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WALCHANNAG	235.32	217.28	+8.3%
HIGHENE	718.0	697.55	+2.93%
BDL	2015.5	1973.6	+2.12%
TANEJAERO	388.4	380.8	+2.0%
HBLPOWER	600.3	589.8	+1.78%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	168.42	188.27	-10.54%
MAZDOCK	3478.2	3751.2	-7.28%
NIBE	1761.5	1854.2	-5.0%
AVANTEL	140.58	146.97	-4.35%
PTC	176.14	183.81	-4.17%

Defense Business and Industry

India's AMCA Project: Open Bidding for Stealth Fighter by 2029



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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project is gaining momentum, with DRDO Chief Dr. Samir V. Kamat announcing open bidding for both public and private sector participation, aiming for the first prototype to fly by 2029 and production to start by 2035. The AMCA, a fifth-generation stealth fighter, is designed to enhance the Indian Air Force's capabilities against emerging threats and will incorporate advanced technologies such as stealth design and AI-driven avionics. This initiative supports India's Make in India campaign and aims for significant indigenization in defense manufacturing, marking a transformative shift in the country's defense ecosystem and fostering collaboration with private industry.

Safran Proposes Engine Development for Tejas MkII and AMCA



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Safran has proposed advanced engine development for India's Tejas MkII and Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programs, presenting two flexible options: a single engine for both or distinct engines tailored for each aircraft. The first proposal involves enhancing the M88 engine, leading to improved power output for the Tejas MkII, while the second focuses on a high-thrust engine specifically designed for the AMCA. This partnership builds on the historic 2021 MoU between Safran and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), which aims to foster self-reliance in military

engine technology and reduce dependence on foreign suppliers. The collaboration not only enables HAL to master complex aero-engine manufacturing but also positions India strategically with France, enhancing defense ties amid regional challenges. The initiative aligns with India's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat goals, emphasizing technology transfer and attracting private sector participation, which is crucial for modernizing its aerospace capabilities. Overall, this partnership could significantly accelerate India's defense manufacturing ambitions, potentially transforming it into a leading player in the global aerospace market while supporting the development of future sixth-generation fighter jets.

GE to Double F404 Engine Production for Tejas Mk1A by 2027



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GE Aerospace has pledged to double its annual production of F404-IN20 engines for India's Tejas Mk1A fighter jets from 12 to 24 units by 2027, aligning with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) goal to deliver 16–24 aircraft per year to the Indian Air Force (IAF). This commitment follows a two-year delay in engine deliveries, attributed to the reactivation of a production line dormant since 2016 and global supply chain disruptions. The F404-IN20, delivering 84 kN of thrust, is the most powerful in the F404 series and integral to the Tejas Mk1A's performance. HAL has already completed three Mk1A airframes, with 11 more in advanced assembly stages, and aims to deliver 83 jets by 2029, with an additional 97 planned by FY31–32. The first of 99 contracted engines was delivered in March 2025, marking a significant step toward meeting the IAF's modernization needs amid regional security challenges. Furthermore, GE and HAL are collaborating on the production of the more powerful F414 engine for

the upcoming Tejas Mk2 and Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programs, underscoring a deepening strategic partnership in bolstering India's defense capabilities.

DRDO Partners with NIBE Ltd to Boost Pinaka Rocket Launcher Production



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The DRDO has signed a licensing agreement with NIBE Ltd to enhance the production of the indigenously developed Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL), a pivotal move for India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at reducing foreign dependency in defense manufacturing. The Pinaka system, which boasts variants capable of hitting targets up to 90 kilometers, emphasizes enhanced accuracy and rapid deployment capabilities, crucial for modern warfare. This collaboration is expected to invigorate the defense manufacturing ecosystem, fostering job creation and economic growth. DRDO Chairman highlighted the need to double R&D investments to ensure India's technological edge in defense, reflecting a commitment to becoming a major player in the global defense market.

VEM Technologies Delivers First Tejas Fighter Fuselage to HAL



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VEM Technologies has successfully handed over the first centre fuselage assembly for the LCA Tejas Mk1A to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), marking a significant milestone in India's indigenous defense manufacturing capabilities. This event, attended by key officials, highlights the growing role of private sector participation in defense production, aligning with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The assembly process involved 1,595 precision-engineered components, emphasizing the high standards of quality and military aviation compliance achieved through rigorous inspections. The partnership is expected to enhance the production capacity of the Tejas aircraft, as evidenced by the establishment of a fourth production line to meet the Indian Air Force's modernization needs. With HAL's support, numerous private firms are now capable of producing complex sub-assemblies, fostering a robust national aerospace ecosystem. The collaboration underscores the strategic importance of self-reliance in defense manufacturing, aiming to reduce dependence on foreign suppliers while propelling India's defense exports, which have been growing at approximately 10% annually. Overall, this

advancement not only strengthens India's defense capabilities but also positions the nation as a competitive player in the global aerospace sector, reflecting a proactive approach to national security and sovereignty.

Indian Army Seeks Manpack Systems to Combat Drone Threats



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The Indian Army has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for Manpack Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) to enhance battlefield survivability against increasing drone threats. This lightweight, portable system is designed for rapid deployment in diverse terrains and includes advanced capabilities for detection and neutralization of hostile drones. Emphasizing indigenous development, the initiative aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, aiming for at least 50% local content in procurement. By prioritizing tactical flexibility and operational security, the Indian Army strengthens its defense posture in modern warfare, reflecting a proactive approach to evolving aerial threats while bolstering the domestic defense industry.

Miniratna Status Boosts MIL, AVNL & IOL in India's Defense Sector



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The Indian government has granted Miniratna Category-I status to three Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)—Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), and India Optel Limited (IOL)—recognizing their transformation into profitable entities post-corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board. This status enhances their financial autonomy, enabling quicker decision-making and increased export capabilities, crucial for India's push towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing. MIL, AVNL, and IOL have shown significant sales growth, with MIL emerging as a leading munitions exporter and AVNL achieving 100% indigenisation for key military vehicles, reinforcing India's commitment to Atmanirbharta in defense production.

BSF Upgrades to Digital Camouflage for Enhanced Border Security



31-May-25

The Border Security Force (BSF) is set to modernize its uniforms by introducing new digital camouflage patterns designed to enhance operational effectiveness amid heightened tensions along the Indo-Pakistan border. This initiative, announced on May 29, 2025,

follows the Indian Army's transition to similar uniforms in 2024 and reflects India's commitment to strengthening its defenses against evolving security challenges. The pixelated design, featuring 50% khaki and 45% green, ensures durability and comfort across diverse climates while preventing counterfeiting. This modernization underscores the BSF's readiness to operate effectively in challenging environments, highlighting India's proactive approach to border security.

ADA Launches TEDBF Cockpit Mockup Development for Naval Aviation SHARE

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The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has initiated the development of the Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF) cockpit mockup shell, a crucial project aimed at bolstering India's naval aviation capabilities. This development is structured in two stages: the first focuses on establishing primary cockpit controls, while the second refines secondary controls, both emphasizing adherence to ADA's fabrication tolerances. The timeline for completion is set with specific milestones, ensuring the project progresses efficiently. This advancement reflects India's commitment to enhancing its indigenous defense capabilities and underscores the strategic importance of self-reliance in defense manufacturing to strengthen national security.

LCA Tejas Mk1A Upgrades to DASH-V Helmet, Phasing Out DASH-IV SHARE

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India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A is upgrading to the advanced Elbit DASH-V Helmet Mounted Display System, enhancing pilot situational awareness and aligning it with modern standards. This upgrade is crucial as the Indian Air Force (IAF) faces a shortfall in squadron strength, having ordered 83 jets to modernize its fleet. Despite challenges in delivery timelines due to supply chain issues, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) aims to ramp up production significantly. While the DASH-V upgrade marks progress, reliance on foreign technology raises concerns about indigenization, with the Tejas Mk1A's local content currently at 65%. This underscores the necessity for accelerated domestic defense technology development.

Taiwanese Media Applauds India's Akash and MR-SAM for Missile Defense SHARE

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Taiwanese media praised India's indigenous air defense systems, the Akash and MR-SAM, for their effectiveness in intercepting Chinese-designed missiles during the recent India-Pakistan conflict, highlighting India's growing prowess in air defense technology. The Akash and MR-SAM successfully neutralized multiple Pakistani attacks, including nuclear-capable HATF-I SRBMs, demonstrating resilience against foreign-designed weaponry. This performance underscores India's commitment to self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and raises questions about the reliability of Chinese military exports, as Pakistan's reliance on such systems was exposed. The acknowledgment from Taiwan reflects increasing global interest in Indian defense capabilities amidst escalating concerns over Chinese military expansion in the region.

DAC Set to Approve Rs 9,000 Cr Deal for 6 Netra Mk1A AWACs SHARE

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India's Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is set to approve a Rs 9,000 crore deal for six Netra Mk1A Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft, significantly enhancing the Indian Air Force's surveillance capabilities. This procurement aims to triple the current AEW&C fleet, utilizing upgraded technology, including an Indian-made AESA radar with a 240-degree coverage and a detection range of 450 kilometers. The decision reflects India's strategic focus on bolstering its defense against regional threats from China and Pakistan, addressing a critical operational shortfall. The initiative aligns with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat program, promoting self-reliance in defense technology while ensuring timely advancements in aerial surveillance capabilities.

Moroccan Army Upgrades Tata WhAP Vehicles with Israeli Turrets SHARE

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The Royal Moroccan Army plans to enhance its armoured capabilities by upgrading its Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8x8 vehicles with Israeli-designed 105mm and 120mm turrets, transforming them into light tanks with significant firepower. This move aligns with Morocco's military modernization efforts, solidifying the partnership with India and showcasing the WhAP's competitive edge over Chinese alternatives. The

integration of such heavy armament positions the WhAP as a versatile hybrid combat asset, adept in diverse terrains, while Elbit Systems' expertise will play a key role in necessary design enhancements, ensuring operational effectiveness.

IAF Boosts Precision Strike Power with BrahMos NG on Key Aircraft SHARE

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is enhancing its combat capabilities by integrating the BrahMos Next Generation (NG) missile into its MiG-29, Mirage 2000, and Tejas aircraft, which will significantly boost precision strike capabilities against high-value targets. The BrahMos NG, weighing around 1.3 tonnes, allows for broader deployment across various aircraft, reflecting India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing. With supersonic speeds of up to Mach 2.8 and advanced guidance systems, this missile enhances operational flexibility and serves as a critical deterrent against potential adversaries. The successful integration aligns with India's strategic goals and underlines the importance of modernizing its defense arsenal.

HAL to Upgrade Tejas Mk1 Jets with Mk1A Features by 2026 SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) plans to begin overhauling the Indian Air Force's Tejas Mk1 fighter jets in 2026, enhancing their capabilities to match those of the more advanced Tejas Mk1A. The upgrades will focus on integrating advanced avionics, including an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar and improved electronic warfare systems, while minimizing structural changes. This cost-effective strategy aims to maintain operational readiness and extend the service life of the aircraft, aligning with India's objective of modernizing its armed forces and boosting indigenous defense manufacturing. Such enhancements are critical for ensuring that the Tejas Mk1 remains effective in modern, contested air combat scenarios.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Defence Ministry Plans Licensing Reforms, DAP 2020 Revision by Nov SHARE

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The Indian Defence Ministry is considering reforms to expedite the industrial licensing process to enhance

competition and encourage private-sector participation in defense manufacturing. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh emphasized the need for disruptive reforms to lower entry barriers for grassroots investors. Additionally, the revision of the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 is set for completion by the end of November, aiming to streamline procurement policies. These initiatives reflect a strategic move towards strengthening indigenous defense capabilities and fostering a more robust defense industry, crucial for India's national security and self-reliance in military capabilities.

India's Defense Budget to Reach ₹31.7 Lakh Crore by 2047 SHARE

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India's defense budget is projected to rise five-fold to 31.7 lakh crore by 2047, positioning the country as the world's third-largest defense spender. This growth aligns with India's vision for self-reliance and global competitiveness in defense, with domestic production expected to surge from 1.6 lakh crore to 8.8 lakh crore and exports from 30,000 crore to 2.8 lakh crore. However, challenges such as reliance on imports, regulatory hurdles, and a lack of skilled manpower must be addressed. The report emphasizes the need for public-private partnerships and innovation to realize this ambitious roadmap, ensuring India not only secures its borders but also emerges as a key player in global defense innovation.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

China Dodges Questions on the Effectiveness of Weapons for Pakistan SHARE

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In recent tensions between India and Pakistan, the Chinese military has remained evasive regarding the performance of its weapons supplied to Pakistan, particularly the PL-15E missile, an export variant of China's advanced air-to-air missile. During a press briefing, Chinese Defense Ministry spokesperson Sr. Col. Zhang Xiaogang confirmed the missile's export status, aligning with Indian analysts' suspicions of its reduced capabilities compared to the domestic version. The missile's capture by India during the conflict has fueled concerns over potential reverse engineering and intelligence exploitation, as Indian defense officials view this as a unique opportunity to analyze advanced Chinese technology. The recent conflict, marked by

India's Operation Sindoor targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan, showcased India's advanced military capabilities, including effective air defense systems that successfully intercepted threats, underscoring India's growing technological edge. China's reluctance to discuss the battlefield effectiveness of its military exports may influence other nations' defense procurement strategies and highlights the potential reputational damage for China as regional dynamics shift. The scrutiny of Chinese arms performance, coupled with India's operational successes, reinforces India's position in the region and may bolster its defense cooperation with allies such as the United States, which could benefit from insights gained through the analysis of captured systems. The ongoing developments emphasize the evolving security landscape in South Asia, where India's capabilities are increasingly recognized amidst uncertainties surrounding the reliability of Chinese military technology.

Shehbaz Sharif acknowledges India's preemptive BrahMos strikes.



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Recent admissions by Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif highlight India's successful preemptive strikes using BrahMos missiles, which effectively disrupted Pakistan's planned military offensive on May 10. Sharif confirmed that Indian forces targeted crucial military installations, including airbases, just before Pakistan's intended retaliatory measures, showcasing the precision and lethality of the BrahMos system. This incident underscores not only India's defensive capabilities but also the missile's growing appeal in the global arms market, with countries like the Philippines, Indonesia, and Vietnam expressing interest in acquiring BrahMos systems. The missile, developed collaboratively by India and Russia, is praised for its speed, range, and ability to evade advanced air defense systems, proving its operational effectiveness during military confrontations. Furthermore, BrahMos' combat-proven performance enhances India's strategic standing in the Indo-Pacific, supporting its Act East policy and regional partnerships against assertive influences, particularly from China. As India advances plans for a next-generation BrahMos, the missile's export potential significantly strengthens India's defense industry and national security posture while altering the regional balance of power in favor of Indian interests. Overall, the successful military application of the BrahMos not only reinforces India's deterrence strategy but also positions it favorably in the international defense market.

Modi Highlights India's Military Resilience and Strategic Shift



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a recent rally in Kanpur, emphasized the resilience and capability of the Indian armed forces, citing their success in compelling the Pakistani Army to seek a ceasefire during Operation Sindoor. He reiterated India's commitment to a robust military response to terrorism, highlighting a new strategic framework that includes a decisive stance against any terror attacks, regardless of the threats posed by nuclear capabilities. Modi underscored the importance of indigenous weapons, showcasing the effectiveness of the BrahMos missile and the progress made under the 'Make in India' initiative, which aims for self-reliance in defense. He declared that India's approach will no longer be influenced by nuclear threats, further asserting that India will address terrorism originating from both state and non-state actors in Pakistan. This declaration is a clear indication of India's resolve to maintain its national security and assert its military prowess, reflecting a strategic shift towards a more aggressive and self-sufficient defense posture. The Prime Minister's remarks resonate with India's broader defense strategy aimed at deterring threats and ensuring peace through strength, marking a significant moment in India's geopolitical stance in the region.

India Rejects U.S. Claim of Trade Deal Preventing Clash with Pakistan



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India has firmly denied claims from the Trump administration suggesting that U.S. trade offers played a role in averting a full-scale conflict with Pakistan during recent military escalations. U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick stated in court that President Trump's offer of enhanced trade access was instrumental in achieving a ceasefire between the two nuclear neighbors after their hostilities escalated following India's Operation Sindoor. However, Indian officials, including the Ministry of External Affairs, have countered these assertions, emphasizing that the cessation of military operations was reached through direct negotiations between the Directors General of Military Operations of both nations, without any third-party intervention. They maintain that discussions with U.S. leaders regarding the military situation did not include topics of trade or tariffs, asserting that India and Pakistan reached their agreement independently. This conflict of narratives highlights the complex interplay between national sovereignty and international

diplomacy, with India's position reinforcing its self-reliance in conflict resolution. While the U.S. continues to frame its actions as vital for global stability, India's firm stance underlines a commitment to independent diplomatic engagement, reflecting the broader dynamics of power and influence in the region.

Reddy Questions Rafale Performance; BJP Defends National Security SHARE

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy questioned Prime Minister Modi on the performance of Rafale jets during conflicts with Pakistan, prompting a strong backlash from the BJP, which accused Reddy of undermining national security and parroting Pakistan's narrative. Reddy's comments included calls for accountability regarding military operations and highlighted perceived failures in handling territorial integrity against China. The BJP countered by emphasizing Congress's historical opposition to national defense initiatives, stating that such rhetoric is detrimental to India's security interests. This exchange underscores the ongoing political tensions surrounding national security issues and the critical need for unity in defense matters amidst external threats.

U.S. proposes 60-day Gaza ceasefire for hostages, prisoners swap SHARE

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The U.S. has proposed a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza, facilitating the release of hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners, amid ongoing tensions between Israel and Hamas. Israel has accepted this proposal, indicating its willingness to halt military operations if hostages are returned, while Hamas has responded cautiously, asserting that the plan does not sufficiently address their demands, including a full end to hostilities. The situation remains complex, with Israel's military campaign resulting in significant Palestinian casualties and widespread destruction, raising international pressure for a humanitarian response. Both sides are grappling with deep-rooted issues: Israel's insistence on disarming Hamas and ensuring lasting security contrasts with Hamas's demands for a ceasefire and prisoner exchanges, complicated further by political dynamics within Israel and the Palestinian territories. This stalemate reflects the broader challenge of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has only become more intricate amid shifting geopolitical landscapes and humanitarian crises. The potential for a temporary pause could provide limited relief but may fail to address the underlying issues,

perpetuating cycles of conflict if not accompanied by substantive negotiations for a permanent resolution.

CDS General Anil Chauhan and UK counterpart discuss defense ties. SHARE

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Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan met with UK counterpart Admiral Sir Tony Radakin to bolster defence ties, particularly in the context of Operation Sindoor, emphasizing India's commitment to strategic partnerships and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region. Chauhan is set to attend the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, engaging with military leaders from multiple nations to address Indo-Pacific security challenges. His recent visits to the Northern and Western Commands focused on operational assessments and the success of neutralizing terror networks during Operation Sindoor, showcasing India's proactive stance in enhancing regional security and counter-terrorism capabilities.

Macron and Hegseth Tackle China and Ukraine War at Singapore Forum SHARE

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French President Emmanuel Macron and U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth attended a security forum in Singapore, addressing China's assertiveness, the global impacts of the Ukraine war, and regional conflicts. Hegseth emphasized U.S. commitment to deterring Chinese aggression, particularly regarding Taiwan, while Macron highlighted the war's global ramifications and Russia's destabilizing efforts in Asia. Notably, the recent military confrontations between India and Pakistan came to a truce, underscoring regional tensions. The forum reflects a collective effort among democracies to uphold a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific amid rising challenges from China and Russia, reinforcing the importance of international cooperation in addressing these geopolitical dynamics.

New Zealand's Deputy PM Lauds India's Rising Defense Ties SHARE

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New Zealand's Deputy PM, Winston Peters, emphasized India's rising strategic significance during his visit to New Delhi, highlighting a new defence cooperation arrangement aimed at enhancing military collaboration between the two nations. This partnership is poised to facilitate joint military exercises, exchanges, and participation in Combined Task Force 150 to combat maritime threats. The agreement on codeshare routes between Air New Zealand and Air India is expected to

bolster tourism and trade, further deepening ties. Peters recognized India's economic potential and stressed New Zealand's role in supporting India's food security, reinforcing a shared commitment to a stable Indo-Pacific region. This collaboration reflects the growing geopolitical alignment and mutual benefits for both countries.

India and EU to Conduct Joint Naval Exercise in Indian Ocean SHARE

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India and the European Union are set to conduct a joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean from June 1 to 3, 2025, involving Indian Navy ships and two EU frigates, focusing on counter-piracy operations and enhancing maritime security cooperation. This collaboration underscores their commitment to a rules-based maritime order and regional stability, aligning their approaches to security challenges. The exercise reflects India's growing role as a security provider in the Indo-Mediterranean space and emphasizes integrated command and control mechanisms. It signifies a strategic partnership aimed at countering illicit maritime activities and promoting operational interoperability, reinforcing their dedication to international law and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

Pakistan's Army Chief: Water Rights Are Non-Negotiable SHARE

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Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir emphasized that Islamabad would never compromise on water rights linked to the basic needs of its 240 million citizens, in light of rising tensions following India's military actions after the Pahalgam terror attack. He asserted that water is a "red line" for Pakistan and accused India of backing terrorism in Balochistan. The situation escalated with India's precision strikes on May 7 targeting terror infrastructure, leading to attempts by Pakistan to retaliate against Indian military bases. However, both sides reached a mutual understanding to halt hostilities after talks between military operations directors on May 10, highlighting the precarious balance of regional security.

Azerbaijan's Media Shifts from Mockery to Alarm Over Armenia's Akash-1S SHARE

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Azerbaijani media's narrative on Armenia's acquisition of India's Akash-1S air defense system shifted from dismissive to alarmed following India's Operation

Sindoor, where the system demonstrated its effectiveness against aerial threats. Initially viewed as outdated, the Akash-1S's combat success against drones and missiles has compelled Azerbaijan to reassess its capabilities, recognizing it as a potential threat to its UAV operations. This shift reflects regional geopolitical anxieties and underlines the Akash-1S's role in enhancing Armenia's military resilience. The evolving perception highlights India's growing defense technology credibility, potentially increasing export interest in the Akash system amidst heightened tensions in the South Caucasus.

India's Operation Sindoor: A Game-Changer in South Asia SHARE

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On May 30, 2025, US military expert John Spencer praised India's Operation Sindoor, a decisive response to a terrorist attack that demonstrated India's technological and military superiority over Pakistan, seen as a proxy for China. The operation, involving precision strikes and indigenous weaponry, marked a shift in India's defense doctrine, emphasizing self-reliance and strategic capability. Prime Minister Modi's hardline stance on terrorism, coupled with the effective use of advanced systems like the BrahMos and Akash missiles, showcased India's growing military prowess. This operation signifies not only a tactical victory but also a strategic challenge to China's influence in the region, altering South Asian power dynamics.

Military Operations

BSF's Neha Bhandari: Heroine of Operation Sindoor Against Pakistan SHARE

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Assistant Commandant Neha Bhandari of the Border Security Force (BSF) received the Commendation Disc from Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi for her leadership during Operation Sindoor, which targeted aggressive Pakistani posts post the Pahalgam terror attack. Commanding a unit in Jammu and Kashmir's Pargwal sector, she led her team in neutralizing three enemy posts, showcasing exceptional bravery despite being near the International Border. Neha highlighted the high morale and dedication of her troops, emphasizing their commitment to national honor. Her family's legacy in the defense forces underscores the deep-rooted spirit of service in India's military, reinforcing the importance of operational readiness in safeguarding the nation's borders.

UN Highlights India's Leadership in Global Peacekeeping Efforts



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The United Nations has lauded India for its significant contributions to global peacekeeping, highlighting its unique approach to ensuring accountability for crimes against peacekeepers. UN Under-Secretary-General Jean-Pierre Lacroix noted India's exceptional role in advocating for justice and its leadership in the recent International Conference on Women in UN Peacekeeping. India ranks as the fourth-largest contributor of personnel to UN missions, showcasing its military professionalism and strategic intent to assert itself as a responsible global power. This proactive stance could enable India to shape a new global framework for peacekeeper protection and strengthen its diplomatic influence in international security dynamics.

Army Chief Reviews Troops' Readiness at White Knight Corps



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Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi visited the White Knight Corps to evaluate the operational readiness of troops stationed along the border. He commended their exemplary performance during Operation Sindoor and highlighted the necessity for adaptability in response to evolving security challenges. The visit underscores the Indian Army's commitment to maintaining high preparedness levels amid ongoing tensions and emphasizes the need for continuous vigilance in safeguarding national interests. This proactive approach reflects the leadership's dedication to ensuring the effectiveness and resilience of the armed forces in the face of complex geopolitical dynamics.

BSF: Pakistan's missile and drone attacks on Gujarat thwarted



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During Operation Sindoor, Pakistan launched missiles and 200 drones towards Gujarat, but Indian forces, including the BSF, Army, and Air Force, effectively thwarted these attacks, causing no damage to military or civilian targets. BSF's Inspector General, Abhishek Pathak, noted that despite the escalation of Pakistani military presence, including tanks and heavy artillery, Indian defenses were well-prepared, deploying high-caliber weapons and surveillance systems. The operation, initiated in response to a prior attack, showcased India's robust defensive capabilities and highlighted the need for continuous assessment to enhance future responses. This incident underscores

India's commitment to safeguarding its borders against external threats.

Coast Guard Hosts HOSHIYAR-25 Weapon Training Camp in West Bengal



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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) organized its annual weapon training camp, 'HOSHIYAR-25', from May 26 to 30 in Haldia, West Bengal, with participation from units across Kolkata, Haldia, and Frazerganj. The camp emphasized team building, command and control, and weapon handling, showcasing the first-ever joint operations with the CISF for tactical integration. Participants engaged in live firing, seamanship activities, and other drills aimed at enhancing crew competency to safeguard national maritime interests. This initiative reflects ICG's commitment to maintaining a robust and responsive posture in the face of evolving maritime challenges, underscoring the importance of preparedness in protecting India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

IAF Quashes Rumors of Expanding Fighter Squadrons to 60



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has dismissed media speculation regarding a proposal to increase its fighter strength to 60 squadrons, reaffirming its focus on maintaining the sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons while modernizing its fleet. The IAF emphasizes quality over quantity, highlighting ongoing inductions like Rafale jets and Tejas Mk-1A fighters, and plans for future aircraft like the AMCA. Fiscal constraints and operational realities further support this stance, with modernization efforts deemed sufficient to counter growing air threats from China and Pakistan. The IAF's strategic partnerships and participation in multinational exercises enhance its deterrence capabilities without necessitating a significant increase in squadron numbers.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

India's Navy on Terrorism: A Strong Warning to Pakistan



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Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, addressing naval personnel aboard the INS Vikrant, underscored the critical role of the Indian Navy during Operation Sindoor, framing it as India's frontal assault against

terrorism. He stressed that Pakistan must dismantle its terror infrastructure, including handing over high-profile terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India, or face severe consequences. Singh warned that if the Indian Navy had fully engaged during the operation, Pakistan could have been divided into four parts, referencing the historical context of the 1971 war. The Navy's presence served as a strategic deterrent, effectively confining the Pakistani Navy and validating India's maritime superiority. Singh emphasized that Operation Sindoor was not merely a military action but a clear message to Pakistan that any future terrorist activity would provoke a robust response, potentially from the Navy. He conveyed that India's military readiness is at an all-time high, capable of responding decisively to any provocation. The Defence Minister's remarks highlight India's strategic commitment to counterterrorism and its evolving role as a significant maritime power, reinforcing the message that India will no longer tolerate acts of aggression. This operational preparedness, combined with diplomatic pressure on Pakistan, illustrates India's multifaceted approach to national security, aimed at safeguarding its sovereignty and integrity while elevating its stance on the global stage.

PM Modi Consoles Family of Pahalgam Terror Attack Victim

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the family of Shubham Dwivedi, a victim of the recent Pahalgam terror attack, at Chakeri airport in Kanpur. During this poignant encounter, he offered condolences to Shubham's wife, Ashanya, and his parents, acknowledging their profound loss and expressing admiration for their resilience. Modi highlighted the importance of unity against terrorism, reiterating India's commitment to combating such violence, a sentiment echoed by the family who expressed gratitude for government efforts, particularly Operation Sindoor launched in response to the attack. Ashanya conveyed her belief that terrorists aim to sow discord among communities, to which Modi affirmed the ongoing struggle for peace and security in the nation. The meeting underscored the emotional toll of terrorism and the strength found in collective resolve, with both the family and the Prime Minister sharing a commitment to overcoming such challenges. This interaction not only offered solace to the bereaved family but also served as an inspirational reminder of the nation's shared strength in the face of adversity, reinforcing the government's strong stance against terrorism.

Seventeen Maoists surrender in Telangana, highlighting peace efforts.

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Seventeen Maoists surrendered in Telangana's Bhadradi Kothagudem district, influenced by welfare measures like the Operation Cheyutha program aimed at rehabilitating former insurgents and supporting tribal communities. This year, a total of 282 Maoists have voluntarily laid down their arms in the region, highlighting the effectiveness of police initiatives in promoting peace. The Superintendent of Police emphasized the importance of community cooperation against Maoist activities, warning that infiltrators will not find refuge in Telangana. The state's approach demonstrates a commitment to addressing the root causes of insurgency while ensuring the safety and development of local populations, fostering a path towards sustainable peace and stability.

PM Modi: Terrorism is a Snake That Must Be Confronted Boldly

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking in Bihar, emphasized the ongoing battle against terrorism, likening it to a snake that must be dealt with decisively if it raises its head again. He highlighted Operation Sindoor as a significant retaliatory measure against Pakistan-based terror groups and showcased the government's efforts in tackling Maoism, noting a reduction in violence-affected districts. Modi criticized opposition parties for their historical failures in governance while asserting the NDA's commitment to development and social justice in Bihar. He underscored that the current administration is focused on ensuring basic necessities reach all citizens, fostering a sense of security and progress in the region.

Nigeria Arrests Pakistani Terrorists Linked to Boko Haram

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Nigeria has arrested four Pakistani nationals accused of training Boko Haram militants and supplying arms, highlighting the growing influence of foreign terror operatives in West Africa. This has led Nigeria to enhance its intelligence and military operations and seek stronger regional collaboration against terrorism. Notably, India has increased its defense and counterterrorism partnership with Nigeria, which includes maritime security and intelligence sharing, following Prime Minister Modi's visit. This collaboration is significant as it aligns with India's broader strategy to counter the spread of terrorism and enhance its

influence in Africa, bolstering regional stability and security against threats emanating from groups like Boko Haram.

Danish Leaders Back India's All-Party Delegation Against Terrorism



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India's All-Party Delegation received strong support from Danish leaders against terrorism during their recent visit, which included significant discussions with key political figures. Danish Chairperson Christian Friis Bach expressed condolences for recent terror incidents in India and affirmed Denmark's solidarity in the fight against terrorism. The delegation emphasized a united stance against terrorism across Indian political parties, with former Union Minister M.J. Akbar drawing parallels between India's challenges and those faced by Europe. This engagement underscores the strengthening diplomatic ties between India and Denmark, characterized by their unique Green Strategic Partnership, focusing on shared democratic values and cooperation in addressing global terrorism.

Thane Man Arrested for Spying for Pakistan via Facebook Honey Trap



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A Thane resident has been arrested by Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism Squad for allegedly spying for Pakistan after being honey-trapped by a Pakistani agent on Facebook. The suspect shared sensitive information about critical installations through WhatsApp from November 2024 to March 2025. This incident underscores the ongoing threat of espionage faced by India, particularly from neighboring Pakistan. The swift action taken by the ATS highlights the commitment of Indian law enforcement to counter such threats and protect national security. Ongoing investigations will determine the full extent of the espionage and any potential ramifications for security protocols surrounding sensitive installations.

Rajasthan Man Arrested for Supplying SIM Cards to Pakistani Spies



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A Rajasthan man, Kasim, has been arrested by Delhi Police for allegedly supplying Indian mobile SIM cards to Pakistani Intelligence Operatives (PIOs) for espionage purposes. He reportedly traveled to Pakistan twice, meeting with officials from the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and is suspected of assisting in extracting sensitive information about the Indian Army and government. The investigation, prompted by

intelligence inputs regarding misuse of Indian numbers, aims to uncover the broader espionage network and identify additional Indian accomplices. This incident underscores ongoing security concerns regarding espionage activities aimed at India, highlighting the importance of vigilance and robust counter-intelligence measures.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

India Honors Two Peacekeepers with Posthumous UN Medals



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Two Indian peacekeepers, Brigadier Amitabh Jha and Havildar Sanjay Singh, were posthumously awarded the Dag Hammarskjold medals for their sacrifices while serving in UN missions. Jha, recognized for his leadership during complex circumstances in the Golan Heights, played a pivotal role amid the Syrian crisis in December 2024. Singh served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when he died. The Indian Army honored the memory of 182 peacekeepers at a ceremony in New Delhi, emphasizing India's significant contribution to UN peacekeeping, with 5,375 personnel deployed. This recognition highlights India's commitment to maintaining global peace and security through dedicated service in challenging environments.

NDA Celebrates Historic Graduation of First Women Cadets



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The National Defence Academy (NDA) recently celebrated a historic milestone with the graduation of its first batch of 17 women cadets, marking a significant step towards inclusivity in India's military. The event, attended by esteemed dignitaries including General Vijay Kumar Singh, underscored the seamless integration of women into the academy's training and operations. General Singh highlighted the symbolic importance of this achievement, envisioning women rising to top military positions in the future. Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh emphasized the academy's commitment to gender-neutral training, showcasing a progressive shift in military education that will strengthen national defense capabilities. This landmark event reflects India's evolving approach to empowerment and diversity in its armed forces.

Yashasvi Solanki: First Woman Navy Officer as President's ADC SHARE

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Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki has made history as the first woman officer of the Indian Navy appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India, highlighting the increasing integration of women in key military roles. This appointment underscores the growing recognition of women officers in significant ceremonial and administrative positions within the armed forces. Additionally, the upcoming policy to appoint personal staff officers for service chiefs from other branches signifies a move towards greater uniformity and the 'theaterisation' of the defense forces, initiated with the establishment of the Chief of Defence Staff. This progressive shift reflects India's commitment to inclusivity and modernization in its military structure.

Miscellaneous

INA Celebrates 25th Convocation, Fostering Skilled Naval Engineers SHARE

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The Indian Naval Academy (INA) at Ezhimala recently celebrated its 25th convocation ceremony, where 83 Midshipmen, including five international cadets, were awarded B.Tech degrees in various engineering disciplines, underscoring the academy's commitment to producing skilled engineers for the Indian Navy. Jaiteerath R. Joshi, Director General of BrahMos Aerospace, emphasized the necessity for strong collaboration between defense research, academic institutions, and industry to develop hands-on-ready engineers tailored for naval roles, particularly in light of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. He outlined a tri-sector model involving academia, research, and industry to enhance skill development and create self-sufficient naval engineers capable of operating independently on board ships. Joshi also highlighted the role of institutions like the DRDO in integrating students early into the defense ecosystem, providing them with domain-specific exposure and training, while also indicating a potential reversal of the brain drain as India's technological advancements and improving job prospects encourage talent to remain in the country. Overall, the event and the subsequent discussions reflect India's proactive approach in aligning its defense education and industry with future warfare demands, indicating a robust

strategy to enhance the operational capabilities of its naval forces while fostering a conducive environment for innovation and skilled workforce development in the defense sector.

Six Envoys, Including Turkey and Bangladesh, Credentialed to President Murmu SHARE

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Envoys from six nations, including Turkey and Bangladesh, presented their credentials to President Droupadi Murmu, amidst strained bilateral relations. The ceremony was delayed due to criticism of Turkey's support for Pakistan during heightened military tensions following India's Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in response to a recent attack. Additionally, India's relations with Bangladesh have also soured significantly since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government, particularly concerning rising violence against minorities. These developments reflect the complex geopolitical landscape India navigates as it seeks to strengthen ties while addressing security concerns with neighboring countries.

Bangladesh's Yunus regime recalls diplomat for opposing animal sacrifice SHARE

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A Bangladeshi diplomat, Shabab-bin Ahmed, was recalled from his Kolkata posting after opposing animal sacrifices on Eid at the High Commission, highlighting a clash between progressive values and the fundamentalist tendencies of the current Yunus regime. His stance, viewed as a principled effort to respect local customs, faced backlash from a government influenced by radical views. Analysts commend Ahmed for his diplomatic courage, emphasizing that such progressive behavior is unwelcome in Dhaka's current political climate. This incident underscores the challenges faced by diplomats who advocate for adherence to international norms amidst rising extremism in Bangladesh, which may negatively affect India-Bangladesh relations.

Historic Journey: Women Navy Officers Complete Global Voyage SHARE

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Two Indian Navy officers, Lieutenant Commander Dilna K. and Lieutenant Commander Roopa A., made history by becoming the first Indian duo to circumnavigate the globe without external assistance, completing their voyage in 239 days aboard INSV Tarini. Facing

treacherous conditions, including navigation blackouts and 20-foot waves, their expedition exemplified resilience and showcased the growing role of women in India's armed forces. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commended their achievement as a testament to "nari shakti," while highlighting the increasing participation of women in various military roles, which significantly contributes to national security. This voyage not only breaks barriers but also inspires future generations.

Six Arrested for Scamming Retired Navy Officer of Over Rs 2 Crore

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In Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, six individuals were arrested for allegedly defrauding a retired Navy officer of over Rs 2 crore through a fraudulent share trading scheme. The police revealed that the victim, Bhupendra Singh, was drawn into the scam after being invited to invest through a WhatsApp group operated by the suspects. This incident highlights the risks associated with unregulated investment schemes and the need for greater vigilance among potential investors, particularly among retired defense personnel who may be more susceptible to such scams. Strengthening financial literacy and awareness can help protect individuals from similar fraudulent activities in the future.

IPL 2025 Final: Army Chiefs May Skip Ceremony Honoring Valor

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Three service chiefs of the Indian Armed Forces, invited to the IPL 2025 final on June 3 as a tribute to Operation Sindoor, are unlikely to attend, according to reports. The operation was a vital military response to a terrorist attack in Kashmir that claimed 26 civilian lives. The IPL's closing ceremony will honor the armed forces, featuring military band performances and prominent singers, emphasizing the nation's gratitude for their courage and service. The decision for the chiefs' absence underscores the solemnity of the occasion, highlighting the delicate balance between national security and public events in India.

Haryana's 'Operation Shield' civil defense drill set for May 31.

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The Haryana government will conduct a statewide civil defence exercise, "Operation Shield," on May 31 to enhance emergency preparedness across all 22 districts. This drill, guided by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, will simulate scenarios like air raids and drone attacks, involving around 32,000 Civil Defence

Volunteers. Key activities include activating air raid sirens and a controlled blackout near vital installations. The exercise aims to improve coordination between civil administration and defense forces, ensuring an effective response to crises, thereby reinforcing Haryana's commitment to national security amidst growing threats. Overall, it signifies proactive steps in strengthening India's civil defense capabilities.

DMK MP Kanimozhi Leads Delegation to Strengthen Ties with Latvia

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An all-party delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi visited Latvia to strengthen diplomatic ties and advocate for a global alliance against terrorism, particularly following recent attacks linked to Pakistan. This marks India's first high-level parliamentary visit to Latvia, aimed at conveying a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism and solidifying international support against it. The delegation engaged with Latvian parliamentarians and officials, promoting India's message to the broader Baltic region through parliamentary diplomacy. This initiative aligns with India's strategic objective to build a consensus against terrorism on the global stage, showcasing a united front across its political spectrum in responding to security challenges.

India Collaborates with Iran to Find Missing Nationals in Tehran

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India is actively coordinating with Iranian authorities to locate three Indian nationals from Punjab who went missing after arriving in Tehran on May 1. The Ministry of External Affairs reported daily communication with Iranian officials and emphasized their cooperation in ensuring the safety and security of the men, who were allegedly kidnapped and are subject to ransom demands. The Indian Embassy is in contact with the families and has urged caution for travelers to Iran, highlighting past advisories. This incident underscores the complexities of international travel and the importance of diplomatic engagement in safeguarding Indian citizens abroad.

Maharashtra to Launch App for Verifying Police IDs Amid Fraud Concerns

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The Maharashtra government is investing Rs 4 crore in procuring digital ID cards for over 51,000 police personnel to combat rising cyber fraud linked to fake police identities. The new smart ID system will feature

advanced security elements like QR codes and will be verified through a mobile app, enabling citizens to check the authenticity of officers during interactions. While this initiative aims to enhance security, concerns have been raised by experts regarding its effectiveness, as victims may struggle to verify identities amidst stressful situations. Nonetheless, successful implementation in Mumbai could lead to broader adoption across the state, strengthening public trust in law enforcement.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
WALCHANNAG	218.35	239.0	217.4	235.32	3233563	8.3	67.89	204.2	249.93
HIGHENE	703.8	731.0	691.25	718.0	21456	2.93	73.62	623.95	596.87
BDL	1977.9	2096.6	1956.1	2015.5	8889976	2.12	76.36	1768.33	1252.26
TANEJAERO	388.4	388.4	388.4	388.4	5034	2.0	74.09	336.83	406.33
HBLPOWER	590.95	604.9	582.5	600.3	1973560	1.78	67.02	543.94	563.27
SIKA	820.0	834.8	779.95	827.4	34787	1.71	64.72	772.24	553.53
ZENTEC	2190.0	2218.0	2114.2	2139.8	933328	1.21	84.74	1727.06	1732.85
PREMEXPLN	577.0	593.5	563.3	578.0	1353581	0.6	63.49	503.37	466.69
LT	3655.3	3695.3	3654.5	3675.1	2571304	0.54	69.66	3543.86	3511.69
BEML	4239.9	4342.6	4206.0	4230.1	776693	0.1	75.01	3602.51	3579.89
APOLLO	189.58	194.0	185.0	188.92	23600950	0.08	77.79	141.89	113.75
CFF	566.1	566.1	555.1	555.1	26000	0.02	64.94	541.65	594.11
DATAPAT'TNS	2865.0	2920.0	2803.7	2848.2	959867	-0.46	68.56	2593.86	2280.35
HAL	5004.0	5065.0	4958.4	4974.1	1852727	-0.53	62.22	4809.9	4248.9
BEL	386.8	390.0	383.65	384.6	23144580	-0.57	78.72	354.27	293.62
AZAD	1787.8	1794.8	1747.2	1770.4	674897	-0.78	59.88	1743.75	1552.73
ASTRAMICRO	1111.0	1121.95	1090.0	1095.4	616158	-0.79	66.44	999.46	793.72
ADANIENT	2550.0	2564.0	2513.8	2519.9	684592	-0.82	56.92	2466.81	2589.67
SOLARINDS	16305.0	16305.0	15950.0	16104.0	275874	-0.89	78.41	14337.85	10815.84
IDEAFORGE	545.0	546.6	530.1	534.3	529320	-1.02	64.16	497.5	542.88
BHARATFORG	1260.0	1262.4	1238.0	1240.9	1020675	-1.19	60.32	1211.47	1299.71
PARAS	1630.0	1679.0	1591.2	1605.7	1223267	-1.25	63.15	1536.29	1100.09
DYNAMATECH	7010.0	7010.0	6837.5	6854.0	5644	-1.4	54.39	6782.85	7203.68
MTARTECH	1664.4	1673.7	1632.0	1640.8	87345	-1.42	65.64	1557.41	1590.69
COCHINSHIP	1975.0	1993.5	1908.9	1947.1	3804068	-1.62	64.77	1760.22	1575.1
KRISHNADEF	790.0	800.0	785.15	787.2	36000	-1.73	47.44	821.46	705.06
MARINE	209.0	209.85	200.6	203.37	388598	-2.04	51.73	202.12	221.28
ROSSELLIND	73.55	73.91	69.7	71.32	28655	-2.71	47.05	72.38	151.01
GRSE	3090.0	3105.0	2925.3	3003.2	4744712	-2.81	77.92	2361.71	1693.79
DCXINDIA	315.8	317.65	305.0	305.9	785185	-2.83	49.93	314.49	310.12
MIDHANI	437.95	439.8	421.1	423.8	1434572	-3.09	70.24	377.48	339.62
LMW	17396.0	17601.0	16613.0	16698.0	20200	-4.01	46.77	17072.1	16090.04
PTC	183.5	184.38	175.3	176.14	2441334	-4.17	45.32	180.8	173.59
AVANTEL	148.0	148.0	139.25	140.58	2355316	-4.35	61.9	124.67	146.88
NIBE	1761.5	1817.15	1761.5	1761.5	67252	-5.0	65.65	1527.23	1557.68
MAZDOCK	3470.0	3594.0	3426.1	3478.2	10048866	-7.28	60.12	3277.04	2383.52
LOKESHMACH	0.0	168.42	168.42	168.42	8401	-10.54	50.36	168.48	297.45