

Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
APOLLO	138.25	123.96	+11.53%
IDEAFORGE	645.8	621.15	+3.97%
PREMEXPLN	551.05	534.5	+3.1%
MTARTECH	1771.15	1720.4	+2.95%
AZAD	1885.45	1848.85	+1.98%

Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
TEMBO	859.0	882.45	-2.66%
LMW	16838.35	17243.0	-2.35%
BEL	291.95	296.8	-1.63%
BHARATFORG	1296.15	1315.7	-1.49%
LT	3659.9	3713.5	-1.44%

Defense Business and Industry

DRDO Advances in User Trials and Development of Key Defense Systems

04-Jan-25

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made significant progress in 2024, with several systems either completed or in the final stages of user evaluation and development trials. Notable advancements mentioned by DRDO Chairman Samir V Kamat include the handover of various systems with a total Acceptance of Necessity valued at Rs 1.10 lakh crore, encompassing key technologies such as the Air Defence Tactical Control Radar (ADTCR), Medium Range Anti-ship Missile (MRAshM), Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile System (LR-LACM), and advanced aircraft for the Indian Navy and Coast Guard. The chairman also highlighted the Cabinet Committee on Security's approval for flagship programs like the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) and a new Missile Test Range, which reflect the government's commitment to bolstering indigenous defense capabilities. Furthermore, the DRDO is actively facilitating industry participation in defense projects, with 1,950 Transfers of Technology to Indian industries and partnerships with 19 development and production agencies. These initiatives, alongside the establishment of advanced test facilities, not only aim to enhance the operational readiness of the Indian Armed Forces but also foster domestic innovation in the defense sector. With over 80 ongoing projects and a significant number of tests conducted for private industries, the DRDO is positioning itself as a pivotal player in India's defense

ecosystem. The introduction of cutting-edge technologies such as an AI-based tool for enhanced security and a green propulsion system further underscores the organization's commitment to advancing India's defense capabilities and ensuring national security. Overall, the DRDO's efforts illustrate a robust strategy to modernize India's defense forces while promoting self-reliance and technological innovation in the defense industry.

U.S. Proposes \$8 Billion Arms Sale to Israel Amid Gaza Conflict

04-Jan-25

The U.S. administration under President Biden has proposed an \$8 billion arms sale to Israel, including munitions for fighter jets and artillery shells, amid ongoing conflict in Gaza that has resulted in significant civilian casualties. This deal, requiring Congressional approval, reflects U.S. support for Israel against threats posed by Iran-backed groups like Hamas and Hezbollah. Despite protests demanding an arms embargo on Israel and international criticism regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the U.S. has maintained its military support, which is consistent with its long-standing alliance with Israel. The geopolitical implications underscore the complex interplay of security, humanitarian concerns, and regional stability in the Middle East.

IAF to Host Industry Outreach Event 2025 in Guwahati

04-Jan-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to host the Industry Outreach Event 2025 (IOE25) to enhance defense capabilities and promote indigenous innovation, with the first phase occurring online on January 13 and the second onsite at Air Force Station Guwahati on January

15, 2025. This initiative aims to connect defense industry partners, innovators, and start-ups with the IAF, emphasizing the importance of cutting-edge technology and the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision for a self-reliant defense ecosystem. Key sessions will address various aspects of defense innovation, including quality assurance and certification processes, fostering collaboration to meet operational needs and strengthen India's defense landscape.

India's Indigenous Tank Engine Achieves Major Milestone

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India has made significant strides in defense self-reliance with the introduction of the indigenous 1500 HP tank engine, the MB 838 Ka-501 or DATRAN, unveiled by AVNL in February 2024. This development, prompted by delays in foreign engine deliveries, was marked by successful test-firing conducted on March 20, 2024. The engine is designed for extreme operational conditions and is expected to enhance the performance of the Arjun Mk-1A and future main battle tanks. This initiative underscores India's commitment to bolstering its military capabilities and reducing dependence on foreign technology, marking a transformative shift in its defense manufacturing landscape.

Sisir Radar in Kolkata Achieves 1m Resolution with Drone SAR

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Kolkata-based Sisir Radar has achieved a significant milestone by successfully operating their L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) on an in-house developed drone platform, reaching a resolution of 1 meter. This advancement enhances capabilities in high-resolution imaging for applications such as environmental monitoring, disaster management, infrastructure inspection, agriculture, and defense. The system's robust design ensures consistent data acquisition, even in adverse conditions, while cloud processing allows for efficient data handling and rapid image generation. This development underscores India's growing expertise in advanced radar technology and drone capabilities, positioning the country as a competitive player in geospatial intelligence and remote sensing.

USAF's NGAD Embraces Single-Engine XA100 for Air Dominance

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The U.S. Air Force's Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program is reportedly shifting towards a single-engine design utilizing the General Electric XA100 engine, which boasts a thrust of 200 kN. This advancement aims to enhance air superiority through reduced weight and improved cost-effectiveness while maintaining high performance and supercruise capabilities. However, this single-engine approach raises concerns regarding reliability and survivability in combat situations. As India continues to advance its own defense capabilities, including the development of indigenous fighter jets, these developments in U.S. technology highlight the need for India to focus on robust multi-engine designs to ensure resilience in potential future conflicts.

Leveraging AMCA Tech for India's Next-Gen Fighter Program

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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program positions the nation to efficiently transition to a 6th generation fighter jet. By utilizing and adapting technologies such as Radar Absorbent Materials, AESA radar, and advanced AI systems from the AMCA, India can enhance stealth capabilities, situational awareness, and mission efficiency. The focus on developing advanced engines and directed energy weapons further strengthens its strategic autonomy and technological edge. This strategic migration not only accelerates development but also builds on AMCA's successes, ensuring India emerges as a leader in next-generation combat aviation while fostering innovation in defense capabilities.

India's Archer NG UCAV Set for First Flight in February

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India's Archer NG, a Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV developed by DRDO, is set for its first flight in February after successfully completing essential taxi trials. Weighing approximately 1.8 tonnes and capable of a 400 kg payload, it is designed for versatile roles including surveillance and armed missions, operating at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet with a 24-hour endurance. This UAV addresses past developmental challenges and aims to enhance India's strategic capabilities, particularly in volatile border regions. Anticipation surrounds its performance, which could bolster

confidence in indigenous defense projects and stimulate further investment in the defense sector.

CVRDE Unveils 700HP Indigenous Engine for Zorawar Tank [SHARE](#)

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The Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) of India's DRDO has proposed a new 700HP indigenous engine for the Zorawar Light Tank, aimed at enhancing its performance in challenging terrains like Ladakh. Currently powered by a Cummins 750HP engine, the shift to an indigenously developed engine will mitigate dependency on foreign imports and streamline production for the expected 240 additional units. The new 8-cylinder engine, designed for optimal fit and operational efficiency, promises improved high-altitude performance, crucial for the tank's deployment in rugged regions. This initiative underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense capabilities and technological advancement.

IAF Begins Acquisition of Advanced Astra Mk2 Missiles [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has commenced the procurement of Astra MK2 missiles, enhancing its aerial combat capabilities with this advanced Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM). The Astra MK2, an evolution of the MK1 version, features a range of 160 kilometers and improved trajectory control, increasing engagement capabilities against aerial threats. Its indigenous seeker enhances effectiveness in complex electronic warfare environments. This procurement underscores the IAF's commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology into its arsenal, reinforcing India's strategic defense posture and operational readiness in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

IAF Shifts Focus to Air-Launched Ballistic Missiles for Strikes [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is transitioning towards air-launched ballistic missiles (ALBMs) for long-range strike missions due to the vulnerabilities of subsonic cruise missiles. The integration of imported systems like Rampage and ROCKS is coupled with a focus on indigenous development, promoting self-reliance and cost efficiency. ALBMs offer a significant advantage with their high speed and ability to execute radar-evasive maneuvers, making them harder to intercept and more effective against layered air defenses. This

strategic shift enhances the IAF's capability to conduct varied missions, ensuring a robust response to threats in complex operational environments.

Indian Army Engineers Enhance Carl-Gustaf M4 with Remote Firing [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army's Rising Star Corps has showcased its operational readiness through the demonstration of the Carl-Gustaf M4 recoilless rifle, now equipped with innovative remote firing capabilities. This advancement allows infantry to engage targets from protected positions, significantly enhancing safety and potentially reducing casualties during combat, particularly in urban environments or against fortified adversaries. The versatility of the Carl-Gustaf M4 in various combat roles, combined with its new tactical flexibility, underscores the Indian Army's commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology into its operations and adapting to modern warfare challenges, reaffirming its strategic advantages on the battlefield.

Thailand's Rising Interest in Indian Armoured Vehicles [SHARE](#)

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Thailand is increasingly interested in Indian-made armoured vehicles, as demonstrated at the recent India-Thailand Defence Cooperation Seminar, where Indian manufacturers showcased their technological advancements. Key players like Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Mahindra Defence Systems, and Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited presented their offerings, highlighting their quality and cost-effectiveness. This growing relationship, underpinned by Thailand's past procurement of Tata trucks, creates a solid foundation for expanding India's defense exports, particularly in the armoured vehicle sector. The event not only emphasized India's self-reliance in defense production but also showcased strategic alignment between India and Thailand regarding regional security interests.

Indian Navy Enhances Aircraft Carriers with Directed Energy Weapons [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Navy is set to enhance its aircraft carriers by integrating Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs) in response to emerging aerial threats like loitering munitions and subsonic cruise missiles. This strategy aims to provide robust 360-degree protection using 30 kW and 100 kW DEW systems currently in development by DRDO, targeting diverse aerial threats. The Navy's

commitment to retrofitting existing carriers highlights the urgency in bolstering naval defense capabilities. While challenges in power supply and space on carriers persist, innovative solutions in energy management could pave the way for effective deployment, ensuring India's naval forces remain resilient against modern warfare dynamics.

India and Saudi Arabia Forge Strategic Partnership in Defense Tech SHARE

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India and Saudi Arabia are engaging in strategic talks to co-develop next-generation weapons systems, reflecting their deepening defense ties and mutual interests in defense technology and manufacturing. This collaboration aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and India's Make in India initiative, emphasizing defense self-reliance. Key focus areas include artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, unmanned systems, and naval technologies, with an emphasis on technology transfer and intellectual property sharing to enhance technological advancements while reducing costs. This partnership could significantly strengthen both nations' defense capabilities and reduce Saudi Arabia's reliance on foreign arms suppliers, showcasing India's growing influence in the global defense landscape.

India's Ghatak UCAV to Boost Stealth with Advanced Radar Tech SHARE

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India's defense sector is advancing with the Ghatak, a 13-ton stealth UCAV equipped with advanced Digital Beamforming (DBF) technology for superior radar and communication capabilities. This indigenous project, led by ADA and DRDO, aims for enhanced stealth, precise target tracking, and improved electronic warfare capabilities, significantly boosting India's strategic deterrence. The Ghatak's ability to perform multi-mode operations and generate high-resolution imagery will enhance operational effectiveness in contested environments. As India progresses towards manufacturing a full-scale prototype, the Ghatak could reshape regional power dynamics, establishing India as a formidable player in unmanned combat systems and empowering its defense posture.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India Protests China's New Counties in Ladakh, Citing Sovereignty SHARE

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India has lodged a strong protest with China over the establishment of two new counties, Hean and Hekang, in the Hotan Prefecture, asserting that parts of these areas fall within the Union Territory of Ladakh and are part of India's sovereign territory. Experts view this as a move by China to consolidate its administrative control over Aksai Chin, signaling a reluctance to improve bilateral relations and maintaining a "frozen conflict." Additionally, India's concerns extend to China's hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River, which poses risks to water availability in northeastern India. The ongoing tensions highlight China's aggression in territorial claims and infrastructure development, necessitating a robust response from India to safeguard its national interests and regional stability.

India Denies US Claims of Involvement in Maldives Impeachment Plot SHARE

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India's Ministry of External Affairs has strongly dismissed recent reports from the Washington Post linking New Delhi to a failed plot to impeach Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu and suggesting Indian intelligence operations in Pakistan. Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal criticized the newspaper's credibility, attributing its narratives to a "compulsive hostility" toward India. He referenced Hillary Clinton's past remarks on the need for Pakistan to address terrorist safe havens, highlighting India's legitimate security concerns. These developments underline the geopolitics of the region, as India continues to assert its strategic role amidst external narratives aimed at undermining its position.

India Calls on China to Safeguard Brahmaputra's Downstream States SHARE

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India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has urged China to ensure that the construction of a mega dam on the upstream Brahmaputra River does not adversely impact downstream states like Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, emphasizing concerns about altered water flow, potential flooding, and ecological damage. The

MEA reiterated the importance of transparency and consultation, especially given the dam's location in a seismically active area, which raises fears of catastrophic flooding in case of a dam failure. Diplomatic engagement has been ongoing, including discussions between Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese officials about hydrological data sharing. While China claims the project will not harm lower riparian states, India's skepticism stems from past experiences regarding Chinese transparency in similar initiatives, highlighting the critical need for cooperative management of shared water resources to ensure regional stability.

India and Iran Boost Ties Through Chabahar Port Discussions



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India and Iran recently held the 19th Foreign Office Consultations in Delhi, aiming to enhance bilateral ties, especially through the development of the Chabahar port, which is crucial for trade and connectivity. The discussions included resuming the procurement of Iranian crude oil, halted since mid-2019 due to US sanctions, and expanding cooperation in agriculture, trade, and tourism. Both nations emphasized their commitment to deepen collaboration in multilateral forums like the UN, BRICS, and SCO. The strategic partnership at Chabahar port not only aids Iranian economic growth but also strengthens India's influence in the region and supports Afghanistan's reconstruction efforts, showcasing a multifaceted approach to regional stability.

MEA Dismisses Claims of Indian Interference in Maldives Politics



04-Jan-25

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has dismissed allegations of Indian interference in Maldives' domestic politics as baseless and lacking credibility. These claims emerge amid strained Maldives-India relations following the election of President Mohamed Muizzu, who is critical of India and associated with an "India Out" campaign aimed at diminishing Indian influence in the Maldives. In light of this political shift, the MEA emphasized India's longstanding commitment to respecting Maldivian sovereignty and refraining from meddling in its internal affairs. This stance underscores India's strategic interest in maintaining a stable and cooperative relationship with its neighboring country despite rising nationalistic sentiments.

Sullivan's India Visit: Strengthening US-India Strategic Alliance



04-Jan-25

Jake Sullivan's farewell visit to India aims to reinforce the strategic partnership between the U.S. and India, emphasizing collaboration in critical and emerging technologies through the India-U.S. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). Scheduled discussions with Prime Minister Modi and other officials will address security concerns in the Indo-Pacific and cybersecurity threats, amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions, particularly regarding China's influence. Sullivan's engagement with civil society underscores the importance of public diplomacy, while his diplomatic efforts seek to navigate strained relations stemming from recent allegations involving Indian officials, ensuring that these challenges do not undermine the evolving Indo-U.S. ties critical for regional stability and technological advancement.

Congress's Khera Urges Stronger Action Against China's Moves in Ladakh



04-Jan-25

Pawan Khera of the Congress Party criticized the Indian government's response to China's establishment of two counties in Ladakh, describing it as "perfunctory" and urging for a more urgent, strategic approach to safeguard India's territorial integrity. His remarks emphasize growing concerns over China's assertiveness in disputed areas, particularly in Ladakh, and highlight the imperative for a decisive stance to ensure national security. Khera's statements reflect a broader apprehension within India regarding foreign encroachments, underscoring the need for a robust diplomatic and military response to counter China's territorial ambitions effectively. This situation calls for a reevaluation of strategies to enhance India's defensive posture along its borders.

Fragile Israel-Hezbollah Ceasefire Holds Amid Violations



04-Jan-25

A fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah has been in effect since November 27, despite numerous violations. Israel has withdrawn from only two towns in southern Lebanon, while Hezbollah has largely halted attacks, although both sides accuse each other of breaches. Analysts suggest that the ceasefire's ambiguous terms may contribute to its durability amidst changing regional dynamics, including Hezbollah's weakened position following significant losses. The key challenge lies in the Lebanese army's

ability to assert control, as Israel maintains its strategic airstrikes against Hezbollah targets. The ongoing situation underscores the delicate balance of power and the potential for future conflict if terms are not adequately enforced.

French Navy advocates for a stable, cooperative Indo-Pacific SHARE

04-Jan-25

A senior French Navy officer, Rear Admiral Jacques Mallard, emphasized the need for a free, open, and stable Indo-Pacific during a stopover of the French Carrier Strike Group at Mormugao Port, Goa. This deployment, part of Mission CLEMENCEAU 25, aims to enhance interoperability with regional allies, particularly India, and conduct joint training exercises. The French Navy underscores the importance of partnerships for maritime security and intends to safeguard its interests in the region. This initiative reflects the growing collaboration between India and France, reinforcing the strategic alliance necessary for maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, countering any potential regional threats.

Bhutan's Land Loss to China: A Threat to Sovereignty and India SHARE

04-Jan-25

Recent satellite imagery reveals that Bhutan has lost approximately 2% of its land to Chinese encroachments, with over 22 new villages established in Bhutanese territory, particularly near the strategically significant Doklam plateau. This aggressive expansion aligns with China's historical ambitions towards Bhutan, raising concerns about Bhutan's sovereignty and the implications for India's national security, as control over Doklam could threaten the Siliguri Corridor. Bhutan, traditionally reliant on diplomatic measures and its relationship with India, must now assertively address these territorial challenges while seeking international support. Strengthening ties with India is crucial for Bhutan's security and regional stability amidst China's assertiveness.

Military Operations

Tragic Accident Claims Lives of Three Soldiers in J-K's Bandipora SHARE

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Three Indian Army personnel tragically lost their lives, and two others were injured when their vehicle skidded

off the road and fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district, attributed to inclement weather and poor visibility. The Army's Chinara Corps expressed gratitude towards local residents for their prompt assistance in evacuating the injured for medical care. This incident highlights the challenging conditions faced by the Indian Army in high-altitude and adverse weather areas, underscoring the need for enhanced safety measures and infrastructure to protect personnel operating in such difficult terrains. The Army's heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families reflect its commitment to the welfare of its soldiers.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Blast at Islamabad Police Station Raises Security Concerns SHARE

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An explosion occurred at a police station in Islamabad around 11:30 PM, initially dismissed by a duty officer as a minor incident. Following the blast, security forces were deployed to investigate, and authorities have launched an inquiry into the cause. While no immediate claims of responsibility have emerged, the incident has raised alarms over the security of police establishments in Pakistan, particularly in light of a recent pattern of similar explosions. This situation underscores the ongoing challenges faced by Pakistan in maintaining internal security and highlights the potential threats that can arise from such instability, thereby affecting regional security dynamics, including India's vigilance.

India: Terrorism, Not Trade, Must Be Addressed by Pakistan SHARE

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India's External Affairs Ministry emphasized that for bilateral ties with Pakistan to improve, Islamabad must address its terrorism policies, countering remarks from Pakistan's Deputy PM Ishaq Dar about the need for mutual goodwill for trade resumption. Following the 2019 Pulwama attack and subsequent military actions, relations have soured, with India imposing tariffs and suspending trade. India's stance remains firm on not engaging in discussions until Pakistan ceases cross-border terrorism, despite recent diplomatic interactions, such as External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Islamabad for the SCO summit, suggesting a cautious reopening of dialogue while prioritizing national security.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

US Sanctions China's Integrity Tech for Cybersecurity Threats SHARE

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The U.S. has imposed sanctions on China's Integrity Tech for allegedly facilitating cyber intrusions against critical infrastructure, particularly allowing the hacking group Flax Typhoon to operate across multiple continents. These sanctions freeze Integrity Tech's assets in the U.S. and prohibit American financial transactions with the company, reflecting heightened U.S. concerns over Chinese cyber activities that threaten national security. This move underscores a broader strategy to bolster cybersecurity defenses, especially after a breach involving the U.S. Treasury's systems. The U.S. government remains committed to holding malicious actors accountable while enhancing protections against foreign cyber threats.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

Merit-Based Promotions for Lieutenant Generals to Enhance Readiness SHARE

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India's Army is implementing a new merit-based promotion policy for Lieutenant Generals to facilitate a quantified assessment system, enhancing alignment with the IAF and Navy. This policy, effective March 31, will grade officers on a scale from 1 to 9, moving away from traditional seniority-based promotions. While some officers express concerns about potential interference in the selection process, the shift is crucial for the upcoming tri-service theatre commands aimed at improving operational readiness against China and Pakistan. This landmark change reflects India's commitment to modernizing its military structure and ensuring an integrated war-fighting capability.

Renowned nuclear scientist Rajagopala Chidambaram dies at 88 SHARE

04-Jan-25

Veteran nuclear scientist Rajagopala Chidambaram, aged 88, passed away on January 4, 2025, leaving behind a profound legacy in India's nuclear capabilities, having played pivotal roles in the 1974 and 1998 nuclear tests. His extensive career included positions such as Principal Scientific Adviser to the Indian

government and director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Chidambaram's contributions significantly advanced India's scientific landscape, emphasizing strategic self-reliance and the development of indigenous technologies like supercomputers. His passing is considered an irreparable loss to the scientific community, marking the end of an era for India's nuclear and technological advancements.

Miscellaneous

India Reaffirms Support for Maldives Amid Economic Challenges SHARE

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India has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Maldives amid its economic challenges, as highlighted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during a meeting with Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Khaleel. The two nations signed a Memorandum of Understanding for high-impact community development projects and discussed a framework for using local currencies in cross-border trade. Jaishankar emphasized India's role as a reliable partner, having provided emergency financial assistance during the Maldives' debt crisis. Despite recent strains in relations due to pro-China sentiments in the Maldives, both ministers expressed a renewed commitment to strengthening bilateral ties, particularly in economic and maritime security, aligning with their Joint Vision established in October 2024. This collaboration underscores India's strategic importance in the Indian Ocean Region and reflects its Neighborhood First policy.

Pakistan Grants Visas to 94 Indian Pilgrims for Shadani Darbar SHARE

04-Jan-25

The Pakistan High Commission in India has issued visas to 94 Indian pilgrims for their participation in the 316th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shiv Avtari Stguru Sant Shadaram Sahib at Shadani Darbar in Sindh, scheduled from January 5-15, 2025. This initiative is part of the 1974 Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines, which facilitates pilgrimages and promotes religious tourism between the two countries. The High Commission expressed its commitment to preserving sacred sites and enhancing people-to-people ties despite political tensions. The Shadani Darbar, a significant site for Hindus, symbolizes cultural exchange and understanding, reflecting an ongoing effort to bridge divides through shared spiritual

heritage. This development is a positive step towards fostering goodwill and cooperation in the region, showcasing the potential for constructive engagement through cultural and religious interactions.

MEA Issues Urgent Travel Advisory for Indians Heading to Mexico



04-Jan-25

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has issued strong travel advisories for Indian nationals planning to visit Mexico due to heightened immigration scrutiny and increased detentions. Reports indicate that over 12,400 Indian nationals were detected in Mexico in 2023, leading to lengthy detentions and economic hardships. The MEA emphasizes the importance of carrying appropriate documentation and urges travelers to review advisories thoroughly before planning their trips. The surge in Indian migrants using Mexico as a transit point to the U.S. is attributed to economic challenges in India, but the journey is marked by risks, including human trafficking exploitation. The advisory serves as a critical reminder of the potential dangers involved in traveling to Mexico, urging a reconsideration of travel plans amidst stricter immigration controls.

India Rallies Behind Kerala Nurse on Yemen Death Sentence



04-Jan-25

India is actively supporting Nimisha Priya, a nurse sentenced to death in Yemen following a dispute that led to the death of her business partner in 2017. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs is exploring all options for her release, including negotiating "blood money" with the victim's family. Priya's mother has traveled to Yemen to assist in these negotiations, emphasizing the urgency of the situation as her execution could occur soon. The case has drawn attention from Iran, with indications of potential humanitarian support, highlighting the complex geopolitical dynamics surrounding this legal battle and India's commitment to its citizens abroad.

BSF Aids Woman's Emotional Farewell to Brother at Border



04-Jan-25

Amid heightened tensions at the India-Bangladesh border, the BSF facilitated a poignant farewell for a woman from Bangladesh, allowing her to see her deceased brother, Abdul Khalid Mandal, one last time. This emotional event took place at the Mustafapur Border Outpost in West Bengal, showcasing the BSF's commitment to compassion despite security

challenges. The company commander coordinated with the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) to enable the meeting at the zero line of the International Border Barrier, highlighting the enduring bonds between families separated by national boundaries. The incident underscores the BSF's dual role in ensuring security while also addressing the social and emotional needs of border communities.

People Central to Strengthening Bangladesh-India Relations: MEA



04-Jan-25

India's Ministry of External Affairs has reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a democratic and inclusive Bangladesh, emphasizing that the people of both nations are the key stakeholders in their bilateral ties. This follows tensions related to the interim government's demands for the extradition of Sheikh Hasina, who fled to India amid protests. India's Foreign Secretary highlighted ongoing cooperation in various sectors, including trade and connectivity, and announced the repatriation of 95 Indian and 90 Bangladeshi fishermen as part of a humanitarian initiative. This approach not only reinforces India's diplomatic engagement but also underscores its commitment to regional stability and people-centric relations.

BSF Boosts River Surveillance with New Floating Outposts in Ganga



04-Jan-25

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has ramped up surveillance along the 4,000-kilometer border, particularly in the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Sundarbans waterways, establishing new floating outposts to counter potential infiltration by terrorists using water routes. With recent intelligence indicating attempts by terrorists to enter India from Bangladesh, the BSF's enhanced vigilance aims to preempt any security threats, underscoring India's proactive stance in safeguarding its borders amid changing geopolitical dynamics.

18th MNS Work Study Conference Focuses on Nursing Competency



04-Jan-25

The 18th Brigs MNS Work Study Conference took place in New Delhi on January 3-4, 2025, focusing on "Capability Building & Competency in Nursing." Chaired by Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora, the conference addressed challenges faced by Military Nursing Service (MNS) officers in the evolving healthcare landscape. To

commemorate the upcoming Centenary Celebration of MNS from 2025-2026, the logo and slogan "Honouring the past, Healing the present & inspiring the Future" were unveiled by Lt Gen Sadhna S Nair. This annual conference, initiated in 2006, emphasizes the importance of adapting nursing practices to meet modern healthcare needs, thereby enhancing comprehensive patient care in the Indian Army.

INSV Tarini Sets Sail from Lyttelton on Historic Voyage



04-Jan-25

The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini has embarked on the third leg of its historic

circumnavigation journey, departing from Lyttelton, New Zealand, towards Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands. This leg covers approximately 5,600 nautical miles and marks the vessel's southernmost transit at 56 degrees South. The expedition is led by two women officers of the Indian Navy, symbolizing India's growing maritime capabilities. During its stop in Lyttelton, the crew engaged with the local community and undertook essential repairs, demonstrating both resilience and the spirit of exploration that aligns with India's strategic maritime interests.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
APOLLO	124.86	139.7	122.35	138.25	37748697	11.53	86.68	103.09	104.99
IDEAFORGE	622.0	652.2	621.5	645.8	306856	3.97	62.93	613.23	688.17
PREMEXPLN	534.45	562.0	530.15	551.05	258319	3.1	59.29	523.68	529.28
MTARTECH	1725.0	1782.9	1721.9	1771.15	371223	2.95	60.71	1679.51	1789.22
AZAD	1844.05	1929.8	1830.0	1885.45	561986	1.98	66.64	1750.02	1555.66
ROSSELLIND	79.34	81.5	79.34	80.68	20388	1.69	43.95	80.29	355.72
BDL	1134.0	1170.5	1128.7	1143.65	407002	1.61	45.96	1205.0	1215.03
ZENTEC	2505.0	2588.0	2505.0	2533.45	293394	1.29	72.35	2338.68	1510.19
LOKESHMACH	336.0	339.9	334.0	336.05	34711	0.83	45.94	344.77	391.02
HIGHENE	659.8	674.95	642.25	652.0	6215	0.8	54.95	653.25	718.19
NIBE	1684.5	1715.0	1670.0	1701.0	13566	0.79	45.37	1774.75	1741.33
MIDHANI	346.7	353.5	346.35	349.35	188090	0.76	48.7	359.89	407.11
SOLARINDS	9770.0	9847.75	9680.2	9744.2	45452	0.47	41.55	10240.48	10138.96
DCXINDIA	370.0	380.0	364.35	368.9	1889931	0.35	66.51	336.12	335.29
CFE	700.0	718.0	685.0	700.4	20600	0.31	54.39	701.36	626.63
ASTRAMICRO	784.95	795.95	784.9	788.45	86798	0.29	49.47	799.1	806.12
PARAS	1016.0	1036.0	1005.0	1009.55	92335	0.24	43.03	1052.03	1040.93
COCHINSHIP	1600.0	1619.8	1580.0	1598.25	410469	0.21	55.8	1577.16	1730.64
PTC	152.5	154.7	151.56	152.37	1291334	0.16	41.63	157.72	199.74
KRISHNADEF	772.95	775.0	761.15	764.4	18000	0.14	58.7	747.99	658.47
MARINE	263.85	270.9	258.25	265.55	196215	0.0	45.87	288.93	197.56
DATAPATNS	2490.8	2542.0	2477.9	2485.25	79116	-0.22	49.14	2541.22	2720.8
HBLPOWER	628.95	633.55	622.5	624.5	633702	-0.36	47.04	656.25	565.49
GRSE	1647.0	1679.8	1632.05	1642.9	339107	-0.41	49.87	1675.28	1601.15
HAL	4240.0	4270.05	4197.0	4206.0	853004	-0.7	41.39	4395.97	4462.72
MAZDOCK	2255.5	2297.85	2231.15	2236.9	1592341	-0.75	43.39	2392.64	1950.38
AVANTEL	158.8	160.5	156.27	157.1	462696	-0.75	45.75	161.89	-
SIKA	2600.0	2619.0	2550.15	2579.95	953	-0.93	49.25	2635.16	2529.4
BEML	4190.0	4229.2	4131.4	4142.4	95436	-1.2	49.11	4240.45	3981.15
ADANIENT	2580.0	2619.0	2556.6	2564.6	932795	-1.27	53.6	2476.99	2978.82
TANEJAERO	456.8	456.8	442.25	444.55	18971	-1.44	51.09	449.81	491.43
LT	3708.0	3719.9	3651.45	3659.9	1290107	-1.44	46.73	3746.78	3617.8
BHARATFORG	1318.2	1322.0	1291.0	1296.15	1816419	-1.49	40.81	1325.71	1455.4
BEL	296.5	297.25	291.5	291.95	8167968	-1.63	44.16	302.03	280.91
LMW	17210.0	17327.45	16700.0	16838.35	7459	-2.35	46.93	17258.29	16228.54
TEMBO	899.0	905.0	845.0	859.0	41463	-2.66	62.11	795.23	395.25