

Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SOLARINDS	10893.35	10291.7	+5.85%
COCHINSHIP	1579.25	1504.05	+5.0%
BDL	1169.95	1116.75	+4.76%
MARINE	264.8	253.3	+4.54%
LOKESHMACH	359.7	345.4	+4.14%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ROSSELLIND	82.26	95.32	-13.7%
KRISHNADEF	637.0	704.25	-9.55%
TEMBO	709.55	730.7	-2.89%
NIBE	1687.8	1704.9	-1.0%
HIGHENE	588.4	593.7	-0.89%

Defense Business and Industry

Ravi Kota Appointed New Operations Director at HAL to Boost Efficiency



28-Nov-24

Ravi Kota has been appointed as the new Director of Operations at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), bringing over 30 years of experience, particularly in the Tejas fighter jet program. His leadership will focus on enhancing HAL's operational efficiency, addressing challenges related to F-404 engine delays for the Tejas Mk1A program, and promoting indigenous production. Kota's previous successes include securing significant contracts for Tejas aircraft and advancing production capabilities. His strategic vision aims to strengthen HAL's global presence and drive technological advancements, positioning the company to overcome current challenges and reinforce India's defense capabilities in a competitive aerospace landscape. Kota's multifaceted expertise is expected to play a vital role in ensuring the operational readiness of the Indian Air Force's future fighter fleet.

European Consortium Hesitant on Meteor Missile for Indian Fighters



28-Nov-24

The European consortium developing the advanced Meteor missile is hesitant to support its integration on India's Su-30MKI, Tejas Mk1A, and MkII fighters, limiting its use to Rafale jets. This reluctance seems aimed at positioning the Meteor as a unique advantage for European contenders in India's Medium Role Fighter Aircraft tender. The IAF's operational flexibility could be

hampered, prompting a potential acceleration of India's indigenous missile programs, such as the Astra MkIII. As India seeks to enhance its air combat capabilities, the consortium's stance may inadvertently push India towards greater self-reliance in defense technology, aligning with its strategic goals of indigenization.

Russia's New Engine Boosts Su-30MKI Upgrades for India



28-Nov-24

Russia has developed a new-generation engine aimed at enhancing the performance of the Su-30 and Su-35 fighter jets, potentially benefiting India's substantial Su-30MKI fleet. This advanced engine features improved durability with a lifespan of 6,000 flight hours, resilience against environmental hazards, and high-speed performance capabilities without the need for airframe modifications. The Indian Air Force is exploring local upgrade partnerships, aligning with its modernization goals. The engine's plug-and-play compatibility and advanced control systems promise increased efficiency and reduced operational costs, marking a significant opportunity for India to enhance its aerial combat capabilities effectively.

BELM and MDL Partner to Enhance India's Marine Defense Technology



28-Nov-24

BELM Limited and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) have signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on advanced marine technologies, aimed at enhancing the capabilities of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard. This partnership will focus on joint research projects in areas such as advanced marine propulsion systems, lightweight marine structures, unmanned vessels, and the integration of digital technologies and AI. By pooling

resources and expertise, the collaboration is set to accelerate the development of innovative solutions, significantly bolstering India's maritime defense capabilities and supporting the nation's strategic objectives in maritime security.

## Hindustan Shipyard and Toshiba Collaborate on Eco-Friendly Battery Tech SHARE

28-Nov-24

Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) hosted a delegation from Toshiba's Battery Division to explore advanced energy storage solutions for the maritime sector, focusing on Toshiba's Lithium Titanium Oxide (LTO) battery technology. Cmde Girdeep Singh emphasized the importance of innovative technologies under the Make in India initiative, highlighting the potential for this collaboration to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability in shipbuilding. The development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) aligns with India's aim for self-reliance and technological advancement, marking a significant step towards eco-friendly maritime operations. This partnership sets a benchmark for innovation in the Indian defense and maritime industry, reinforcing HSL's commitment to modernization and sustainability.

## Indian Army Welcomes Indigenous "Sabal 20" Logistics Drone SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian Army has received the indigenous "Sabal 20" logistics drone from EndureAir Systems, designed for operations in challenging terrains, capable of carrying payloads up to 20 kilograms. This electric unmanned helicopter boasts features based on variable pitch technology, offering stability and high-altitude performance, making it ideal for long-range deliveries and precision logistics. The delivery aligns with the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives, showcasing India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities. By integrating innovative UAV solutions, the Sabal 20 aims to enhance operational efficiency for the Indian Army and contribute to modernizing its logistics capabilities.

## Indigenous Zorawar Light Tank Arrives in Ladakh for Trials SHARE

28-Nov-24

The indigenously developed Zorawar light tank has arrived in Ladakh for a month-long trial at the Nyoma firing range, following successful internal and firing trials by the DRDO and L&T. Designed for high-altitude

operations, the Zorawar's compact design and mobility make it ideal for challenging terrains, addressing the limitations of traditional tanks. The ongoing user trials will assess its performance under operational conditions, with a plan for limited production of 59 units by 2027, depending on the outcomes. This development significantly enhances the Indian Army's capabilities in mountainous regions, bolstering national defense and operational readiness in strategically vital areas.

## Indian Army Enhances BMP-2 Firepower with New Konkurs Missiles SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian Army is enhancing its firepower by acquiring 200 upgraded Konkurs Missile Complexes for its BMP-2 Infantry Fighting Vehicles, part of its modernization initiative. The new Konkurs-M, a reliable second-generation anti-tank guided missile, boasts improved armor penetration, extended range of over 4 kilometers, and an advanced guidance system, ensuring precise engagement of modern armored threats. This acquisition underscores the Army's commitment to maintaining combat readiness and adaptability in evolving battlefield scenarios, reinforcing its capabilities against contemporary challenges. The integration of the Konkurs system significantly enhances the operational effectiveness of the BMP-2, a vital asset in mechanized infantry operations.

## INS Arihant Successfully Test Fires K-4 SLBM, Boosting Deterrence SHARE

28-Nov-24

The INS Arihant successfully conducted its first operational trial of the K-4 Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), enhancing India's nuclear deterrence capabilities with a range of approximately 3,500 km. This trial follows earlier tests of the K-15 missile and marks a significant step in operationalizing India's SSBN fleet. The development of the K-5 SLBM, with a projected range of over 5,000 km, further indicates India's commitment to refining its nuclear strike capabilities while adhering to a no-first-use policy. This advancement strengthens India's strategic deterrent posture amid regional security challenges, particularly concerning China.

## HAL CMD in Russia to Secure Deal for 240 Su-30MKI Engines SHARE

28-Nov-24

HAL's CMD is in Russia to finalize a contract for the license manufacturing of 240 AL-31FP engines, aiming

to enhance India's indigenous content from 54% to 63% over eight years. This initiative aligns with the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" campaign, promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers. Key benefits include increased operational availability of the IAF's Su-30MKI fleet and job creation in the domestic aerospace sector. However, challenges such as developing local manufacturing capabilities, securing a robust supply chain, and navigating the regulatory landscape may arise in achieving the targeted indigenisation. Overall, this move is crucial for strengthening India's defense preparedness and national security.

## JP Morgan: India's Defense Sector Set for Explosive Growth

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28-Nov-24

A JP Morgan report projects India's defense capital expenditure to soar from \$85 billion over the past five years to \$150 billion in the next five, driving a 12-15% CAGR in sector revenue. Defense exports have reached a record \$2.63 billion, up 32.5% from the previous year, demonstrating substantial growth. The Indian government's push for self-reliance in defense manufacturing is expected to further enhance this trajectory. Attractive entry points in the stock market for key defense firms, coupled with strong EPS growth and high return on equity, highlight the sector's robust financial health and promising investment potential.

## DRDO's AIP System for Kalvari Submarines Faces 2026 Delay

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28-Nov-24

The DRDO's Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) system for the Indian Navy's Kalvari-class submarines is anticipated to miss its 2025 integration target due to delays in ground testing. This AIP technology, which enhances underwater endurance and stealth, is crucial for maintaining competitiveness against adversaries. Although the integration may now shift to 2026, the project represents a significant stride towards self-reliance in India's defense capabilities. Despite the challenges faced, the DRDO's collaboration with private sector partners like L&T underscores India's commitment to advancing its military technology and ensuring that its submarines possess vital operational advantages in modern naval warfare.

## Zen Technologies Patents Advanced T-90 Gunnery Simulator

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28-Nov-24

Zen Technologies has secured an Indian patent for its T-90 Containerized Crew Gunnery Simulator (T90 CGS), marking the company's 20th patent in 2024 and showcasing its commitment to military training innovation. The T90 CGS offers a high-fidelity training experience, replicating the T-90 tank turret with realistic controls and a 3-degree-of-freedom motion platform to simulate battlefield conditions. This simulator emphasizes India's strategy for self-reliance and indigenization in defense, providing a cost-effective training solution that not only benefits the Indian Armed Forces but also holds potential for international markets, thereby enhancing India's position in the global defense industry.

## Russia's Defense Sector Faces Labor Shortage Amid Geopolitical Strain

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28-Nov-24

Russia is facing a significant labor shortage, particularly in its defense sector, intensified by military recruitment and emigration due to the Ukraine conflict. This scarcity is affecting various industries, including construction, agriculture, and IT, leading to rising wages in defense while civilian sectors struggle to attract talent. The situation highlights a critical vulnerability in Russia's ability to sustain its defense capabilities amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions. As the Indian defense sector continues to develop its indigenous capabilities and attract global talent, it may find opportunities to enhance its strategic advantage while Russia's workforce challenges could hinder its military effectiveness in the long term.

## French Navy Welcomes Third Suffren-Class Submarine, Tourville

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28-Nov-24

The French Navy has received its third Suffren-class nuclear attack submarine, the Tourville, from Naval Group, marking significant progress in the Barracuda program which aims to replace the aging Rubis-class submarines. With three of the six planned submarines now delivered, the Tourville recently completed a four-month sea trial and will enhance the operational capabilities of the French fleet. This development reflects France's commitment to modernizing its naval forces through advanced technology and efficient partnerships, positioning itself strategically within global maritime security frameworks. As the French Navy moves to operate more Suffren-class submarines,

it underscores the increasing importance of underwater warfare capabilities among major naval powers.

## Pakistan Targets \$30 Billion in Defense Exports: India Must Adapt SHARE

28-Nov-24

Pakistan aims to generate USD 30 billion in defense exports over the coming years, supported by 82 Memoranda of Understanding signed at the IDEAS 2024 exhibition, which encompass various military products including drones, fighter jets, and radar systems. This significant ambition highlights Pakistan's intent to bolster its defense industry and enhance its position in the global arms market. From an Indian perspective, this development underscores the necessity for India to continually advance its own defense capabilities and self-reliance initiatives, particularly in light of regional security challenges. Strengthening indigenous defense production will be crucial for maintaining strategic stability and safeguarding national interests in the face of Pakistan's growing defense exports.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### India Approves ₹28,229 Crore for Strategic Arunachal Highway SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian government has sanctioned ₹28,229 crore to construct the Arunachal Frontier Highway, which will span nearly 1,700 km and connect remote areas such as Tawang and Vijayanagar. Positioned as close as 20 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the highway aims to enhance military operational capabilities and monitor Chinese activities. With a total project cost nearing ₹40,000 crore, construction is set to be completed by 2027, significantly improving local infrastructure and promoting tourism in approximately 1,683 villages. This initiative reflects India's commitment to strengthening its strategic foothold along the border, countering China's earlier objections to infrastructure development in the region.

### CDS Gen Anil Chauhan: Self-Reliance is Key to Lasting Peace SHARE

28-Nov-24

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan emphasized the importance of self-reliance and indigenous defense capabilities as foundations for enduring peace during the Defence Partnership Days in New Delhi. He highlighted India's progress as the fifth-

largest economy and the need for a robust defense sector, urging unity among stakeholders driven by national interest. Chauhan underscored the necessity of innovative and imaginative approaches in defense reforms, advocating for investment in emerging technologies. The event saw participation from over 200 companies and 100 defense officials, aiming to foster strategic collaborations and showcase advancements in India's defense capabilities. This reflects India's commitment to a self-reliant defense ecosystem in a competitive global landscape.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India-Russia Military Cooperation Meeting Advances Strategic Ties SHARE

28-Nov-24

The fourth meeting of the Working Group on Military Cooperation under the India-Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation concluded successfully in Moscow, advancing the strategic partnership between the two nations. Co-chaired by Indian and Russian military leaders, the meeting emphasized knowledge-sharing and agreed to expand joint exercises, enhancing operational synergy across land, air, and sea domains. Notable exercises like INDRA and INDRA NAVY have strengthened mutual understanding and operational tactics. The forum plays a crucial role in assessing military engagements and identifying new collaborative areas to address evolving security challenges, reaffirming India and Russia's commitment to their Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership established in 2010.

### Iran Backs Lebanon Ceasefire, Claims Right to Retaliate Against Israel SHARE

28-Nov-24

Iran has welcomed the ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, brokered by the U.S. and France, while maintaining its right to retaliate against Israeli airstrikes on its territory. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi suggested that Israel's actions could dictate future tensions, asserting that Hezbollah remains resilient despite Israeli offensives. He emphasized that the group could emerge stronger following these conflicts, highlighting the persistent challenges Israel faces in asserting dominance. Additionally, Iran's rejection of G7 demands to cease support for Russia amid the Ukraine conflict underscores its evolving geopolitical alliances,



particularly with Moscow, which may influence regional stability and security dynamics.

## India and China Make Significant Progress on Border Agreement SHARE

28-Nov-24

China and India's militaries are making notable progress in disengaging troops along the eastern Ladakh border after a prolonged standoff lasting four years. Recent discussions between the defense ministers of both nations resulted in a constructive agreement aimed at de-escalating tensions and enhancing mutual trust. This positive development reflects a commitment from both sides to stabilize the region and prioritize dialogue over confrontation, which is crucial for maintaining peace along the border. India's proactive diplomatic engagement and military preparedness underscore its resolve to assert its interests while ensuring regional stability.

## Putin Threatens Kyiv with New Hypersonic Missile Targeting SHARE

28-Nov-24

Russia is poised to potentially use its new Oreshnik hypersonic missile to target decision-making centres in Kyiv as a response to Ukraine's deployment of Western-made missiles against Russian territory. President Putin asserts that the missile is invulnerable to interception, reflecting escalating tensions marked by recent missile exchanges. Additionally, Russia is ramping up the production of advanced missile systems, highlighting its commitment to strengthening its military capabilities amid geopolitical challenges. This situation underscores the volatile dynamics in Eastern Europe, where advancements in missile technology could alter the strategic landscape and compel neighboring nations, including India, to reassess their defense postures and alliances.

### Military Operations

## Army Chief praises Southern Command's readiness and innovations SHARE

28-Nov-24

Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi visited the Southern Command to review operational preparedness and emphasized the importance of innovation through the Southern Star Idea Innovation Display, showcasing indigenous R&D initiatives in partnership with local industries. He reinforced the Indian Army's commitment

to Atmanirbharta and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, while also presenting the prestigious President's Colours to four Mechanised Infantry battalions for their exemplary service. This recognition highlights the professionalism and versatility of the Mechanised Infantry, which plays a crucial role in various operational theaters and UN Peacekeeping missions, underscoring the Army's continuous evolution and enhancement of capabilities.

## Army Chief General Dwivedi Advocates Adaptive Strategies at Seminar SHARE

28-Nov-24

General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, addressed the 26th Doctrine and Strategy Seminar, emphasizing the need for adaptive military doctrines in light of evolving warfare and technological advancements. He discussed the complexity of modern conflicts, drawing lessons from the Russia-Ukraine war and underscoring the importance of Combined Arms Operations and Civil-Military Integration. The COAS highlighted the critical role of flexible doctrines to counter multi-dimensional threats, promoting technological integration and institutional agility. He advocated for strong leadership and reduced doctrinal rigidity to facilitate rapid decision-making and enhance India's military capabilities in an increasingly hybrid threat landscape.

## Taiwan Boosts Air Defense Ahead of President's U.S. Visit SHARE

28-Nov-24

Taiwan conducted air defense drills to bolster its military readiness ahead of President Lai Ching-te's upcoming U.S. visit, amidst concerns of potential military provocations from China, which claims Taiwan as its territory. The drills involved aircraft, ships, and missile systems and aimed to enhance response measures to evolving threats. China has intensified military activities around Taiwan, including daily incursions and harassment with surveillance balloons. Lai asserts that only the Taiwanese people can determine their future, while Beijing continues to reject dialogue. This situation underscores the geopolitical tensions in the region, highlighting Taiwan's determination to strengthen its defense posture against aggressive maneuvers from China.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Ten Arrested in Major Counter-Terror Operation in Kathua SHARE

28-Nov-24

In a significant counter-terrorism operation in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir, police and CRPF arrested ten individuals suspected of providing support to terrorist organizations like Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The operation involved meticulously planned raids at 17 locations linked to three FIRs regarding recent terror incidents, resulting in the seizure of several electronic devices for further investigation. This crackdown underscores the Indian security forces' commitment to dismantling the financial and logistical networks that sustain terrorism in the region. The success of this operation reflects the ongoing efforts to enhance security and stability in Jammu and Kashmir, demonstrating India's proactive stance in combating terrorism and safeguarding its national interests.

### Maoist commander with Rs 15 lakh bounty killed in Jharkhand feud SHARE

28-Nov-24

A CPI(Maoist) zonal commander, Chotu Kherwar, who had a bounty of Rs 15 lakh, was killed in an internal dispute among Maoists in Jharkhand's Latehar district. The incident occurred in Bhimpal forest, and police have launched an investigation to determine the exact circumstances of his death. Kherwar was wanted in several criminal cases, underscoring the ongoing challenges posed by Maoist factions in the region. This incident illustrates not only the internal strife within such groups but also highlights the effectiveness of law enforcement in monitoring and responding to criminal activities linked to insurgency, reinforcing the broader strategy of combating Maoist violence in India.

### NIA Extradites LeT Operative from Rwanda in Terror Case SHARE

28-Nov-24

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) successfully extradited Salman Rehman Khan, an operative linked to the terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), from Rwanda, marking a significant victory in combating global terrorism. Salman was involved in a Bengaluru prison conspiracy to recruit and radicalize inmates for terror activities and was apprehended following an Interpol Red Notice. This operation exemplifies India's robust

international collaboration in fighting cross-border crime, with the NIA having previously extradited several other terrorists from various countries. The agency's ongoing efforts reflect its commitment to bringing fugitives to justice and dismantling terror networks operating within and beyond India.

### Jammu NSG Hub Launched to Tackle Rising Terror Threats SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Ministry of Home Affairs has established a permanent National Security Guard (NSG) hub in Jammu to address the rising terror threats in the region. This strategic move aims to enhance security and ensure rapid response to potential terrorist incidents, reducing the response time for elite commandos who previously required airlifting from distant locations. Given the recent surge in terror activities across various districts of Jammu, the hub will play a vital role in thwarting threats and safeguarding regional stability, reflecting the Indian government's commitment to security and counter-terrorism efforts. Overall, this initiative underscores the proactive steps being taken to enhance national security in vulnerable areas.

### Clashes in Pakistani town of Kurrams Claim Three More Lives, Toll:76 SHARE

28-Nov-24

Recent violent clashes in the Kurram district have resulted in 76 deaths, with new fatalities stemming from retaliatory attacks following an ambush on a convoy that killed around 40 people. Despite a ceasefire initiated by authorities, fighting has continued, particularly in areas like Ghozaghari and Matasanagar. On Tuesday, three more individuals lost their lives, and gunship helicopters were targeted by armed groups in Lower Kurram, although no casualties were reported from that incident. This ongoing violence highlights the fragile security situation and persistent sectarian tensions in the region, necessitating focused and effective conflict resolution measures from relevant authorities.

### NIA Court Sentences Three Bangladeshis for Aiding Terrorists in Pune SHARE

28-Nov-24

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) court has sentenced three Bangladeshi nationals—Mohammed Habibur Rehman Habib, Hannan Anwar Hussain Khan, and Mohd Azarali Subhanallah—to five years in prison for harboring Al-Qaida-linked terrorists in Pune. Each has also been fined Rs 2000 under relevant sections of

the Indian Penal Code and the Foreigners Act. This conviction underscores India's commitment to combating terrorism and enhances national security by targeting individuals who facilitate extremist activities. The ruling reflects a proactive approach in addressing transnational threats, highlighting the importance of vigilance and cooperation in maintaining regional stability.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Govt Ensures Cybersecurity for IAF-Uber Partnership SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian government has assured that robust cybersecurity measures are in place to safeguard sensitive information following the MoU signed between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Uber for transportation services. Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth emphasized that data encryption using AES 256, annual cybersecurity audits by Uber, and restrictions on data sharing (only civil email IDs) are crucial safeguards. He also noted that data storage regulations require that IAF personnel data be housed on servers within India to mitigate foreign access risks. The MoU aims to provide efficient mobility services for IAF personnel, veterans, and their families while implementing oversight to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive location data. This proactive approach illustrates the government's commitment to protecting the privacy and security of its defense personnel amidst modern digital challenges.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### President Murmu Highlights DSSC's Role in Armed Forces Training SHARE

28-Nov-24

President Droupadi Murmu visited the Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) in Tamil Nadu, emphasizing its pivotal role in training future leaders of the Indian Armed Forces and allied nations. She lauded the increasing participation of women in military roles and highlighted India's commitment to indigenisation and becoming a major defense manufacturing hub. Addressing the need for preparedness against emerging threats like cyber warfare and terrorism, the President expressed confidence that the DSSC would equip officers with the necessary skills for complex

situations. The visit underscored the institution's importance in fostering international cooperation and enhancing joint operations among the Armed Forces.

### Army Fosters Unity as Kukis and Meiteis Collaborate: Gen. Dwivedi SHARE

28-Nov-24

Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi emphasized the Indian Army's role as a unifying force amid ethnic clashes between the Kuki and Meitei communities in Manipur, highlighting the harmonious cooperation among soldiers from both groups. He noted the Army's apolitical nature and its ability to diminish societal fault lines, fostering camaraderie through shared discipline. General Dwivedi also mentioned the Army's evolving role in internal security, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, and its preparations for the 2036 Olympic Games, indicating the importance of Mission 2032 in deploying adequate manpower. The Army's commitment to integration and peace underscores its pivotal role in India's socio-cultural landscape.

### Indian Army Unveils Eklavya: A Digital Training Platform for Officers SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian Army has launched an online learning platform named Eklavya, aimed at enhancing officer training as part of its Decade of Transformation initiative. Developed at no cost, the platform integrates various training establishments and hosts 96 courses across three categories, focusing on preparatory material, specific assignment skills, and professional development. This initiative aligns with the Army's 2024 theme of Technology Absorption, promoting continuous military education and domain specialization among officers. Eklavya supports the modern military's evolving needs, ensuring that training is contemporary and efficient, ultimately preparing officers for the complexities of modern warfare and enhancing operational readiness.

### U.S. Urges Ukraine to Lower Conscription Age to 18 Amidst Crisis SHARE

28-Nov-24

U.S. officials have urged Ukraine to lower its military conscription age from 25 to 18 to address manpower shortages as Russian forces gain ground. Despite a previous law expanding the mobilization age, Ukrainian sources indicate a lack of equipment for new recruits, complicating efforts to bolster the military. Behind the scenes, Germany also supports this call, highlighting

the urgency of strengthening Ukraine's defense capabilities. While the Biden administration continues to supply significant military aid, the political implications of conscripting younger soldiers remain a contentious issue for President Zelenskyy's government, which is exploring incentives for voluntary enlistment.

## Miscellaneous

### Army Opens Siachen, Kargil, and Galwan to Boost Tourism. SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian Army, under Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, has announced plans to open the Siachen Glacier, Kargil, and Galwan Valley to tourists, shifting the narrative in Jammu and Kashmir from terrorism to tourism. This initiative aims to enhance local tourism, with the potential to double visitor numbers in five years. The Army will also facilitate adventure activities, upskill locals in mountaineering, and offer special training for tour organizers. This strategy not only promotes tourism but also showcases India's commitment to peace and development in border areas, thereby strengthening the region's socio-economic fabric while honoring its historical significance.

### China's Military Faces Corruption Scandal with Senior Official's Probe SHARE

28-Nov-24

China's military is currently embroiled in a significant corruption scandal, with high-ranking official Miao Hua, a member of the Central Military Commission, under investigation for serious disciplinary violations. This follows probes into two former defense ministers, raising concerns about the efficacy of the People's Liberation Army as it prepares for potential conflicts, particularly regarding Taiwan. President Xi Jinping's ambition to modernize and strengthen the military could be jeopardized by these corruption issues, which might hinder the army's operational readiness. The ongoing investigations reflect deeper systemic problems within China's military hierarchy, potentially undermining its strategic goals and stability in the region.

### ICG's Maritime Meet Calls for Unified Efforts in Safety SHARE

28-Nov-24

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) organized the 22nd National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board meeting in Kochi, marking the start of the 11th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-24). Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh inaugurated the event, highlighting ICG's vital role in maritime safety and assuring government support for its initiatives. The meeting gathered diverse stakeholders, including the Indian Navy, Air Force, and various maritime agencies, to discuss policies and collaborate on enhancing search and rescue operations. National SAR Awards for 2023-24 were presented to recognize outstanding contributions, emphasizing the collective commitment to improving India's maritime safety framework and ensuring secure maritime operations. This collaboration underscores India's proactive approach toward maritime safety, critical for safeguarding lives at sea and supporting the fishing community.

### India and Japan Launch Talks on Economic Security and Trade SHARE

28-Nov-24

India and Japan held their inaugural Dialogue on Economic Security in Tokyo, focusing on strategic trade, technology collaboration, and building resilient supply chains. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri co-chaired the talks, emphasizing the deep-rooted partnership between the nations in areas like defense, economic cooperation, and technological resilience. The discussions included enhancing talent exchange, exploring critical technologies, and reviewing joint projects such as the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail. This dialogue is poised to strengthen India-Japan relations, reflecting their commitment to regional stability and shared economic interests amidst evolving global challenges.

### Indian-Americans urge Biden to address Hindu attacks in Bangladesh SHARE

28-Nov-24

An influential Indian-American organization, the Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS), has urged US President Biden and President-elect Trump to intervene in the alarming human rights violations against Hindus in Bangladesh, especially following the arrest of Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das. The FIIDS reported over 200 attacks on the Hindu minority since August 5 and called for an independent inquiry into these incidents. Highlighting



the need for the protection of minority rights, the organization criticized the Bangladeshi government for labeling ISKCON as a fundamentalist entity while ignoring extremist groups. The situation underscores the necessity for international attention to uphold secular values and protect vulnerable communities in Bangladesh.

## Bangladesh Court Petition Labels ISKCON as Fundamentalist Group



28-Nov-24

A petition in Bangladesh seeks to ban ISKCON, labeling it a "religious fundamentalist organization" that allegedly promotes sectarian violence, a view supported by the Attorney General. This has led to protests from the Hindu community, which has faced increased hostility since recent political upheaval. In response, leaders from the Hindu community and ISKCON have condemned these allegations, emphasizing ISKCON's commitment to peace and humanitarian efforts, while expressing concerns over the safety of minorities in Bangladesh. The situation highlights the rising tensions and challenges faced by minority groups, particularly Hindus, amidst a politically charged environment.

## Hindu Monk's Arrest Sparks Outcry Over Minority Rights in Bangladesh



28-Nov-24

Chinmoy Krishna Das, a prominent Hindu monk and leader of ISKCON, was arrested in Bangladesh under sedition charges following his advocacy for minority rights amidst rising violence against Hindus. His detention has led to widespread protests and heightened tensions, as Indian officials express concern for minority safety and call for respect for peaceful assembly. The current caretaker government's crackdown on dissent raises alarms about the protection of minority rights in Bangladesh. Das's growing influence symbolizes the resistance against oppression, reflecting the urgent need for international attention on the plight of Hindus in the region.

## India targets 777 GW power capacity by 2030, boosting clean energy.



28-Nov-24

India is projected to achieve a power generation capacity of 777 GW by 2030, with 500 GW from clean sources, to meet a peak demand of approximately 335 GW. The capacity will include 277 GW from fossil fuels, with significant contributions from coal, gas, and various renewable sources such as solar and wind. This

initiative aligns with India's commitment made at COP26 to enhance non-fossil power capacity, positioning the country as a leading clean energy producer globally. As of October 2023, India has already installed 211.40 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity, showcasing its dedication to sustainable energy development.

## ISKCON Kolkata urges Indian government to address attacks on monks in Bangladesh.



28-Nov-24

ISKCON Kolkata has reported ongoing attacks on its monks and Hindu minority communities in Bangladesh, highlighting the recent arrest of monk Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges as part of a broader pattern of threats and violence against Hindus. The organization has urged the Indian government to intervene and compel Bangladesh to ensure the safety of its members, emphasizing a lack of effective action from Bangladeshi authorities despite repeated warnings. ISKCON Kolkata's spokesperson has called for international attention, including from the United Nations, to address these escalating tensions and secure the release of their detained monk. This situation underscores the need for regional stability and protection of minority rights in neighboring countries.

## Israeli Ambassador: A Hopeful Future for Palestinians Amid Conflict



28-Nov-24

Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, emphasized Israel's military efforts against Hamas following the October 7 attack, which resulted in over 1,200 Israeli casualties. He noted that Israel aims to eliminate Hamas while ensuring humanitarian aid reaches innocent Palestinians, despite challenges posed by Hamas's exploitation of aid. Azar thanked the U.S. for its support, particularly in brokering a ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, which aims to mitigate threats from Hezbollah. His remarks underline Israel's dual focus on national security and humanitarian concerns, advocating for a hopeful future for Palestinians in Gaza while countering terrorism effectively.

## MEA to Address Concerns on Minorities in Bangladesh: Tharoor



28-Nov-24

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) will brief the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs regarding the alarming situation of minorities in

Bangladesh, particularly following the arrest of Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das. Shashi Tharoor expressed deep concern over reports of over 200 attacks against Hindus in the country since August, highlighting the vulnerability of this minority group, which forms a mere

8% of the population. The MEA's proactive stance reflects India's commitment to regional stability and the welfare of neighboring communities, emphasizing the interconnectedness of security and humanitarian concerns in South Asia.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SOLARINDS	10307.0	10960.0	10261.05	10893.35	176967	5.85	60.68	10133.88	9724.03
COCHINSHIP	1563.0	1579.25	1530.0	1579.25	1312263	5.0	60.31	1426.94	1637.82
BDL	1127.4	1174.95	1125.0	1169.95	1766686	4.76	63.12	1033.96	1175.32
MARINE	258.8	265.96	258.0	264.8	1430286	4.54	69.01	229.57	175.28
LOKESHMACH	344.5	380.0	344.5	359.7	304345	4.14	50.04	355.8	389.72
PREMEXPLN	458.8	471.75	455.0	467.55	142251	3.92	53.54	446.78	502.08
TANEJAERO	419.75	431.8	415.6	430.0	22540	3.46	51.44	413.63	491.07
GRSE	1700.0	1736.0	1680.0	1721.35	1448899	3.28	63.54	1514.36	1491.95
BEML	4200.0	4339.0	4185.45	4268.95	785980	1.91	64.54	3989.21	3840.5
DATAPATNS	2420.0	2574.65	2414.2	2466.8	443999	1.9	58.98	2328.78	2690.06
AVANTEL	156.01	159.87	154.11	157.28	692262	1.89	45.98	159.4	-
ADANIENT	2440.0	2526.3	2400.0	2437.1	14445549	1.64	38.83	2716.82	3072.43
HBLPOWER	619.4	641.85	611.25	626.4	2751049	1.62	64.84	561.76	549.51
DCXINDIA	335.5	337.8	327.1	334.85	319844	1.49	55.08	331.33	333.3
APOLLO	95.48	97.2	94.99	96.31	1530204	1.37	48.04	97.25	107.59
PTC	171.9	177.0	171.9	173.67	1109759	1.21	46.5	175.0	204.18
MAZDOCK	4501.0	4649.9	4469.0	4521.55	2998862	1.16	64.06	4129.84	3566.45
ASTRAMICRO	774.7	781.8	765.45	775.55	127783	1.05	49.82	770.5	784.51
MIDHANI	340.0	345.7	337.8	341.65	699411	1.05	54.01	326.81	414.51
AZAD	1719.0	1754.9	1710.0	1726.55	129072	0.64	64.24	1610.02	1485.37
IDEAFORGE	572.0	584.5	570.9	574.0	188961	0.41	40.86	582.84	705.8
BHARATFORG	1326.0	1360.3	1316.85	1329.2	1254378	0.29	38.66	1370.79	1433.93
MTARTECH	1792.0	1796.0	1765.0	1779.85	85305	0.27	62.66	1672.95	1814.04
SIKA	2588.0	2588.0	2517.0	2547.0	924	0.21	53.61	2512.52	2395.75
PARAS	1087.9	1104.8	1065.0	1081.45	196342	0.08	58.39	1015.79	999.18
HAL	4500.0	4529.5	4451.25	4466.85	1454277	-0.17	58.83	4256.64	4296.22
CFF	699.0	699.95	674.0	674.0	22600	-0.3	62.02	628.48	598.67
BEL	308.0	309.5	304.35	305.75	27772319	-0.52	63.0	290.08	267.57
ZENTEC	1925.0	1937.0	1873.0	1892.4	188523	-0.78	59.15	1822.16	1336.8
LT	3700.0	3720.5	3648.0	3666.05	2124283	-0.88	56.16	3600.42	3581.99
HIGHENE	594.0	608.75	537.0	588.4	38319	-0.89	41.68	617.31	709.62
NIBE	1718.8	1719.85	1658.95	1687.8	24820	-1.0	46.14	1751.65	1698.88
TEMBO	0.0	710.0	709.55	709.55	27379	-2.89	81.03	555.19	311.88
KRISHNADEF	0.0	640.0	637.0	637.0	46750	-9.55	40.62	680.84	591.0
ROSSELLIND	0.0	82.26	82.26	82.26	845	-13.7	25.14	91.38	426.72