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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
PREMEXPLN	438.5	387.05	+13.29%
PARAS	1143.75	1045.1	+9.44%
GRSE	1749.6	1616.8	+8.21%
MIDHANI	313.15	291.25	+7.52%
DATAPATTNS	2236.2	2086.6	+7.17%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
AVANTEL	116.86	129.82	-9.98%
NIBE	1353.3	1420.6	-4.74%
HBLPOWER	497.75	511.2	-2.63%
WALCHANNAG	192.91	198.1	-2.62%
CFF	523.55	534.2	-1.99%

Defense Business and Industry

India and France Sign Rs 63,000 Crore Deal for 26 Rafale-Marine Jets



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India and France have signed a significant Inter-Governmental Agreement worth Rs 63,000 crore for the procurement of 26 Rafale-Marine aircraft, enhancing the Indian Navy's capabilities. This deal includes 22 single-seater and four twin-seater jets, along with comprehensive training, logistics, and maintenance support, and represents a strategic shift as India looks to replace underperforming MiG-29K fighters on its aircraft carriers, including INS Vikrant. The agreement also emphasizes Aatmanirbhar Bharat by incorporating technology transfer for indigenous weapon integration and establishing local production and maintenance facilities, which is expected to generate thousands of jobs. This procurement marks a crucial step in India's military modernization and its deepening defense ties with France, showcasing both nations' commitment to bolstering operational capacity and national sovereignty in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

Defense Stocks Soar Amid India-Pak Tensions and Rafale Deal



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On April 28, shares of various Indian defense companies, including Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Data Patterns, Cochin Shipyard, and Hindustan Aeronautics, experienced significant gains of 5% to 9% amid ongoing tensions at the Line of Control (LoC) following the recent Pahalgam Terror Attack and multiple ceasefire

violations from Pakistan. The Indian government has implemented several measures in response, such as putting the Indus Water Treaty on hold and halting activities at the Wagah Border. Additionally, a crucial defense deal with France for 26 Rafale-M fighter jets is set to be formally announced, valued at approximately ₹63,000 crore, with deliveries expected to begin in about three and a half years. In light of the recent turmoil, the resilience of the defense sector is noteworthy, as evidenced by the recovery of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's stock, which had faced scrutiny earlier this month following an accident involving its Dhruv helicopters. This rally in defense stocks highlights investors' confidence in India's defense capabilities and strategies, especially in light of the evolving security landscape. Overall, the collective performance of these companies reflects a strong belief in India's commitment to enhancing its defense infrastructure amid rising geopolitical tensions.

Saab India Boosts Indian Armed Forces with AT4 Anti-Armour System



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Saab India has successfully delivered its AT4 anti-armour weapon system to the Indian Armed Forces, enhancing India's short-range combat capabilities, particularly in urban warfare scenarios. The AT4CS AST variant, designed for confined space operations, offers a lightweight, disposable solution, increasing the effectiveness of Indian soldiers in close-quarters battles. This acquisition is a significant milestone in India's modernization efforts, reflecting the Armed Forces' growing confidence in Saab's technology, including the established use of the Carl-Gustaf system. The delivery signifies a strengthened partnership between Saab and India, paving the way for future

collaborations and potential local production under the Make in India initiative.

Ganga Expressway to Feature IAF Night Landing Strip, Airshow on May 2



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Uttar Pradesh's Ganga Expressway is set to enhance connectivity and economic growth, extending to Ghazipur and linking major regions. A key highlight is the introduction of a night landing facility for Indian Air Force fighter jets, marking a significant advancement in military readiness. Scheduled airshows will showcase this capability, alongside the installation of extensive security measures. The expressway, expected to complete by November 2025, will not only facilitate efficient transportation for civilians but also support the strategic movement of military assets, reaffirming the state's commitment to bolstering both infrastructure and defense readiness in the region.

Boeing's BUILD Program Grants Boost Indian Aerospace Innovation



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Boeing has announced the winners of its fourth BUILD program, awarding INR 10 lakh each to seven innovative teams from universities and startups in India, aimed at enhancing solutions in aerospace, defense, and technology sectors. This initiative reflects Boeing's commitment to fostering India's startup ecosystem, with over 2,000 ideas submitted this year, showcasing the nation's entrepreneurial spirit. The program, partnering with leading incubators, provides mentorship and resources to transform early-stage concepts into scalable solutions, furthering skill development in collaboration with Indian institutions. This strategic approach not only promotes innovation but also strengthens ties between Boeing and India's burgeoning defense and aerospace industry.

DRDO Advances Laser Directed Energy Weapons for Aerial Defense



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The DRDO has confirmed the development of Laser Directed Energy Weapons (LDEWs) for airborne platforms, significantly enhancing India's defense capabilities against aerial threats. The program will progress through three phases, starting with kilowatt-class systems for helicopters and UAVs, then integrating 100-300 kW systems into fighter jets, and ultimately achieving megawatt-class systems for large platforms like Airbus A320 for strategic missile defense. This initiative reflects India's commitment to

modernize its military technology, addressing threats such as drone swarms and ballistic missiles, thereby establishing a credible defense shield and bolstering national security in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

GTRE Aims for Kaveri 2.0 Jet Engine in 5-7 Years with Support



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GTRE officials express confidence in developing the Kaveri 2.0 jet engine within five to seven years, contingent on government funding and support from the IAF. They aim for final certification of the Kaveri Derivative Engine (KDE) by 2026, with plans for flight tests on the LCA-Tejas Mk1. The Kaveri 2.0 is expected to deliver up to 90kN thrust and could power upgraded Tejas variants. This initiative represents a critical advancement in India's quest for self-reliance in military aviation, reducing dependence on foreign engine manufacturers and bolstering India's aerospace capabilities. The decision now rests with policymakers and the IAF to facilitate this transformative journey.

ADA Proposes Outsourcing Flutter Analysis for LCA Mk-2 Efficiency



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The Aeronautical Development Agency's Dynamics and Aeroelasticity Group is proposing to outsource parts of the flutter and dynamic analysis for the LCA Mk-2 to enhance efficiency and expedite certification. This initiative is crucial due to the LCA Mk-2's addition of a canard control surface, necessitating detailed aeroelastic characterization for safety and performance validation. The outsourcing strategy will include providing essential inputs such as the Finite Element Model, Mass Properties Data, Flight Envelope Data, and Ground Vibration Test Data, which are vital for achieving high military aircraft certification standards. This move reflects India's commitment to optimizing its indigenous combat aircraft development while maintaining rigorous safety protocols.

Pakistan's SH-15 Artillery Deployment in Lahore Raises Alarm for India



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The recent deployment of Chinese-origin SH-15 artillery systems by Pakistan in urban Lahore raises significant security concerns for India, as these howitzers can target areas as far as Amritsar. The SH-15's capabilities, including its potential to fire nuclear shells, may represent a shift in Pakistan's military tactics towards using civilian areas for military concealment,

reminiscent of tactics seen in the Ukraine conflict. This development underscores the need for India to enhance its artillery capabilities, particularly in light of its delayed procurement of advanced systems, to maintain a robust deterrent posture amid rising threats along the India-Pakistan border. The situation necessitates vigilant monitoring to prevent escalation in tensions.

IAF's SDR Upgrade: Transforming Network-Centric Warfare Post-Balakot



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has embarked on a significant upgrade of its communication systems, integrating advanced Software-Defined Radios (SDRs) across its fleet in response to vulnerabilities exposed during the 2019 Balakot airstrike and subsequent Operation Swift Retort. This initiative enhances network-centric warfare capabilities by providing seamless, jam-resistant communication across various platforms, including combat jets and ground systems. The IAF's phased SDR program ensures interoperability and operational efficiency, as it aims to fully integrate these systems by 2030, ultimately strengthening India's defense posture against potential threats. The successful execution of this strategy showcases the IAF's proactive approach to modernizing its capabilities in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

VEM MD: India Needs Government Support for AMCA Engine Development



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India's private sector, particularly VEM Technologies, has highlighted its capabilities in developing the advanced 120kN engine for the AMCA but stresses the necessity for government support in R&D and testing facilities. While the industry has significant expertise in materials and precision manufacturing, crucial gaps exist in high-altitude testing infrastructure and advanced material research. The company's MD, V. Venkat Raju, cautions that complete technology transfer from foreign collaborations is unlikely, advocating for a self-reliant approach. With an estimated investment of ₹12,000 to ₹15,000 crores and a development timeline of 10 to 12 years, prompt government policy decisions are crucial to initiate this vital project for India's defense capabilities.

Rolls-Royce Leads AMCA Mk2 Engine Partnership Talks with India



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A senior Indian delegation recently visited Rolls-Royce's facility in the UK, signaling a potential partnership for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program. This collaboration aims to develop a high-performance engine crucial for the fifth-generation stealth fighter jet, thus enhancing the Indian Air Force's capabilities. Rolls-Royce's expertise in advanced aerospace propulsion and technologies aligns with India's defense ambitions, especially as it seeks to reduce reliance on foreign engines. The visit underscores the growing strategic defense cooperation between India and the UK, focusing on integrating Indian companies into global supply chains and co-developing advanced military technologies.

Survey Reveals Indian Defense Sector Favors Assembly Over R&D



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A recent survey highlighted a preference among stakeholders for international technological partnerships over India's self-reliance initiative in defense. While 45.4% favored the US for collaborations, concerns arose about India's private sector focusing on assembly rather than original R&D, which undermines the goal of indigenization. Despite initiatives like Positive Indigenisation Lists, the tendency to prioritize assembly for short-term gains risks stifling innovation crucial for becoming a defense technology leader. Analysts suggest a balanced approach may better serve India's strategic defense objectives, emphasizing that effective policy implementation is vital to incentivize genuine indigenization and enhance national defense capabilities.

New Delhi Hosts Workshop on Modernizing Defense Production



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A two-day workshop on Industry 4.0 and Quality Assurance 4.0 for Defence Production, organized by the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Defence Production, took place in New Delhi on April 24-25, 2025. Inaugurated by Dr. Garima Bhagat, the workshop focused on implementing automation in Defence Public Sector Undertakings and integrating advanced technologies like IoT and AI. The Director General of DGQA, Shri N Manoharan, announced a forthcoming National Level Defence Quality Conclave on May 08, 2025, where a vision document for these initiatives will be presented. This effort underscores India's

commitment to enhancing its defense production capabilities and achieving world-class standards through technology-driven reforms.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

India's 2024 Defense Budget Outpaces Pakistan's by Ninefold [SHARE](#)

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In 2024, India allocated \$86.1 billion to its defence forces - a 1.6 percent rise over the previous year—making it the world's fifth-largest military spender. In stark contrast, Pakistan's military budget stood at \$10.2 billion, underscoring a nearly nine-fold disparity between the two neighbours. This increase contributed to global military outlays reaching \$2.72 trillion—the highest level since the end of the Cold War—driven by heightened geopolitical tensions across all regions. India's sustained investment highlights its commitment to modernizing its armed forces, boosting indigenous defence production, and maintaining strategic deterrence amid evolving regional security challenges.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Trump suggests Zelensky may concede Crimea for peace talks [SHARE](#)

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Multiple reports on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, are highlighting U.S. President Trump's efforts to broker peace and Russia's recent military claims. Trump expressed skepticism about Putin's commitment to peace, noting ongoing missile strikes, while suggesting that Zelensky might concede Crimea for a ceasefire. In a related development, Russia announced a three-day ceasefire coinciding with World War II Victory Day but warned of responses to any violations. Additionally, Putin claimed the recapture of the Kursk region, which Ukraine disputed, asserting that their forces remain active there. The situation remains tense as Ukraine calls for increased global pressure on Russia to facilitate genuine diplomatic efforts for peace, indicating that current measures are inadequate. The complexities of territorial claims and the ongoing hostilities underscore the challenges of achieving a lasting resolution.

Pakistan's Defense Minister warns of imminent Indian military action. [SHARE](#)

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Recent tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated following a deadly terrorist attack in Kashmir that killed 26 people, mainly tourists, with India attributing the attack to Pakistan-based terror groups. In the wake of this incident, Pakistan's Defense Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, claimed that an Indian military incursion is imminent, citing heightened rhetoric from India and their military's preparedness for potential military action. Concurrently, India's Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh convened to evaluate the security situation and discuss military responses, amid reports of unprovoked firing by Pakistani forces across the Line of Control (LoC). As India ramps up anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir, including intensified surveillance and security reinforcements, the country remains resolute in its stance against cross-border terrorism, while Pakistan maintains its denial of involvement and calls for an impartial investigation. This situation underscores the persistent volatility in the region, where militant activities and military posturing exacerbate the already fraught relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbors, necessitating a robust and decisive response from India to safeguard national security and counter external threats effectively.

Pakistan Seeks Russian and Chinese Aid in Pahalgam Attack Probe [SHARE](#)

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Pakistan seeks the involvement of Russia and China in investigating the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in 26 fatalities, primarily among tourists. The Resistance Front, a proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for this attack. Pakistani officials have made contradictory statements, with some suggesting the attackers may be "freedom fighters" while others claim the incident could be a false flag operation by India. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has vowed a harsh response to the perpetrators. This situation underscores the complexities of the Kashmir conflict and highlights Pakistan's attempts to divert attention from its own role in fostering terrorism.

Rajnath Singh and CDS Anil Chauhan Address Security Post-Pahalgam Attack



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan convened to discuss military preparedness following the Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 tourists' lives. Amid ongoing ceasefire violations by the Pakistani Army along the Line of Control, the Indian Army has been responsive and vigilant. The meeting also involved BSF officials discussing counter-terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir. Concurrently, the Indian Navy successfully conducted an anti-ship missile exercise, showcasing its readiness for combat to protect national maritime interests. This highlights India's proactive stance in addressing security threats and reaffirming its military capabilities in a volatile region.

Indian Diplomat Engages Taliban Minister to Boost Ties in Kabul



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A senior Indian diplomat, Anand Prakash, engaged in talks with the Taliban's acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in Kabul, focusing on political and economic relations. The meeting highlighted the Taliban's interest in expanding ties with India and encouraging Indian investment in Afghanistan. Despite ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, particularly following a recent terror attack, India maintains its stance of not recognizing the Taliban while advocating for an inclusive government in Kabul and ensuring that Afghan territory is not used for terrorism. India's commitment to providing humanitarian aid is also evident, as it reestablished a diplomatic presence in Afghanistan amidst these challenges.

The Implications of Pakistan's Threat to Shimla Agreement



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Following the 22 April 2025 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and imposed sanctions, prompting Islamabad to threaten withdrawal from the 1972 Shimla Agreement. This landmark treaty not only transformed the 1971 ceasefire line into the Line of Control but also enshrined bilateral dispute-resolution mechanisms and prohibited third-party intervention. Abrogating Shimla would dismantle procedures requiring advance notification of troop movements and mechanisms for addressing ceasefire violations, opening the door to unmonitored

patrol clashes, artillery exchanges, and limited incursions along the LoC. Without these legal constraints, New Delhi could invoke self-defence to frequent Pakistani incursions and long standing claims to carry out retaliatory operations and to a lesser extent pre-emptive strikes, seizing and consolidating forward positions and shifting ground realities in its favour - outcomes that are exceedingly difficult to reverse through diplomacy. Islamabad's decision to abandon an accord it once championed would undermine its credibility in international forums and weaken appeals for neutral mediation, while also removing safeguards that protect vital water and transit agreements. Many analysts caution that scrapping the Shimla framework risks derailing confidence-building measures, heightening the likelihood of direct military confrontation between two nuclear-armed neighbours, and ultimately leaving Pakistan strategically and diplomatically vulnerable in its bid to internationalize the Kashmir dispute.

India's Minister Challenges Bilawal Bhutto: Visit Us If Brave



28-Apr-25

Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil challenged Pakistani politician Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari to visit India following his provocative remarks about blood flowing in rivers if water is stopped under the Indus Water Treaty. This statement was made amid heightened tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack, which has led India to suspend the treaty due to concerns over Pakistan's support for terrorism. Paatil asserted India's commitment to water conservation and its resolve against intimidation. The situation underscores the critical nature of water resources in Indo-Pak relations, highlighting India's stance on safeguarding its interests while addressing cross-border challenges.

Target Pakistan's Leadership: Ex-Army Chief Naravane's Call to Action



28-Apr-25

Former Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane has called for a decisive and targeted response to terrorism originating from Pakistan, particularly after the recent Pahalgam attack. He emphasizes the importance of striking the core leadership behind terrorism while advising against impulsive actions and advocating for strategic, multi-domain responses. Naravane suggests that India should leverage international law to impose sanctions and issue arrest warrants against those fostering terrorism. He stresses the need for careful planning of retaliatory measures to

ensure effectiveness, urging India to build global support while maintaining its resolve against threats, thus highlighting the importance of both military preparedness and diplomatic strategy.

Pakistan and China vow to enhance regional stability amid tensions.



27-Apr-25

Pakistan and China have reaffirmed their commitment to regional peace and stability, opposing unilateralism during a recent conversation between their foreign ministers. Following a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, which left 26 people dead, Pakistan's minister emphasized their readiness to defend national interests and collaborate on independent investigations, while asserting that the country is prepared to respond forcefully to any Indian provocations. This rhetoric coincides with ongoing tensions in the region, underscoring the importance of dialogue for de-escalation. Pakistan's partnership with China strengthens its stance, but it also signals a need for India to remain vigilant and proactive in addressing security challenges.

Putin thanks Kim for North Korea's military support in Kursk



28-Apr-25

Russia's President Vladimir Putin has expressed gratitude to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for the assistance provided by North Korean soldiers in reclaiming territory in the Kursk region from Ukrainian forces. This acknowledgment marks North Korea's first confirmation of troop deployment in support of Russia amidst the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Putin characterized the North Korean involvement as driven by solidarity and comradeship, underscoring the growing cooperation between Russia and North Korea against Western influences. This collaboration may have implications for regional stability, as it reflects a shift in alliances that could challenge the existing geopolitical balance in the area.

Bangladesh Urges Peace in South Asia Amid Rising Indo-Pak Tensions



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Bangladesh has called for peace in South Asia amidst escalating tensions following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which has raised fears of a potential Indo-Pak conflict. The country maintains a neutral stance, urging India and Pakistan to resolve their differences through dialogue without seeking a mediating role unless requested. Bangladesh's

government emphasizes that peace in the region is crucial for its people's well-being and advocates for de-escalation of tensions. This measured response highlights Bangladesh's commitment to regional stability while fostering diplomatic relations with both neighbors, reinforcing the importance of dialogue in resolving disputes in South Asia.

Intensified Security Crackdown in Kashmir Targets Terrorism



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Indian security forces have detained over 1,500 individuals in Kashmir as part of an intensified crackdown on terrorism, particularly targeting over ground workers linked to militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. Raids across Srinagar and surrounding districts have led to the demolition of homes associated with active militants, a tactic aimed at dismantling the terrorist ecosystem while minimizing collateral damage. While the Indian government maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, concerns regarding potential collective punishment and civilian displacement have arisen. This strategy also includes diplomatic measures against Pakistan, highlighting India's commitment to national security and counter-terrorism efforts amidst escalating tensions.

BJP MP Dubey Predicts Pakistan's Division by 2025 Amid Terrorism Fight



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BJP MP Nishikant Dubey boldly claimed that by the end of 2025, Pakistan will be divided into four parts, emphasizing Prime Minister Modi's commitment to eradicating terrorism and reclaiming occupied Kashmir. Dubey asserted that the Modi government's decisive actions would lead to the disintegration of Pakistan into regions like Balochistan and Pakhtunistan, while also vowing to avenge recent terrorist attacks targeting Indians. His remarks reflect confidence in Modi's leadership and the global recognition of India's strong stance against terrorism. This rhetoric underscores the BJP's firm belief in a transformative approach towards regional security and the dismantling of terrorism-supporting entities.

Turkish C-130 Over Arabian Sea Sparks Speculation of Ammo Transfer to Pakistan



28-Apr-25

A Turkish C-130 Hercules aircraft was tracked over the Arabian Sea, reportedly en route to Karachi, Pakistan,

sparking speculation about an urgent ammunition transfer for Pakistan's UAV fleet. This sighting aligns with Pakistan's increasing reliance on drones for military operations, particularly against security threats. Turkey's defense cooperation with Pakistan, highlighted by its supply of advanced UAV systems like the Bayraktar TB2, suggests a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing military capabilities. The aircraft's mission, while unconfirmed, may indicate heightened operational needs in a region marked by ongoing tensions, potentially foreshadowing intensified drone operations by Pakistan.

India's Superior Air Defense: A Strategic Edge Over Pakistan



28-Apr-25

India's air defense systems significantly outmatch Pakistan's in both technological sophistication and operational capabilities, as highlighted in a recent comparative analysis. India's S-400, with a range of 400 km and advanced multi-AESA radar, provides a formidable long-range interception capability, while systems like Barak-8 and Akash ensure comprehensive defense against diverse aerial threats. In contrast, Pakistan's reliance on older, less capable systems hampers its ability to counter India's advancements effectively. This disparity reflects India's strategic depth in addressing threats from both Pakistan and China, enhancing its deterrence posture and operational sustainability, while Pakistan's modernization efforts remain a work in progress, leaving it vulnerable in a potential conflict.

Hardeep Puri: India's Firm Stance Against Pakistan's Terrorism



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Union Minister Hardeep Puri asserted India's unwavering resolve to counter Pakistan's state-sponsored terrorism in light of recent attacks in Pahalgam, emphasizing that there would be no compromise on this issue. He highlighted the Modi government's decisive stance, contrasting it with past administrations that often resumed dialogue after expressing outrage. Puri defended the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, arguing that treaties should not be maintained when one nation attacks another. He dismissed threats from Pakistan as baseless, declaring that India would take suitable actions to ensure its security and integrity, reflecting the collective sentiment of over 1.4 billion Indians.

Military Operations

Pakistan's 40 Ceasefire Violations in 3 Days Sparks Indian Response



28-Apr-25

In a significant escalation, Pakistan reportedly violated the ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) over 40 times within three days, prompting an effective and swift response from the Indian Army across various sectors including Kupwara and Poonch. This surge in cross-border firing follows the deadly Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22, which claimed 26 civilian lives and was linked to Pakistan-based groups. In retaliation, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and enacted other punitive measures, including visa cancellations and increased counterterrorism operations in Kashmir, demolishing the homes of suspected terrorists. Pakistan responded by closing its airspace to Indian carriers and halting bilateral trade. These developments indicate heightened tensions and a deteriorating bilateral relationship, with both sides reinforcing their military positions along the LoC while security agencies intensify their operations against terrorism.

India Boosts Military Readiness in Arabian Sea Amid Tensions



28-Apr-25

India is ramping up military readiness along the Line of Control (LoC) and in the Arabian Sea in response to recent ceasefire violations by Pakistan and the Pahalgam terror attack. The Indian Army is actively countering unprovoked fire from Pakistani posts, while the Navy has conducted successful missile tests, including BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, emphasizing its preparedness for long-range precision strikes. Additionally, the Indian Air Force is maintaining high operational readiness, with exercises showcasing its capabilities. With the BrahMos missile's extended range and the induction of advanced Rafale jets, India stands equipped to execute limited punitive actions as part of its broader strategy to deter cross-border terrorism while navigating the delicate escalation matrix. The situation highlights India's commitment to national security and its dynamic response strategy to ensure regional stability.

IOS SAGAR Joins Mauritius for Enhanced Maritime Surveillance SHARE

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Indian Naval Ship IOS SAGAR arrived in Mauritius as part of a significant joint EEZ surveillance initiative with the National Coast Guard, enhancing regional maritime cooperation. The deployment reflects India's commitment to strengthening ties and operational interoperability with friendly nations in the Indian Ocean Region. The ship hosted a warm reception with various dignitaries and planned activities, including crew interactions and community engagement events, highlighting India's diplomatic efforts. This mission underscores the Indian Navy's proactive role in maritime security and capacity-building, showcasing its capabilities with advanced technology and fostering strong relationships in the region, which is crucial for countering various maritime threats.

Indian Army Boosts Training for Village Defence Guards Post-Attack SHARE

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In response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Indian Army is intensifying training for Village Defence Groups (VDGs) in Jammu and Kashmir, enhancing local defense capabilities amid rising border tensions. This training emphasizes modern weapon handling and tactical responses, crucial for effectively countering sophisticated terror threats supported by Pakistan. VDGs, evolving from community militias to essential components of national security, are set to receive upgraded weaponry, enabling them to act as a frontline defense against militancy. This operational necessity reflects India's strategic shift towards integrating local forces in a multi-layered defense strategy, vital for maintaining regional stability and preventing future security crises.

Indian Army Rescues Kidnapped Worker, Takes Down NSCN-KYA Militants SHARE

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In a decisive operation on April 27, 2025, the Indian Army and Assam Rifles rescued a kidnapped construction worker from NSCN-KYA militants in Longding, Arunachal Pradesh. The operation, based on specific intelligence, resulted in the neutralization of three militants and the recovery of four automatic weapons, significantly undermining militant activities in the region. The rescued worker is in stable condition, while efforts continue to locate the second worker. This incident highlights the importance of robust security measures for infrastructure projects in sensitive border

areas, emphasizing the Indian defense forces' commitment to restoring safety and stability in the region.

Israeli Strikes in Gaza Result in 27 Palestinian Deaths Amid Ongoing Conflict SHARE

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Israeli strikes in Gaza have reportedly killed at least 27 Palestinians in recent days, amid ongoing bombardments that have left vast areas uninhabitable and the population largely homeless. The conflict escalated after a Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, leading to significant casualties on both sides, with the Israeli offensive claiming over 52,000 Palestinian lives, predominantly women and children. While Israel claims to target militants, it faces accusations of civilian harm due to operations in densely populated areas. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has vowed to continue the offensive until all hostages are returned, prompting concerns over potential violations of international law regarding forced population transfers.

India and Uzbekistan Wrap Up Successful DUSTLIK-VI Military Exercise in Pune SHARE

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India and Uzbekistan successfully concluded the 6th edition of the joint military exercise DUSTLIK-VI in Pune, held from April 16 to 28, 2025. This exercise involved 60 personnel from the Indian JAT Regiment and the Indian Air Force, focusing on joint counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban environments. Key activities included establishing a Joint Operations Centre, deploying drones, and executing special heliborne operations. DUSTLIK-VI not only enhanced operational readiness and interoperability between the two armies but also served as a strong deterrent against regional instability, highlighting India's commitment to forging robust defense partnerships in Central Asia.

Pakistan Relocates F-16s to Avoid Detection by India's S-400 SHARE

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The Pakistan Air Force has relocated half of its F-16 Block 52+ fighters to Pasni Airfield to evade detection by India's S-400 air defense systems, which significantly enhance India's aerial capabilities. This strategic move reflects the challenges Pakistan faces in countering India's advanced air defense network, as the S-400 creates a formidable deterrent and complicates Pakistan's operational flexibility. While this

redeployment may safeguard critical assets, it limits immediate airpower projection, thereby underscoring India's strategic advantage in the region. Ultimately, the S-400 not only strengthens India's defense posture but also forces adversaries like Pakistan into increasingly defensive stances.

responsible, emphasizing cross-border linkages to the attack. Prime Minister Modi has assured affected families of justice and declared that the perpetrators will face the harshest consequences. This incident has sparked outrage domestically and internationally, underlining India's commitment to combating terrorism and showcasing the unity of the nation against such heinous acts.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Indian Diaspora Protests Against Pahalgam Terror Attack



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Following the brutal terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed the lives of 26 individuals, primarily Hindu tourists, the Indian diaspora has mobilized globally to express solidarity with the victims' families and condemn the act of terrorism attributed to a Pakistan-based group, the Resistance Front (TRF). Demonstrations occurred in cities such as Frankfurt, Paris, and Toronto, where participants carried placards and chanted slogans against state-sponsored terrorism, demanding accountability from Pakistan and stronger international action against such violence. Emotional tributes and vigils were held, with communities coming together across regional and linguistic lines, emphasizing a shared commitment to peace and resilience. Notably, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reassured the nation of the government's commitment to responding decisively to the perpetrators. The Indian diaspora's coordinated response highlights a united front against terrorism and calls for justice, while also emphasizing the ongoing struggles faced by Kashmiri Hindus who have endured a long history of violence and persecution. In light of this tragic event, India has intensified its diplomatic measures against Pakistan and conducted a crackdown on suspected terrorist infrastructure in Kashmir. The outpouring of grief and demands for justice from the global Indian community reflect a broader plea for recognition of the ongoing threat posed by terrorism and a call for international support to safeguard peace and minority rights in the region.

Defence Minister to Update PM Modi on Pahalgam Terror Attack



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to brief Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir following the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives on April 22, 2025. India is considering robust actions against those

China Urges Quick Probe into Pahalgam Attack Amid Rising Tensions



28-Apr-25

Following the recent Pahalgam terror attack in Kashmir that claimed 26 lives, China has called for a "swift and fair investigation" while expressing its support for Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi emphasized the need for restraint and dialogue between India and Pakistan to maintain regional stability. In response, India has intensified military readiness along its borders and suspended the 1960 Indus Water Treaty, reflecting the serious escalation in tensions. With intelligence reports linking local operatives to the attack, the Indian security forces have launched significant operations to dismantle terrorist networks. This situation underscores the complexities of regional geopolitics, where China seeks to balance its support for Pakistan while advocating for peace, further complicating India's security environment as it faces threats from cross-border terrorism.

Jaishankar Affirms India's Zero Tolerance for Terrorism Post-Pahalgam Attack



28-Apr-25

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reaffirmed India's zero tolerance for terrorism in a conversation with UK counterpart David Lammy following the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians. India has condemned Pakistan's cross-border links to the attack and announced punitive measures, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and downgrading diplomatic ties. In response, Pakistan has shut its airspace to Indian airlines, claiming India's actions violate international obligations. Prime Minister Modi has vowed harsh consequences for the perpetrators, emphasizing global solidarity against terrorism. This incident highlights the escalating tensions in India-Pakistan relations, with international leaders expressing support for India's stance on counter-terrorism.

Delhi court grants NIA 12 more days to hold 26/11 accused Rana SHARE

28-Apr-25

A Delhi court has extended the custody of 26/11 Mumbai attack accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana by 12 days, enabling the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to further investigate the conspiracy behind the attack. Rana, associated with key conspirator David Coleman Headley, was extradited to India after a US Supreme Court ruling. The NIA emphasized the need for additional time to retrace events from the 2008 attacks, which claimed 166 lives. The court has mandated regular medical examinations for Rana and restricted his communication with legal representatives to ensure the integrity of the investigation. This case underscores India's commitment to justice and national security in the face of terrorism.

Owaisi rebukes Afridi for criticizing Indian Army over Pahalgam attack SHARE

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AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi criticized former Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi for blaming India for a terrorist attack in Pahalgam that resulted in 26 civilian deaths. Owaisi demanded that Pakistan be placed back on the FATF grey list due to its financing of terrorism and referenced international laws justifying self-defense. Afridi's allegations questioned the efficacy of the Indian Army in providing security, which drew backlash from former cricketer Danish Kaneria, highlighting Afridi's extremist views. This exchange underscores ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, particularly regarding terrorism and military accountability in Kashmir, reinforcing India's commitment to national security and international law.

24 Naxalites, including 14 with ₹28.5 lakh bounty, surrender in Bijapur SHARE

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In a significant development, 24 Naxalites, including 14 with a total bounty of Rs 28.50 lakh, surrendered in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, amid ongoing anti-Naxal operations involving 24,000 security personnel. The decision to surrender reflects disillusionment with Maoist ideology and atrocities against local tribals, as well as the appeal of the state's development initiatives. With this surrender, a total of 203 Naxalites have laid down their arms in the district this year, highlighting the effectiveness of the government's rehabilitation policies and security strategies in combating insurgency in the region. This trend underscores the growing acceptance

of state-led development among marginalized communities, fostering stability.

Nepali Lawmakers Unite Against Terrorism Following Pahalgam Attack SHARE

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Nepali lawmakers have condemned a recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which targeted tourists and highlighted the brutal nature of the violence. The incident has spurred calls for unified global action against terrorism, with Nepal expressing solidarity with India and condemning the attackers, believed to be linked to Pakistan-based militants. In response, India has implemented stringent security measures, including revoking most visas for Pakistani citizens and intensifying deportation efforts for undocumented Pakistani nationals. This tragic event has catalyzed political unity in India, reinforcing a national consensus to counter terrorism decisively and collaborate with international partners to ensure peace and security in the region.

UK's Lammy and India's Jaishankar Address Pahalgam Terror Attack SHARE

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The recent terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals, has heightened diplomatic tensions between India and Pakistan. Five militants, linked to Pakistan-based groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, executed a brutal assault targeting tourists, particularly segregating victims by religion. In response, India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held discussions with UK Foreign Secretary Lammy, emphasizing India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. The National Investigation Agency is actively pursuing the attackers, with international condemnation growing, including calls for Pakistan to be designated as a terrorist state. This incident underscores the urgent need for collective global action against cross-border terrorism.

Man Assaulted on Train After Watching Pahalgam Attack Reel SHARE

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A 23-year-old man was assaulted on a Bhopal-Indore train after watching a social media reel about the Pahalgam terror attack, which recently claimed 26 lives, mostly of tourists. The Government Railway Police registered an FIR against two unidentified attackers for threatening and abusing the victim, who reported that the assailants made derogatory remarks about India and the Constitution. This incident highlights rising

tensions surrounding national sentiments in the wake of terrorist acts, emphasizing the need for safeguarding free expression while addressing extremist behaviors. The GRP is actively investigating using video and CCTV footage to identify the assailants involved in this disturbing incident.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

India's Ban on Pakistani YouTube Channels: A Strategic Response to Terrorism SHARE

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In response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, 2025, which resulted in 26 civilian deaths and was linked to Pakistan-based militants, India has intensified its crackdown on Pakistani YouTube channels. The Indian government has banned 16 channels, including prominent news outlets like Geo News and ARY News, for disseminating misleading narratives targeting India's national security and inciting communal discord, impacting over 63 million subscribers. This action is part of a broader strategy that includes suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and expelling Pakistani diplomats, reflecting India's commitment to countering disinformation and defending its sovereignty. The Indian Ministry of Information and Broadcasting aims to restrict revenue streams for these channels, which often rely on Indian viewership to fund anti-India content, thereby enhancing India's national security in the digital domain.

PIB Exposes Fake Claims on Indian Army's Document Leak SHARE

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The Press Information Bureau (PIB) has debunked claims from pro-Pakistan social media accounts alleging the leak of confidential documents regarding the Indian Army's preparedness, labeling these documents as fake. This announcement follows heightened tensions between India and Pakistan after a recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals, prompting the Indian government to reinforce its security measures. Additionally, the Ministry of Defence warned against false messages circulating on WhatsApp soliciting donations for the Army's modernization. The situation underscores the importance of relying on official sources for accurate information amid misinformation campaigns.

Finance Ministry Empowers I4C to Combat Cyber Fraud through PMLA SHARE

28-Apr-25

The Indian government has empowered the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to share and receive information from the Enforcement Directorate under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. This initiative aims to enhance the capability to combat the rising instances of cyber frauds affecting citizens, which often involve sophisticated tactics like fake websites and deceptive advertisements. By improving coordination among law enforcement agencies, the I4C will play a crucial role in identifying and dismantling trans-national cybercrime networks. This proactive measure illustrates the government's commitment to safeguarding the public from cyber threats, encouraging citizens to report fraudulent activities through official channels.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Former Army Vice Chief Lt Gen Pabbhiraman Passes Away at 78 SHARE

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Former Vice Chief of the Army, Lt Gen S Pabbhiraman (Retd), passed away at the age of 78, as tributes poured in highlighting his remarkable military career and leadership qualities. Serving in the Indian Army for over 40 years, he held key positions, including the first Director General of Information Systems and Army Commander of the Western Command. His legacy includes a reputation as a disciplined leader and a paratrooper, with close ties to many in the defense community. Even post-retirement, he contributed to the Armed Forces as a member of the Armed Forces Tribunal, exemplifying his enduring commitment to the nation and its military.

Miscellaneous

Beware of Fake WhatsApp Message Asking for Army Donations SHARE

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The Ministry of Defence has issued a warning against a misleading WhatsApp message claiming to solicit donations for the modernisation of the Indian Army, falsely attributing the initiative to actor Akshay Kumar. The message inaccurately states that funds would be

used for purchasing weapons and includes incorrect bank account details, leading to dishonored transactions. The Ministry clarified that contributions should be directed to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF), which provides financial assistance to families of soldiers killed or injured in action. Established in 2020, the AFBCWF is specifically designed to support military personnel's families, debunking claims that suggest it pertains to weapon procurement. The government encourages public contributions through verified channels to ensure support reaches the intended beneficiaries.

Pakistan Nationals in India Face Jail or Fines for Non-Departure

28-Apr-25

The Indian government has issued strict directives for Pakistan nationals to leave the country, resulting in potential jail terms of up to three years or fines of Rs 3 lakh for non-compliance. This decision follows a tragic incident in April where 26 individuals were killed by Pakistan-linked terrorists. The government has set specific deadlines based on visa categories, urging state chief ministers to enforce these measures strictly. Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the urgency of ensuring no Pakistani nationals remain in India beyond the specified deadlines, underlining India's commitment to national security and border integrity amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Government warns against public Wi-Fi for financial transactions.

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The Indian government has cautioned citizens against using public Wi-Fi networks for financial transactions due to significant cybersecurity risks. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issued this advisory as part of its 'Jaagrookta Diwas' initiative, emphasizing that unsecured networks can lead to data theft and identity fraud. Citizens are urged to adopt safety measures such as using strong passwords, avoiding unknown links, and employing secure Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) for additional protection. This proactive approach highlights the government's commitment to enhancing digital safety awareness and safeguarding citizens' sensitive information in an increasingly digital world.

SEBI Teams Up with DigiLocker to Safeguard Investor Assets

28-Apr-25

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has partnered with DigiLocker to mitigate unclaimed assets in the securities market and safeguard investor interests. This initiative aims to streamline the transmission process for investors by requiring mandatory contact and bank details, as well as the submission of nominations. SEBI has also issued a warning regarding a rise in frauds on social media platforms, where scammers impersonate registered entities and mislead investors with false promises of risk-free returns. The collaboration with DigiLocker is a proactive step to enhance document security and transparency, reinforcing investor confidence in the capital market ecosystem.

BSF Jawan's Wife Visits Punjab Seeking Release Information

28-Apr-25

The wife of BSF jawan Purnam Sahu, who was detained by Pakistan Rangers after inadvertently crossing the border, plans to travel to Ferozepur, Punjab, to seek information regarding her husband's release. Sahu had stepped into Pakistani territory while escorting farmers and is currently being discussed in a flag meeting between Indian and Pakistani border forces. His wife, Rajani, expressed distress over the lack of updates, stating the urgency of her situation as she prepares to escalate her inquiries if necessary. The incident highlights the challenges faced by security personnel at the border and the emotional impact on their families, emphasizing the need for swift diplomatic efforts for Sahu's safe return.

PM Modi: India's Space Program is the World's Most Cost-Effective

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's status as a global space power, emphasizing its cost-effective and successful space program during his recent radio broadcast. He noted the significant growth of the space sector, with over 325 startups, and commemorated the contributions of former ISRO chief Dr. K. Kasturirangan. Modi pointed out key achievements like the Chandrayaan missions and India's record in satellite launches, asserting that the country is preparing for ambitious future missions, including Gaganyaan and missions to Venus and Mars. He underlined the importance of innovation and dedication in the space

sector while fostering a spirit of national pride and global recognition in India's scientific endeavors.

India Collaborates with Airlines Amid Pakistan Airspace Closure SHARE

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The Indian government is actively addressing the situation following Pakistan's closure of its airspace, which has been initiated amid rising tensions after the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. Civil

Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu stated that the government is collaborating with airlines to mitigate the impact of this closure, which leads to longer flight durations and increased operational costs, particularly for flights originating from northern India. The ministry emphasizes the importance of passenger safety while navigating these challenging circumstances. This proactive approach underscores India's commitment to maintaining air connectivity and ensuring the safety of its citizens in the face of regional instability.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
PREMEXPLN	392.85	454.0	391.95	438.5	2707505	13.29	67.72	373.31	487.43
PARAS	1049.95	1178.0	1049.95	1143.75	3520951	9.44	68.98	1010.26	1080.47
GRSE	1631.0	1777.3	1622.4	1749.6	7642809	8.21	59.84	1678.46	1704.47
MIDHANI	291.0	318.35	289.0	313.15	3019211	7.52	64.4	282.58	353.52
DATAPATNS	2074.0	2285.9	2051.0	2236.2	3965722	7.17	74.49	1846.42	2351.79
COCHINSHIP	1415.5	1518.0	1403.9	1502.1	4568287	6.12	59.59	1430.82	1674.19
HAL	4209.9	4439.9	4200.5	4426.3	4014638	5.48	67.06	4206.58	4278.47
BDL	1398.0	1508.6	1398.0	1486.5	5450223	5.16	69.79	1352.77	1225.53
MAZDOCK	2649.9	2815.0	2646.1	2786.3	5345902	4.7	61.35	2623.96	2308.77
AZAD	1519.9	1584.0	1506.0	1565.6	327788	4.05	62.55	1414.02	1544.29
IDEAFORGE	369.95	386.9	358.45	376.0	459786	3.64	53.78	357.95	577.48
ASTRAMICRO	780.0	819.45	777.0	814.1	352290	3.55	67.41	731.93	784.13
SIKA	680.0	744.5	659.0	720.0	53433	3.29	64.79	662.02	533.38
LOKESHMACH	0.0	172.25	172.12	172.12	8082	3.28	48.95	153.15	339.34
DCXINDIA	273.0	284.27	269.75	281.64	602767	2.97	61.94	247.45	319.26
SOLARINDS	12757.0	13174.0	12716.0	13123.0	108764	2.87	73.95	11768.02	10459.24
ZENTEC	1390.0	1480.0	1386.3	1455.6	675555	2.79	54.02	1452.15	1710.75
KRISHNADEF	766.0	819.0	766.0	807.4	34500	2.77	60.77	747.81	699.54
BHARATFORG	1082.0	1120.0	1082.0	1117.1	1193121	2.63	53.85	1084.59	1350.16
APOLLO	111.99	116.0	110.37	114.67	5133819	2.62	46.37	117.78	110.86
BEL	296.0	307.85	295.85	305.05	29913417	2.5	61.2	293.1	289.58
BEML	3037.0	3140.0	3007.4	3107.8	307872	1.9	55.63	3064.82	3704.72
LT	3260.0	3350.8	3254.8	3327.3	1689485	1.69	53.35	3292.36	3526.86
LMW	16300.0	16850.0	16300.0	16790.0	3257	1.45	67.52	15675.28	15927.13
MARINE	190.1	201.49	187.82	195.07	460641	1.16	56.18	182.84	227.17
ROSSELLIND	72.0	74.39	72.0	72.76	17197	1.13	54.43	70.58	210.64
MTARTECH	1425.0	1459.7	1408.5	1432.8	162733	0.84	59.33	1353.97	1632.26
ADANIENT	2346.0	2402.0	2337.6	2369.8	681421	0.66	51.77	2362.94	2663.42
PTC	176.0	180.59	175.61	180.15	1144411	0.37	63.36	172.08	177.96
DYNAMATECH	6398.0	6481.0	6340.0	6377.0	6002	-0.14	50.63	6283.72	7229.31
HIGHENE	477.05	488.9	470.0	475.6	6169	-0.19	46.2	487.76	616.98
CFF	544.8	544.8	523.55	523.55	13200	-1.99	66.89	470.64	624.52
TANEJAERO	298.4	298.4	298.4	298.4	4553	-1.99	47.47	302.56	438.86
WALCHANNAG	202.95	202.95	192.12	192.91	472942	-2.62	57.32	178.3	268.15
HBLPOWER	507.4	516.0	495.4	497.75	1286223	-2.63	49.67	503.45	571.15
NIBE	1439.85	1439.85	1349.6	1353.3	12515	-4.74	57.66	1266.79	1606.45
AVANTEL	117.01	121.76	111.35	116.86	4443793	-9.98	45.19	120.01	-