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IDEAFORGE	621.5	619.3	+0.36%

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Stock	Close	Prev	Change
ROSSELLIND	89.31	95.32	-6.31%
COCHINSHIP	1447.95	1523.85	-4.98%
PREMEXPLN	475.35	499.95	-4.92%
HIGHENE	617.0	647.2	-4.67%
HBLPOWER	557.2	577.05	-3.44%

Defense Business and Industry

HAL and GE Discuss Tejas Engine Delays; Production On Track



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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is in discussions with General Electric regarding delays in engine deliveries for the Tejas light combat aircraft due to supply chain issues stemming from COVID-19. Despite the delay, HAL's production schedule remains unaffected, with significant orders of 280 aircraft anticipated over the next seven to eight years. HAL is also advancing the upgrade program for the Su-30MKI and expects additional orders soon. Furthermore, HAL is actively exploring export opportunities for indigenous aircraft, highlighting India's growing independent defense capabilities and potential in international markets.

China's J-15T Fighter: Upgraded Yet Limited by Design Challenges



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China's People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has unveiled the J-15T, a catapult-capable variant of its J-15 fighter jet, featuring advancements like improved

avionics, AESA radar, and indigenous WS-10 engines. However, the J-15T faces inherent limitations due to its reverse-engineered design from the Russian Su-33, particularly regarding operational constraints imposed by the ski-jump launch system of older carriers. While the new Type 003 carrier equipped with electromagnetic catapults aims to mitigate some of these issues, concerns remain about engine reliability and overall performance. This development reflects China's ambition to enhance its naval aviation capabilities, yet the long-term viability of the J-15T remains questionable, with future advancements likely focusing on more capable platforms like the J-35, which may better align with modern warfare requirements.

CSIR-NAL Evaluates LCA Mk2 Control Laws with Pilot Input



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CSIR-NAL has commenced the evaluation of control laws for the LCA Mk2, focusing on its take-off phase with active pilot involvement, which is essential for refining the aircraft's performance. This step marks a significant advancement in India's defense aerospace sector, enhancing the LCA Mk2's capabilities, including a powerful engine and increased payload. The pilots-in-the-loop approach ensures that control laws are tailored to real-life scenarios, improving safety and

maneuverability. This initiative aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat goal, highlighting the commitment to developing self-reliant defense technologies that can meet the demands of modern combat effectively.

BluJ Aerospace Launches Eco-Friendly Hydrogen VTOL Aircraft



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Telangana-based BluJ Aerospace Pvt. Ltd has introduced the BluJ Hop, a hydrogen-powered vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft designed to transform urban and regional air transportation. This innovative aircraft promises a quieter, cleaner flying experience while enhancing performance through high payload capacity and long-range capabilities. The development of the BluJ Hop aligns with the increasing global demand for sustainable transportation solutions, minimizing both noise pollution and environmental impact. This initiative not only showcases India's growing prowess in advanced aerospace technology but also positions the country as a potential leader in eco-friendly aviation, promising a new era in air travel that prioritizes sustainability and operational efficiency.

Rajnath Singh to Induct Guided-Missile Frigate Tushil in Russia



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Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will induct the guided-missile frigate Tushil on December 9 at Yantar Shipyard in Russia, marking a pivotal moment in India-Russia defense cooperation. This frigate is the first of four advanced vessels designed to bolster the Indian Navy's capabilities in the Indo-Pacific, enhancing its multi-role functionality for air defense, anti-submarine warfare, and surface combat. The Tushil, meaning "protector" in Sanskrit, symbolizes India's commitment to safeguarding its maritime borders amidst rising regional tensions. This induction underscores India's strategic focus on maritime security and its proactive stance in ensuring freedom of navigation in vital sea lanes.

India and Kazakhstan Unite for Strategic Titanium Production



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The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) of India has partnered with Kazakhstan's UKTMP JSC to establish IREUK Titanium Ltd., aimed at producing high-grade titanium slag from Odisha's ilmenite deposits. This joint venture marks a significant step towards enhancing India's titanium value chain, promoting self-reliance in critical materials, and aligning with the DAE's Platinum

Jubilee celebrations. By combining expertise from both nations, IREUK Titanium Ltd. is positioned to play a pivotal role in the global titanium market, thereby contributing to India's economic growth and bolstering its strategic capabilities. This collaboration underscores the importance of international partnerships in achieving technological innovation and industrial advancement in India.

Can Russia's Tu-160 Bomber Meet India's Long-Range Strike Needs?



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India is considering the acquisition of Russia's Tupolev Tu-160 bomber to enhance its long-range strike capabilities amid evolving security challenges. The Tu-160 offers significant advantages, including a 12,000-kilometer range and massive payload capacity, which could bolster India's deterrence and counter-terrorism operations. However, challenges like reliance on Russian support, high operational costs, and potential shifts in defense doctrine complicate its integration into the Indian Air Force. While the Tu-160 could serve as a powerful asset for power projection, India may ultimately prefer more cost-effective alternatives that fulfill similar strategic objectives without straining its defense budget.

DRDO Secures Funding to Develop Ghatak Stealth UCAV Model



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The DRDO and ADE are set to build a full-scale model of the Ghatak stealth UCAV following government funding, marking a significant milestone in India's push for indigenous stealth technology. The Ghatak, a 12-ton UCAV, is designed for deep penetration strikes and reconnaissance in high-threat environments, featuring an Internal Weapons Bay for a 1.5-ton payload. It will leverage a 46kN Dry Kaveri engine and is expected to support Manned-Unmanned Teaming with manned fighters, enhancing India's combat aviation capabilities. The synergy with the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft program underscores India's commitment to developing advanced, integrated aerial warfare technologies to maintain operational superiority.

India's Super Sukhoi Upgrade to Roll Out by 2028



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India's Ministry of Defence is set to finalize an upgrade plan for 84 SU-30MKI fighter jets under the Super Sukhoi program, following DAC approval. The upgrade, estimated to cost ₹63,000 crore, aims to modernize the

aircraft into a near fifth-generation platform, enhancing capabilities with advanced avionics, radar, and electronic warfare systems. Although the first upgraded aircraft is expected by 2028, the complete upgrade cycle will take around 15 years. This initiative not only aims to bolster the Indian Air Force's strike capability but also supports the Make in India initiative, reinforcing domestic defense manufacturing alongside strategic collaboration with Russia.

DRDO's Lighter Towed Gun System Boosts Army Mobility and Flexibility

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The DRDO is developing a lighter variant of the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), named the Towed Gun System (TGS), to enhance the Indian Army's mobility and operational flexibility. With a 23-litre chamber and under 15 tons, the TGS meets the Army's needs for artillery that can be swiftly deployed in challenging terrains, particularly in high-altitude regions. The initiative, which includes contributions from Tata Advanced Systems and Kalyani Group, aims to ensure a competitive and innovative landscape in Indian defense manufacturing, providing the Army with multiple options while fostering indigenous capabilities. This shift towards lighter artillery systems will significantly enhance the Army's responsiveness in diverse operational scenarios.

Indian Army Expands Cargo UAV Fleet for Enhanced Logistics

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The Indian Army is actively seeking to enhance its fleet of cargo-carrying UAVs, with plans to introduce larger models capable of transporting 1-2 tons of cargo. This initiative aims to improve logistical operations in remote and challenging terrains, particularly along the Himalayan border, where traditional manned aircraft face limitations due to adverse weather and high operational costs. The proposed UAVs will facilitate timely delivery of essential supplies, ensuring rapid-response capabilities during emergencies and military engagements. This expansion aligns with the Army's modernization efforts, leveraging advanced technologies to bolster operational efficiency and combat readiness in difficult-to-access regions.

Jayem Automotives to Enhance WhAP 88 APC with New 600HP Engine

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Jayem Automotives has been chosen to integrate a new indigenously developed 600HP V8 diesel engine

into the WhAP 88 Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC), enhancing India's armored vehicle capabilities. This engine, created by CVRDE and Ashok Leyland, offers improved power, torque, and performance, crucial for diverse military operations. By utilizing a domestic powerplant, India bolsters its defense self-reliance, reducing dependence on foreign engines and mitigating logistical challenges during conflicts. The WhAP 88, designed for versatility in various terrains, will experience significant performance improvements, including better speed, agility, and fuel efficiency, making it more capable of rapid deployment in demanding conditions.

India Unveils Astra Simulator for Advanced Unmanned Vehicle Training

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Combat Robotics India, with support from the DRDO's Technology Development Fund, has developed the Astra simulator, enhancing India's unmanned vehicle training capabilities across ground, marine, and aerial domains. This advanced simulator offers realistic scenario training, AI-powered decision support, and captures operational data for ongoing research and development, ensuring the continuous evolution of unmanned systems. The Astra simulator's versatility and scalability significantly bolster the Indian Armed Forces' operational readiness while minimizing costs and risks associated with real-world trials. Ultimately, this development marks a pivotal step towards India's self-reliance in defense technology, reinforcing its commitment to advancing indigenous capabilities in unmanned operations.

Trump's Return May Accelerate Delayed India-US Defense Deals

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Donald Trump's potential return to the presidency could expedite delayed defense agreements between India and the US, particularly in light of shared security concerns regarding China. The US-India defense partnership may see significant developments, including the \$3.5 billion deal for MQ-9B Predator drones and collaborations on the GE F-414 jet engines for Tejas Mark 2 fighters. Trump's administration historically favored strengthening ties with India, which could lead to faster arms sales and technology transfers while addressing existing logistical delays. This renewed focus on military cooperation aligns with India's defense modernization goals and strategic interests in countering regional threats from Pakistan and China.

NIBE and HBE Partner for Defence and Aerospace Manufacturing in India



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NIBE has signed a Letter of Intent with HBE from South Korea to establish a joint venture aimed at setting up forging facilities in India for the defence and aerospace sectors, enhancing local manufacturing capabilities. This non-binding agreement aligns with India's Make in India initiative to bolster indigenous defence manufacturing. Additionally, NIBE has entered a term sheet with American firearms manufacturer Sig Sauer to produce military and law enforcement products for Indian security forces, under a similar 51:49 shareholding structure. This move signifies a strategic commitment to self-reliance in defence production, promoting collaboration with international partners while fostering domestic industrial growth.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Hindu Canadians Unite Against Khalistani Business Vandalism



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Hindu Canadians are mobilizing in response to a series of vandalism incidents targeting Hindu temples, allegedly linked to Khalistani-affiliated individuals, leading to calls for economic boycotts of these businesses. The community feels unfairly victimized for opposing the Khalistani separatist movement, which aims to create an independent Sikh state. There is a growing sentiment among Hindu Canadians to unite against perceived threats, as some pro-Khalistani groups have made divisive statements, questioning their loyalty to Canada. Many advocate for organized action, including establishing a safety network for temples and residences, reflecting a desire for security and a reaffirmation of their identity as contributing members of Canadian society, while emphasizing the need to counteract the rise of Khalistani extremism and its impact on community cohesion.

India Calls on Bangladesh to Safeguard Hindus Amid Violence



08-Nov-24

India has voiced strong concerns over recent attacks on the Hindu community in Chittagong, Bangladesh, urging the Bangladeshi government to take decisive action against extremist elements responsible for inciting violence through incendiary social media posts. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted that these

attacks have led to looting and threats against the Hindu population, emphasizing Dhaka's responsibility to safeguard minority communities. Jaiswal reiterated India's commitment to promoting peace and democracy in the region, reflecting India's strategic interest in maintaining stability in its neighborhood. The situation underscores the importance of inter-state cooperation in managing communal tensions and protecting minority rights, with India positioned as a supportive ally advocating for security and harmony in Bangladesh.

Jonathan Powell Appointed as Britain's National Security Adviser



08-Nov-24

Jonathan Powell has been appointed as Britain's new national security adviser, a role underscored by his significant experience in the Northern Ireland peace process and as former chief of staff to Tony Blair. Prime Minister Keir Starmer highlighted Powell's expertise in international conflict resolution, particularly his involvement in negotiating the Good Friday Agreement. This appointment reflects an intention to leverage Powell's negotiation skills to bolster Britain's national security strategy amid evolving global challenges. Strengthening diplomatic channels and conflict resolution capabilities is crucial for enhancing Britain's stance on international security, which indirectly impacts collaborative defense strategies with allies, including India, in addressing shared global threats.

India Rejects Pakistan's Arms Control Resolution at UN



08-Nov-24

India voted against a Pakistan-sponsored resolution at the UN General Assembly regarding conventional arms control, which was backed by 179 nations, emphasizing its significance for peace in regions like South Asia. India's opposition, with only Israel abstaining, underscores its commitment to national security and regional stability amid Pakistan's historical use of international forums to further its narratives. The resolution's focus on arms control may overlook the complexities of regional security dynamics, where India faces various threats. India's stance reflects a strategic decision to prioritize its defense prerogatives and assert its position on regional security issues, reaffirming its sovereignty and the necessity of maintaining a robust defense posture.

Zelensky: North Korean troops suffer losses in Ukraine clashes

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky reported that North Korean troops have faced casualties in confrontations with Ukrainian forces, during a press conference at the European Political Community summit in Budapest. He warned that unless decisive actions are taken, it is likely that more North Korean soldiers will be sent to support Russia in the conflict. This situation underscores concerns about the increasing involvement of North Korean forces in global conflicts, which could further complicate the geopolitical landscape. The deployment of such troops raises alarms about the potential for escalating tensions and highlights the importance of diplomatic efforts to counteract this troubling trend.

Military Operations

Two terrorists neutralized in Sopore; arms and ammo seized

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Security forces, including the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, neutralized two terrorists in Sopore, Baramulla district, after observing suspicious activity. Brigadier Deepak Mohan briefed the media about the joint operation, which led to the recovery of arms, ammunition, and other incriminating materials. The identities of the terrorists are under verification. This encounter is part of increased anti-terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir, reflecting recent escalation in militant activity. The Indian Army's proactive efforts, supported by intelligence, emphasize the commitment to regional peace and security. This operation showcases the dedication of Indian forces to counter threats, protect civilian lives, and maintain stability in the region.

President Murmu Observes Naval Operations Aboard INS Vikrant

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President Droupadi Murmu witnessed the Indian Navy's multi-domain operations while onboard the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on November 7, 2024, marking her first visit to naval operations at sea. During this event, she observed various exercises, including fighter aircraft operations and missile drills, highlighting the Navy's readiness and commitment to maintaining peace in the Indian Ocean Region. President Murmu

praised the Indian Navy's recent advancements, such as the induction of INS Vikrant and the commissioning of the INS Arighaat, emphasizing India's strengthened maritime capabilities. Additionally, she acknowledged the Navy's strides in gender inclusivity, noting the appointment of women in critical roles and the pilots' achievements, reinforcing the Indian Navy's progress towards a diverse and capable force essential for safeguarding national maritime interests.

AustraHind 2024: India and Australia Launch Joint Military Drill

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Exercise AustraHind 2024, a three-week joint military training initiative between India and Australia, commenced in Pune from November 8th to 21st, involving 140 Indian soldiers from the DOGRA Regiment and 120 Australian troops from the 13th Brigade. This exercise focuses on sub-conventional operations under a UN mandate, enhancing interoperability and tactical coordination to address emerging regional threats. Key activities include counter-terrorism operations, establishing a Joint Operations Centre, and integrating advanced technologies like drones. The collaboration reflects the strengthening strategic partnership between India and Australia, promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region while fostering camaraderie through cultural exchanges. Such exercises are critical in shaping a collective approach to conventional and hybrid threats, reinforcing the commitment of both nations to secure regional interests and enhance military cooperation.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Terrorists Kill Two Village Defence Guards in Kishtwar, Kashmir Tigers Claim Responsibility

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Two Village Defence Guards (VDGs), Nazir Ahmad and Kuldeep Kumar, were tragically killed by terrorists in Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir, with the Pakistan-based terrorist group Kashmir Tigers claiming responsibility for the attack. The incident has prompted widespread condemnation from political leaders, including Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who expressed condolences to the victims' families and vowed to take decisive action against terrorist groups in the region. In response to the attack, local police and the Army have launched a significant search operation to apprehend the perpetrators and recover the bodies.

The Sanatan Dharam Sabha has called for a complete shutdown in Kishtwar on November 8 to protest these brutal killings, underscoring the ongoing challenges posed by terrorism in the region and the detrimental impact on peace efforts. This incident highlights the persistent threat of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, underlining the urgent need for a robust counter-terrorism strategy to safeguard local communities and reinforce the resilience of Village Defence Guards, who play a critical role in the security framework of the region.

Amit Shah Unveils National Strategy to Combat Modern Terrorism



08-Nov-24

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced a forthcoming national counter-terrorism policy at the Anti-Terror Conference-2024, emphasizing the need for a unified approach among state and central agencies to combat the borderless nature of modern terrorism. He highlighted the Modi government's success in reducing terrorist incidents by 70% since 2014 and achieving a 95% conviction rate through the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Shah advocated for the adoption of model Anti-Terrorism Squads (ATS) and Special Task Forces (STF) to enhance operational coordination and technology integration in counter-terrorism efforts. The conference aims to foster collaboration among stakeholders and develop strategies addressing the evolving threats posed by terrorism, further demonstrating India's commitment to a robust and proactive stance against these challenges.

Kishtwar Erupts in Protests After Terrorists Kill Two VDGs



08-Nov-24

Protests erupted in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, following the brutal killings of two Village Defence Guards (VDGs) by terrorists, prompting demands for immediate action against the perpetrators. Hundreds of locals voiced their outrage, chanting anti-Pakistan slogans and calling for a comprehensive military operation to ensure safety in the region. The incident, claimed by the Pakistan-based terror group Kashmir Tigers, has drawn widespread condemnation from political leaders and the community, underlining a unifying resolve against terrorism. Kishtwar MLA Shugan Parihar expressed deep condolences for the victims, highlighting the emotional toll on the community. The collective response demonstrates a strong local commitment to countering terrorism and

restoring peace, illustrating the resilience of the people in the face of such cowardly acts.

Shah Urges Advanced Tech to Combat 'Borderless' Terrorism



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Amit Shah highlighted the evolving nature of terrorism at an anti-terror conference, describing it as "borderless and invisible," necessitating advanced technological solutions and enhanced training for security personnel. He announced the development of a National Counter Terrorism Policy, reflecting a proactive government approach that has reportedly reduced terrorist incidents by 70% since 2014. Shah emphasized the importance of collaboration between state police and central agencies for effective counter-terrorism efforts and recognized the sacrifices of police personnel. The conference focused on sharing best practices, evolving legal frameworks, and leveraging emerging technologies to strengthen national security against contemporary threats.

Miscellaneous

India Critiques Canada for Blocking Australian Media Outlet



08-Nov-24

India has strongly criticized Canada's recent decision to block the Australian media outlet, The Australia Today, shortly after it aired a press conference featuring External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Australian counterpart, Penny Wong. Indian officials have labeled Canada's action as hypocritical regarding freedom of speech, particularly since it coincided with Jaishankar's remarks addressing unsubstantiated allegations against India and the surveillance of Indian diplomats in Canada. The Managing Editor of The Australia Today expressed gratitude for the support received during this setback and reaffirmed the outlet's commitment to advocating for open media. This incident underscores the ongoing tensions between India and Canada, highlighting concerns over press freedom and the protection of Indian diplomatic personnel amid rising threats. Overall, India's response reflects its resolve to uphold free speech while addressing the increasing challenges faced by its diplomats abroad.

India Celebrates US Election Results, Highlights Strong Partnership SHARE

08-Nov-24

India congratulated Donald Trump on his re-election as the 47th President of the United States, emphasizing the importance of the India-US partnership across various sectors, including defense, technology, and energy. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted the mutual commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and promoting global peace and stability. The Indian government also expressed its intent to facilitate legal migration for skilled professionals while addressing the issue of illegal immigration. This reaffirmation of cooperation signifies India's strategic alignment with the US, enhancing its defense capabilities and economic ties while fostering a collaborative approach to regional and global challenges.

Manipur CM Supports Thadou Convention for Indigenous Rights and Education SHARE

08-Nov-24

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh expressed support for the Thadou Convention's resolution backing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the state's War on Drugs campaign, emphasizing the importance of protecting indigenous communities and their distinct identities. He asserted that government policies must not be compromised for peace, highlighting the Thadou tribe's unique cultural identity. Additionally, Singh launched a coaching scheme to empower students for competitive exams, linking education to conflict prevention and national unity. His call for environmental responsibility through tree planting underlines a holistic approach to development and societal cohesion in Manipur while reinforcing the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Bernier criticizes Trudeau's silence on Khalistani extremism. SHARE

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Maxime Bernier, leader of the Peoples Party of Canada, criticized Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's immigration policies, arguing they have fostered inter-gang rivalries, particularly related to Khalistani extremism. He condemned Trudeau and opposition leader Pierre Poilievre for their silence on violence linked to Khalistani supporters, advocating for leaders to prioritize public safety over political considerations. Bernier's remarks resonated with Canadian Hindu groups, highlighting concerns about radical ideologies gaining traction. The pressure on Trudeau intensifies as

he faces potential electoral challenges in 2025, emphasizing the need for leaders to denounce extremism and uphold the values of justice and accountability in a diverse society.

India Explores Chabahar Port's Role in Boosting Afghan Trade SHARE

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Indian officials recently engaged in discussions with Afghan representatives, including acting Defence Minister Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob, to explore how Afghan businesses can utilize the strategically significant Chabahar Port in Iran for trade, which is crucial for Afghanistan's landlocked economy. The talks also centered on India's ongoing humanitarian aid efforts, with significant shipments of food and medical supplies dispatched to support the Afghan populace amid challenging conditions. Despite not recognizing the Taliban regime formally, India has maintained a diplomatic engagement through humanitarian initiatives and discussions on economic cooperation, reflecting its commitment to strengthening political and economic ties with Afghanistan. The delegation led by J P Singh also highlighted the importance of facilitating better visa processes for Afghan businessmen to enhance trade relations with India, emphasizing that the Chabahar Port allows India to bypass Pakistan, thus reinforcing India's role in promoting regional connectivity and economic development.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Launches 2nd Indian Military Heritage Festival SHARE

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CDS General Anil Chauhan inaugurated the 2nd Indian Military Heritage Festival in New Delhi on November 8-9, 2024, aiming to engage various stakeholders in discussions on India's national security and military heritage. The event featured the launch of Project Shaurya Gatha, focused on educating and promoting military heritage, alongside the release of significant military publications. The DRDO showcased its contributions to Atmanirbhar Bharat through innovations in defense, while stalls from the armed services highlighted career opportunities for youth. This festival is pivotal in raising public awareness about India's military traditions and fostering a deeper understanding of contemporary security issues and self-reliance in defense capabilities.

Reliance Advocates for Satellite Spectrum Auction in India



08-Nov-24

Mukesh Ambani's Reliance has urged India's telecom regulator, TRAI, to consider auctioning satellite spectrum rather than allocating it administratively, which they argue is flawed and discriminatory. This comes after India's decision to allocate spectrum administratively, a move perceived as beneficial for Elon Musk's Starlink, which has struggled with regulatory challenges in the country. The debate highlights the tension between established Indian players and foreign firms in the burgeoning satellite internet market. Allowing an auction could foster a competitive environment and ensure that domestic companies are not disadvantaged, promoting innovation and growth in India's digital infrastructure.

UN Reports Nearly 70% of Gaza Casualties Are Women and Children



08-Nov-24

A recent U.N. report indicates that nearly 70% of the verified casualties in the ongoing Gaza conflict are women and children, raising concerns over potential violations of international humanitarian law. The U.N. condemns the high civilian toll, emphasizing the severe humanitarian impact of the war. This situation underscores the importance of protecting civilians in conflict zones and the need for adherence to international norms. While the international community calls for accountability, it highlights the broader implications of warfare on vulnerable populations, reinforcing the necessity for solutions that prioritize human rights and humanitarian assistance amidst ongoing hostilities.

India and Bhutan Launch First Integrated Check Post to Boost Trade



08-Nov-24

India and Bhutan inaugurated their first Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Darranga, Assam, aimed at facilitating trade and travel between the two nations. The ICP, covering 14.5 acres, features modern facilities, including inspection spaces and customs infrastructure, enhancing operational efficiency. Its strategic location near National Highway 27 and the Bhutanese customs hub at Samdrup-Jongkhar significantly boosts connectivity and trade prospects. This development not only strengthens bilateral ties but also reflects India's commitment to enhancing regional economic cooperation and security, promoting stability

in the region through improved border management and trade facilitation.

Star Air Expands Fleet with More Embraer E175 Aircraft



08-Nov-24

Star Air, India's largest private regional carrier, plans to expand its fleet to 25 aircraft by 2027, enhancing domestic connectivity in line with the UDAN initiative. The airline will add two Embraer E175 aircraft in FY25 and four more in FY26, aiming to serve underserved regions and improve air travel accessibility. The Embraer E175 is recognized for its fuel efficiency and passenger comfort, supporting Star Air's mission to connect major cities with smaller towns. This expansion reflects a strategic move to strengthen India's aviation infrastructure and promote regional growth, ultimately fostering economic development across the country.

Hindu priest in Canada suspended for inciting violence amid protests



08-Nov-24

A priest at a Hindu temple in Brampton, Canada, was suspended for promoting violent rhetoric amid clashes involving pro-Khalistani protesters during a consular event. The incident, which escalated into violence, was condemned by Brampton's mayor and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who emphasized the importance of safety and freedom of faith. India expressed concern over the situation and reiterated its stance against the tolerance of pro-Khalistan elements in Canada. This incident highlights the ongoing tensions between India and Canada, with India seeking accountability for violence linked to extremist groups operating on Canadian soil, reflecting broader geopolitical challenges in maintaining diplomatic relations.

Israeli Envoy: India's Unique Edge for AI Start-Ups



08-Nov-24

Israeli Ambassador to India, Azar, highlighted that India offers unique advantages for Israeli start-ups, particularly in the realm of artificial intelligence, due to its scale and diverse technological landscape. He emphasized the India-Israel Innovation Accelerator (i3A) as a crucial initiative to facilitate partnerships and enhance collaboration between the two nations. Azar expressed a strong commitment from Israeli companies to invest in India, aiming to leverage local technological capabilities to tackle various challenges.

This collaboration not only fosters innovation but also aims to integrate advanced technologies into local industries, benefiting both economies and strengthening bilateral ties.

Israeli Envoy Celebrates India's 2,000-Year Legacy as Jewish Refuge SHARE

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Israeli Envoy Reuven Azar highlighted India's historical role as a refuge for Jews, dating back 2,000 years, notably during the Holocaust when many fled Nazi persecution. Indian Jewish communities, such as the Cochin Jews and Bene Israel, have integrated well within Indian society, contributing significantly to arts, commerce, and military service while largely avoiding anti-Semitism. This underscores India's long-standing tradition of providing sanctuary to the oppressed, fostering a multicultural environment. Today, around 5,000 Jews remain in India, preserving their heritage and continuing to enrich the diversity of Indian culture, showcasing a harmonious coexistence that reflects India's pluralistic values.

Musk Predicts Trudeau's Exit in Upcoming Election Challenge SHARE

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Elon Musk has criticized Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, suggesting he may not survive the next election, as Trudeau faces significant challenges in seeking a fourth consecutive term amidst a century-long historical trend against such achievements. The Liberal Party currently holds a minority government, making it vulnerable to rising opposition from the Conservatives and the New Democratic Party. Recent polling reveals the Liberals are trailing, increasing pressure on Trudeau ahead of a pivotal election. This situation highlights the fragility of Trudeau's leadership and the shifting political landscape in Canada, which could lead to substantial changes in governance.

Canada Orders TikTok to Close Offices Amid Data Privacy Concerns SHARE

08-Nov-24

The Canadian government has ordered TikTok Technology Canada Inc. to shut down its offices in Toronto and Vancouver, addressing concerns over potential threats from its parent company, ByteDance. Despite this, TikTok users can still access the app, though the company plans to legally contest the closure, citing significant job losses. This action highlights increasing scrutiny of TikTok globally, particularly regarding data privacy and Chinese

government influence, reflecting broader geopolitical tensions. Experts question the effectiveness of such measures, suggesting that the absence of a physical presence may hinder accountability and enforcement of privacy laws, as seen in other countries that have enacted similar restrictions.

Biden Promises Smooth Power Transition to Restore Electoral Trust SHARE

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US President Joe Biden has assured an "orderly transition" of power following the recent election, aiming to restore faith in the electoral system, which he described as "honest, fair, and transparent." His remarks contrast sharply with the tumultuous events of the 2020 election cycle, where former President Trump incited unrest. Biden acknowledged the emotional reactions from both sides and urged Americans to view each other as "fellow Americans" instead of adversaries. This approach emphasizes political stability and unity, which could serve as a critical foundation for future governance and national cohesion, fostering a climate of respect and collaboration in the democratic process.

Kamala Harris Accepts Election Loss, Calls for Unity Amid Challenges SHARE

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Kamala Harris delivered her concession speech at Howard University after Donald Trump's victory, emphasizing the importance of accepting electoral outcomes as essential to democracy. She contrasted this acceptance with Trump's prior refusal to concede in 2020. President Biden supported her sentiment by affirming a peaceful transition of power and acknowledging the emotional responses from supporters, highlighting that political setbacks are part of the democratic process and calling for unity. This situation underscores the ongoing challenges within the U.S. political landscape, reminding citizens of the need for collective acceptance and resilience in the face of electoral outcomes.

BNM Human Rights Department Slams Pakistan Forces' Attack on Protesters SHARE

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The BNM Human Rights Department condemned the violent attack by Pakistan forces on a hunger strike camp in Quetta, where peaceful protesters were advocating for justice regarding Baloch missing persons. Mama Qadeer Baloch criticized the state's heavy-handed approach, highlighting it as part of

systemic repression in Balochistan. Allah Nazar Baloch termed the incident "state terrorism," urging Baloch unity against such oppression. This situation underscores the ongoing tensions in Balochistan, where the Pakistani government's actions appear to stifle legitimate dissent, further galvanizing calls for autonomy and highlighting the need for international attention on human rights violations in the region.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
LOKESHMACH	408.0	447.9	408.0	422.35	1855907	7.3	66.87	366.67	389.87
TEMBO	685.0	695.95	642.0	695.95	292466	4.99	86.22	531.69	307.58
LT	3640.4	3667.0	3620.65	3660.3	1622142	0.38	59.49	3529.49	3576.36
IDEAFORGE	619.05	636.45	605.6	621.5	204392	0.36	48.22	617.81	714.89
DCXINDIA	342.8	349.0	336.8	339.25	267000	-0.57	56.07	321.21	334.8
KRISHNADEF	0.0	700.0	700.0	700.0	22250	-0.6	52.02	683.99	591.31
SOLARINDS	10235.0	10264.0	10121.0	10149.6	29611	-0.66	40.04	10645.77	9515.05
APOLLO	100.67	101.29	99.4	99.66	891226	-0.7	47.57	99.49	109.29
AZAD	1653.9	1660.95	1614.0	1641.5	144306	-0.72	64.48	1520.14	1436.62
HAL	4435.55	4476.85	4380.0	4400.6	1073330	-0.75	52.3	4354.21	4220.53
TANEJAERO	428.8	428.8	418.0	422.0	10320	-0.83	35.02	441.33	490.63
BEL	300.35	304.5	295.75	297.75	22935845	-0.87	59.44	284.22	261.41
SIKA	2624.0	2624.0	2511.0	2554.65	2281	-0.97	48.37	2556.29	2342.89
NIBE	1870.0	1896.0	1820.0	1850.0	9830	-0.99	54.45	1740.01	1651.77
AVANTEL	171.87	173.0	167.75	169.05	573229	-1.22	44.38	171.99	-
ADANIENT	2965.1	2995.0	2911.25	2929.1	835641	-1.38	47.44	2934.99	3103.36
BEML	4277.75	4349.0	4163.0	4191.65	505314	-1.76	61.8	3948.59	3812.5
BHARATFORG	1450.05	1456.6	1416.15	1420.05	811080	-1.84	43.13	1434.73	1428.37
MARINE	239.0	239.75	226.8	229.74	213732	-1.85	52.92	219.95	167.68
MAZDOCK	4269.7	4269.7	4145.0	4164.1	1008267	-2.17	48.31	4213.91	3454.66
MIDHANI	341.1	342.0	331.75	332.9	268116	-2.39	38.99	345.09	425.07
BDL	1075.5	1079.95	1047.0	1050.3	335812	-2.49	41.24	1092.84	1166.19
MTARTECH	1661.25	1662.0	1611.0	1618.35	69096	-2.58	44.57	1644.26	1836.87
ZENTEC	1871.0	1884.75	1811.0	1824.05	177005	-2.62	51.35	1842.81	1276.77
ASTRAMICRO	795.3	795.3	765.2	770.55	134073	-2.7	43.88	782.65	774.29
DATAPATNS	2396.85	2408.5	2300.0	2322.75	132134	-2.92	45.07	2363.47	2666.79
PTC	185.0	185.5	180.05	180.54	1094122	-2.93	42.99	181.92	207.98
PARAS	1083.95	1083.95	1021.4	1025.15	78808	-2.95	46.82	1023.53	985.74
GRSE	1575.0	1579.9	1520.8	1526.15	260980	-3.14	40.16	1626.19	1457.57
CFF	683.5	683.5	638.0	645.0	17800	-3.37	54.49	603.0	592.07
HBLPOWER	579.2	580.8	550.0	557.2	683023	-3.44	43.6	568.88	546.43
HIGHENE	658.95	658.95	612.75	617.0	8694	-4.67	43.01	632.49	709.27
PREMEXPLN	511.0	511.55	474.95	475.35	273148	-4.92	47.34	474.3	493.08
COCHINSHIP	1488.0	1490.0	1447.65	1447.95	501298	-4.98	39.49	1497.57	1607.97
ROSSELLIND	0.0	91.14	89.31	89.31	16927	-6.31	26.65	91.73	426.75