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Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
NIBE	1045.4	995.65	+5.0%
SOLARINDS	11244.0	10935.1	+2.82%
BEML	3219.55	3140.4	+2.52%
LMW	15985.3	15659.45	+2.08%
AVANTEL	113.26	111.34	+1.72%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ROSSELLIND	53.86	55.86	-3.58%
MIDHANI	271.89	281.04	-3.26%
MARINE	156.99	160.3	-2.06%
LOKESHMACH	163.24	166.65	-2.05%
ADANIENT	2315.8	2363.35	-2.01%

Defense Business and Industry

MoD signs Rs 62,700 crore deal with HAL for 156 LCH Prachand.



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India's Ministry of Defence has signed two significant contracts with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the supply of 156 indigenous Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) Prachand, valued at Rs 62,700 crore, which will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Army, particularly in high-altitude warfare. The helicopters, capable of operating at altitudes up to 6,500 meters, will be produced at HAL's facilities in Bengaluru and Tumkur, involving over 250 domestic companies and generating substantial employment. The procurement is a pivotal step towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing under the 'Make in India' initiative, reinforcing India's position in modern combat scenarios while addressing lessons learned from past conflicts like the Kargil War. This contract is part of a record year for defense spending, with a total of 193 contracts worth over Rs 2.09 lakh crore signed, of which 92% are with domestic industries.

India Signs ₹2,500 Cr Deal for Nag Missile System and Vehicles



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The Indian government has signed two significant contracts worth Rs 2,500 crore to enhance the army's operational readiness, including the procurement of the advanced Nag Missile System (NAMIS) and approximately 5,000 light vehicles. The NAMIS, developed by DRDO, is a sophisticated fire-and-forget anti-tank weapon that significantly modernizes the

mechanized infantry's capabilities. These initiatives bolster India's indigenization efforts, align with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, and are expected to create substantial job opportunities, particularly in the MSME sector. Overall, this marks a pivotal advancement in strengthening India's defense infrastructure and self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Ashok Leyland secures Rs 700 crore defense vehicle orders, boosting troop logistics.



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Ashok Leyland has secured orders exceeding Rs 700 crore from the Indian defence forces for specialized vehicles, including the Stallion 4x4 and 6x6, aimed at enhancing troop transportation and logistics under the Close-in Weapon Systems program. This move underscores Ashok Leyland's leadership in advanced land mobility solutions, reinforcing its critical role as a trusted partner to the armed forces. Concurrently, Zen Technologies has also received a Rs 152 crore contract from the Ministry of Defence for an integrated air defence combat simulator, showcasing India's push for indigenous defense technology. The Ministry is actively concluding contracts as the financial year ends, having also inked deals for the procurement of the Nag Missile System and light vehicles, collectively valued at around Rs 2,500 crore, indicating a strategic focus on enhancing operational capabilities and self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

Indian Army secures Rs 168.09 crore deal for heavy recovery vehicles



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The Indian Army has signed a significant procurement deal worth Rs 168.09 crore with Ashok Leyland Defence

Systems for 54 Heavy Recovery Vehicles (HRVs), enhancing its combat force regeneration capabilities. These advanced HRVs are designed for challenging terrains and will improve recovery operations, supporting mission success rates and operational readiness. This move aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, emphasizing indigenous manufacturing and reducing foreign defense dependency. The procurement not only modernizes the Indian Army but also strengthens the domestic defense industry, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and operational efficiency.

Force Motors Wins ₹2,978 Crore Deal for Gurkha Vehicles to Army SHARE

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Force Motors Limited has secured a significant contract worth 2,978 crores to supply 2,978 Force Gurkha light vehicles to the Indian Defence Forces, highlighting its role in enhancing India's military logistics. This rugged vehicle, known for its exceptional off-road capabilities, is tailored to meet the diverse operational needs of the Indian Army and Air Force, capable of navigating challenging terrains and conditions. The contract execution will occur in phases over three years, reflecting the strategic importance of maintaining quality and integration into military operations. Following this announcement, Force Motors' stock surged by over 7%, showcasing investor confidence in the company's growth and its contribution to the Make in India initiative. Overall, this deal signifies a strong boost for domestic defense manufacturing, positioning Force Motors as a pivotal player in India's military vehicle domain while enhancing operational readiness and mobility for the armed forces.

HAL Increases LCA Mk1 FOC Contract Value to ₹6,542.20 Crore SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has amended its contract for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1 Final Operational Clearance (FOC) variant, increasing the contract value to ₹6,542.20 crore due to revisions in the delivery schedule. Originally signed in 2010, the adjustment reflects supply chain challenges and the integration of advanced systems in the Tejas Mk1A, which includes significant technological upgrades like AESA radar and BVR missile capability. While no aircraft have been delivered yet, the recent delivery of F404-IN20 engines from GE Aerospace is expected to expedite production. HAL's strong financial

performance indicates its resilience, and with this contract amendment, there is optimism about meeting the Indian Air Force's modernization needs amidst ongoing delays. The Tejas program aims to enhance indigenous manufacturing and strengthen India's defense capabilities, making its success crucial for national security.

BEL's Stock Soars 2% After ₹1,385 Cr IAF Orders SHARE

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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna PSU, secured orders worth Rs. 1,385 crore from the Indian Air Force, leading to a 2% jump in its stock price. With this, BEL's total order book for the financial year has reached Rs. 18,415 crore, contributing to a strong financial performance with a 38.66% revenue increase in Q3 FY25. The company anticipates further growth, targeting total orders of Rs. 25,000 crore for FY25 and has positive projections for future contracts, including the QRSAM project. This momentum highlights BEL's pivotal role in enhancing India's defense capabilities and underscores the growing demand for advanced defense technologies.

Zen Technologies' shares soar 4% on Rs 152 crore MoD order for advanced simulator. SHARE

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Zen Technologies' shares rose over 4% following the announcement of a Rs 152 crore order from the Ministry of Defence for an Integrated Air Defence Combat Simulator (IADCS) for the L70 Gun. This advanced simulator is designed to enhance air defence training through hyper-realistic virtual environments, underscoring India's commitment to technological self-reliance in defense. Zen's development of this simulator under the Make II category exemplifies its dedication to indigenous solutions, which may attract interest from other nations operating similar legacy systems. With a remarkable 651% increase in share value over three years, Zen Technologies is positioning itself as a leader in virtual defense training systems, bolstering national strategic capabilities.

Indian Army Boosts Defense with Indigenous Surveillance Systems SHARE

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The Indian Army has significantly enhanced its defense capabilities by inducting indigenous surveillance systems, including precision targeting software 'LAKSHYA-PT' developed in collaboration with ADRIN,

and an Integrated Air Defence Combat Simulator from Zen Technologies. These initiatives align with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense. Additionally, the first tranche of the indigenous Battlefield Surveillance System 'Project Sanjay' has been delivered for field formations, with further systems expected by October. This progress reflects the Indian government's emphasis on public-private partnerships to strengthen national security and advance indigenous manufacturing in defense technology.

Centre Approves 7 Infrastructure Projects on Defence Land in Telangana



28-Mar-25

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has granted working permissions for seven out of thirteen infrastructure projects on defence land in Telangana, aimed at enhancing critical infrastructure in the Greater Hyderabad area. This decision follows requests from the Telangana government and was confirmed by Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth in Lok Sabha. The approval process reflects collaboration between state and central authorities, highlighting a proactive approach to regional development through defense land utilization. This strategic move not only aids local infrastructure but also strengthens the relationship between the central government and Telangana, showcasing the importance of defense lands in supporting broader developmental goals.

BEML Launches Indigenous HMV 1212, Strengthening India's Defense Mobility



28-Mar-25

BEML Limited has launched its indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicle (HMV) 1212 at its Palakkad complex, a significant advancement in India's defense mobility and self-reliance. Developed in collaboration with the Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), this robust all-terrain vehicle, with a Gross Vehicle Weight of 65 tons and features like a centralized tyre inflation system, is engineered to operate in extreme conditions, vital for military operations. The HMV 1212 reflects BEML's commitment to the Make in India initiative, bolstering India's defense capabilities while reducing reliance on foreign technology. Both BEML's Chairman and the VRDE Director emphasized the importance of this collaboration, marking it as a milestone in enhancing India's defense infrastructure and contributing to national security objectives.

MoD Engages 50 Start-ups to Boost Defence Innovation Efforts



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Senior officials from the Indian Ministry of Defence recently held brainstorming sessions with over 50 start-ups and MSMEs at South Block, New Delhi, to address challenges and identify opportunities in defense innovation. The discussions focused on critical technology domains including Space, Quantum, Electronic Warfare, Drones, AI, and Cyber Security, aiming to enhance both civil and defense applications. Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar emphasized the importance of these insights for refining policies to encourage greater participation from deep tech start-ups. This initiative highlights India's commitment to fostering a robust defense ecosystem by leveraging innovative capabilities from the private sector.

Kalyani Group's Bharat-52 Poised to Lead ₹6,500 Cr Towed Gun Tender



28-Mar-25

The Indian Army is advancing its procurement of 400 new 155mm/52 caliber Towed Gun Systems (TGS), valued at approximately 6,500 crore, under the Field Artillery Rationalisation Plan. Kalyani Group's Bharat-52 is emerging as a frontrunner due to its lower estimated cost of 11-12 crore per unit, significantly cheaper than the ATAGS. KSSL's established manufacturing capabilities and existing production infrastructure provide a competitive advantage, allowing for rapid scalability. This cost efficiency may lead to substantial savings for the Ministry of Defence and align with the Army's modernization efforts, positioning the Bharat-52 as a compelling choice against competitors like Tata and L&T.

Parliamentary Committee Calls for R&D Overhaul at HAL for Defense Projects



28-Mar-25

A parliamentary committee has criticized Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for systemic inefficiencies affecting key defense projects such as the Tejas fighter jets and Dhruv helicopters, emphasizing the urgent need for a proactive R&D strategy. HAL's delays and missed opportunities undermine India's defense capabilities, with the Chief of Air Staff highlighting the IAF's critical need for new aircraft. The committee recommended stronger project planning, risk assessment, and financial oversight to enhance HAL's position in global defense manufacturing. Overall, the

success of India's defense modernization hinges on HAL's ability to integrate innovation with effective management, which is vital for national security and India's ambitions in the aerospace sector.

IAF Leases Airbus A330 MRTT to Boost Refueling Amid Il-78 Issues SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has secured approval from the Ministry of Defence to lease an Airbus A330 MRTT for three years to enhance its aerial refuelling capabilities amid serviceability issues with its ageing Ilyushin Il-78 fleet. This lease addresses immediate operational needs and facilitates personnel training while the IAF aims to acquire six A330 MRTTs in the future, despite past procurement delays due to costs. The A330 MRTT, offering superior performance and compatibility with the Rafale jets, is expected to significantly improve operational capacity along the Line of Actual Control and in the Indian Ocean Region. This initiative demonstrates a strategic move towards modernizing the IAF's capabilities efficiently.

IAF to Modernize Su-30 MKI Fleet with Indigenous Upgrades by 2026 SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) plans a significant modernization of its Sukhoi-30 MKI fleet starting in 2025-26, focusing on integrating indigenous avionics, advanced weapon systems, and electronic warfare capabilities. This initiative, outlined in a parliamentary report, seeks to enhance the aircraft's combat effectiveness, ensure self-sufficiency in defense technologies, and improve operational readiness. The upgrades will include state-of-the-art avionics, enhanced radar systems like the DRDO's 'Virupaksha' AESA radar, and advanced munitions such as the extended-range 'Astra' Mk-2 and Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon. This comprehensive program is crucial for maintaining India's air superiority amidst evolving threats on its borders.

Nabhdrishti Aerospace Secures \$3M for Innovative Gas Turbines SHARE

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Bengaluru-based Nabhdrishti Aerospace has raised \$3 million in seed funding to develop innovative fuel-flexible gas turbines, addressing India's reliance on imported propulsion systems. The company, founded by veterans from GE, Rolls-Royce, and DRDO-GTRE, focuses on dual-use technology for UAVs and industrial applications with its ND2000 and ND400 engines. By

incorporating advanced design and sustainable fuel options, Nabhdrishti aims to lead in aerospace innovation while contributing to decarbonization efforts. Their strategic approach includes immediate revenue generation opportunities and a plan to expand their team, ensuring robust growth aligned with India's defense and energy ambitions.

Dynatomic and NAL Collaborate on RTA-90 Turboprop Project SHARE

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Dynatomic Technologies Limited has engaged with the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) to discuss the RTA-90 project, a proposed 90-seat turboprop aimed at enhancing regional air connectivity in India. This collaboration highlights a growing synergy between the private sector and public research institutions, positioning India to strengthen its global aviation standing. The RTA-90 aligns with the government's UDAN scheme to improve access to tier-2 and tier-3 cities. With Dynatomic's proven manufacturing capabilities and NAL's expertise, this initiative could fill a critical gap in India's aviation market, fostering indigenous solutions and enhancing the country's aerospace industry.

Indian Navy Welcomes Fourth Indigenous 25T Tug Yuvan SHARE

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The Indian Navy has inducted its fourth 25T Bollard Pull Tug, Yuvan, at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, enhancing its maritime operational capabilities. Built indigenously by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, these tugs are vital for assisting naval ships and submarines during berthing and maneuvering, and they also offer afloat fire-fighting and limited Search and Rescue operations. This induction is a significant step towards achieving the Government of India's Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, showcasing the growing self-reliance and modernization of India's defense forces. The focus on indigenous construction strengthens national security and boosts the domestic defense industry.

DRDO Unveils K-5 SLBM, Boosting India's Underwater Defense Capabilities SHARE

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The DRDO has showcased key components of the K-5 Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), indicating significant advancements in India's strategic underwater capabilities. With a range of 6,000-8,000 km, the K-5 will enhance India's nuclear triad and

second-strike capability, allowing it to target adversaries, including all of China, from its coastal waters. The missile features a three-stage, solid-fueled design and is set for deployment on the advanced S-4* submarines, which will have a greater missile capacity than previous models. This development underlines India's commitment to strengthening its defense against regional threats and advancing its indigenous defense technology.

DRDO Seeks Local Partners for Indigenous Marine Diesel Engines SHARE

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is advancing India's naval modernization through Project-76, focusing on indigenous diesel-electric submarines. As it seeks Cabinet approval, DRDO aims for 90-95% indigenous content, necessitating local marine diesel engine development in collaboration with domestic partners. However, the lack of prior expertise in high-performance marine engines presents a challenge. To meet tight timelines, the first submarines might initially use imported engines from MTU, a reliable choice for operational readiness. This approach balances immediate needs with long-term goals, reinforcing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities while fostering domestic industry growth.

Indian Navy to Enhance P-8I Fleet with DRDO's NASM-MR Missile SHARE

28-Mar-25

The Indian Navy is set to enhance its maritime strike capabilities by integrating the indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR) into its Boeing P-8I Poseidon fleet, in collaboration with Boeing. This advanced missile, designed by DRDO, offers superior range and precision compared to the existing Harpoon AGM-84D, allowing the Navy to tackle maritime threats more effectively, particularly from the PLA Navy. With a range exceeding 250 kilometers and advanced guidance systems, the NASM-MR aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by reducing reliance on foreign munitions and enhancing the Navy's operational flexibility across diverse platforms, marking a significant step in India's self-reliance in defense capabilities.

BEML Ltd Seeks Global Partners for Next-Gen Combat Vehicle Development SHARE

28-Mar-25

BEML Ltd, a prominent Indian public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, has announced its intention to develop a Future Ready Combat Vehicle (AFV-FRCV) for the Indian Army, seeking global partners for a License and Technology Collaboration Agreement. This initiative aligns with India's Make in India initiative and aims to replace the aging T-72 fleet with a versatile, modular combat vehicle featuring modern armor, enhanced mobility, and advanced technologies. The project not only enhances India's indigenous defense capabilities but also positions BEML as a significant player in the global defense market, with potential for future exports, thereby reducing dependence on foreign military imports amid regional tensions.

GE Delivers First F404-IN20 Engine to HAL, Highlights Order Gaps SHARE

28-Mar-25

On March 25, 2025, GE Aerospace delivered the first F404-IN20 engine to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for India's Tejas Mk1A program, marking a significant step in its long-standing partnership with HAL. However, GE highlighted a five-year gap in orders that led to production delays and operational issues for the Indian Air Force (IAF), which is grappling with a shortfall in squadron strength. The delays have been attributed to procurement processes and global supply chain disruptions during the pandemic. Despite these challenges, GE aims to deliver 12 engines by December 2025, and HAL is prepared to meet the IAF's demands once engine supplies stabilize.

China's J-20 Stealth Claims Ignite Heated Social Media Debate SHARE

28-Mar-25

Recent close-up images of China's J-20 stealth fighter have sparked intense debate on social media, with critics questioning its stealth capabilities due to visible rivets and seams that could reflect radar waves. Supporters argue these features might be mitigated before missions, drawing parallels to the U.S. F-117's use of radar-absorbent material. The discussion transcends technical scrutiny, reflecting a wider geopolitical narrative where the J-20 is seen as a symbol of Chinese military ambition challenging U.S. dominance. Ultimately, while the J-20 represents China's aspirations in advanced aviation, whether it can

genuinely compete with Western stealth aircraft remains to be seen, especially in combat scenarios.

Commodore Jamgaonkar Takes Charge of Submarine Engineering at Mazagon Dock



28-Mar-25

Commodore Shailesh Jamgaonkar (Retd.) has been appointed as Director (Submarine and Heavy Engineering) at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, following his pivotal role in advancing India's submarine capabilities. His leadership coincides with the commencement of production of India's first indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system for Scorpene-class submarines, enhancing their operational endurance and stealth. With nearly three decades of experience in the Indian Navy's Submarine Arm, Cmde Jamgaonkar will further drive indigenization efforts, reducing foreign dependency in defense manufacturing. His strategic vision is crucial for bolstering India's naval capabilities and achieving self-sufficiency in defense technology amidst evolving regional security dynamics.

DRDO's Indigenous D4 System to Shield Cities from Rogue Drones



28-Mar-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is set to deploy its indigenous D4 anti-drone system, which utilizes advanced multi-sensor technology for detecting and neutralizing drone threats up to 4 km away. The system features AI-powered classification, jamming capabilities, and laser mechanisms, making it adaptable for various terrains. With a successful deployment record and significant participation from over 50 Indian industries, the D4 system exemplifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative. Its strategic placement at critical locations enhances national security against drone-based threats, reflecting India's proactive approach to modern warfare challenges.

Indian Air Force Greenlights Six NETRA MK-1A Radar Systems



28-Mar-25

The Indian Air Force has approved the acquisition of six NETRA MK-1A radar platforms, designed by the DRDO and mounted on Embraer ERJ-145 jets, enhancing India's air surveillance capabilities. Featuring advanced AESA radar and electronic warfare suites, the MK-1A builds on the success of existing systems operational

since 2017. This acquisition is part of a broader strategy to bolster defense capabilities in response to military developments from Pakistan and China. Additionally, the DRDO is developing the larger Netra MK-2 platform based on Airbus A321 aircraft, which promises extended radar coverage, further strengthening India's aerial defense infrastructure.

Varunastra Torpedo: Strengthening India's Underwater Warfare



28-Mar-25

The Indian Navy's induction of the Varunastra torpedo, designed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory and manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited, marks a significant advancement in India's underwater warfare capabilities. With 95% indigenous content, the 1,500 kg torpedo features a state-of-the-art guidance system and can target stealth submarines effectively. Its successful live warhead tests validate its operational readiness, enhancing India's maritime security and demonstrating self-reliance in defense technology. By replacing older systems like the American Mark 46, Varunastra not only strengthens combat readiness but also boosts the potential for defense exports, aligning with India's "Atmanirbharata" initiative.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Indian and Russian Navies to Launch 14th INDRA Maritime Exercise



28-Mar-25

The 14th edition of the Indian-Russian bilateral naval exercise INDRA is scheduled to take place off Chennai from March 28 to April 2, 2025, emphasizing the enduring maritime partnership between the two nations. This year's exercise will include a Harbour Phase with various interactive activities and a Sea Phase featuring advanced naval drills such as live weapon firings and tactical maneuvers. Both countries' officials have highlighted the importance of these exercises in enhancing naval interoperability and promoting regional stability, while underscoring the mutual respect and friendship that define their strategic partnership. The INDRA exercise is not aimed at showcasing military might but rather at fostering cooperation and capacity building between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy, reinforcing their commitment to maintaining peace in the world's oceans.

Indian Army Boosts Global Influence Through Military Diplomacy SHARE

28-Mar-25

The Indian Army's military diplomacy significantly enhances India's global strategic influence through participation in numerous joint exercises and humanitarian efforts. Engaging in 39 bilateral and multilateral exercises—including Yudh Abhyas with the US and Shakti with France—strengthens defense cooperation and operational readiness. Furthermore, India's commitment to UN peacekeeping, with around 5,000 troops currently deployed, underscores its role as a responsible global actor. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief initiatives further illustrate India's dedication to regional stability, demonstrating its reliability in crisis situations while fostering goodwill and diplomatic ties worldwide.

CDS: Warfare Evolving Beyond Traditional Boundaries SHARE

28-Mar-25

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan emphasized that the nature of warfare has evolved, now extending beyond traditional domains due to advanced technologies and hybrid threats. He highlighted the importance of rapid production capabilities for India as it shifts from arms imports to indigenisation, particularly in the face of China's military modernization and internal corruption. Gen Chauhan also noted the complexities of modern conflicts, citing the unique technological warfare seen in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the diverse array of actors involved in contemporary battles, including non-state entities. Overall, he underscores the need for courage and robust training to navigate this broadening battlefield effectively.

Russian FM Lauds India's 'World as Family' Vision in Bilateral Talks SHARE

28-Mar-25

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov emphasized the deepening strategic partnership between India and Russia during a recent conference, highlighting shared principles such as India's Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which promotes global family unity. He praised Prime Minister Modi's balanced stance on the Ukraine conflict and noted that bilateral trade has reached a record USD 60 billion. Lavrov reiterated the two nations' commitment to a multipolar world and the importance of the Global South, advocating for the democratisation of international relations. The discussions aimed to outline future cooperation amidst evolving geopolitical

dynamics, showcasing the enduring history and mutual respect that characterize India-Russia relations.

Pakistan Rejects Claims of Chinese Military Presence Amid Tensions SHARE

28-Mar-25

Pakistan has denied reports regarding the deployment of Chinese military forces within its borders, asserting that such claims are false and that it is committed to securing Chinese personnel following recent terrorist attacks. The Foreign Office criticized a UN expert's statement about Balochistan for lacking balance and failing to acknowledge civilian casualties from terrorist activities. Additionally, Pakistan condemned U.S. export restrictions as politically motivated, which it claims hinder technological access for development. The spokesperson emphasized ongoing diplomatic interactions with Afghanistan and reaffirmed regulations restricting travel to Israel for Pakistani passport holders. This situation highlights Pakistan's delicate geopolitical balancing act with both China and the West.

China and India Seek Fair Resolution for Boundary Dispute SHARE

28-Mar-25

Recent discussions between India and China indicate a positive shift in bilateral relations, with the Chinese military expressing willingness to work towards a fair solution to the longstanding boundary issue. The metaphor of a "dance between the dragon and elephant" reflects the desire for mutual cooperation, following a period of tension that began to ease with the disengagement agreement in eastern Ladakh and subsequent high-level meetings between leaders of both nations. The Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination (WMCC) on Border Affairs has facilitated talks aimed at effective border management, resuming cross-border cooperation, and promoting people-to-people exchanges, including the Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra. This diplomatic engagement highlights both countries' commitment to dialogue over discord and the potential for a more stable and predictable relationship moving forward.

Jaishankar: India's Concerns on Pakistan's Treatment of Minorities SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed the Lok Sabha, emphasizing India's concern over the treatment of minorities in Pakistan and Bangladesh, highlighting multiple incidents of atrocities against

Hindus, Sikhs, Ahmadis, and Christians. He noted ten documented cases of violence against Hindus in February 2025, alongside attacks on the Sikh community, underscoring a persistent pattern of human rights abuses as state policy in Pakistan. Jaishankar reiterated that while India actively raises these issues on international platforms, the deeply ingrained "fanatical and bigoted mindset" of Pakistan cannot be altered by external pressures. This stance reflects India's commitment to monitoring minority welfare beyond its borders, reinforcing its diplomatic position against human rights violations.

Putin proposes transitional rule in Ukraine amid peace talks.



28-Mar-25

Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed a "transitional administration" in Ukraine to facilitate democratic elections and negotiations for peace, while expressing a wish to "finish off" Ukrainian troops. His comments, made during heightened tensions as U.S. President Donald Trump seeks to broker a ceasefire, reflect a Kremlin strategy aiming to install a more Moscow-friendly regime in Kyiv. However, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has dismissed questions regarding his legitimacy and emphasized that elections cannot be held under martial law. With ongoing military engagements and Putin's insistence on maintaining the offensive, the situation remains precarious, as Ukraine seeks to solidify international support against any unfavorable peace terms that could arise from potential U.S.-Russia negotiations. This underscores the critical importance of maintaining Ukraine's sovereignty and the need for continued support from allies in the face of Russian aggression.

Amit Shah accuses TMC of obstructing border fencing, citing security risks.



28-Mar-25

Union Home Minister Amit Shah criticized the Trinamool Congress for hindering the completion of a 450 km border fencing project with Bangladesh, claiming that illegal infiltration by Bangladeshis and Rohingyas is facilitated by the state government. He emphasized the need for stringent immigration controls linked to national security and highlighted the passage of the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, aimed at monitoring foreigners entering India. Shah underscored that India welcomes those seeking to contribute positively to the country while asserting that those posing security threats will face strict action. The

government's stance reflects a commitment to safeguarding national integrity amid rising immigration concerns.

US Enhances Military Presence in Indo-Pacific to Counter China



28-Mar-25

The US is enhancing its military presence in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in the Philippines, as tensions rise with China over the South China Sea. US Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth emphasized the need for deterrence, highlighting meetings with regional allies to strengthen partnerships. His visit underscores a commitment to countering China's assertiveness and maintaining stability in the region. Furthermore, recent apprehensions of individuals suspected of espionage near Subic Bay reflect increasing security concerns, showcasing the strategic importance of US-Philippine cooperation amid growing geopolitical challenges. This proactive stance indicates a robust bilateral defense strategy, aligning with India's own interests in regional security dynamics.

Russia warns it may resume strikes on Ukraine's energy if moratorium ignored.



28-Mar-25

Russia has stated that it retains the right to resume attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure if Kyiv does not adhere to a moratorium. This assertion underscores the ongoing tensions between the two nations, particularly regarding Ukraine's compliance with ceasefire agreements. The potential resumption of strikes could exacerbate the already critical humanitarian situation in Ukraine, impacting civilian infrastructure and energy supplies. Russia's stance reflects its broader strategy of leveraging military pressure to influence Ukraine's political decisions, reinforcing the need for sustained international diplomatic efforts to address the conflict and stabilize the region.

JD Vance and Wife to Visit Greenland Military Base Amid Tensions



28-Mar-25

US Vice President JD Vance and his wife will visit the US military base in Greenland, a trip curtailed following backlash from Greenland and Denmark regarding prior uninvited plans. The visit underscores tensions stemming from Donald Trump's controversial comments about US control over Greenland, which has strategic value amid increasing interest from China and

Russia. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen emphasized that Greenland belongs to its people, reflecting local sentiments against perceived American overreach. Critics of Trump plan protests against US influence, illustrating the delicate balance in US-Nordic relations and the importance of diplomatic sensitivity.

Israel Launches Airstrikes on Beirut, Escalating Tensions Again SHARE

28-Mar-25

Israel has launched airstrikes on Beirut for the first time since a ceasefire with Hezbollah, citing retaliatory actions against rocket attacks from Lebanon into northern Israel. The strikes have escalated tensions, with Lebanon closing schools and residents fleeing affected areas. Israeli officials claim their military operations target Hezbollah, while the group denies involvement in the rocket fire. The situation is critical, following a recent surge in violence after the Hamas attack on October 7, which has significantly impacted both Gaza and Israel. This escalation underscores the complexity of the regional conflict, where retaliatory cycles continue to exacerbate humanitarian crises and political instability.

Military Operations

Indian Army Executes High-Intensity Multi-Domain Exercise Near China Border SHARE

28-Mar-25

The Indian Army, alongside the Indian Air Force and other services, executed a high-intensity integrated multi-domain warfare exercise, Ex Prachand Prahaar, in Arunachal Pradesh. This drill, held from March 25 to 27, focused on enhancing joint operational capabilities in high-altitude scenarios and integrated advanced technologies like UAVs, loitering munitions, and space-based assets for coordinated strikes. Key military leaders commended the professionalism displayed during the exercise, which builds on previous training initiatives, thereby reinforcing India's preparedness to address emerging threats in a complex security environment, particularly along the India-China border.

India NOTAMs Missile Test in Andaman & Nicobar, Likely BrahMos-A SHARE

28-Mar-25

India has issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for a missile firing exercise in the strategically important

Andaman and Nicobar Islands, likely indicating a test of the BrahMos-A air-launched supersonic cruise missile. Scheduled from April 4 to April 10, 2025, the 465-kilometer range aligns with the BrahMos-A's capabilities, especially after its range extension following India's entry into the Missile Technology Control Regime in 2016. This test aims to validate the missile's readiness for operational deployment from modified Su-30 MKI jets, underscoring India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities in a key maritime region.

CRPF Thwarts Maoist Plot by Neutralizing 45 kg IED in Chhattisgarh SHARE

28-Mar-25

In a significant operation, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) successfully neutralized a 45 kg IED planted by Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, preventing a potential disaster. This action reflects the forces' heightened vigilance and commitment to the ongoing anti-Naxal drive, aiming for a Naxal-free India by 2026. Recently, security forces have intensified operations, eliminating 30 Maoists in encounters, though at the cost of one soldier's life and injuries to others. The successful defusal of the IED and previous incidents underscore the critical need for continued vigilance and operational efficiency in countering Maoist threats to ensure the safety of security personnel and civilians alike.

Putin Unveils Hypersonic Missile-Equipped Submarine, Elevating Naval Power SHARE

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President Vladimir Putin has launched the nuclear-powered submarine Perm, notable for being the first in Russia's fleet to standardly carry hypersonic Zircon missiles, which have a range of 900 km and are extremely difficult to intercept. This development marks a significant enhancement of Russia's naval capabilities, particularly in the context of hypersonic technology. As India continues to bolster its own defense initiatives and enhance maritime security, the emergence of such advanced military assets by potential adversaries underscores the need for India to invest in cutting-edge technologies and strengthen its naval fleet to maintain regional stability and counterbalance threats effectively.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Fierce Gunfight in Kathua: Three Terrorists and Cops Killed SHARE

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In Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, a fierce gunfight led to the deaths of three terrorists and several police personnel, including a deputy superintendent of police, during ongoing anti-terrorism operations against infiltrators believed to be affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad. The encounter commenced amid intensified security efforts, including joint operations by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Indian Army's Rising Star Corps, and CRPF, utilizing advanced surveillance technology. Despite the casualties, the resilience of the security forces was evident, with local youth assisting them in the operations. The Indian Army praised the valor of the fallen policemen, underscoring the ongoing commitment to counter-terrorism in the region, which remains a focal point of security strategy for India. This incident highlights the persistent threat of terrorism and the necessity for robust defense measures in Jammu and Kashmir.

Two More Hurriyat Groups Reject Separatism, Embrace Unity SHARE

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that separatism is declining in Jammu and Kashmir as two more groups affiliated with the Hurriyat, J&K Tahreeqi Isteqlal and J&K Tahreek-I-Istiqamat, have renounced separatism and embraced the vision of a united India under Prime Minister Modi. This follows similar announcements from the JK Peoples Movement and Democratic Political Movement earlier, signaling a significant shift in the political landscape of Kashmir. The abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A in 2019 has contributed to the weakening of separatist sentiments, showcasing the Indian government's commitment to national integration and unity in the region.

Security forces in Manipur arrest five militants amid ongoing violence. SHARE

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Security forces in Manipur have arrested five militants linked to valley-based outfits, including the People's Liberation Army and PREPAK (Pro), amid ongoing ethnic violence that has claimed at least 258 lives since May 2023. The arrests occurred in Imphal West and

East, with the militants reportedly involved in extortion activities. The situation has led to President's rule in Manipur, displacing over 60,000 individuals. This crackdown on militant activities underscores the Indian government's commitment to restoring order and security in the region, highlighting the necessity of addressing both militant threats and the underlying ethnic tensions to ensure lasting peace.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

India Strengthens Cybersecurity with New Legal and Technical Measures SHARE

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India's Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced comprehensive measures to combat the rising threat of cyberattacks, highlighting the nation's improved global cybersecurity ranking, now in the top 10. The government has enacted the Digital Personal Data Protection Act and formed the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) to enhance coordination in tackling cybercrimes. Furthermore, the National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC) plays a pivotal role in threat detection and mitigation. Despite an increase in reported cybersecurity incidents, these initiatives demonstrate India's proactive approach to safeguarding its digital infrastructure, ensuring a robust defense against evolving cyber threats.

Cyber Advisory Warns of AI App Vulnerabilities and Risks SHARE

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India's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a cautionary advisory regarding the vulnerabilities in Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications, highlighting risks such as data poisoning, adversarial attacks, and malware threats from fake apps. As AI technology proliferates, the advisory urges users to practice diligence, recommending the use of anonymous accounts to protect personal information and avoid reliance on AI for critical decisions. The advisory emphasizes that inaccuracies in AI outputs can result from flawed data and malicious interventions, stressing the importance of safeguarding against potential cybersecurity threats while utilizing AI tools in various sectors. This awareness is crucial as India embraces AI innovation.

Sebi extends cybersecurity compliance deadline to June 30. SHARE

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the compliance deadline for its Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) by three months, now set for June 30. This decision, made in response to requests from market participants, emphasizes the importance of cybersecurity in protecting investors and maintaining market integrity. While most regulated entities benefit from the extension, certain institutions like market infrastructure institutions and KYC registration agencies must adhere to the original deadline of March 30. The framework aims to bolster defenses against cyber threats, requiring robust governance, regular audits, and effective incident response measures from all market participants.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

General Dwivedi urges Army transformation at CDM graduation. SHARE

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Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi delivered a valedictory address at the College of Defence Management, emphasizing the need for the Indian Army to transition from a process-driven to an outcome-driven approach. He outlined five pillars of transformation: technology absorption, structural changes, human resource development, and increased cohesion among the three services, aimed at creating a future-ready combat force. General Dwivedi called for a mobile and agile army capable of addressing complex national security challenges and highlighted the importance of strategic foresight, adaptability, and the principles of truth, trust, and transparency among the graduating officers. The event marked the completion of the Higher Defence Management Course by 167 officers, including those from allied nations, reflecting India's commitment to enhancing its military leadership and strategic capabilities.

Indian Army Opens Agniveer Recruitment for 2025 SHARE

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The Indian Army has opened registrations for the Agniveer Bharti 2025 under the Agnipath scheme, aiming to recruit young talents for various roles such as

Agniveer Technical, General Duty, and more. Applications are open from March 12 to April 10, 2025, with a selection process that includes a written examination and physical tests. Eligible candidates must be between 17.5 to 21 years of age and meet specific educational requirements. This initiative not only strengthens the Army's manpower but also provides youth with valuable skills and employment opportunities, enhancing national security and fostering a robust defense force.

Court Clears IAF Officer of Rape Charges, Citing Consensual Relationship SHARE

28-Mar-25

Delhi's Patiala House Court acquitted an Indian Air Force officer, Pramod Kumar, of rape charges, emphasizing the consensual nature of his relationship with the woman involved. The court found that the allegations lacked credibility, noting their ongoing intimate communications and activities that contradicted claims of rape. Additionally, inconsistencies in the woman's testimony raised doubts about the prosecution's case. The judge remarked that the relationship was rooted in mutual affection, and the charges appeared to stem from familial disagreements over marriage rather than any proven wrongdoing. This case underscores the importance of substantiated evidence in legal proceedings, particularly in sensitive matters involving personal relationships.

Proactive Safety Measures Essential for Military Air Operations SHARE

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Air Marshal S Shrinivas, Commandant of the Air Force Academy (AFA), emphasized the importance of learning from past incidents to enhance operational safety during a graduation ceremony at the Air Traffic Control Officers Training Establishment (ATCOTE) in Hyderabad. The event celebrated the successful completion of crucial courses for military air traffic controllers, which now face increased responsibilities due to the integration of military and civilian airspace. He underscored the significance of expertise in air traffic management, as effective decision-making is vital for safe operations amidst rising civil aircraft traffic in restricted airspace controlled by the Indian Air Force. This proactive approach is essential for ensuring the safety and efficiency of military operations in an evolving aviation landscape.

MoD Reports 704 BRO Personnel Fatalities Over Five Years [SHARE](#)

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The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) reported 704 fatalities among its personnel and 575 casual paid labourers over the past five years, with 2021 being the most deadly year. The BRO, crucial for developing India's border infrastructure, has undertaken significant high-altitude projects like the Umling La Top Road. In response to safety concerns, the Ministry of Defence has implemented assessments and enhanced protocols, including medical support and safety measures like protective gear and facilities. These efforts underline India's commitment to ensuring the safety and efficiency of its border infrastructure projects, especially in challenging terrains.

Boosting Jobs and Benefits for Ex-Servicemen in India [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Government is actively enhancing employment opportunities and pension schemes for ex-servicemen, notably through the One Rank One Pension (OROP) initiative. There are various employment schemes and skill development courses facilitating job placements in government and private sectors, alongside specific reservations in job vacancies, particularly for the disabled and families of fallen soldiers. Notably, 14.5% of Group C and 24.5% of Group D vacancies in Central Public Sector Undertakings are reserved for ex-servicemen. The government is committed to addressing the needs of this demographic, ensuring they receive due benefits and recognition for their service to the nation, thus fostering their reintegration into civilian life.

Miscellaneous

Punjab Police SIT to be led by ADGP Rai after Colonel's assault [SHARE](#)

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The Punjab government appointed ADGP Amardeep Singh Rai to lead the SIT investigating the assault on Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath and his son by 12 Punjab Police personnel over a parking dispute. The Punjab and Haryana High Court expressed concern over delays in filing the FIR and questioned the lack of arrests, emphasizing the need for a thorough investigation to restore trust in the police. Colonel Bath, currently recuperating, has sought a CBI probe, citing

dissatisfaction with the local police's handling of the case, including procedural inefficiencies and potential biases. The court's insistence on accountability reflects broader concerns about law enforcement's integrity, particularly in sensitive cases involving military personnel and police officers, underlining the need for an independent investigation to ensure justice.

High Court Criticizes Punjab for Delayed Arrest of Assaulting Cops [SHARE](#)

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court criticized the Punjab Government for the delay in arresting police personnel accused of assaulting Army Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath. The incident occurred on March 13, with allegations of negligence by local police in registering an FIR and initially filing a bogus report. The court expressed concern over the lack of timely action and the perceived conflict of interest, leading the Colonel to request a transfer of the investigation to a Central Agency. Despite the state's efforts to initiate departmental proceedings and form a special investigation team, the court's dissatisfaction highlights the need for accountability and swift justice in cases involving military personnel to maintain trust in law enforcement.

SGPC slams Amit Shah's remarks, demands Sikh quota in Army [SHARE](#)

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The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) condemned Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks, labeling them as anti-Sikh and divisive. They demanded the central government show respect for Sikh sentiments and proposed a special quota for Sikhs in the Indian Armed Forces, emphasizing their historical contributions and valor. Additionally, the SGPC criticized governmental treatment of farmers and called for action against those fostering an atmosphere of hate towards Sikhs. The resolution reflects a desire for enhanced representation in the military and acknowledges the community's sacrifices while advocating for the preservation of its identity and rights within India's pluralistic society.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Launches Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur [SHARE](#)

28-Mar-25

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival, at IIT Kanpur, emphasizing the need for modernization in the Indian

Armed Forces. He addressed the importance of technological advancements in Cyber, AI, Quantum, and Cognitive domains, encouraging young scholars and NCC Cadets to pursue careers in defense and technology. The event featured a dedicated Defence Expo, Rakshakriti, showcasing cutting-edge technologies and fostering collaboration between academia and the defense industry. This initiative not only aims to strengthen national security but also seeks to reduce import dependence, illustrating India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities.

India Deports 636 Nationals from the US Since January 2025



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Since January 2025, the Indian government has facilitated the deportation of 636 Indian nationals from the US, with varying modes of travel including chartered and commercial flights. This proactive measure aligns with international norms, ensuring the repatriation of nationals living illegally abroad. The government is also verifying the details of an additional 295 individuals pending deportation. Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh emphasized India's commitment to negotiating secure mobility frameworks while combating illegal immigration and human trafficking, underscoring the government's support for returnees as part of its broader strategy to manage overseas Indian populations effectively.

ISRO Advances Reusable Launch Vehicle Tech for Future Missions



28-Mar-25

ISRO is advancing India's reusable launch vehicle technology with successful tests of the Orbital Re-entry Vehicle and plans for a Next Generation Launch Vehicle featuring a recoverable first stage. The government supports private sector involvement in space through the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center, aiming for an Indian moon landing by 2040. Emphasizing AI applications for mission operations and space debris mitigation, India is committed to sustainable space practices as part of its national space policy. These developments reflect a significant push towards enhancing India's space capabilities and fostering innovation in the defense and space sector.

Indians Mock Pakistan's Suparco Eid Prediction, Highlighting Space Rivalry



28-Mar-25

In a comedic turn of events, Pakistan's Suparco has hilariously defied expectations by moonlighting as an amateur astrologer instead of a serious space agency, boldly predicting that Eidul Fitr might fall on March 31 - a forecast that sent Indian social media into fits of laughter as it starkly contrasted with the global triumphs of the Indian Space Research Organisation, which is busy orchestrating lunar and Martian missions; this absurd detour into festival forecasting has not only highlighted the gaping technological and cultural chasm between the two nations but also spurred debates over whether Suparco is more suited to be a cosmic calendar consultant rather than a bona fide space exploration agency, making this escapade a peculiar and unforgettable footnote in their limited (non)achievements.

AFSPA Lifted in Dibrugarh, Signaling Stability and Development



28-Mar-25

The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has been withdrawn from Assam's Dibrugarh district, leaving it only in effect in Tinsukia, Sivasagar, and Charaideo. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma indicated that this decision aligns with plans to develop Dibrugarh as the state's second capital, reflecting a positive shift towards normalcy and stability in the region. The AFSPA, in place since 1990 due to violence from ULFA, has seen a gradual withdrawal under Sarma's leadership, suggesting a commitment to enhancing security while fostering development. This development signals a hopeful trend towards peace and improved governance in Assam.

Modi and Belgium's King Philippe Discuss Strengthening Ties



28-Mar-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi engaged in a conversation with Belgium's King Philippe to discuss strengthening bilateral relations, particularly in trade, investment, and collaboration in sectors like defense and technology. Modi expressed appreciation for the recent Belgian Economic Mission to India led by Princess Astrid, which aims to enhance economic ties. The timing of this dialogue coincides with the Belgian government's scrutiny of fugitive Indian businessman Mehul Choksi, underscoring the political sensitivity surrounding the issue. This proactive diplomatic

engagement highlights India's efforts to solidify international partnerships and showcases the importance of defense collaborations as part of broader economic strategies.

India Blocks Russian Oil Tanker Over Documentation Issues SHARE

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Indian port authorities have denied entry to the Tanzanian-flagged oil tanker Andaman Skies, which was carrying Russian crude, due to inadequate documentation related to its seaworthiness certification. This incident highlights India's increasing scrutiny of vessels transporting Russian oil, amidst a backdrop of sanctions affecting Russian shipments. While India remains a significant buyer of Russian crude, importing about 35% of its oil from Russia in 2024, the refusal indicates that compliance with local regulations is being strictly enforced. This move not only reflects India's commitment to adhering to international maritime standards but also signals its strategic navigation of geopolitical dynamics surrounding oil imports amidst sanctions.

ISRO Successfully Tests Satellite Maneuvering with SpaDeX SHARE

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ISRO has successfully conducted a rolling experiment with its SpaDeX satellites, validating its capability in satellite manoeuvring via ground-based systems. This achievement, akin to the Chandrayaan-3 "hop" test, is pivotal for future missions, including Chandrayaan-4 and the Gaganyaan human spaceflight program, enhancing India's prowess in satellite docking and servicing. The mission involved precision manoeuvres between the SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target) satellites, with plans for additional experiments to maximize data collection. This development underscores India's growing capabilities in space technology and positions ISRO as a key player in the global space race, contributing to initiatives like the Indian Space Station and lunar sample return missions.

Kashmir to Get Rail Link to India with New Vande Bharat Service SHARE

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Kashmir is set to receive a significant rail connection to the rest of India with the launch of a special Vande Bharat train between Katra and Srinagar/Baramulla, completing the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project. This initiative includes the construction of the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, and

aims to enhance tourism, trade, and employment in the region. Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate this service, reflecting the government's commitment to modernizing infrastructure in Kashmir and integrating it with the national economic framework, ultimately fostering greater connectivity and development for local communities. This development exemplifies India's strategic focus on improving connectivity in sensitive border areas.

PAC Criticizes Wasteful Spending on GSAT-18 Satellite Project SHARE

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The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has rashly condemned the ₹117 crore spent on the GSAT-18 satellite, fixating on six unused Extended C Band transponders caused by an overlap with GSAT-14. In its narrow view, the PAC overlooks the Department of Space's strategic need to maintain orbit-spectrum occupancy under ITU regulations—which mandate usage within three years to preserve priority. While the department's justification is technically sound, the PAC's persistent focus on short-term financial waste exposes a troubling lack of foresight. Instead of recognizing the broader national interest in securing long-term spectrum rights, the committee's myopic stance unfairly lambastes the project and calls for more "prudent" planning in future ventures involving public funds, even as such measures are vital to mitigating far greater revenue losses.

ISRO Chairman Advocates for Cutting Electronic Imports and Boosting Local Production SHARE

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ISRO Chairman Narayanan has called for reducing electronic imports and enhancing domestic manufacturing during the Nano Electronics Roadshow at IISc-Bangalore. He noted that while 90% of ISRO's launch vehicle components are made in India, 10% are still imported, particularly electronic parts. Highlighting a successful initiative from his past, he revealed that all sensors for critical monitoring were developed indigenously after phasing out imports. He expressed optimism about significantly reducing reliance on foreign electronics in the next 10 to 15 years, emphasizing the pivotal role of nanotechnology in future space missions. This approach reflects India's commitment to strengthening its electronics manufacturing ecosystem and achieving greater self-reliance.

Germany's Coalition Talks, Security Concerns, and Military Tensions



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Recent news from Germany highlights ongoing coalition talks among CDU, CSU, and SPD to form a new government, with key sticking points in taxation and energy policy. Amid security concerns, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser cancelled a planned trip to Syria due to

terrorism threats. Additionally, the German air force successfully escorted a Russian reconnaissance aircraft away from its airspace, underscoring heightened military tensions in the region post-Ukraine invasion. The situation reflects Germany's complex political dynamics and security challenges, emphasizing the need for strong defense measures amidst geopolitical uncertainties.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
NIBE	989.95	1045.4	989.95	1045.4	18949	5.0	53.49	921.64	1662.83
SOLARINDS	10950.0	11285.0	10949.95	11244.0	116147	2.82	79.12	10034.14	10325.6
BEML	3199.8	3367.9	3165.8	3219.55	2298536	2.52	66.52	2668.34	3826.51
LMW	15799.0	16050.0	15705.1	15985.3	1963	2.08	57.88	15465.23	16004.54
AVANTEL	112.0	116.81	111.2	113.26	1404287	1.72	45.74	114.16	-
HBLPOWER	467.0	479.0	463.0	472.5	2168441	1.51	51.44	447.99	570.36
ZENTEC	1483.95	1530.0	1471.05	1478.55	584108	1.47	60.44	1268.94	1690.77
SIKA	640.0	654.0	635.95	639.95	31085	1.11	77.71	524.95	531.1
HIGHENE	505.0	509.75	486.65	502.3	15753	1.06	54.05	472.46	646.46
BHARATFORG	1174.45	1181.55	1154.0	1169.15	2164434	0.86	57.83	1107.52	1402.93
IDEAFORGE	350.0	365.85	345.0	346.25	543798	0.7	39.65	356.05	613.86
HAL	4198.1	4294.0	4161.35	4177.45	3295702	0.4	70.64	3632.48	4371.58
BEL	304.0	306.58	299.07	301.32	20850848	0.22	68.09	282.56	291.03
DCXINDIA	231.0	236.75	227.5	229.19	908995	0.2	38.51	234.34	329.94
PTC	164.5	166.7	162.0	163.61	1519074	0.12	67.85	154.7	181.0
KRISHNADEF	673.05	688.0	665.0	678.65	20000	0.12	58.82	595.6	713.46
DATAPAT'TNS	1695.2	1757.8	1678.25	1689.95	617604	0.1	50.63	1607.55	2448.54
BDL	1288.05	1318.95	1275.0	1281.4	1228015	-0.02	61.76	1163.39	1244.38
ASTRAMICRO	674.0	694.5	670.1	672.35	229414	-0.11	53.19	647.66	802.54
LT	3509.9	3514.0	3472.55	3492.3	1348143	-0.27	65.62	3299.67	3555.98
GRSE	1708.0	1745.0	1674.1	1685.7	807872	-0.6	67.32	1463.31	1732.6
APOLLO	124.75	128.2	121.61	122.72	8707808	-0.99	54.72	117.42	110.03
PREMEXPLN	346.0	361.8	333.5	336.65	481895	-1.16	42.3	343.5	520.75
COCHINSHIP	1434.05	1468.0	1401.1	1407.9	1019725	-1.2	54.71	1349.77	1744.77
PARAS	980.0	1000.5	954.55	957.9	202830	-1.65	51.19	932.19	1109.97
MTARTECH	1305.95	1355.0	1275.0	1281.15	273589	-1.7	43.61	1306.88	1675.9
AZAD	1397.0	1422.3	1350.0	1359.65	189612	-1.82	49.13	1334.44	1581.55
MAZDOCK	2724.0	2752.0	2633.7	2643.8	3032671	-1.91	66.51	2410.22	2266.01
TANEJAERO	327.35	327.35	327.35	327.35	7265	-1.99	53.17	305.43	464.1
CFF	430.2	430.2	430.2	430.2	9600	-1.99	41.61	434.47	650.74
ADANIENT	2376.0	2386.95	2293.7	2315.8	1838836	-2.01	54.19	2265.43	2734.25
LOKESHMACH	0.0	163.24	163.24	163.24	8220	-2.05	43.97	152.7	339.29
MARINE	162.99	163.78	155.1	156.99	383443	-2.06	40.61	162.83	224.75
MIDHANI	282.49	287.84	270.0	271.89	556983	-3.26	47.79	268.01	368.78
ROSSELLIND	53.3	56.98	53.3	53.86	36690	-3.58	34.99	58.24	249.32