. Motilal Oswal projects up to 23% appreciation potential for these defense stocks fueled by improved order inflows and the strategic alignment with India's self-reliance goals and defense export ambitions. This robust outlook reinforces confidence in the domestic defense industry's critical role in national security in the coming years.

India's defense market shows strong growth potential, says Goldman Sachs.



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India's defense market is poised for substantial growth, supported by recent approvals and strategic initiatives. A Goldman Sachs report highlights that the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) approved proposals worth ₹790 billion for the Navy, Army, and Air Force on October 23, emphasizing the government's focus on strengthening defense capabilities and significantly expanding the Total Addressable Market (TAM). This approval raises the cumulative AoN for FY26 to ₹2.5 trillion, surpassing the entire FY25 figure of ₹2.3 trillion. The report underscores that this surge in approvals reflects increased government spending, especially on procurement like Landing Platform Docks (LPDs), and signals greater growth opportunities for domestic defense companies. Notably, the sector's higher capital expenditure and enhanced export ambitions, including defense exports projected to reach INR 538.17 billion by 2030, further bolster the outlook. The report reinforces that private sector players are increasingly positioned to benefit from this growth, driven by indigenization efforts and export expansion plans. The overall tone indicates a bullish outlook for India's aerospace and defense industry, with initiatives to boost local manufacturing and exports highlighted as key catalysts.

Sanlayan Technologies acquires stake in Versabyte, boosting defense tech.



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Sanlayan Technologies has acquired a strategic stake in Versabyte Data Systems, a Hyderabad-based leader in defence-grade power electronics, marking a major step in boosting India's indigenous defence technology capabilities. Founded in 1987, Versabyte supplies critical power systems to key Indian defence entities such as HAL, BEL, BDL, and DRDO. This acquisition integrates Versabyte's high-reliability power electronics with Sanlayan's growing portfolio in radar and electronic warfare systems, aiming to accelerate joint product development, market expansion, and participation in strategic defence tenders. For FY25, Versabyte reported revenues of ₹67 crore with a net profit of ₹16.5 crore and holds an order book exceeding ₹210 crore. Both companies will continue operating independently under Sanlayan's umbrella, with plans to scale power solutions for advanced platforms including radar, unmanned systems, and directed energy weapons. This partnership aligns with India's push for self-reliance in

defence production, targeting a ₹3 lakh crore domestic market and ₹50,000 crore export goal by 2029, thereby reinforcing the nation's defence ecosystem and reducing import dependence. Sanlayan, backed by substantial funding, is also expanding its in-house R&D team focused on next-gen defence technologies.

TATA's AAPTr: Future Armoured Backbone for India's Mechanised Infantry



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TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has unveiled the Tracked Advanced Armoured Platform (AAP-Tr), a next-generation infantry combat vehicle designed to replace the aging BMP-2 'Sarath' in the Indian Army. Developed in collaboration with DRDO's Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), the AAP-Tr shares commonality with the wheeled Advanced Armoured Platform (WhAP) family but offers enhanced tracked capabilities suited for varied terrain. The platform features a 30mm crewless turret with advanced thermal and optical sights, fire control systems, and versatile ammunition options including anti-aircraft roles, ensuring improved firepower and crew safety. The AAP-Tr development is aligned with India's futuristic infantry combat vehicle (FICV) vision targeting mechanised infantry modernization, complementing the Indian Army's broader Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV) program. Production is expected to begin by 2028, replacing over 2,000 BMP-2s, enhancing mobility, survivability, and network-centric warfare capabilities crucial for high-altitude and multi-domain conflict environments. This advancement represents a significant step in India's strategic push for indigenous defense manufacturing and modernization of its armored forces. Key dates include the platform's unveiling in late October 2025 and early 2028 production commencement plans.

DRDO's MP-ATGM trials succeed; RFP for 4th-gen missile issued.



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM) has successfully completed comprehensive trials at the Pokhran range, demonstrating its tandem HEAT warhead's capability to defeat modern reactive armoured targets, fulfilling the Indian Army's stringent lethality requirements. This third-generation missile employs advanced imaging infrared seekers with AI-assisted fire-and-forget capability, supporting both top-attack and direct-attack modes. Weighing under 15 kg and with a range of 200 meters to 2.5 kilometers, the

MP-ATGM is optimized for rapid infantry deployment and marks a significant step towards indigenous self-reliance in defence technology. Following this success, the Indian Army has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a fourth-generation ATGM featuring multimode seekers and networked fire-control systems, reflecting a strategic drive to enhance anti-armour capabilities aligned with evolving battlefield dynamics. Mass production by Bharat Dynamics Limited is anticipated soon after formal induction, underscoring India's commitment to strengthening domestic defence manufacturing and reducing reliance on foreign systems. This development plays a key role in enhancing operational preparedness amid complex regional security challenges.

AVNL Fast-Tracks 'Bharat' Light Tank for 2026, Enhancing Defense Readiness.



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Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) is expediting the development of the "Bharat" light tank, targeting a prototype rollout by late 2026, aligned with the Indian Army's urgent requirements for high-altitude operations. This amphibious 18-tonne tank, based on Russia's 2S25 Sprut-SD, aims to incorporate over 60% indigenous components, enhancing domestic defense capabilities. Following the initial order of 59 Zorawar light tanks from Larsen & Toubro and the Defence Research and Development Organisation, the procurement of 295 additional units will foster competition within India's defense sector. By offering a cost-effective and versatile alternative, the "Bharat" tank not only addresses operational challenges highlighted during the 2020 Galwan Valley standoff but also positions India for potential future exports, thereby strengthening its defense supply chain.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Navy Chief Calls for Enhanced Maritime Security at Indo-Pacific Dialogue 2025



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Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi on October 27, 2025, urged representatives from over 30 countries at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025 to collaborate for a safer, stronger maritime order in the Indo-Pacific region. In his video address, he highlighted the dialogue's role as a premier platform for maritime

strategy, diplomacy, and cooperation under India's MAHASAGAR vision—Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth across Regions—championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Admiral Tripathi emphasized capacity-building and capability-enhancement as cornerstones to fostering shared security and prosperity amid evolving maritime challenges, including strategic coordination, blue economy, climate resilience, and emerging technologies. The three-day dialogue reflects India's steadfast commitment to inclusive, collaborative maritime engagement supporting regional stability and aligns with India's broader goals of securing its maritime interests against growing geostrategic complexities. This initiative complements strengthening naval partnerships and the Indian Navy's push for operational readiness and self-reliance by 2047, underscoring India's leadership in Indo-Pacific maritime security.

Pakistan's military chief meets Bangladesh's leader to enhance cooperation.



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Pakistan's military chief, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, met Bangladesh's interim Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus in Dhaka on October 25-26, 2025, marking a significant step in enhancing bilateral cooperation. This visit follows previous engagements this year, including Bangladesh's Lt. Gen. S. M. Kamr-ul-Hassan's trip to Pakistan in January and Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar's visit to Dhaka in August. The discussions focused on expanding defense and security collaboration, trade, investment, and connectivity, with the operationalization of a Karachi-Chittagong shipping route and plans to launch a Dhaka-Karachi air route soon. Both sides stressed the importance of regional stability, counter-terrorism, and reducing tensions in West Asia and Europe. This thaw in relations signals a cautious but important realignment in South Asia, balancing historic ties with contemporary geopolitical realities, especially in the backdrop of changing leadership in Bangladesh post-2024 and evolving India-Pakistan-Bangladesh dynamics. The renewed military-to-military engagement reflects mutual interest in strategic balance and peace in the region.

Venezuela decries US military drills nearby as a dangerous provocation.



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Venezuela has condemned the recent arrival of the USS Gravelly in Trinidad and Tobago, labeling it a "dangerous provocation" amidst rising tensions regarding U.S. military operations in the region. The U.S. warship's visit, intended for joint training exercises, coincides with intensified U.S. actions aimed at countering alleged drug trafficking, which Venezuelan authorities assert is a pretext for undermining President Maduro's government. This development raises concerns about potential military escalations near Venezuelan territory and illustrates the ongoing geopolitical friction in Latin America, highlighting the need for vigilance in regional security dynamics. As such, this situation underscores the broader implications of U.S. military presence in areas deemed sensitive by neighboring nations.

Afghanistan urges Pakistan to halt land and air border violations in peace talks.



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In a bid to foster peace, Afghanistan and Pakistan have engaged in lengthy discussions in Istanbul, presenting draft proposals aimed at resolving tensions along their borders. Afghanistan's delegation has called for an end to violations of its airspace and land borders, while Pakistan seeks to address concerns regarding incursions from Afghan territory. The negotiations, mediated by Qatar and Türkiye, follow a recent ceasefire agreement amidst heightened border clashes. Notably, both parties are contemplating the establishment of a four-party monitoring channel to oversee compliance with the ceasefire terms. This dialogue is crucial as it reflects ongoing efforts to stabilize the region and mitigate conflicts that could affect broader geopolitical dynamics, especially in the context of regional security and counter-terrorism.

Australian PM optimistic about upcoming QUAD meeting in India next year.



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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has expressed optimism regarding a QUAD summit scheduled for the first quarter of next year, with India likely to host leaders from Australia, the United States, and Japan. This anticipated meeting underscores the importance of strategic dialogue and collaboration among these nations, particularly in light of rising regional challenges. The QUAD, focused on promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific, is vital for enhancing

security and bilateral ties in the region. As India continues to strengthen its role in global geopolitics, this summit presents an opportunity to address critical issues such as maritime security and countering authoritarian influence, thereby solidifying a collective approach to regional stability.

Russia shifts to national currencies for trade with India, China. [SHARE](#)

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Russia is nearing a full transition to trade settlements with India and China in national currencies, with 90-95% of transactions now conducted in roubles, yuan, or rupees, a shift accelerating due to Western sanctions limiting Russia's access to dollar-based financial networks. Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak confirmed in mid-October 2025 that this transition happened organically, driven by market needs and restrictions on dollar settlements, rather than as a deliberate political move. The switch strengthens economic resilience by bypassing vulnerable foreign banking systems and supports uninterrupted trade, especially in energy sectors where Russian crude to India is often paid in rupees and Chinese gas and coal trades are denominated in yuan and roubles. This strategic pivot toward Asia not only underpins de-dollarisation but also highlights India's crucial role in fostering bilateral trade amid geopolitical tensions. The currency realignment reflects a broader global shift toward multipolar trade mechanisms that challenge US dollar dominance and reshape global economic architecture. Key dates include late 2024 data showing increased local currency trade and confirmations in October 2025 of near-complete national currency usage for Russia-India-China trade.

India Strengthens Armenia's Intelligence with SIGINT Upgrade Support [SHARE](#)

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India and Armenia have recently formalized a significant upgrade in their defence and intelligence cooperation, enhancing Armenia's technical intelligence capabilities including signals intelligence (SIGINT). This development, crystallized during a defense cooperation agreement signed in Hyderabad on October 23, 2025, marks a strategic deepening of bilateral ties beyond traditional military procurement. India is supporting Armenia's efforts to modernize its newly established Foreign Intelligence Service by providing advanced SIGINT technology and training, enabling Armenia to better counter threats from the Turkey-Pakistan nexus in the Caucasus region. Armenia's pivot toward India

also reflects diminished Russian influence following Russia's preoccupation with the Ukraine conflict, prompting Yerevan to diversify its strategic partnerships. This bilateral partnership strengthens Armenia's defence posture amidst regional volatility involving Azerbaijan and bolsters India's strategic footprint in the South Caucasus. Enhanced intelligence collaboration between India and Armenia signals a robust, long-term security alliance with significant geopolitical implications for regional stability and India's Eurasian influence projection.

Trump urges Putin to end Ukraine war, halt missile tests. [SHARE](#)

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U.S. President Donald Trump has urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to conclude the ongoing war in Ukraine instead of focusing on missile tests, following Russia's announcement of successfully testing the nuclear-capable Burevestnik cruise missile. Trump emphasized that the U.S. maintains a formidable nuclear submarine presence off Russia's coast, making extensive missile flight unnecessary. He criticized the prolonged conflict in Ukraine, suggesting that peace should have been achieved long ago. The broader significance of this exchange underscores the heightened tensions between the U.S. and Russia, particularly in the context of military advancements and geopolitical strategies, as the U.S. considers additional sanctions against Russia amid ongoing hostilities in Ukraine.

Jaishankar and Rubio discuss strengthening India-US ties at ASEAN summit. [SHARE](#)

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio met on October 27, 2025, on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur to discuss strengthening India-US ties, including bilateral trade, strategic cooperation, and regional and global issues. This marks their fourth in-person meeting this year amid efforts to reset strained relations after Washington imposed steep tariffs on Indian goods, particularly linked to India's purchase of Russian crude oil. The talks come as both sides near conclusion of the first phase of a bilateral trade agreement, with five rounds of negotiations completed. Besides trade, discussions also covered broader regional security and global challenges, reflecting India's strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific amid US-China rivalry. The meeting underlines India's intent to

maintain a balanced, long-term partnership with the US, while simultaneously promoting ASEAN centrality and regional stability, aligned with its Act East Policy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated virtually in the summit on October 26, emphasizing deepening India-ASEAN cooperation. Malaysia chaired the ASEAN Summit 2025, held from October 26-28 in Kuala Lumpur.

INS Sutlej concludes hydrographic survey, enhancing India-Mauritius maritime cooperation. [SHARE](#)

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INS Sutlej successfully concluded the 18th joint hydrographic survey with Mauritius, covering approximately 35,000 square nautical miles in Mauritian waters. Conducted under the 2005 MoU on hydrographic cooperation, the mission significantly enhances marine charting, coastal regulation, and resource management, boosting Mauritius's Blue Economy. Six Mauritian personnel received hands-on training aboard INS Sutlej in modern hydrographic techniques, strengthening local capacity. The ship also conducted joint EEZ surveillance and anti-piracy patrols with the Mauritius National Coast Guard, enhancing regional maritime security. The survey's completion was marked by a ceremonial handover of the survey's results to Mauritian officials on board INS Sutlej, attended by Mauritius Minister of Housing and Lands Shakeel Ahmed Yousuf Abdul Razack Mohamed and India's High Commissioner Anurag Srivastava. This mission exemplifies the deep, enduring India-Mauritius maritime partnership and aligns with India's MAHASAGAR vision, reinforcing India's strategic influence in the Indian Ocean and commitment to safe navigation, sustainable ocean management, and regional cooperation. The survey was completed in late October 2025.

UAE Land Forces Commander Maj Gen Al Hallami visits India to strengthen military ties. [SHARE](#)

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Maj Gen Yousef Maayouf Saeed Al Hallami, Commander of the United Arab Emirates Land Forces, is on an official visit to India from October 27-28, 2025, aimed at enhancing bilateral military cooperation, particularly in training and capability development. The visit features a ceremonial welcome, briefings on India's Operation Sindoor, and the Army's Artificial Intelligence roadmap. On October 28, he will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial and tour the Defence Research

and Development Organisation (DRDO) to discuss indigenous weapon systems. This engagement marks a significant step in solidifying the UAE-India defense partnership, fostering a future-ready alliance for military collaboration and regional security, reflecting both nations' commitment to strengthening defense ties amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

Military Operations

USS Nimitz chopper and jet crash in South China Sea, crew safe. [SHARE](#)

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On October 26, 2025, the USS Nimitz, the U.S. Navy's oldest active aircraft carrier on its final deployment, experienced two separate aircraft crashes in the South China Sea within 30 minutes. At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time, an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 73 crashed during routine operations, with all three crew members rescued safely. About 30 minutes later, an F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter jet from Strike Fighter Squadron 22 crashed, and both pilots ejected and were recovered unharmed. The Pacific Fleet confirmed all five crew members are safe and stable. President Donald Trump, en route to Asia, suggested "bad fuel" might be a cause and ruled out foul play. China, while offering humanitarian aid if requested, criticized U.S. military activity in the contested waters, citing regional security risks. The incidents underscore ongoing U.S. naval presence amid heightened geopolitical tensions in the South China Sea, highlighting operational risks as the USS Nimitz prepares for decommissioning by 2026. Investigations into the causes are ongoing.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Pakistani drone smuggles over 5 kg heroin; Indian forces intercept. [SHARE](#)

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Security forces in Jammu successfully thwarted a significant narcotics smuggling attempt from Pakistan, recovering over five kilograms of heroin valued at approximately Rs 25 crore. The operation, conducted by the Border Security Force (BSF) and local police, was initiated after a Pakistani drone was spotted hovering over Indian territory. Officials reported that two bags containing ten packets of heroin were seized near Border Outpost Jatinder in the R S Pura sector. This

incident underscores the ongoing challenges posed by cross-border drug trafficking and highlights the vigilance of Indian security forces in safeguarding national borders against such illegal activities, contributing to broader efforts to counter transnational crime and ensure regional stability.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Hackers exploit ChatGPT Atlas vulnerabilities with deceptive URLs, warns cybersecurity firm. SHARE

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OpenAI's ChatGPT Atlas browser is facing significant cybersecurity vulnerabilities, as highlighted by the firm NeuralTrust. Researchers discovered that attackers could exploit the browser's dual functionality—navigating websites and accepting AI commands—by crafting deceptive URLs that bypass safety protocols, enabling harmful actions like phishing or unauthorized data access. Notably, Atlas stores OAuth tokens unencrypted, further compromising user security. In response, OpenAI acknowledged these challenges and is enhancing its defenses against prompt-injection attacks, advising users to enable logged-out mode to protect sensitive information. This situation underscores the critical need for robust cybersecurity measures in AI-integrated technologies, emphasizing the importance of user vigilance and developer accountability in preventing exploitation.

TCS refutes UK media claims on \$1 billion Marks & Spencer contract termination. SHARE

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has refuted claims made by UK media regarding the termination of its \$1 billion contract with Marks & Spencer (M&S) due to a cyberattack. TCS clarified that the decision to end the service desk contract was part of a routine competitive tender process initiated well before the cyber incident occurred in April 2025, emphasizing that the matters were unrelated. M&S, which faced significant operational disruptions and financial losses estimated at around £300 million due to the breach, acknowledged the contract's non-renewal while maintaining that TCS remains a strategic partner in other areas. The incident has ignited discussions on cybersecurity and vendor accountability, highlighting the vulnerabilities posed by complex outsourcing

ecosystems and the critical role of human interactions in cybersecurity breaches. This situation underscores the importance of robust cybersecurity measures for organizations reliant on third-party vendors, as the repercussions of such incidents can extend beyond immediate operational impacts to affect client trust and brand reputation. The case serves as a cautionary tale for both retailers and their technology partners, stressing the necessity of comprehensive risk assessments and proactive cybersecurity strategies in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Twitter mandates security key re-enrollment; TCS disputes M&S cyber attack claims. SHARE

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Twitter (X) is implementing mandatory re-enrollment for users employing hardware security keys for two-factor authentication by November 10, 2025, as part of a strategy to enhance online security amid growing cyber threats. Additionally, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has denied accusations from UK retailer Marks & Spencer (M&S) regarding responsibility for a significant cyber attack that led to M&S terminating a \$1 billion contract, asserting that such claims are unfounded and predate the breach. This incident reflects broader tensions in the outsourcing sector, particularly between Indian technology providers and Western firms, underscoring the complexities and risks associated with global digital partnerships. Both firms are navigating reputational challenges as the scrutiny of cybersecurity practices intensifies.

Pwn2Own hackers responsibly report WhatsApp zero-click vulnerability to Meta. SHARE

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During the Pwn2Own Ireland 2025 hacking competition, cybersecurity researchers from Team Z3 opted to privately report a zero-click remote code execution vulnerability in WhatsApp to Meta, foregoing a potential \$1 million public demonstration payout. This decision, aligned with ethical hacking standards, emphasizes user safety over public spectacle, as zero-click vulnerabilities pose significant risks due to their undetectable nature. Meta, the parent company of WhatsApp, has committed to addressing this critical flaw swiftly, leveraging a coordinated disclosure process that allows for timely patch development. The event overall was a success, with researchers identifying 73 unique zero-day vulnerabilities, underscoring the ongoing need for robust cybersecurity

measures in protecting users against sophisticated threats.

DoT Webinar Focuses on Strengthening Cyber Resilience in Telecom SHARE

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recently hosted a webinar to mark National Cyber Security Awareness Month, focusing on enhancing cyber resilience within the telecom sector. Attended by approximately 250 professionals, the event highlighted the critical role of collaborative efforts in ensuring cyber safety. Experts discussed the alarming prevalence of phishing attacks, accounting for 90% of global cyber breaches, and emphasized the importance of robust Governance, Risk, and Compliance frameworks. The commissioning of the Telecom-CSIRT setup was also addressed, underscoring proactive measures against emerging threats like AI-enabled malware. This initiative signifies India's commitment to securing its digital infrastructure, fostering a culture of vigilance, and ensuring collective accountability in the face of evolving cyber challenges.

Water Suci campaign evolves with advanced malware via WhatsApp. SHARE

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The Water Suci campaign has showcased an alarming evolution in cyber threats, particularly in Latin America, where attackers have transitioned from traditional phishing tactics to sophisticated malware propagation via WhatsApp Web. As of October 2025, the campaign employs advanced script-based techniques, including self-propagation through hijacked WhatsApp sessions and dynamic credential theft via fake banking overlays. This shift reflects a broader trend in cybercrime, where attackers exploit popular communication platforms to enhance stealth and effectiveness. The implications for businesses are significant, necessitating enhanced security measures, including user training and advanced endpoint protection, to combat these increasingly adaptive threats and safeguard sensitive information.

COLDRIVER cyber group adopts ClickFix technique for targeted attacks. SHARE

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The Russian cyber espionage group COLDRIVER, also known as Star Blizzard, has adopted a new attack method called ClickFix, as revealed by the Zscaler ThreatLabz team. This development introduces two malware families, BAITSWITCH and SIMPLEFIX,

allowing the group to conduct highly targeted cyber attacks against individuals within strategically important organizations, such as NGOs and think tanks. By employing selective malware dissemination based on user characteristics, COLDRIVER enhances the sophistication of its operations. This evolution in tactics underscores the persistent threat of state-sponsored cyber activities and the necessity for organizations to implement robust cybersecurity measures, including phishing-resistant multi-factor authentication and strict access controls, to mitigate risks from such advanced threats.

Gmail data breach exposes 183 million passwords; enhance security measures now. SHARE

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A significant data breach has exposed approximately 183 million email accounts, predominantly Gmail, due to infostealer malware rather than a direct compromise of Google's servers. The dataset, identified by Have I Been Pwned and compiled by Synthient LLC, contains plaintext email-password combinations harvested from malware-infected personal devices. Experts caution that this malware can capture more than login credentials, potentially allowing hackers to bypass two-factor authentication. Users are advised to utilize Google's Security Checkup, enable two-step verification, and enhance password security, while organizations using Gmail should strengthen their anti-malware defenses. This breach underscores the increasing sophistication of cybercrime and the critical need for robust cybersecurity measures in our digital landscape.

World Uyghur Congress urges European insurers to review ties with Hikvision, Dahua over human rights. SHARE

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The World Uyghur Congress has called upon major European insurers to reassess their ties with Chinese firms Hikvision and Dahua, citing substantial evidence of human rights violations and cybersecurity risks linked to their technologies. This appeal follows allegations that their surveillance systems have facilitated ethnic monitoring of Uyghurs, recognized as crimes against humanity, and have been used to compromise military operations during conflicts, such as in Ukraine. The organization urges internal audits and a reevaluation of partnerships to mitigate risks of data breaches and regulatory violations. This situation underscores the urgent need for responsible technology practices, highlighting the intersection of

cybersecurity, human rights, and corporate responsibility in today's global landscape.

Drone attacks on Moscow lead to airport closures, escalating tensions. SHARE

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Russian air defense systems engaged in a significant operation to repel a series of drone attacks targeting Moscow, resulting in the closure of two major airports—Domodedovo and Zhukovsky. Over five hours, authorities reported that 28 drones were intercepted, emphasizing the ongoing threat posed by Ukraine's military actions, which aim to disrupt Russian infrastructure critical to its military efforts. While no immediate details on damage were disclosed, the incident highlights the escalating conflict and Ukraine's strategy to weaken Russia's operational capabilities. This situation underscores the broader geopolitical tension and the implications for regional stability, as both nations navigate a complex and evolving military landscape.

DoT introduces new cybersecurity rules to enhance digital safety in India. SHARE

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has introduced amended cybersecurity rules to combat the rising incidence of cyber frauds, including phishing. This includes the establishment of a mobile number validation (MNV) platform, which will enable banks, financial institutions, and other entities to verify KYC details directly with telecom providers. While some stakeholders express concerns about privacy implications and the broad scope of the rules, officials assert that the regulations primarily target telecom operators, allowing other industries to participate voluntarily. The initiative has garnered support from the parliamentary standing committee on home affairs, emphasizing its potential to enhance security and accountability in financial transactions, thereby contributing to a safer digital environment in India.

AI-driven cybercrime poses risks to India's \$5 trillion economic goals. SHARE

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A recent Asia Pacific eCrime report by CrowdStrike highlights the escalating threat of AI-driven cybercrime in India, warning that the country could jeopardize its \$5 trillion economic aspirations if cybersecurity measures are not strengthened. India accounted for a significant percentage of ransomware victims, with 35% targeted by FunkLocker and 32% by KillSec, raising alarms about

inadequate defenses among corporations. The report underscores a rapid evolution in cybercriminal tactics, particularly with a 442% rise in voice-based phishing attacks, indicating a shift towards more sophisticated operations. As India boasts over 820 million internet users, the urgent need for robust cybersecurity frameworks becomes paramount to protect its digital infrastructure and maintain its leadership in the global economy.

Miscellaneous

Delivery agent impersonating army officer arrested for drugging, raping doctor. SHARE

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In a disturbing incident in Delhi, a 27-year-old woman doctor employed at Safdarjung Hospital was allegedly raped by Aarav Malik, a delivery agent who posed as an Indian Army Lieutenant. The two connected on Instagram, where Malik maintained communication from April to September 2025, during which he sent photos of himself in a military uniform, falsely claiming to be stationed in Jammu and Kashmir. This deception culminated in a visit to the doctor's home in the Masjid Moth area, where he allegedly drugged her food and assaulted her. Following the incident, the victim reported the crime on October 16, leading to Malik's arrest during a police raid in Chhattarpur. Investigators revealed that Malik had purchased the army uniform online to support his false identity, and he is currently facing multiple charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, including rape and criminal intimidation. This case highlights a worrying trend of impersonation and manipulation facilitated by social media, raising concerns about the safety of individuals, particularly women in vulnerable professions. The incident underscores the urgent need for enhanced awareness and protective measures to combat identity fraud and to ensure the safety of medical professionals, who frequently face unique challenges in their demanding roles. It also emphasizes the importance of a societal commitment to justice and support for victims, alongside the implementation of robust legal frameworks to deter such heinous acts.

Cyclone Montha brings heavy rain to Kerala; seven districts on alert. SHARE

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Cyclone Montha has developed over the Bay of Bengal and is anticipated to make landfall along the Andhra

Pradesh coast on October 28, 2025. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of heavy rainfall and issued alerts for several districts across Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha, with expectations of isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall, especially in southern and coastal regions. The Indian Army has been placed on high alert, coordinating closely with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and state governments to ensure preparedness for potential relief and rescue operations. The Odisha government has also initiated evacuations in vulnerable areas and deployed disaster response teams in anticipation of the cyclone's impact. Named "Montha," which translates to "fragrant flower" in Thai, the cyclone's name follows a regional naming convention where member countries submit names for cyclones in the North Indian Ocean. The development of Cyclone Montha underscores the increasing need for robust disaster management frameworks in India, particularly as climatic events intensify. The proactive measures taken by the government and armed forces reflect a commitment to minimizing casualties and ensuring public safety amidst challenging weather conditions, demonstrating the importance of preparedness in managing natural disasters in a region frequently affected by such events. This situation serves as a reminder of the vulnerabilities coastal states face and the essential cooperation between governmental agencies and communities in effectively responding to natural calamities.

Indian Army organizes successful Volleyball Tournament in Rajouri, promoting sportsmanship and community engagement.



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In a commendable effort to foster community engagement and promote sportsmanship, the Indian Army successfully organized the Lam Premier League 2.0 Volleyball Tournament in Rajouri under Operation Sadbhavana. The event, featuring 26 teams from various regions, culminated in Bagnoti Club winning the Boys title and Trikuta Club claiming the Girls championship, with winners receiving cash prizes. Brigadier R.K. Singh emphasized the tournament's role in building character and leadership among youth, while Army officials highlighted its contribution to goodwill and professional development in remote areas. This initiative not only strengthens the relationship between the Army and local communities but also promotes

peace and national pride, marking the tournament as an emerging annual tradition in the Pir Panjal region.

Sri Lankan Navy rescues 14 crew, including 9 Indians, from vessel.



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The Sri Lankan Navy successfully rescued 14 crew members, including nine Indian nationals, from the merchant vessel MV Integrity Star following an engine failure approximately 100 nautical miles south of Sri Lanka. The distress call was received on October 25, 2025, prompting swift deployment of the naval vessel SLNS Samudura under the Ministry of Defence's directives. The rescue was coordinated by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo, assisted by the nearby merchant vessel MV Morning Glory. The rescued crew, which also included Turkish and Azerbaijani nationals, were safely brought to the Hambantota International Port on October 26. This operation highlights robust maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean region, reinforcing India's strategic partnership with Sri Lanka in ensuring maritime security and safety. It also underscores ongoing efforts to uphold international maritime conventions and safeguard seafarers within Sri Lanka's Search and Rescue region and adjacent international waters. The incident draws attention to the critical importance of joint maritime vigilance amid evolving geopolitical complexities in the Indian Ocean.

Indian Army marks 79th Infantry Day with solemn ceremonies and commemorations.



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The Indian Army commemorated Infantry Day, or Shaurya Diwas, on October 27, with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial in New Delhi, led by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi. This year marks the 79th observance of the day when Infantry troops first landed at Srinagar airport in 1947, successfully repelling a Pakistan-backed tribal invasion. Notable war veterans, including Major Ashish Sonal and Subedar Major Kunwar Singh, participated in honoring their fallen comrades. The celebrations included various events such as a memorial seminar and a run, emphasizing the Infantry's enduring legacy of courage and commitment to national sovereignty. This commemoration underscores the critical importance of the Infantry in India's defense and its unwavering dedication to safeguarding the nation.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
HBLPOWER	932.0	997.5	932.0	992.45	6528014	6.52	71.34	892.72	621.34
SWANDEF	736.45	736.45	736.45	736.45	1886	5.0	100.0	481.99	75.25
RTNINDIA	51.04	54.39	50.7	52.73	6001726	3.84	50.16	51.63	51.8
TECHERA	286.0	297.0	280.0	295.45	43200	3.49	69.8	267.8	185.48
MACPOWER	835.0	845.0	821.2	843.35	5900	2.65	50.13	831.13	932.0
PTC	167.0	172.28	165.76	170.61	2923462	2.62	56.55	165.95	168.35
LMW	15501.0	16000.0	15336.0	15835.0	10618	2.21	64.54	14934.95	15650.39
TEMBO	606.0	632.0	605.7	613.05	29741	1.65	57.07	580.32	553.95
LOKESHMACH	194.0	198.0	189.08	196.84	98786	1.54	53.86	190.44	199.42
BHARATFORG	1289.9	1307.2	1284.0	1301.4	621215	1.36	64.5	1234.2	1185.28
AZAD	1673.8	1693.2	1658.5	1685.1	159578	1.28	56.67	1647.71	1558.28
TANEJAERO	353.55	364.2	353.55	361.8	10707	0.67	43.83	366.71	369.21
GOODLUCK	1258.0	1266.5	1239.5	1258.8	94208	0.49	54.1	1263.56	953.88
LT	3912.0	3948.0	3907.0	3923.8	1057688	0.48	71.44	3789.1	3512.88
IDEAFORGE	499.7	502.4	490.2	496.9	231829	0.33	53.22	486.91	477.69
MIDHANI	382.25	383.15	379.25	381.45	190509	0.28	47.05	383.31	356.83
MAZDOCK	2808.8	2832.9	2801.0	2810.4	638896	0.17	46.57	2831.47	2769.22
SOLARINDS	14079.0	14152.0	13954.0	14019.0	50716	0.01	47.71	13943.65	13107.59
CFF	644.7	648.0	639.0	647.8	15400	-0.02	57.42	633.34	578.93
PARAS	728.0	732.0	718.5	724.55	526296	-0.12	56.95	707.13	648.47
COCHINSHIP	1826.9	1828.9	1808.0	1820.2	612659	-0.22	53.23	1808.77	1678.88
DATAPAT'TNS	2798.7	2803.2	2745.0	2790.8	176054	-0.28	53.62	2750.54	2397.1
BDL	1548.0	1559.5	1529.1	1537.8	743796	-0.4	50.95	1522.55	1504.99
BEML	4449.6	4464.0	4410.0	4420.3	171325	-0.4	56.41	4344.14	3738.63
ADANIENT	2504.2	2514.6	2487.1	2492.8	478055	-0.46	46.35	2539.99	2410.68
URAVIDEF	234.0	244.99	234.0	240.08	26673	-0.74	35.17	239.84	423.56
DCXINDIA	229.19	229.19	226.0	226.92	316683	-0.83	31.25	238.05	277.47
SIKA	1205.15	1217.9	1190.1	1200.0	13202	-0.87	47.12	1221.88	919.97
ROSSELLIND	64.0	64.0	62.3	62.71	11118	-0.89	45.02	63.18	67.53
JYOTICNC	910.1	911.05	892.0	897.2	222297	-0.93	44.4	911.47	1043.54
NIBE	1289.7	1291.4	1246.9	1247.25	4192	-1.07	38.63	1352.82	1392.98
HAL	4830.0	4830.0	4747.8	4756.8	738996	-1.19	47.48	4811.21	4400.8
MTARTECH	2265.7	2270.6	2187.0	2233.8	210057	-1.29	66.25	2051.17	1570.25
CENTUM	2530.0	2545.8	2486.0	2494.4	6843	-1.31	42.7	2576.86	2101.49
WALCHANNAG	172.0	173.22	168.15	169.05	107920	-1.41	35.18	182.7	201.9
GRSE	2614.0	2618.5	2558.6	2573.9	697354	-1.44	46.54	2629.75	2221.62
ASTRAMICRO	1081.95	1090.1	1061.0	1064.85	210932	-1.6	47.67	1078.53	910.64
BEL	425.0	425.0	414.6	415.15	12158324	-1.63	56.94	410.18	347.49
RELINFRA	231.0	232.2	224.0	225.61	670526	-1.95	37.7	234.74	284.96
APOLLO	292.45	293.5	284.0	285.25	2200328	-2.03	39.69	312.6	183.66
DYNAMATECH	7920.0	7949.0	7755.0	7793.0	16349	-2.09	59.48	7502.6	6847.67
AXISCADES	1445.0	1451.1	1390.1	1413.6	63089	-2.17	34.82	1589.64	1115.07
PREMEXPLN	622.7	623.65	597.0	604.7	486799	-2.66	49.11	619.97	488.64
AVANTEL	179.2	179.2	172.61	173.5	3660992	-3.33	43.78	189.73	142.93
MARINE	241.45	241.79	230.58	232.01	437664	-3.41	61.27	219.64	196.87
DRONACHRYA	63.4	63.4	58.5	59.94	90000	-3.43	47.36	58.23	77.99
SUNITATOOL	843.8	843.8	802.75	812.5	21750	-3.84	50.91	842.22	793.41
ZENTEC	1342.0	1360.0	1305.0	1339.8	1212788	-4.06	35.96	1410.48	1615.98
KRISHNADEF	806.15	815.6	770.0	777.3	38250	-4.06	41.44	808.5	771.94
HIGHENE	609.0	623.0	566.0	605.2	34612	-6.2	46.03	609.5	600.9