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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SWANDEF	1142.2	1087.85	+5.0%
LOKESHMACH	150.27	146.24	+2.76%
TEMBO	727.35	717.2	+1.42%
CENTUM	2317.4	2290.7	+1.17%
WALCHANNAG	166.68	165.57	+0.67%

### Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
DRONACHRYA	34.28	36.31	-5.59%
SUNITATOOL	835.0	873.0	-4.35%
NIBE	1021.9	1068.2	-4.33%
KRISHNADEF	760.2	788.75	-3.62%
AVANTEL	153.05	158.71	-3.57%

## Defense Business and Industry

### DRDO's successful fighter jet escape system test elevates India's defense capabilities.



03-Dec-25

On December 1, 2025, DRDO successfully conducted a high-speed rocket-sled test of an indigenous fighter aircraft escape system at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory's Rail Track Rocket Sled facility in Chandigarh, achieving a controlled velocity of 800 km/h. The trial, involving the Indian Air Force, Aeronautical Development Agency, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, validated canopy severance, ejection sequencing, and full aircrew recovery using an instrumented dummy on the LCA Tejas forebody, marking a breakthrough in pilot safety under extreme combat conditions. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed it as a self-reliance milestone, while DRDO Chairman Samir V Kamat praised the team. From an Indian strategic perspective, this elevates IAF operational resilience amid border tensions, reducing import dependence and positioning India among elite nations with advanced in-house testing for next-gen fighters.

### Middle East sees nine firms in SIPRI's Top 100 Arms Producers for 2024.



03-Dec-25

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has reported a significant surge in global arms revenues, reaching a record \$679 billion in 2024, driven by escalating conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza. The data highlights a 5.9 percent increase from the previous year

and reflects the growing demand for defense capabilities amid geopolitical uncertainties. Notably, India's defense revenues grew by 8.2 percent, underscoring its commitment to indigenization and self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Furthermore, the report indicates that nine companies from the Middle East, including prominent Turkish and Israeli firms, achieved combined revenues of \$31 billion, enhancing the region's defense industrial base and posing strategic challenges to established powers. This evolving landscape presents India with opportunities to strengthen collaborations in counter-drone technologies and missile systems while addressing regional instabilities and reinforcing its indigenous defense capabilities to counter potential threats. The report also emphasizes vulnerabilities in global supply chains, particularly with a decline in Chinese revenues, indicating that India can leverage these dynamics through diversified sourcing and domestic production enhancements.

### Indian Navy to receive first four Rafale-M jets by 2029, enhancing naval capabilities.



03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi has announced that the first batch of four Rafale-M carrier-borne fighter jets will be delivered by 2029, following a contract for 26 aircraft to enhance the Navy's operational capabilities aboard INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant. This decision aligns with India's strategic objective to modernize its naval fleet amidst growing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Concurrently, the Indian Air Force is advancing plans to procure 114 Rafale fighter jets upgraded to the F4 standard, with an initial order for 90 aircraft and an option for 24 future F5 variants. This development, tied

to India's "Make in India" initiative, signifies a strong preference for Dassault Aviation's Rafale over competing options, reinforced by the aircraft's performance during military operations. The proposed order, valued at over \$18 billion, would underscore India's commitment to bolstering its air power and further cement the defense partnership between India and France, especially in light of recent geopolitical tensions.

## **Russia proposes joint fifth-generation fighter development with India by 2030, strengthening defense collaboration.**



03-Dec-25

Russia is intensifying its defense partnership with India, proposing joint development of a fifth-generation fighter jet, the Su-57E, by 2030, as outlined by Dmitry Shugaev of the FSMTC. This initiative aims to enhance cooperation in combat aviation, focusing on producing advanced aircraft and modern air defense systems. Kremlin Press Secretary Dmitry Peskov has emphasized the Su-57E as the world's best fighter, cautioning against interference from rival nations, while highlighting a potential deal involving 114 aircraft with significant technology transfer and local production capabilities at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. This collaboration aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and addresses the Indian Air Force's pressing requirements amid operational shortages. Analysts suggest that the deal, valued at \$15-20 billion, could reinforce India's military capabilities and further solidify Russia's role as a key defense partner amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics and external pressures.

## **IAF seeks interim 5th-gen stealth fighters before AMCA's arrival.**



03-Dec-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is actively pursuing interim fifth-generation stealth fighter capabilities in light of a significant operational gap until the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program is realized, projected for the mid-2030s. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has indicated that while the focus remains on defining precise operational requirements, the urgency to secure advanced aerial capabilities has led to discussions about potential foreign contenders, with the Russian Su-57 and American F-35 being noted as primary candidates. The Su-57, in particular, presents strategic advantages including local production opportunities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, advanced stealth features, and a lower cost of

operation compared to Western alternatives, which could enhance India's air dominance amidst regional threats, particularly from China. The acquisition of such platforms not only aims to address immediate squadron shortages but also seeks to strengthen India's defense industrial base and self-reliance in modern combat aviation, which is critical given the evolving security dynamics in the region.

## **Leonardo DRS CEO highlights defense sector growth amid global tensions and opportunities for India.**



03-Dec-25

Leonardo DRS CEO Bill Lynn, in his final interview before retirement, outlined the company's strategic evolution into a versatile defense firm with a focus on advanced technologies, highlighting a balanced revenue model across various military branches. He emphasized the growing international demand for U.S. defense equipment, particularly amid geopolitical tensions in Europe and Asia, which presents significant opportunities for Indian defense modernization in areas such as counter-UAS and air defense systems. Lynn's insights on the competitive landscape suggest that while U.S. exports may initially dominate, international competition will rise, urging nations like India to expedite procurement processes to enhance their defense capabilities in response to regional security challenges. His successor, John Baylouny, is expected to drive continued innovation and resilience within the firm.

## **INS Aridaman, India's third nuclear sub, nearing fleet induction.**



03-Dec-25

India's third nuclear missile submarine, INS Aridaman, is nearing commissioning, as confirmed by Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, with expectations for its entry into service early next year. This submarine, part of the Arihant class, follows the commissioning of the second submarine last August. Additionally, the Indian Navy is focused on acquiring six conventional submarines under Project 75I, with negotiations progressing rapidly and a contract likely to be signed within the current financial year. The development of a new class of nuclear-powered, conventionally armed submarines (SSNs) is also underway, which will enhance India's underwater capabilities and support its strategic objectives in the region.

## Akin Analytics to establish a major drone manufacturing hub in Andhra Pradesh.



03-Dec-25

Hyderabad-based Akin Analytics has secured land in Andhra Pradesh to set up a state-of-the-art drone manufacturing facility as part of the ambitious Drone City project in Orvakal, Kurnool district. Announced on December 2, 2025, this initiative is integral to the state's plan to develop India's first and largest Drone City, spread over 300 acres. The project, aligned with Andhra Pradesh's vision under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and supported by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, aims to create a comprehensive ecosystem including manufacturing, research, testing, and pilot training, expected to generate around 40,000 jobs. The facility emphasizes AI-driven applications in agriculture, defense, and multiple sectors, and will host the world's largest common drone testing facility. Supported by government incentives and the Atmanirbhar Bharat push for self-reliance, this development solidifies Andhra Pradesh's position as India's drone innovation leader, reducing import dependency while boosting indigenous capabilities. Akin Analytics, India's first women-led deep-tech drone startup, leverages AI and pilot training expertise to advance the sector significantly.

## Kremlin confirms S-400, Su-57 discussions ahead of Putin's visit to India.



03-Dec-25

Ahead of President Vladimir Putin's visit to India for the 23rd Annual Summit, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov confirmed discussions on the S-400 air defense system and the Su-57 stealth jet, emphasizing the significance of Russian arms in India's military inventory. He noted the potential for Indian production of the Su-57, including technology transfers covering critical areas such as engines and advanced materials, while highlighting the successful BrahMos missile collaboration as a model for future defense synergies. Peskov also condemned recent terrorist attacks in Delhi, advocating for a unified international response. This partnership reflects the resilience of the India-Russia strategic alliance amidst shifting geopolitical landscapes, with India actively pursuing further acquisitions to enhance its defense capabilities.

## India Negotiates with IWI for Advanced ARBEL Computerized Rifle System



03-Dec-25

India entered formal talks with Israel Weapon Industries (IWI) on December 2, 2025 to acquire the ARBEL, the world's first fully computerized rifle fire-control system featuring advanced AI-driven targeting and rapid-fire solutions. The ARBEL system, developed for integration with major small-arms platforms, uses sensors and real-time ballistic computations to drastically improve the accuracy and lethality of frontline soldiers operating in complex combat environments. Discussions led by IWI CEO Shuki Schwartz underline robust technology cooperation, with localized production, such as manufacturing barrels, already underway in India through the Make in India program and joint ventures like PLR Systems with Adani Group. This move aligns with India's strategy to modernise its military capabilities and foster self-reliance, while leveraging foreign innovation for indigenous advances. The ARBEL's MEMS-based algorithm ensures selective and timely firing, giving Indian forces a clear tactical edge without relying on specialized optics.

## Indian Army's Digitisation-3 Transforms Operations with AI and Automation.



03-Dec-25

The Indian Army officially launched its Digitisation-3 initiative on November 28, 2025, unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, outlining a 240-page roadmap focused on advancing artificial intelligence, automation, and comprehensive digitisation to establish a data-driven force by 2035. The plan centers on three pillars—digitisation, automation, and AI—highlighting 100 applications, including indigenous counter-drone systems, a Geographic Information System (GIS) for real-time battlefield mapping, and predictive logistics engines to optimize supply chains. Early pilot deployments along the northern borders have reportedly enhanced situational awareness by 40%, marking substantial progress toward network-centric warfare capabilities targeted by 2030. This transformative strategy aims to position the Indian Army as a technology-dominant force, reinforcing operational efficiency and decision superiority amid evolving geopolitical challenges. The initiative also embraces indigenization and synergy with civil-military technology partners, underscoring India's strategic push for self-reliance in defense technology and battlefield innovation.

## CoreEL Technologies boosts military communication by acquiring Lekha Wireless' Aerospace and Defence division.



03-Dec-25

CoreEL Technologies India Private Limited announced on December 2, 2025, the acquisition of Lekha Wireless's Aerospace and Defence Systems (ADS) division, bolstering its military communication portfolio with indigenous IP, specialized engineering talent, and technologies like Tactical SDRs, Mesh Radios, Vehicle SDRs, data links, missile telemetry, and UAV systems. This move, advised by Steer Advisors with undisclosed financials, aligns with surging Indian armed forces demand for secure, product-ready solutions amid Atmanirbhar Bharat's indigenization push. Key actors include CoreEL's MD & CEO Vishwanath Padur and Lekha founders Amarnadha Reddy and Ramu Srinivasaiah, who hailed the synergy for next-gen R&D. From an Indian strategic lens, it fortifies national security by reducing import reliance, enhancing operational resilience against border threats from China and Pakistan, and positioning domestic firms for global exports in contested communication domains.

## Indian Navy aims for indigenous propulsion systems by 2029 under Make in India initiative.



03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy is aggressively advancing its indigenous propulsion capabilities with a target operational date of 2029, marking a critical step towards self-reliance under the Make in India initiative. On July 28, 2025, the Navy approved the Indigenous Gas Turbine Marine Engine Development Program, aiming to produce 24-28 MW gas turbine engines suited for destroyers, frigates, and future combatants. This program includes collaborations with Bharat Forge, which has acquired a significant stake in Ukrainian engine maker Zorya-Mashproekt to co-develop marine gas turbines and diesel-electric propulsion systems. A budget of ₹1,27,554 crore has been sanctioned for naval platform development, covering 94 projects in total. This push not only reduces India's dependence on foreign suppliers like Ukraine and the US but also enhances its strategic autonomy and competitiveness amidst rising maritime security challenges in the Indian Ocean Region. The indigenous propulsion systems will significantly boost naval endurance, stealth, and rapid response capabilities, cementing India's stature as a prominent maritime power in the Indo-Pacific.

## India's defense tech market to reach \$19 billion by 2030, driven by startups and innovation.



03-Dec-25

India's defense technology market, currently valued at \$7.6 billion, is projected to reach \$19 billion by 2030, driven by a compound annual growth rate of nearly 20%. This evolution marks a shift towards technology-led systems, expected to constitute 50% of the defense market, fueled by over 1,000 startups focusing on advanced areas such as counter-drone technologies and autonomous systems. However, the report indicates a critical shortage of specialized engineering roles, which could hinder critical capabilities in aircraft and unmanned systems, with 40-45% of positions potentially remaining unfilled by 2030. Addressing these gaps is vital for enhancing India's defense readiness and global competitiveness, particularly in AI and advanced engineering domains.

## Indian Navy Pursues Stealth Upgrade for Frigates Against Missile Threats



03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy is pursuing a strategic upgrade for its heavy frigates to enhance stealth capabilities, specifically aimed at countering sea-skimming threats such as advanced anti-ship missiles. Under the 'Innovations for Defence Excellence' initiative, the Navy seeks to collaborate with domestic industries to significantly reduce the Radar Cross-Section (RCS) of its future warships, addressing the vulnerabilities posed by low-flying missile threats. This initiative underscores the necessity for advanced materials and design innovations that can effectively obscure radar signatures, particularly against terminal phase missile seekers. By advancing these low-RCS technologies, the Indian Navy aims to fortify its operational effectiveness in increasingly contested maritime environments, ensuring its vessels remain concealed from sophisticated enemy detection systems.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

## Indian Navy extends Maritime Capability plan to 2032, aiming for self-sufficiency by 2047.



03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy has extended its Maritime Capability Perspective Plan (MCP) to 2032 due to various constraints, according to Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena.



He emphasized the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to achieve indigenisation, with the objective of complete self-sufficiency by 2047. Currently, the Navy operates 138 ships and 264 aircraft, with over 51 ships under construction and plans for additional vessels and submarines. Addressing concerns about China's growing influence in the Indian Ocean, Saxena reaffirmed India's strategic leadership and commitment to regional partnerships, as evidenced by upcoming international naval events in Visakhapatnam, highlighting India's role as a preferred security partner in the region.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### Putin threatens to sever Ukraine's maritime access after tanker attacks. SHARE

03-Dec-25

Russian President Vladimir Putin threatened to cut Ukraine's access to the sea in retaliation for recent drone attacks on Russian-flagged tankers in the Black Sea, which have intensified following Ukraine's strikes on vessels linked to Russia's "shadow fleet." This escalation included a recent attack on the Midvolga-2, a tanker carrying sunflower oil from Russia to Georgia, which sustained damage but managed to navigate back safely. Turkish President Recep Erdogan condemned these assaults, emphasizing the risks to maritime safety and the environment while reaffirming Turkey's commitment to protecting its exclusive economic zone. As tensions escalate over control of energy transport routes, the ongoing maritime conflicts underline the strategic vulnerability of Russian oil transport, critical for funding its military operations, and reflect the broader geopolitical ramifications in the Black Sea region, where both Russia and Ukraine seek to assert dominance. Such developments may lead to a more complex maritime security landscape, impacting international shipping and regional stability.

### Kremlin ready for talks with US, warns of war over Ukraine. SHARE

03-Dec-25

Russian President Vladimir Putin has conveyed Moscow's readiness for war if European leaders continue to obstruct peace efforts regarding the Ukraine conflict. This declaration follows high-stakes talks in Moscow between US envoys, including Jared Kushner, and Russian officials, where no significant progress was made on a peace settlement. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov emphasized the necessity of

ongoing discussions, reflecting Russia's willingness to engage in negotiations as long as required for resolution. However, Putin criticized European leaders for allegedly working against a peaceful agenda, claiming that their actions aim to undermine US attempts to facilitate a compromise. These developments underscore the heightened tensions in the region and the complex dynamics at play, as European nations express concerns over potentially coercive peace terms that could further jeopardize Ukraine's sovereignty and security amidst fears of increased Russian aggression.

### India rejects Pakistan's airspace claims, emphasizes humanitarian aid efforts. SHARE

03-Dec-25

India has firmly rejected Pakistan's claims that it denied overflight clearance for a humanitarian flight to Sri Lanka, labeling the assertions as "ridiculous" and an attempt to spread anti-India misinformation. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) clarified that Pakistan's request for airspace use was received at 1 PM IST on December 1, 2025, and was processed expeditiously, granting approval by 5:30 PM IST the same day. This incident arises amid severe humanitarian crises in Sri Lanka following Cyclone Ditwah, which caused extensive flooding and landslides, resulting in significant loss of life and displacement. India, through its Operation Sagar Bandhu, has demonstrated its commitment to assist Sri Lanka during this challenging period by swiftly coordinating humanitarian efforts. The diplomatic exchange underscores ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, where humanitarian issues can become entangled in broader geopolitical disputes, yet India's prompt response highlights its prioritization of humanitarian concerns and regional solidarity amidst these complexities.

### Delhi to host India-Russia forum to enhance economic ties and trade. SHARE

03-Dec-25

Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to India on December 4-5 aims to deepen strategic ties and enhance bilateral trade, with a target of reaching \$100 billion by 2030. The visit coincides with a two-day India-Russia business forum, focusing on expanding trade across sectors such as agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and digital services. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov emphasized the historical partnership between India and Russia, highlighting

ongoing cooperation in defense and nuclear energy, with discussions expected on the S-400 missile defense system and the Sukhoi-57 fighter jets. Both countries aim to address trade imbalances by increasing India's exports to Russia while fostering collaboration in emerging technologies and counter-terrorism efforts. Peskov also noted India's balanced stance on global issues, contrasting it with other nations, and reaffirmed Russia's commitment to maintaining strong ties with India amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.

## India and Philippines Coast Guards meet to enhance maritime cooperation.



03-Dec-25

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) recently convened their inaugural annual bilateral meeting in Manila, focusing on enhancing maritime cooperation under a Memorandum of Understanding signed in August 2023. The discussions emphasized strengthening joint initiatives in maritime search and rescue, law enforcement, and pollution response, aligning with India's Act East Policy and regional maritime strategies. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to fostering operational synergy and mutual trust through regular training and exchange programs. This meeting underscores the growing strategic partnership between India and the Philippines, contributing to regional stability and security in the Indo-Pacific, highlighted by Manila's acknowledgment of India as a key defense partner, particularly in defense procurement like the BrahMos missile system.

## China seeks European support against Japan, invoking World War II context.



03-Dec-25

China has intensified its diplomatic efforts to sway European support against Japan amid escalating tensions over Taiwan. Following provocative remarks from Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi regarding potential military intervention if China threatens Taiwan, Beijing's top diplomat, Wang Yi, invoked World War II, urging British and French officials to reaffirm their allegiance to the "one-China principle." This comes as China seeks to isolate Japan internationally, reacting furiously to Takaichi's statements. Analysts highlight that despite China's aggressive stance, European nations remain wary of Beijing's overreach, partly due to its actions in Ukraine, suggesting that calls for European alignment with China may not succeed. The broader implications of this situation underscore the

precarious balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region and the challenges of maintaining regional stability amid rising nationalist sentiments.

## India, Russia defense ministers to discuss key military cooperation talks.



03-Dec-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to engage in crucial talks with his Russian counterpart Andrey Belousov, focusing on enhancing India-Russia defence and security ties. Key agenda items include the procurement of additional S-400 missile systems, the upgrade of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets, and expediting the supply of military hardware, addressing long-standing grievances regarding delays. The discussions precede a summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin, where they will review overall defence cooperation, reflecting on Russia's enduring role as a key partner in India's foreign policy. The outcome of these talks could significantly influence India's military capabilities and its strategic posture in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

## Turkey and NATO discuss Black Sea security after attacks on Russian ships.



03-Dec-25

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte discussed Black Sea security amidst rising tensions following attacks on Russian-linked vessels, attributed to Ukraine. Turkey condemned these assaults, which have raised maritime insurance rates and led to operational halts by Turkish shipping companies due to security concerns. President Putin has threatened to escalate military actions against Ukraine, signaling a dangerous escalation in the conflict. Meanwhile, Turkey seeks to revive ceasefire negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, underscoring its position as a key mediator in regional stability amidst the ongoing war.

## India Emphasizes Thailand's Role as Key Maritime Partner, Says Jaishankar



03-Dec-25

India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the significance of Thailand as a close maritime neighbor and strategic partner during discussions following the ASEAN summit. Recognizing the historical ties, he highlighted advancements in bilateral relations through agreements in various sectors, including digital technology and maritime heritage. The talks also addressed mutual concerns,

such as the situation in Myanmar and the rising threat of transnational cyber scams, with both nations agreeing on the need for coordinated action. Furthermore, Thailand's request for India's support in its BRICS candidacy and upcoming collaboration at an international conference on cybersecurity underscores the growing importance of regional partnerships in addressing contemporary security challenges.

## Sri Lanka Appreciates Indian Troops for Cyclone Relief Efforts



03-Dec-25

Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah in late November 2025, Sri Lanka has expressed profound gratitude to India for its swift and generous relief efforts under Operation Sagar Bandhu. Sri Lankan leaders, including former Foreign Minister Ali Sabry and Deputy Foreign Minister Arun Hemachandra, publicly thanked India for its rapid deployment of rescue teams, medical personnel, and vital supplies. The Sri Lankan Police and High Commissioner to India also conveyed deep appreciation for India's helicopter rescue missions, delivery of over 53 tons of relief materials, and continuous support during this critical time. The heartfelt thanks underscore the enduring friendship and strong ties between the two neighboring countries. The people of Sri Lanka view India's assistance as a clear demonstration of its commitment to regional solidarity and neighborly goodwill, reinforcing India's image as a reliable and trusted partner in the face of humanitarian crises.

## Stefan Priesner appointed as UN Resident Coordinator in India.



03-Dec-25

Stefan Priesner of Austria assumed the role of United Nations Resident Coordinator in India on December 1, 2025, succeeding Shombi Sharp after a four-year tenure. Priesner brings extensive experience in South Asia and international development, having previously served as Resident Coordinator in Iran, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, and Bangladesh, with a strong focus on promoting sustainable development programs in India. Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Ganesh Kumar Shrestha of Nepal was appointed on December 2, 2025, as the new Force Commander of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), replacing Major General Robert Yaw Affram of Ghana. Shrestha has 36 years of military service, including leadership in the Nepalese Army and UN peacekeeping experience in South Sudan. These appointments mark significant UN leadership changes aimed at reinforcing development

cooperation in India and maintaining stability in the sensitive Abyei region between Sudan and South Sudan, highlighting ongoing international commitments to geopolitical stability and development in critical regions.

## Military Operations

### India, Maldives launch EKVURIN-14 to enhance military cooperation.



03-Dec-25

The 14th edition of the Joint Military Exercise EKVURIN between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force commenced on December 2, 2025, aiming to enhance operational synergy in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations. Conducted alternately since 2009, this exercise underscores India's Neighbourhood First Policy and its dedication to building enduring defense partnerships. With 45 personnel from India's Southern Command participating alongside an equal number from the MNDF, the two-week exercise focuses on sharing best practices and tactical drills in diverse terrains, reflecting the growing defense cooperation between the nations. This collaboration is significant for regional peace and stability in the Indian Ocean, showcasing a mutual commitment to addressing common security challenges.

### India deploys C-17 and task force for humanitarian aid to Sri Lanka.



03-Dec-25

India has launched Operation Sagar Bandhu to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to Sri Lanka following the devastating impact of Cyclone Ditwah, which has resulted in significant flooding and loss of life across the island. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed a C-17 transport aircraft that delivered a para field hospital and approximately 70 medical personnel to Colombo. In addition, IAF helicopters have been actively engaged in airlifting relief supplies and evacuating individuals from affected areas, including critically ill patients and foreign nationals. The Indian Army has also sent an integrated task force, comprising medical, engineering, and signals components, to support the restoration of essential services and infrastructure, while conducting ongoing rescue operations in coordination with Sri Lankan authorities. As of now, India has successfully delivered over 53 tonnes of relief material to Sri Lanka, reflecting the deep civilizational bond between the two nations and

India's commitment to assisting its maritime neighbor in times of crisis. The swift and robust response underscores India's dedication to regional stability and humanitarian support, reinforcing its role as a responsible partner in South Asia amidst escalating natural disasters.

## **Navy Chief Confirms Ongoing Operation Sindoor, Pressuring Pakistan.**

03-Dec-25

Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi confirmed that Operation Sindoor is ongoing, highlighting the Indian Navy's assertive posture that has compelled the Pakistan Navy to remain close to their ports. During his annual press conference, he noted that the Indian Navy maintained heightened operational readiness in the Western Arabian Sea in the months following hostilities with Pakistan. The operation has reportedly exerted financial pressure on Pakistan, with a significant reduction in merchant shipping to the country and increased insurance costs for vessels traveling there. This situation underscores the strategic effectiveness of the Indian Navy's deterrent capabilities and its impact on regional maritime dynamics.

## **Indian Navy to Demonstrate Combat Readiness Off Kerala Coast**

03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy is set to showcase its maritime capabilities through a significant operational demonstration off the Kerala coast, with President Droupadi Murmu attending as the chief guest at Shangumugham Beach in Thiruvananthapuram. This event aims to highlight the Navy's combat prowess and readiness, reinforcing India's commitment to maritime security in the region. Such demonstrations not only bolster public confidence in the armed forces but also serve to deter potential threats, showcasing India's strategic capabilities amid evolving geopolitical dynamics. The involvement of the President underscores the importance of naval strength in national defense policy, marking a pivotal moment in enhancing maritime awareness and operational readiness.

## **Terrorism and Counterterrorism**

### **Delhi Blast Conspiracy Reveals Hamas-Style Drone and Rocket Attack**

#### **Plans**

03-Dec-25

Investigations into a recent terror plot in Delhi have revealed a sophisticated module employing tactics similar to those used by Hamas, as uncovered through the phone of co-conspirator Wani. Evidence indicates the group intended to use weaponised drones and modified rockets to execute attacks, with capabilities for aerial strikes extending up to 25 kilometres. Wani, described as the technical mastermind, was directly involved in the planning of operations that resulted in significant casualties near the Red Fort Metro Station. The National Investigation Agency is pursuing leads to uncover potential foreign assistance in this evolving asymmetric warfare threat, emphasizing the necessity for enhanced counterterrorism and drone security measures in India's capital.

## **Mil Personnel & Veterans**

### **Indian Navy to Integrate Women Submariners, Says Admiral**

#### **Tripathi**

03-Dec-25

The Indian Navy, led by Chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, announced on December 3, 2025, its active work towards integrating women into submarine crews, describing this move as conquering the "last bastion" of gender inclusion in the service. Following successful gender integration in other roles such as pilots and frontline warships, this initiative marks a significant step in aligning the Navy's professionalism with global standards, where women have long served on submarines in navies like those of Norway, the US, and Japan. Indian Navy acknowledges unique challenges like space constraints, crew management, and privacy aboard submarines, yet it is preparing infrastructure and policies to overcome these issues, informed by international experiences and Indian cultural context. The aim is to finalize a clear roadmap for women submariners, enhancing operational capabilities while fostering a more inclusive maritime force that meets complex strategic demands. This development complements India's recent induction of women across



various naval ranks and reflects a progressive shift within the Navy's culture.

## Miscellaneous

### DPR completed for three ICPs to enhance border trade and connectivity. SHARE

03-Dec-25

The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai, announced the completion of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for three Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at strategic locations along India's borders with Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal. These ICPs—located at Jaigaon, Changrabandha, and Panitanki—are set to enhance cross-border trade and passenger movement while bolstering connectivity within the India-Bangladesh-Bhutan-Nepal (IBBN) sub-region. This initiative is expected to stimulate economic development in border areas and strengthen ties with neighboring countries. The recent discussions between India and Bhutan further emphasized bilateral cooperation in border management, demonstrating a commitment to ensuring a safe and prosperous border region, showcasing the enduring partnership grounded in shared geography and culture.

### BARC initiates development of small modular reactors to boost India's nuclear capabilities. SHARE

03-Dec-25

The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has advanced the development of small modular reactors (SMRs) including the 200 MWe Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR-200) and a 55 MWe variant aimed at remote regions. These reactors, designed with passive safety features and utilizing slightly enriched uranium, are planned for demonstration and commissioning within 60 to 72 months after financial approval. The Indian government has allocated Rs 20,000 crore under the Nuclear Energy Mission announced in Budget 2025 to develop five indigenous SMRs by 2033, focusing on decarbonizing industries and remote power needs. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized collaboration with Russia's Rosatom for localizing equipment production and expanding nuclear projects. Additionally, India's Atomic Energy Bill 2025, set for introduction in Parliament's Winter Session starting December 1, will open the nuclear sector to private

players, boost SMR deployment, and support technological independence, underscoring India's strategic push for clean energy and energy security amid geopolitical challenges.

### ISRO official advocates for India's own satellite navigation system to reduce GPS dependency. SHARE

03-Dec-25

A senior ISRO official has urged for a sovereign Indian satellite navigation system to reduce dependency on the US GPS, especially following recent GPS spoofing incidents at major Indian airports including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru reported in late November 2025. Prakash Chauhan, Director of ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre, highlighted the need to expand and enhance the existing Navigation with Indian Constellation (NAVIC), which currently offers regional coverage but aims for global reach with planned satellite launches beginning in early 2025. This move is driven by strategic imperatives to secure navigation critical for civil and defense sectors amid rising geopolitical tensions and cyber threats targeting GPS infrastructure. The government is also promoting indigenous NavIC integration in smartphones and vehicles, reinforcing India's technological sovereignty in positioning services. Enhanced NavIC capabilities with global coverage are expected to bolster national security and reduce vulnerabilities from foreign navigation system dependencies.

### President Murmu honors Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary with floral tributes. SHARE

03-Dec-25

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, commemorated the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India's first President, by paying floral tributes at Rashtrapati Bhavan on December 3, 2025. This ceremony not only honors Dr. Prasad's monumental contributions to the nation but also reinforces the significance of leadership and democratic values that he embodied. As India continues to navigate complex geopolitical landscapes, remembering such leaders becomes essential in inspiring current and future generations to uphold the principles of integrity and service. The event underscores the enduring legacy of Dr. Prasad in shaping modern India and serves as a reminder of the importance of unity and dedication in the nation's progress.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SWANDEF	1142.2	1142.2	1142.2	1142.2	2104	5.0	100.0	747.47	117.76
LOKESHMACH	147.9	152.0	144.0	150.27	72420	2.76	33.02	169.93	183.91
TEMBO	727.0	739.9	702.05	727.35	45834	1.42	52.11	752.22	556.89
CENTUM	2267.9	2377.3	2267.9	2317.4	29764	1.17	37.92	2417.61	2181.84
WALCHANNAG	167.4	170.89	164.14	166.68	222681	0.67	49.73	163.08	191.29
MACPOWER	1013.2	1014.95	979.95	1010.65	15667	0.55	70.29	914.09	879.03
LMW	15075.0	15094.0	14920.0	15053.0	1103	0.21	43.8	15371.1	15606.23
TECHERA	225.05	234.9	218.0	225.55	50400	0.04	38.18	245.25	195.43
PREMEXPLN	537.9	539.45	526.2	537.15	151347	0.03	39.25	560.79	504.94
CFF	610.0	612.4	600.0	610.0	25000	-0.07	38.37	639.6	580.73
AZAD	1650.1	1663.3	1630.0	1652.6	75754	-0.17	49.56	1649.18	1569.14
DATAPATNS	2908.0	2908.0	2850.2	2888.5	248230	-0.23	49.33	2919.72	2493.09
HBLPOWER	849.0	855.25	831.85	844.15	1340422	-0.28	36.29	941.27	672.97
RELINFRA	164.8	164.8	156.8	160.58	567475	-0.46	34.85	171.39	273.35
PTC	158.75	158.75	154.5	156.57	851480	-0.54	32.31	162.47	171.46
HIGHENE	573.25	583.0	565.0	570.0	4459	-0.57	39.47	592.67	604.22
MTARTECH	2530.6	2547.7	2481.7	2505.8	164990	-0.87	53.48	2546.13	1688.71
ZENTEC	1393.4	1400.0	1370.0	1380.1	182082	-0.87	45.52	1397.62	1540.99
RTNINDIA	42.89	43.13	42.11	42.55	748999	-0.95	25.52	45.63	50.62
BHARATFORG	1415.0	1415.0	1385.0	1406.7	1946889	-1.03	58.49	1399.78	1209.6
LT	4032.0	4046.9	3970.1	3988.0	1123990	-1.05	51.35	4001.14	3580.72
BEML	1793.0	1801.7	1753.0	1774.0	257103	-1.06	26.45	1920.76	1895.71
COCHINSHIP	1640.0	1647.9	1612.5	1622.4	479589	-1.07	31.29	1700.7	1714.84
PARAS	703.75	710.0	690.2	698.1	361662	-1.15	44.22	715.03	673.53
ROSSELLIND	57.22	57.22	54.36	55.31	16725	-1.23	30.2	59.0	66.07
MAZDOCK	2650.0	2659.9	2610.0	2617.2	434911	-1.28	36.31	2715.79	2828.39
IDEAFORGE	460.8	462.95	451.8	453.8	83719	-1.38	40.01	468.98	471.2
URAVIDEF	189.0	189.0	179.0	180.57	4365	-1.47	19.95	202.65	397.0
SIKA	928.4	948.8	885.1	909.1	48052	-1.51	20.34	1026.74	997.0
HAL	4517.0	4525.0	4420.9	4436.3	1027500	-1.6	35.72	4633.32	4501.41
AXISCADES	1379.0	1388.9	1351.0	1358.7	51353	-1.61	36.32	1449.27	1211.29
GRSE	2619.9	2633.0	2539.4	2560.1	1570551	-1.85	39.02	2753.26	2376.99
BEL	412.0	412.7	403.4	403.95	12294040	-2.2	42.19	416.75	365.75
ADANIENT	2240.0	2245.0	2172.2	2189.8	1643852	-2.22	27.17	2369.23	2416.64
TANEJAERO	320.7	325.3	310.0	313.0	13317	-2.4	37.35	329.64	363.94
MIDHANI	320.8	321.7	311.5	312.8	283632	-2.49	22.18	350.46	362.12
DYNAMATECH	9081.0	9188.5	8753.0	8843.5	21911	-2.5	50.47	9166.0	7061.43
ASTRAMICRO	923.15	931.1	901.1	902.8	333697	-2.53	28.68	983.1	944.73
DCXINDIA	181.7	181.7	175.12	175.63	340142	-2.66	24.17	195.74	259.46
BDL	1520.7	1526.8	1470.0	1483.0	1531544	-2.77	44.54	1516.78	1543.81
JYOTICNC	989.0	992.4	951.2	961.3	238050	-2.83	48.1	977.67	1016.65
MARINE	222.9	223.58	213.77	215.08	287055	-3.02	37.71	235.43	198.93
APOLLO	280.55	280.55	269.6	270.85	2453555	-3.39	46.22	273.0	202.4
GOODLUCK	1169.0	1169.0	1129.5	1132.2	54661	-3.44	41.56	1160.2	995.28
SOLARINDS	13310.0	13363.0	12785.0	12835.0	114964	-3.55	32.93	13558.7	13640.82
AVANTEL	158.99	159.39	152.2	153.05	901462	-3.57	38.24	158.42	146.3
KRISHNADEF	788.1	788.1	756.5	760.2	26000	-3.62	39.64	792.22	783.61
NIBE	1109.6	1120.3	1014.8	1021.9	7538	-4.33	30.68	1120.65	1348.31
SUNITATOOL	862.0	868.05	835.0	835.0	12375	-4.35	49.71	833.12	778.97
DRONACHRYA	32.75	36.95	32.68	34.28	2065000	-5.59	14.63	55.2	71.73