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MACPOWER	1000.6	939.65	+6.49%
SIKA	1269.8	1197.85	+6.01%
SWANDEF	321.56	306.25	+5.0%
AXISCADES	1299.5	1237.7	+4.99%
LT	3665.1	3495.6	+4.85%

### Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	510.0	542.8	-6.04%
ZENTEC	1525.9	1606.2	-5.0%
RELINFRA	327.45	340.25	-3.76%
APOLLO	171.62	177.77	-3.46%
DRONACHRYA	75.91	78.55	-3.36%

## Defense Business and Industry

### Axiscades wins Rs 600 crore contracts for defense systems



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Axiscades, a prominent Indian engineering solutions provider, has secured significant contracts worth Rs 600 crore in the defense sector, focusing on the development and supply of advanced sub-systems for indigenous platforms in collaboration with organizations like the DRDO and Defence PSUs. Additionally, the company won a key tender for the VIRUPAKSHA Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Radar Program, which is critical for upgrading the Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft. This contract will see Axiscades supply essential components such as the Exciter Unit, Receiver Unit, and Antenna Beam Control Motherboard to enhance the radar capabilities of the Su-30 MKI, reinforcing its operational edge. These developments align with India's strategic push for self-reliance in defense manufacturing under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The successful acquisition of these contracts highlights Axiscades' growing role in India's defense ecosystem and its commitment to contributing to the nation's defense preparedness through advanced technology and indigenous engineering solutions, thereby fostering a more robust and self-sufficient defense manufacturing base in India. These initiatives not only bolster India's defense capabilities but also emphasize the importance of public-private partnerships in enhancing technological advancements within the country's defense sector.

### Bharat Electronics secures ₹551 crore defense contract amidst growth.



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Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) has secured multiple substantial contracts recently, including a notable order worth ₹551 crore for various defense systems, following a ₹1,640 crore contract for Air Defence Fire Control Radars and additional orders totaling ₹563 crore for critical equipment. The company reported a net profit of ₹970 crore for Q1FY26, marking a 22.6% increase year-on-year, despite a sequential revenue drop of over 51%. BEL is optimistic about receiving more orders under the Ministry of Defence's emergency procurement initiative, which aims to expedite the acquisition of critical defense equipment, with expectations of surpassing a full-year order target of ₹27,000 crore. Additionally, BEL is involved in several major defense programs, including the Samaghat electronic warfare system and the Indian Navy's Next-Generation Corvette program, which could significantly bolster its order book through projects emphasizing indigenous manufacturing. The increasing order flow and execution capabilities reflect India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities and self-reliance through domestic production, aligning with the government's strategic focus on boosting local defense industries amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

### Pralay Missile Enters Full Production, Enhancing Tactical Strikes



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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed flight tests of the Pralay missile, paving the way for its full production and integration into the Indian Armed Forces. This canisterised surface-to-surface short-

range ballistic missile (SRBM), with a range of 150 to 500 kilometers, enhances India's tactical strike capabilities without crossing the nuclear threshold. Equipped with advanced guidance systems and a rapid deployment mechanism, Pralay can target critical military assets with high precision. The acquisition of these missiles, estimated at ₹7,500 crore, signifies a significant leap towards self-reliance in defense technology and strengthens India's deterrent posture along contentious borders.

## APAC Military Intelligence Invests Over \$10 Million in Cognyte [SHARE](#)

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Cognyte Software Ltd. has secured a follow-on order exceeding \$10 million from a military intelligence customer in the Asia-Pacific region, aimed at enhancing cross-border intelligence and national safety. This investment reflects the customer's trust in Cognyte's advanced technology, which has proven effective in previous deployments, significantly increasing intelligence capabilities and bolstering operations across a complex border. The collaboration reinforces Cognyte's commitment to delivering scalable, mission-ready solutions for critical defense environments, utilizing state-of-the-art technologies like AI and big data analytics. This development underscores the growing importance of advanced tactical solutions in ensuring national security amid evolving threats in the region.

## US Army prioritizes commercial solutions for airborne EW systems [SHARE](#)

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The US Army is shifting its strategy for the Multi-Function Electronic Warfare (MFEW) family of systems by prioritizing commercial off-the-shelf and government off-the-shelf solutions for its MFEW Air Large (MFEW-AL) variant. This decision aims to enhance extended-range airborne electronic warfare capabilities, particularly using the MQ-1C Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft. The focus on commercial solutions is intended to meet the Pentagon's goal of achieving electromagnetic dominance by 2027. This move highlights the growing importance of integrating innovative technologies into military operations, which could serve as a model for Indian defense strategies as they also seek to enhance electronic warfare capabilities and modernize their aerial assets.

## Defence Ministry partners with Tidco to set up material testing lab. [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Ministry of Defence has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (Tidco) to establish a testing facility in the mechanical and material domain in Trichy, part of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor. This initiative, backed by the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme, will enhance self-reliance in defense production by providing advanced testing equipment to around 40 defense production companies and BHEL ancillaries. The lab aims to reduce dependency on testing facilities in Chennai and Bengaluru and is expected to bolster the local defense industry, showcasing the government's commitment to strengthening India's defense capabilities and infrastructure.

## Indian Navy indigenises 70% ammunition, orders ₹5,000 crore. [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Navy has successfully indigenised 70% of its ammunition and placed orders worth ₹5,000 crore to enhance its arsenal, as stated by Kaval Singh, Principal Director of Naval Armament. The Indian Army is also on track to achieve 100% indigenisation of its ammunition by year-end, highlighting a strong push for self-reliance in defense. The focus is on developing smart, customized ammunition amidst global insecurities, with calls for the industry to evolve from assemblers to producers. Stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate to address capacity challenges, emphasizing the vital role of indigenous production in national security and global defense dynamics.

## India Unveils First Dual Stealth Drone with Nanotech Cloak [SHARE](#)

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India has developed its first dual stealth drone employing the innovative RAMA nanotech cloak, which significantly reduces radar and infrared signatures, making it nearly undetectable. This advanced technology, created by Veera Dynamics in collaboration with Binford Research Labs, allows the drone to operate effectively in GPS- and radio frequency-denied environments, enhancing its survivability for covert missions. Supported by the Indian Ministry of Defence's iDEX program, this initiative aims to address the military's need for attritable unmanned systems capable of functioning in high-threat areas. This strategic advancement highlights India's commitment

to enhancing its defense capabilities through cutting-edge technology and indigenous innovation.

## Iveco nears defense sale to Leonardo, commercial deal with Tata. [SHARE](#)

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Iveco Group NV is nearing a dual deal to sell its defense unit to Italy's Leonardo SpA and its commercial truck business to Tata Motors of India. This strategic acquisition would enhance Tata's European operations and vehicle design capabilities, aligning with the Italian government's push for local ownership of the defense sector. Leonardo's bid, valued at approximately \$1.9 billion, aims to secure specialized vehicle production amidst competition from other European defense firms. This consolidation reflects broader trends in the defense industry, highlighting India's expanding role in global defense manufacturing and the potential for enhanced technological collaboration.

## Adani Defence Becomes First Private Firm to Pass Desert Trials for 155mm Ammunition [SHARE](#)

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Adani Defence and Aerospace has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first private Indian firm to successfully clear Desert Trials for 155mm artillery ammunition, marking an important advancement in indigenous defence manufacturing. This success aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, aimed at bolstering self-reliance and reducing reliance on imports for critical munitions. The trials validate the performance of ammunition crucial for modern artillery systems like Dhanush and ATAGS howitzers. Adani's growing capabilities position it as a key player in both domestic and international markets, reflecting India's commitment to enhancing its defence industry and asserting its role in the global defence landscape.

## Tejas Mk1 Exceeds Design Limits, Boosts Combat Capabilities [SHARE](#)

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India's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1 has surpassed its original design limitations, achieving a maximum takeoff weight of 14.2 tonnes, enhancing its role as a frontline combat asset for the Indian Air Force. This increased payload capacity improves its strike range and versatility in various mission profiles, showcasing the aircraft's robust design and reliability. The successful demonstration lays the groundwork for the upcoming Tejas Mk1A variant, which will feature

advanced avionics and improved systems. These developments not only bolster India's defense capabilities but also enhance its credibility in combat aircraft development, potentially increasing export opportunities in the global defense market.

## India to Acquire More SCALP Missiles After Operation Sindoor Success [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to enhance its inventory of SCALP missiles following their successful deployment during Operation Sindoor, which effectively targeted high-value military assets in Pakistan. This operation underscored the SCALP's capabilities, with its long range exceeding 560 kilometers and precision strike features, allowing Rafale jets to engage without risking entry into defended airspace. The IAF's push for more SCALP missiles aims to strengthen its standoff strike capabilities in response to regional threats, complementing existing weapon systems like BrahMos. This strategic move reinforces India's defense posture and operational preparedness against evolving challenges in the region.

## DRDO's Jet-Powered SAAW to Exceed 200 km, Boosting IAF Precision [SHARE](#)

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The DRDO is enhancing its Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW) program, transforming it into a jet-powered mini air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) with a range exceeding 200 km. This upgrade, designed for integration with the IAF's fighter fleet, incorporates a turbojet engine and advanced electro-optical seeker for precision targeting, even in GPS-denied environments. The SAAW's extended range and capabilities will significantly bolster the IAF's strike capabilities along critical borders like the LAC with China and the LoC with Pakistan, reinforcing India's commitment to indigenous defense advancements and enhancing operational flexibility against mobile threats. This development exemplifies India's strategic focus on self-reliance in defense technology.

## India Requires Indigenous Drone Parts, Bans Chinese Components [SHARE](#)

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India has introduced a new policy mandating that all drones procured for military, paramilitary, and civilian uses must consist of components manufactured in India, explicitly barring parts from China and neighboring countries. This move underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense and technology,

addressing concerns about cybersecurity and supply chain vulnerabilities. By insisting on localization, the government aims to bolster its domestic defense industry while mitigating risks associated with foreign components, particularly those from countries sharing a land border with India. This strategic decision not only enhances national security but also fosters the growth of indigenous manufacturing capabilities in the crucial drone sector.

### **BonV Aeros LGS Drone Demonstrates Combat Readiness in CRPF Trials**

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BonV Aero's LGS drone has successfully completed live trials with the CRPF's CoBRA Unit, showcasing its combat readiness for anti-Naxal operations in challenging jungle terrains. The drone demonstrated the ability to deliver essential supplies, including medical equipment and ammunition, with precision under varied conditions, significantly enhancing logistics capabilities in conflict zones. This indigenous UAV, designed for high-altitude operations, addresses vulnerabilities in traditional supply chains, potentially revolutionizing aerial logistics in disaster response and defense. The successful trials underscore the importance of homegrown technology in bolstering India's defense infrastructure and operational efficiency in counter-insurgency efforts.

### **DRDO's ULPGM V3 to be Deployed on Helicopters, UAVs; 18km Range Planned**

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested the Ultra-Light Precision Guided Munition (ULPGM V3), which is now set for deployment on helicopters and UAVs, enhancing India's anti-armor capabilities. Currently featuring a 10 km range, the munition will soon be adapted for rotary-wing platforms, allowing for the use of multiple missiles from a single pod. Future variants aim to extend the range to 18 km, providing greater operational flexibility and the ability to engage targets deep behind enemy lines. This development underscores India's commitment to modernizing its defense capabilities and improving strike efficiency in high-threat environments.

### **Indian Navy Plans 20-100 Ton XLUUVs to Counter China in IOR**

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India has commenced the construction of its first Extra-Large Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (XLUUV), named 'Jalkapi', at Krishna Defence and Allied Industries Ltd in Gujarat, marking a significant advancement in naval capabilities to counter China's presence in the Indian Ocean Region. The 20-ton XLUUV is designed for stealth and operational endurance of up to 45 days, conducting various missions including surveillance and anti-submarine warfare. Additionally, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) plans a larger 100-ton version, enhancing India's autonomous underwater capabilities and contributing to its goal of achieving \$6 billion in defense exports by 2029. This initiative aligns with India's self-reliance strategy and addresses gaps in its existing submarine fleet.

## **Defense Policy and Budgeting**

### **MoD Increases Funding for Kaveri Engine, Aiming for Tejas Test by 2028**

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The Indian Ministry of Defence has allocated additional funding to the Kaveri Dry Engine (KDE) program, aiming for integration into Tejas LSP testbeds by 2028, marking a significant step towards self-reliance in aero-engine technology. The project, which has faced challenges since its inception in the 1980s, now benefits from international collaboration, notably with France's Safran, to enhance performance and reliability. The integration of an afterburner into older Tejas aircraft for testing purposes is a strategic approach to validate the engine's capabilities while minimizing risks. Overall, this initiative underlines India's commitment to advancing its indigenous defense capabilities, bolstering the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative amid global geopolitical dynamics.

### **Indian Army seeks ₹4.68 lakh crore to enhance defense against China, Pakistan.**

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The Indian Army requires ₹4.68 lakh crore to bolster its defense capabilities amid growing threats from China and Pakistan, which collectively possess around 1,650 fighter jets compared to India's decreasing fleet of 522 operational aircraft. With only 29 squadrons expected to be fully operational soon, modernization of the Indian



Air Force is critical, particularly as adversaries begin employing fifth-generation fighter jets. The government is committed to rectifying these shortcomings, as evidenced by recent successful military operations that highlight the need for enhanced air power. Addressing this deficit is essential for India to maintain its strategic defense posture against hostile neighbors.

## Politics

### Modi Praises Operation Sindoor's Success with Indigenous Weapons

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Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Lok Sabha, emphasizing the success of Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist camps in Pakistan following the Pahalgam attacks. He highlighted that India's indigenous drones and missiles played a crucial role, showcasing the nation's growing self-reliance in defense technology under the 'Make in India' initiative. Modi asserted that the operation dismantled Pakistan's terror infrastructure and debunked its nuclear bluff, as Indian forces executed precision strikes that avenged the victims of terrorism in just 22 minutes. He refuted claims from opposition parties, particularly the Congress, accusing them of undermining the military's achievements and aligning with narratives detrimental to national interests. Modi noted that India's air defense systems successfully intercepted nearly 1,000 Pakistani missiles, demonstrating the effectiveness of the country's military capabilities and technological advancements. He criticized Congress for demanding proof of the terrorists' origins, arguing that such skepticism echoed Pakistani propaganda. The Prime Minister further defended India's military decisions, asserting that no global leader pressured India to halt operations, reinforcing that India's responses are sovereign and strategic. Overall, Modi portrayed a strong narrative of Indian military prowess, underscoring that Operation Sindoor not only avenged the terror attacks but also solidified India's resolve against threats emanating from Pakistan, while also urging national unity in the face of adversity. This operation marks a significant turn in India's defense strategy, reflecting a robust response to terrorism and asserting India's position on the global stage.

### Modi criticizes Congress for appeasement and terrorism inaction

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi intensified his criticism of the Congress party during his address in the Lok Sabha, accusing it of decades-long inaction against terrorism due to appeasement politics and vote-bank compulsions. He highlighted how prior Congress governments left the country vulnerable to terror attacks, contrasting this with the current government's decisive actions against terrorism. Modi pointed to historical missteps in Congress's foreign policy, such as the Indus Waters Treaty and the granting of Most Favored Nation status to Pakistan, framing these as strategic failures that compromised India's national interests. He underscored that under his administration, India has adopted a more assertive stance, including revoking outdated treaties and taking firm actions against terrorist networks, which he argues has marked a significant shift from the "politics of fear and appeasement" that characterized previous regimes. Modi's statements serve not only as a defense of his government's policies but also as a reminder to voters of the vulnerabilities faced by India under Congress rule, positioning his leadership as a corrective force in the nation's security and diplomatic approach. This narrative aims to consolidate public support by emphasizing a strong and secure India, less willing to tolerate acts of terrorism or compromise on its territorial integrity.

### PM Modi: Congress Undermined India's Defense Industry

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Prime Minister Modi asserted that the Congress party deliberately weakened India's indigenous defense capabilities post-Independence, contrasting this with his government's Atmanirbharta initiative aimed at promoting self-reliance in defense manufacturing. He highlighted the success of Operation Sindoor, showcasing India's advanced made-in-India technologies in counter-terrorism efforts against Pakistan, which garnered global support from 193 UN member countries. Modi criticized the Opposition for undermining national achievements and questioned their commitment to national security, framing his government's decisive leadership as a necessary correction to past neglect. This narrative emphasizes India's growing defense capabilities and the need for political unity in supporting national security initiatives.

## Rahul Gandhi Criticizes Government's Approach to Military Deterrence



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In a heated parliamentary debate following Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, 2025, in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, Rahul Gandhi sharply criticized the government's military strategy, alleging that political leaders constrained the armed forces and lacked decisive resolve. He contrasted the current approach to the autonomy and political will shown during the 1971 war, asserting that India's recent communication with Pakistan about striking only non-military targets demonstrated strategic ambiguity. Prime Minister Modi countered that the armed forces had full operational autonomy, emphasizing that restraint prevented dangerous escalation and that Operation Sindoor inflicted heavy losses on terror infrastructure. While some analysts argue that criticism of political oversight is exaggerated—since civilian control is foundational to democratic systems and prevents rash military escalations—others note that public doubts linger over the government's transparency and objectives, especially regarding the influence of diplomatic actors like the US in the ceasefire. Notably, during the Congress-led UPA government under Manmohan Singh, especially after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in 2008, India did not launch a major military strike against Pakistan, citing the high cost of escalation. This record suggests that Congress refrained from such bold actions, strengthening current criticisms of inconsistencies in their stance.

## Rahul Gandhi criticizes Modi for not countering Trump's ceasefire claims.



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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi criticized Prime Minister Modi for not openly refuting U.S. President Trump's claims of mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, stating that Modi's reluctance indicates a lack of courage. Gandhi argued that Modi should assert in Parliament that Trump is lying, as India's position has consistently been against third-party mediation. Modi, however, emphasized that India does not accept external interference and achieved the ceasefire through direct military discussions. This ongoing exchange highlights the sensitive nature of India-Pakistan relations and the importance of maintaining a strong, independent diplomatic stance amidst external pressures.

## India reaffirms UN support for two-state solution in Israel-Palestine conflict.



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India has reiterated its support for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict at a UN conference, emphasizing the need for actionable measures over mere rhetoric. Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish highlighted the urgency of achieving a ceasefire, facilitating humanitarian aid, and ensuring Palestinian recognition and rights. India's commitment includes a \$160 million investment in human-centric projects to improve the daily lives of Palestinians, underscoring the importance of economic viability for peace. The UN Secretary-General echoed these sentiments, stressing that statehood for Palestinians is a right that must be recognized to foster lasting peace and counter extremism.

## Opposition Questions Centre on Ceasefire Terms with Pakistan



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In a recent Rajya Sabha debate, Opposition MPs criticized the Indian government's acceptance of a ceasefire with Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, which successfully targeted terrorists involved in a Pahalgam attack. They questioned the decision despite Pakistan being on the backfoot, alleging foreign interference in the ceasefire. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh defended the ceasefire as a tactical move, asserting India's commitment to self-defense and a robust policy against terrorism. He emphasized that future terrorist activities linked to Pakistan would prompt a re-launch of Operation Sindoor, reinforcing India's position against nuclear blackmail and the perception of being a soft state.

## Amit Shah asserts strong leadership amid opposition's demands in Rajya Sabha.



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The ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament saw intense debates over Operation Sindoor, India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack, with Union minister JP Nadda criticizing previous UPA governments for their inaction against terrorism. He emphasized the importance of strong political leadership in guiding the armed forces, contrasting it with the current government's assertive security policy. Prime Minister Modi affirmed that no foreign leaders, including US President Trump, influenced India's

military actions. The discourse illustrated a clear political divide, with the government showcasing its decisive stance against terrorism while the opposition raised accountability issues. This reflects India's commitment to a robust national security strategy amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions.

## Himanta Biswa Sarma Links Gaurav Gogoi to Pakistan After Speech SHARE

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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has threatened to escalate an inquiry into Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's alleged ties to a Pakistan-based NGO to the National Investigation Agency. This follows Gogoi's critical remarks on military strategy concerning the Pahalgam terror attack in Parliament, where he questioned the government's transparency on Indian fighter jets shot down by Pakistan. Sarma and BJP leaders accused Gogoi of aligning with Pakistani interests, citing his past visit to Pakistan and his family's foreign citizenship. The exchange underscores the heightened political tensions regarding national security and military accountability in India.

## Jaishankar: No third-party role in Pakistan ceasefire negotiations. SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that there was no third-party involvement in the ceasefire with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, distancing the Modi government from claims of U.S. mediation. He condemned cross-border terrorism, linking Pakistan's actions to the unacceptable Pahalgam attack and asserting that India would resume operations against terrorism when necessary. Jaishankar highlighted the government's commitment to accountability and justice, indicating a strong stance against Pakistani aggression and reaffirming the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty as a correction of previous appeasement policies. His remarks reflect India's proactive approach in countering terrorism and securing international awareness of the issue, showcasing a robust defense strategy under the current administration.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### Navy Chief Admiral Tripathi to Visit Japan for 4 Days Starting July 30 SHARE

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Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, is set to embark on a four-day visit to Japan from July 30 to August 2, focusing on maritime security, technological collaboration, and enhancing naval synergy. This visit aims to consolidate bilateral defense relations under the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Key engagements include discussions with Japanese defense officials and visits to Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force units. This trip reaffirms the strong India-Japan friendship and enhances cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, building on previous agreements and joint exercises that promote interoperability and mutual understanding.

### US-India Trade Talks Advance Despite Tariff Threats from Trump SHARE

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US-India trade talks are progressing favorably, despite President Trump's warning of potential 20-25% tariffs on Indian goods due to trade imbalances. Indian officials, including Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, express confidence in their negotiating position, aiming for a mutually beneficial Bilateral Trade Agreement. Concurrently, Trump's acknowledgment of India's stabilization role in South Asian security, particularly following recent tensions with Pakistan, underscores the intertwined nature of trade and security issues in their relationship. As both nations seek deeper cooperation, the focus remains on navigating sensitive negotiations while managing tariffs and regional stability.

### Maldives-India Relations: Strengthening Ties Amid Challenges SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently visited the Maldives, marking a significant step towards improving bilateral relations following a period of strain after President Mohamed Muizzu's election, which initially leaned towards an "India Out" sentiment. During the visit, India announced a substantial line of credit of ₹4,850 crores and agreed to reduce the Maldives' annual debt repayment by 40%, indicating India's commitment to supporting the Maldivian economy, especially amid its current financial challenges. Both

nations have also initiated discussions on a Free Trade Agreement, demonstrating a pragmatic shift in President Muizzu's approach, who has begun to recognize the limitations of his previous alignment with China. The historical context of India-Maldives ties, characterized by mutual aid during crises, continued cooperation in defense and trade, and cultural connections, reinforces the strategic importance of India's presence in the region. This evolving dynamic is crucial for maintaining regional stability in the Indian Ocean, with India's proactive engagement likely to bolster its influence and security interests while countering growing Chinese presence.

## **Trump sets 10-12 day deadline for Russia on Ukraine conflict.**



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U.S. President Donald Trump has set a new 10 to 12-day deadline for Russia to show progress in ending the war in Ukraine, expressing disappointment in President Putin's lack of action. Trump threatened potential sanctions and tariffs on Russia and its export buyers if no advancements are made. This shift underscores a growing frustration with the ongoing conflict, while Ukraine's leadership welcomed Trump's firm stance. Trump's historical claims of brokering peace in various conflicts, including India and Pakistan, highlight his ambition to resolve international disputes, yet skepticism remains about his commitment to follow through with concrete actions against Russia.

## **China and Russia to conduct naval exercise near Japan next month.**



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China and Russia plan to hold their annual naval exercise, Joint Sea 2025, near Japan next month, amid intensifying military cooperation between the two nations. This exercise, described as part of a routine cooperation plan, raises security concerns for Japan and reflects China's growing military assertiveness in the region. The Chinese military criticized U.S. military drills in the Pacific, claiming they destabilize the region and serve as intimidation tactics against other countries. This situation highlights the shifting geopolitical dynamics in Asia, emphasizing the need for India to bolster its defense capabilities and strategic partnerships to ensure regional stability.

## **Eighteen EU nations, led by Poland, seek €150 billion defense fund.**



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Eighteen European Union countries, including Poland, have applied for funding from the new Security Action for Europe (SAFE) fund, which amounts to €150 billion (USD 173 billion) aimed at enhancing European defense capabilities and reducing reliance on the US. With a total request of at least €127 billion (USD 147 billion), the fund encourages EU member states to procure military equipment from European suppliers. The initiative comes amid concerns over potential Russian aggression, reflecting a shift towards greater European self-sufficiency in defense. This strategy aligns with India's approach to bolstering indigenous military capabilities and reducing dependency on foreign systems, showcasing a global trend toward self-reliance in defense.

## **Russia's attacks kill 27 civilians in Ukraine amid defiance.**



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The recent escalation in Ukraine has seen Russia employing glide bombs and ballistic missiles, resulting in the deaths of at least 27 civilians, including inmates and a pregnant woman, amid sustained attacks on civilian infrastructure. Ukrainian President Zelenskyy welcomed U.S. President Trump's firm stance against Russia, emphasizing global peace, while the Kremlin remained defiant, rejecting ultimatums. Russia continues to frame its actions as a geopolitical confrontation with the West, aiming to rally domestic support for its military objectives. Ukraine is countering with long-range drone technology, targeting Russian assets to disrupt operations, showcasing the ongoing intensity and complexity of this conflict.

## **Baloch Leader Supports India's Strikes, Seeks Baloch Independence**



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A prominent Baloch leader, Mir Yar, has expressed solidarity with India in an open letter praising its stance against Pakistan's state-sponsored terrorism. He highlights support from the 60 million Baloch people for India's unity and urges formal Indian recognition of Balochistan's independence, arguing it would disrupt the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and enhance India's security. Mir Yar advocates for India to champion the Baloch struggle, which he frames as rooted in democratic principles, while emphasizing shared cultural ties, such as the Hinglaj Mata Mandir. This appeal seeks to internationalize the Baloch issue and



strengthen relations with India amidst ongoing persecution by Pakistan.

## Japan Joins AUKUS Pillar II for Defense Tech Collaboration SHARE

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Japan has advanced its defense partnerships by directly joining AUKUS Pillar II during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025, which began on July 13 and runs through August 4 across Australia and Papua New Guinea. This marks Japan's inaugural full participation in AUKUS-driven technology demonstrations, notably in underwater autonomous systems and acoustic communications, alongside Australia, the UK, and the US. Over 40,000 troops from 19 nations participated, highlighting enhanced multinational coordination. Japan contributed its expertise in unmanned maritime technologies, reflecting its commitment to strengthening regional security and interoperability. The move aligns with Tokyo's broader strategy to deepen defense ties amid evolving Indo-Pacific security challenges, following formal announcements of Pillar II cooperation in September 2024 and preparatory engagements in April 2024.

### Military Operations

## Boulder accident in Ladakh kills Lt Colonel Bhanu Pratap, injures 3. SHARE

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A tragic incident occurred in eastern Ladakh when a boulder fell on an army vehicle, resulting in the deaths of two personnel, including Lt Colonel Bhanu Pratap Singh Mankotia and Lance Dafadar Daljit Singh, while three other officers sustained injuries. The accident took place near Durbuk around 11:30 am on July 30, 2025, as the convoy was on a training movement from Durbuk to Chongtash. The Fire and Fury Corps confirmed the occurrence and stated that recovery operations were underway, with the vehicle being severely damaged under the impact of the boulder. The area is strategically significant, located close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC), underscoring the challenges faced by the Indian Army in such rugged terrains. This incident highlights the inherent risks associated with military operations in difficult environments while also showcasing the commitment of the Indian Army to maintaining readiness and capability in these critical regions. The Northern Command expressed solidarity with the bereaved families and honored the sacrifices made by the deceased, reaffirming the Army's

dedication to its personnel and their families in times of grief. The prompt response in rescue operations indicates the preparedness and efficiency of the Indian defense forces in handling emergencies, even in remote and challenging locations.

## Northern Commander briefs J&K L-G on successful Operation Mahadev SHARE

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Lt General Pratik Sharma, GOC of the Northern Command, briefed J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on the successful Operation Mahadev, which resulted in the elimination of three Pakistani terrorists involved in the Pahalgam killings of 26 civilians. The operation, conducted in the challenging Dachigam forest, was a coordinated effort among the Army, J&K Police, and CRPF, highlighting the commitment of the Indian Armed Forces to restoring peace and security in Kashmir. The recovery of weapons and ammunition signifies the operation's significance in combating terrorism in the region, showcasing proactive measures taken based on intelligence inputs to neutralize threats effectively.

## Security forces engage militants in Poonch after suspicious sighting SHARE

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An encounter broke out on July 30, 2025, between militants and security forces in the Kasalian area of Poonch district after two suspicious individuals were spotted and pursued. The militants opened fire on the joint police and military team, prompting a retaliatory response. This operation follows the recent elimination of three terrorists linked to the deadly Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 civilian lives. Such operations demonstrate the commitment of Indian security forces to combat terrorism and maintain peace in the region, reinforcing their proactive stance in ensuring the safety of civilians and responding effectively to threats.

## Indian forces poised to confront any threats, asserts Rajnath Singh SHARE

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Defense Minister Rajnath Singh criticized the UN Security Council's decision to appoint Pakistan as vice chair of its counter-terrorism committee, calling it a "cruel joke" given Pakistan's history of harboring terrorists. He emphasized India's military readiness to confront any hostile nation and implied that support for Pakistan from other countries, particularly China, undermines regional stability. Singh asserted that Operation Sindoor has achieved its goals and hinted at a future where people from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

might rejoin India. The minister's comments reflect a strong stance on counter-terrorism and highlight the need for global accountability in addressing threats posed by Pakistan.

## Indian Army Adopts 'Red Teaming' for Enhanced Threat Preparedness



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The Indian Army is implementing a US-Israel inspired 'Red Teaming' approach to enhance operational preparedness by simulating adversary mindsets and tactics, particularly that of adversaries like Pakistan's General Asim Munir. This method, which gained prominence during Operation Sindoor in 2025, aims to improve decision-making, anticipate enemy moves, and avoid strategic blind spots. By integrating cognitive profiling and advanced technology, India seeks to strengthen its deterrence capabilities and adapt its strategies to dynamic threats. This shift toward a more anticipatory and flexible military posture not only enhances India's strategic autonomy but also prepares it for a wider spectrum of warfare, including counterterrorism and hybrid threats.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Two terrorists killed in Poonch as Army foils infiltration attempt.



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Indian Army troops successfully foiled an infiltration attempt by neutralizing two terrorists affiliated with the Lashkar-e-Taiba in Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir, under Operation Shivshakti. The encounter occurred following the detection of suspicious movement along the Line of Control, leading to an exchange of gunfire in which the terrorists were eliminated. This operation is timely, coming just two days after security forces killed three terrorists involved in the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, which had resulted in 26 fatalities. The swift actions of the troops, supported by synergistic intelligence collaboration between the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, reflect an effective counter-terrorism strategy aimed at thwarting infiltration attempts and dismantling terrorist networks. The recovery of three weapons during this operation further underscores the successful execution and preparedness of the Indian Armed Forces in maintaining national security. The operations in Poonch and the recent encounters near Srinagar illustrate the ongoing commitment of Indian security forces to neutralize terrorist threats and reinforce stability in the

region. The decisive actions taken by Indian troops not only highlight their tactical prowess but also symbolize the broader strategy of proactive defense against terrorism, ensuring the safety of civilians while bolstering national security.

### UNSC report details TRF's claims on Pahalgam attack, warns of terror links



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A United Nations Security Council report, released on July 30, 2025, has directly linked The Resistance Front (TRF), widely recognized as a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba, to the deadly April 22 Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir that left 26 civilians dead. The report notes that TRF twice claimed responsibility—first on the day of the attack, alongside publishing a photograph of the site, and again the following day—before retracting its claim on April 26. Intelligence from member states suggests the assault was not possible without Lashkar-e-Taiba's support, further intensifying scrutiny of Pakistan's alleged backing of such groups. In response, the Government of India launched Operation Sindoor on the night of May 7–8, conducting targeted strikes against nine terrorist camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, deliberately avoiding civilian and non-military targets. These operations sparked a brief escalation, with retaliatory drone and missile attacks from Pakistan being largely neutralized by India's air defense systems. Most recently, on July 28, Indian authorities confirmed that three Pakistani militants responsible for the Pahalgam attack were killed during an operation in the forests near Srinagar, marking a significant development in India's counterterrorism efforts.

### OGW arrested with three pistols in Jammu; search in Kathua ongoing



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An Over Ground Worker (OGW) was arrested in Jammu along with three pistols, including some believed to be smuggled from across the border. The arrest occurred during a police operation following the interception of a private vehicle suspected of carrying arms to Kashmir. Authorities launched a search operation in the Kathua district after reports of two individuals, presumed to be terrorists, moving in suspicious attire with backpacks near the Ujh river. This operation reflects the ongoing vigilance of Indian security forces in countering potential terrorist activities and emphasizes their proactive measures to maintain peace and security in

Jammu and Kashmir. Further developments and arrests are anticipated as investigations continue.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Telcos and experts criticize DoT's draft cybersecurity rules SHARE

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The Department of Telecommunications' draft cybersecurity rules have faced criticism from telecom operators and privacy advocates for being overly broad and compromising consumer privacy. The proposed regulations would extend government oversight to entities using telecom identifiers, including OTT players, raising concerns about regulatory overreach and the need for clear definitions and safeguards. While aiming to enhance national security and curb online fraud, experts emphasize the importance of ensuring that data collection is limited, transparent, and proportionate to security goals to prevent unchecked surveillance. Balancing cybersecurity objectives with individual privacy rights remains crucial in shaping effective regulations.

### OpenAI's ChatGPT bypasses CAPTCHA, raising security alarms SHARE

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OpenAI's new ChatGPT Agent has successfully bypassed the widely used "I am not a robot" CAPTCHA test, raising significant cybersecurity concerns. This breakthrough allows AI to perform tasks autonomously, blurring the lines between human and machine capabilities, and calls traditional security measures into question. Experts warn of potential misuse by malicious actors, identity verification issues, and data privacy risks. The incident highlights the need for innovative verification methods, such as biometric authentication and AI-driven anti-bot detection, as current CAPTCHAs may soon become obsolete in the face of rapidly advancing AI technologies. OpenAI has acknowledged these risks and stresses the importance of continuous monitoring and user oversight.

### Government Blocks 1,400 URLs Spreading Anti-India Propaganda SHARE

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The Indian Government has taken significant measures during Operation Sindoor to combat the surge of anti-India propaganda, particularly from foreign sources, blocking over 1,400 URLs disseminating

misinformation. This included setting up a centralized Control Room for real-time coordination among defense branches and media to ensure accurate information dissemination. The Fact Check Unit actively debunked false narratives, particularly those from Pakistani outlets, highlighting the government's commitment to national security and integrity. Media advisories were issued to prevent live coverage of defense operations, showcasing a proactive stance in safeguarding information critical to the nation's defense strategy.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Agniveers to Join Tiger Protection Force in Uttarakhand SHARE

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Uttarakhand's Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced that Agniveers, who have completed their service in the Army, will be inducted into the Tiger Protection Force at Corbett Tiger Reserve. This initiative, revealed on International Tiger Day, aims to bolster tiger conservation and habitat preservation through modern surveillance techniques. The force will focus on preventing poaching, timber smuggling, and illegal mining while also managing human-wildlife conflicts. This innovative use of trained personnel not only enhances wildlife protection efforts but also provides Agniveers with meaningful post-service roles, reflecting a commendable dual benefit for both conservation and veteran support.

## Miscellaneous

### Surya Dronathon 2025 to Showcase Drone Innovation in Spiti Valley SHARE

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The Indian Army's Surya Command, in partnership with the Drone Federation of India, is set to host the Surya Dronathon 2025 in the Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, next month. This innovative drone competition, taking place at an altitude of 10,700 feet, aims to harness indigenous technology and foster a robust innovation ecosystem in the defense sector. Participants will face a high-altitude obstacle course, demonstrating their drones' capabilities in challenging conditions, which are critical for securing the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The event, scheduled for August 10-15 and August 20-24, will include multiple stages such as

obstacle negotiation and endurance racing, focusing on promoting indigenous research and collaboration among the Indian Army, startups, and OEMs. Competitors are required to use drones without Chinese parts, emphasizing self-reliance in defense manufacturing. This competition aligns with India's strategic aims to enhance national security and showcases the Army's commitment to integrating advanced technology solutions tailored to evolving operational requirements, particularly in high-altitude scenarios marked by challenging weather conditions. Overall, the Surya Dronathon 2025 represents a significant step towards advancing India's indigenous defense capabilities through innovation and collaboration.

## Flooding in Madhya Pradesh prompts Army rescue efforts for stranded. [SHARE](#)

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Heavy rains have resulted in severe flooding across Madhya Pradesh, prompting the Indian Army's involvement in rescue and relief operations, particularly in Shivpuri and Guna districts where many residents, including school children, remain stranded. Over 2900 individuals have been evacuated, with the state government coordinating closely with central authorities for swift action, including the deployment of medical teams and requests for helicopter support. Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia emphasized the need for immediate relief, ensuring food, water, and medical assistance for affected communities. The situation remains precarious as further rainfall is expected, testing the resilience and capacity of local authorities and the armed forces.

## Indian Consulate Warns of Tsunami Threat After Kamchatka Quake [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Consulate in San Francisco has issued a warning to Indian nationals in coastal areas of California, Hawaii, and other US West Coast states following an 8.8 magnitude earthquake near Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, the strongest in the region since 1952. The advisory emphasizes the need for vigilance, urging residents to monitor local alerts, move to higher ground if necessary, and avoid coastal areas until the threat subsides. The tsunami threat does not extend to India, as confirmed by the National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). The consulate continues to monitor the situation and has activated an emergency helpline for assistance.

## India Delivers 5 Tonnes of Medical Aid to Syria Amid Crisis [SHARE](#)

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India continues its humanitarian support globally, recently delivering 5 metric tonnes of essential medical aid to Syria, including critical medicines like anti-cancer drugs and antibiotics, as stated by the Ministry of External Affairs. This assistance reinforces India's commitment to aiding regions affected by conflict, especially after the establishment of a transitional government in Syria. Additionally, India dispatched 300,000 doses of vaccines to Bolivia in response to a national health emergency, highlighting its proactive approach to global health crises. These actions underscore India's strategic humanitarian outreach and diplomatic engagement, reinforcing its role as a responsible global player in addressing humanitarian needs.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
MACPOWER	0.0	1000.6	1000.0	1000.6	1983	6.49	69.65	867.18	1184.05
SIKA	1223.05	1290.0	1223.05	1269.8	86947	6.01	53.32	1258.03	716.37
SWANDEF	321.56	321.56	321.56	321.56	466	5.0	99.98	210.43	31.87
AXISCADES	1299.0	1299.5	1280.0	1299.5	100355	4.99	45.86	1384.44	839.95
LT	3622.0	3685.3	3590.0	3665.1	8760659	4.85	63.22	3522.42	3502.31
GRSE	2506.0	2574.9	2500.9	2556.3	593948	2.55	38.89	2707.62	1941.6
TANEJAERO	438.0	446.7	438.0	446.7	5133	2.0	49.66	469.61	383.51
URAVIDEF	513.0	513.0	497.65	510.95	455	1.79	52.91	504.2	447.23
PARAS	678.1	695.9	678.1	684.8	586366	1.6	33.15	804.08	598.53
MAZDOCK	2728.9	2768.2	2710.0	2759.7	1545793	1.44	27.53	3059.62	2597.9
DCXINDIA	269.3	272.2	266.0	268.1	580096	1.44	42.97	275.26	299.41
JYOTICNC	1030.0	1053.0	1016.5	1045.9	361624	1.33	46.94	1032.64	1127.56
COCHINSHIP	1778.0	1793.0	1758.1	1786.2	614104	1.17	34.25	1915.44	1607.71
WALCHANNAG	201.0	204.65	196.1	202.02	54444	1.09	39.09	211.7	227.71
HAL	4525.0	4560.0	4500.9	4545.0	727643	1.04	34.12	4791.61	4314.65
ASTRAMICRO	962.2	982.2	954.5	967.1	205364	0.72	38.02	1001.89	834.06
PTC	191.86	193.35	190.3	192.8	1354141	0.61	60.58	187.78	167.0
HBLPOWER	580.95	593.8	579.35	582.2	704281	0.47	45.24	603.27	557.87
DATAPATTNS	2600.0	2610.4	2550.1	2592.9	138633	0.33	34.37	2826.17	2329.79
AZAD	1512.0	1523.8	1498.0	1506.8	102951	0.16	33.9	1586.53	1571.74
LMW	15130.0	15378.0	15056.0	15146.0	2327	0.06	29.98	16104.25	16131.69
IDEAFORGE	461.5	468.3	445.9	459.6	374783	0.04	26.61	538.2	513.55
MTARTECH	1489.0	1500.2	1471.1	1486.7	31345	-0.01	33.35	1535.88	1557.55
SOLARINDS	14471.0	14560.0	14414.0	14469.0	122728	-0.01	24.24	15395.4	11967.2
BDL	1623.1	1639.0	1612.3	1620.3	683194	-0.17	28.67	1790.51	1385.07
MIDHANI	405.0	409.75	402.0	403.15	231945	-0.2	41.71	417.35	344.59
KRISHNADEF	800.0	814.0	800.0	804.7	12500	-0.2	32.85	856.75	743.37
ROSSELLIND	66.05	67.39	65.5	65.86	17179	-0.29	37.22	69.96	73.31
CENTUM	2190.0	2250.0	2190.0	2219.8	7771	-0.42	42.96	2308.42	1869.32
BEL	390.95	392.4	385.0	386.5	11335944	-0.45	36.47	405.77	317.94
ADANIENT	2547.9	2552.6	2525.0	2532.9	262063	-0.59	44.36	2584.22	2481.68
CFF	635.0	648.0	629.0	629.0	24000	-0.6	47.77	647.86	583.48
PREMEXPLN	460.0	473.7	451.45	455.95	204610	-0.68	22.46	525.2	467.99
AVANTEL	133.4	134.84	130.15	131.66	670086	-0.7	32.04	149.69	142.1
HIGHENE	639.95	666.05	639.95	648.0	28127	-0.77	28.39	731.89	603.68
DYNAMATECH	6750.0	6815.0	6655.5	6696.5	4836	-0.83	35.22	7115.4	7083.45
TECHERA	202.0	207.8	202.0	205.85	7200	-0.99	49.78	207.12	-
BEML	4064.5	4097.9	4005.0	4018.6	254861	-1.1	35.8	4404.39	3706.43
MARINE	184.48	185.0	175.4	180.15	184916	-1.36	27.38	196.65	212.8
SUNITATOOL	745.0	748.0	700.0	717.0	3750	-1.47	35.85	798.77	747.48
LOKESHMACH	209.0	212.69	202.0	204.68	40535	-1.83	50.56	214.46	246.15
RTNINDIA	57.17	57.5	55.38	55.8	1981501	-2.04	38.59	60.95	55.65
GOODLUCK	1111.0	1144.0	1100.0	1108.7	146446	-2.27	51.68	1121.2	899.19
NIBE	1731.05	1754.95	1684.4	1696.2	3835	-2.57	53.42	1654.62	1516.28
BHARATFORG	1225.5	1225.5	1179.0	1188.6	1273567	-2.61	38.98	1234.92	1235.37
DRONACHRYA	79.0	79.0	74.63	75.91	41000	-3.36	34.72	84.62	95.09
APOLLO	177.95	178.0	170.01	171.62	3270846	-3.46	41.54	181.44	131.98
RELINFRA	342.0	343.6	325.0	327.45	1313245	-3.76	34.92	370.53	291.9
ZENTEC	1525.9	1525.9	1525.9	1525.9	119267	-5.0	21.05	1843.43	1780.06
TEMBO	0.0	510.0	500.0	510.0	13899	-6.04	54.94	492.58	578.86