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## Top Gainers

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MACPOWER	999.6	890.0	+12.31%
DRONACHRYA	48.64	44.22	+10.0%
SIKA	905.4	841.05	+7.65%
DYNAMATECH	9667.5	9094.5	+6.3%
KRISHNADEF	735.9	693.25	+6.15%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
RELINFRA	139.66	146.97	-4.97%
URAVIDEF	153.36	160.86	-4.66%
APOLLO	240.2	248.8	-3.46%
ZENTEC	1345.1	1362.2	-1.26%
GOODLUCK	1094.9	1108.7	-1.24%

## Defense Business and Industry

### Indian Navy upgrades Veer-class corvettes with twin BrahMos launchers for enhanced firepower.

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On December 8, 2025, the Indian Navy completed a critical upgrade on its veteran Veer-class fast-attack corvettes—455-tonne vessels commissioned since 1987—replacing Soviet-era P-15 Termit missiles with twin BrahMos supersonic cruise missile launchers on port and starboard sides, enabling four-missile salvos with over 450 km range. This engineering feat, confirmed during recent operational demos like Trivandrum's, transforms these compact ships from coastal defenders into long-range strike platforms targeting enemy warships and land assets at Mach 2.8-3.0 speeds. From an Indian strategic lens, the move enhances maritime deterrence in the Indian Ocean Region amid China-Pakistan naval threats, maximizes legacy assets' utility, and underscores Atmanirbhar Bharat's firepower edge without new hulls.

### Indian Army tests indigenous anti-drone armour for T-90S tanks during Exercise Dakshin Shakti.

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During Exercise Dakshin Shakti 2025 in Rajasthan's deserts, observed around December 7, 2025, the Indian Army tested three indigenous anti-drone armour variants on T-90S Bhishma tanks, reinforcing self-reliance in countering modern UAV threats along western borders. Fabricated cost-effectively by workshops like the 505 Army Base in Jodhpur using

surplus T-72 parts and scrap ERA materials—at ₹8-14 lakh per tank—these "cope cage" designs proved impenetrable in over 40 live-fire drone trials. Featuring 360-degree LED dazzlers, RF jammers, upward smoke grenades, and camouflage hooks, the upgrades address top-attack vulnerabilities from FPV loitering munitions, with minor trade-offs like reduced gun elevation, showcasing India's pragmatic edge in armoured warfare evolution.

### Tata and Lockheed Martin establish MRO facility for C-130J in Bengaluru.

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Tata Advanced Systems and Lockheed Martin have announced the groundbreaking of a new maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility in Bengaluru, aimed at supporting the Indian Air Force's C-130J Super Hercules aircraft operations. This facility will enhance India's defense capabilities, providing comprehensive MRO services and training for Indian engineers, while significantly boosting local aerospace innovation and competitiveness. The MRO facility, expected to be operational by early 2027, aligns with India's strategic objectives and underscores the growing partnership between Indian defense forces and global aerospace leaders. This initiative further strengthens India's self-reliance in defense and demonstrates a commitment to the Make in India vision.

### BrahMos Aerospace to develop next-gen hypersonic missiles, boosting India's defense capabilities

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BrahMos Aerospace, the Indo-Russian joint venture, is advancing the BrahMos-II hypersonic cruise missile, targeting Mach 6-8 speeds and a 1,500 km range using

scramjet propulsion, with first flight tests planned for 2027-28 following prototype integration by late 2026. Showcased at NAVDEX 2025 in February, the lighter 1.33-tonne design, half the weight of current air-launched variants, enables integration with the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, enhancing its long-range strike capabilities for land and naval targets. DRDO's April 25, 2025, scramjet combustor test exceeding 1,000 seconds supports indigenous tech infusion, amid renewed India-Russia talks post-Operation Sindoora in May 2025, bolstering self-reliance and Indo-Pacific deterrence.

## UK launches Atlantic Bastion program to enhance undersea defense against Russian threats.

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The UK has launched the Atlantic Bastion programme, an ambitious initiative to bolster undersea military capabilities in response to increased Russian submarine activity. This multimillion-pound project, outlined in the Strategic Defence Review, aims to protect critical underwater infrastructure by integrating autonomous vehicles, AI, and a network of naval assets. Defence Secretary John Healey emphasized the need for rapid innovation to address these evolving threats, while the First Sea Lord highlighted maritime security as a strategic imperative. The initiative also aligns with a recent defence agreement between the UK and Norway to enhance naval operations, underscoring the importance of safeguarding vital undersea communications and energy supplies.

## Defence Minister launches Shyok Tunnel, 124 projects for border infrastructure in Ladakh.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 125 strategic infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), including the Shyok Tunnel in eastern Ladakh, which is crucial for all-weather connectivity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. This 920-metre tunnel will enhance troop mobility and logistical support in challenging terrains, particularly during harsh winters. Alongside the Shyok Tunnel, 32 other projects were launched in Arunachal Pradesh, aimed at improving operational preparedness for forces along the India-China border. The total investment for these projects is approximately Rs 5,000 crore, which includes roads, bridges, and a helipad. The Defence Minister emphasized that robust infrastructure is essential for national security and fosters

development in border areas, thus strengthening the ties between remote locations and the national mainstream. He highlighted the importance of coordination among the Armed Forces, civil administration, and local communities, reinforcing India's commitment to fortifying its border infrastructure in the face of geopolitical challenges.

## India Optel validates indigenous telescopic sight for AK-203 rifles, deliveries starting June 2026.

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India Optel Limited has successfully developed and validated a fully indigenous telescopic sight, the IOL-TS-203, for the Indian Army's AK-203 rifles, marking a significant step in the country's defense indigenization efforts. Following rigorous field trials in diverse operational environments, the IOL-TS-203 is cleared for bulk production, with an initial order of 85,000 units slated for delivery starting June 2026. This achievement eliminates the last major imported component of the infantry weapon, thereby enhancing operational capabilities while generating substantial cost savings for the defense budget. The shift to domestic production underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing and positions it favorably for potential export opportunities.

## Russia upgrades Krasnopol-M2 control panel to enhance artillery precision and counter electronic warfare threats.

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The Russian Ministry of Defence unveiled an upgraded control panel for the Krasnopol-M2, a 152mm laser-guided artillery shell, on 8 December 2025, emphasizing enhancements in fire control systems amid ongoing military operations in Ukraine. This advancement reflects Russia's commitment to improving artillery accuracy and countering threats from electronic warfare, potentially impacting global military technology dynamics. The precision strike capability of the Krasnopol-M2, which operates independently of GPS, could influence defense strategies for nations like India, seeking robust systems for border defense against peer adversaries. The recent increase in production further signifies Moscow's focus on sustaining high-impact firepower to shape battlefield outcomes, highlighting the evolving nature of modern warfare.

## Pentagon speeds up AI deployment to counter China's military expansion.

09-Dec-25

The U.S. Pentagon recently announced plans to accelerate the deployment of advanced AI tools across its Department of Defense, emphasizing logistics, intelligence analysis, and combat planning to enhance operational efficiency amid rising concerns over China's military expansion. This initiative, led by Under Secretary Emil Michael, aims to integrate AI capabilities for achieving decision superiority on future battlefields, drawing lessons from recent conflicts like the war in Ukraine. From an Indian strategic viewpoint, this acceleration of AI technology signals intensified Indo-Pacific competition and aligns with India's interests in countering shared threats, potentially fostering greater interoperability and technology partnerships among allied nations such as Australia and South Korea. This move aims not only to bolster U.S. warfighting superiority but also to fill critical talent gaps within its defense sector.

## Tata aims for IAF's Medium Transport Aircraft contract and MRO setup.

09-Dec-25

Tata is advancing its ambitions within the Indian defense sector by establishing a new aircraft service center in Bengaluru aimed at supporting the Indian Air Force's C-130J transport aircraft. This initiative positions Tata to compete for a crucial contract to supply new medium transport aircraft, intended to replace aging models in the IAF's fleet. The strategic move underscores Tata's commitment to enhancing India's defense capabilities and reflects the growing role of domestic firms in the defense industry, especially as global aviation companies vie for significant contracts in India. This development is pivotal for bolstering indigenous manufacturing and ensuring operational readiness within the Indian Air Force.

## India's missile defense set to advance with potential S-500 induction.

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India is poised to enhance its missile defense capabilities significantly with the potential induction of the S-500 Advanced Defense System (ADS). This next-generation system is designed to detect and engage aerial threats at altitudes up to 200 km, including intercontinental ballistic missiles and hypersonic weapons, thus providing a crucial strategic advantage.

The S-500's sophisticated radar technology promises early detection that surpasses traditional capabilities, allowing for proactive defensive measures. This development is emblematic of the strengthening defense ties between India and Russia and could redefine India's security architecture, enhancing its deterrence strategy against evolving missile threats in the region while benefiting domestic defense R&D through technology transfer.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India condemns Pakistan's actions, supports Afghan sovereignty amid border tensions.

09-Dec-25

India has condemned recent attacks by Pakistan on Afghanistan, which resulted in civilian casualties, amidst escalating tensions between the two nations. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal expressed deep concern over the violence and reaffirmed India's commitment to Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The clashes, which reignited following a ceasefire pact less than two months ago, were marked by accusations from Taliban officials that Pakistan initiated the strikes, prompting a military response from Afghan forces. Local reports indicated that Pakistani air operations targeted civilian infrastructure in the Spin Boldak district, leading to at least five civilian deaths and injuries. Despite ongoing diplomatic efforts from various nations, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey, to mediate a ceasefire, the situation remains volatile, complicating regional stability and raising alarms over the humanitarian impact of the conflict. India's firm stance underscores its interest in supporting Afghan sovereignty and highlights the broader implications for security in South Asia amidst recurring hostilities at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

### MEA Affirms Arunachal Pradesh as Integral to India Amid Tensions

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India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has reiterated that Arunachal Pradesh remains an integral part of India, emphasizing the nation's stance against any foreign interference regarding its territorial integrity, particularly in light of recent tensions following the detention of an Indian citizen at Shanghai airport. Prema Wangjom Thongdok, an Indian passport holder born in Arunachal Pradesh, was held for 18 hours

during her layover, with Chinese officials questioning the validity of her travel documents based on their claim over the region. The Indian government lodged a formal protest, urging China to ensure that Indian nationals transiting through its airports are not subjected to arbitrary detention or harassment, while simultaneously advising travelers to exercise caution. This incident poses a challenge to the ongoing attempts at stabilizing India-China relations, marked by cautious rapprochement following previous border conflicts. The diplomatic response from India signifies a firm assertion of sovereignty while seeking to maintain dialogue with China, underscoring the delicate balance between national interests and bilateral engagement amidst persistent territorial disputes.

## US National Security Strategy Recognizes India as a Vital Partner

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The recent US National Security Strategy document reaffirms India as a key partner in global security, emphasizing the strong bilateral relationship between the two nations. As India continues to expand its economic influence, the strategy encourages its active contribution to Indo-Pacific security, particularly through the Quad framework. Concurrently, the US National Defence Authorisation Act for Fiscal Year 2026 highlights broadening engagement with India to foster a free and open Indo-Pacific, addressing challenges posed by China. It outlines initiatives to enhance cooperation in defence, including military exercises and expanded defence trade, and establishes a consultative mechanism focused on aligning India's nuclear liability rules with international norms. Both documents underline a mutual commitment to counter-terrorism and regional stability, showcasing India's central role in shaping future security frameworks in the Indo-Pacific. This growing convergence between India and the US, particularly in strategic and defence collaboration, is expected to have significant implications for regional geopolitics and security dynamics moving forward.

## India's MEA criticizes Pakistan, stating democracy and the nation are incompatible.

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In a recent briefing, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal made a pointed remark on Pakistan's political climate, stating that "democracy and Pakistan don't go together," reflecting India's skepticism regarding its neighbor's democratic processes amid ongoing political turmoil. His

comments come in the wake of former Prime Minister Imran Khan's imprisonment and the escalating protests demanding his release, which have been met with a heavy-handed government response. Jaiswal emphasized India's careful observation of the situation while refraining from more extensive commentary, signaling a balance between strategic prudence and political critique. The context underscores long-standing tensions between India and Pakistan, particularly concerning the latter's weakened democratic institutions and alleged military interference in governance, raising concerns about regional stability. The MEA's measured response highlights India's focus on safeguarding its national interests while monitoring developments that could impact bilateral relations and the broader security landscape in South Asia.

## Japan protests China's radar targeting of its jets near Okinawa.

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On December 6, 2025, Japan's Defense Ministry reported that Chinese J-15 fighter jets directed fire-control radar at Japanese Air Self-Defense Force F-15 jets near Okinawa, leading to formal protests from Tokyo. Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi condemned the acts as dangerous, while Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara dismissed China's justification of safety measures, highlighting the risks of escalation. Beijing argued that Japanese aircraft disrupted its naval exercises. This incident reflects China's aggressive posture in the Indo-Pacific, which could impact regional security dynamics and benefit India's strategic interests, particularly through its partnerships in the QUAD amidst heightened Sino-Japanese tensions near vital maritime routes.

## Hezbollah disarmament challenges Lebanon's government stability amid regional tensions.

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Lebanon's government is grappling with the challenges of enforcing Hezbollah's disarmament, as mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1701, one year after a ceasefire with Israel. While the Lebanese Armed Forces, with UNIFIL support, have made significant strides in dismantling Hezbollah's arsenal south of the Litani River, the group retains substantial capabilities in the Beqaa Valley and other areas. Hezbollah's compliance is contingent upon Israel's withdrawal from certain border posts, highlighting the complex interplay of regional security dynamics. This situation underscores the importance of state authority in fragile states and

resonates with Indian strategic interests in countering proxy threats and promoting stability to mitigate risks to global security.

## US Defence Secretary affirms unchanged Taiwan status amidst tensions.

09-Dec-25

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth reaffirmed that the United States will not alter the status quo concerning Taiwan, emphasizing a strategy focused on defense and deterrence rather than confrontation with China. During the Reagan National Defence Forum, he outlined key missions aimed at protecting the US homeland and maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific, while fostering communication with the People's Liberation Army to mitigate risks. Hegseth asserted that the US does not seek to dominate or humiliate China, but aims to negotiate from a position of strength, reinforcing trade relations and ensuring peace in the region. This approach underscores the importance of strategic stability amid rising tensions in US-China relations, which could influence broader geopolitical dynamics.

## Naval chief visits Brazil to enhance maritime partnership and cooperation.

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Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has embarked on a four-day official visit to Brazil to strengthen the maritime partnership between the Indian Navy and the Brazilian Navy, a key component of the broader India-Brazil Strategic Partnership. His discussions with Brazilian leaders, including Defence Minister Jose Mucio and the Commander of the Brazilian Navy, Admiral Marcos Sampaio Olsen, will focus on enhancing operational linkages, naval interoperability, and capacity building, alongside exploring new collaboration avenues. This visit underscores India's commitment to maritime security and professional exchanges, aiming to reinforce stability in global maritime affairs and promote South-South cooperation amid an evolving geopolitical landscape.

## China secretly acquires Russian arms to bolster military readiness for Taiwan invasion.

09-Dec-25

Leaked documents indicate that China has been covertly acquiring Russian military hardware since early 2022, focused on enhancing the People's Liberation Army's airborne capabilities for a potential invasion of

Taiwan. Secret contracts involve air-droppable armored vehicles and training for paratroopers, with delivery schedules aligned to coincide with President Xi Jinping's military readiness goal of 2027, marking the PLA's centennial. This strategic cooperation deepens ties between China and Russia amidst ongoing international sanctions against Russian defense firms, raising concerns about a future conflict over Taiwan. The growing military partnership signals a significant shift in regional security dynamics, necessitating vigilance from neighboring countries, especially India.

## South Korea scrambles jets as Russian, Chinese planes near airspace.

09-Dec-25

South Korea deployed fighter jets on Tuesday in response to the entry of seven Russian and two Chinese military aircraft into its Air Defence Identification Zone (KADIZ). Although the planes did not breach South Korean airspace, their presence prompted Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff to take tactical measures. This incident is part of a pattern, as China and Russia have increasingly conducted joint military flights into the KADIZ since 2019, citing ongoing cooperative drills. The growing military collaboration between China and Russia, particularly in the context of their strategic partnership and shared interests in the region, poses challenges for South Korea's security and highlights the shifting dynamics in the Asia-Pacific geopolitical landscape.

## Kremlin dismisses claims of Putin wanting to restore USSR or attack NATO.

09-Dec-25

The Kremlin has dismissed European claims that President Vladimir Putin aims to restore the Soviet Union or intends to invade NATO member states, labeling such assertions as unfounded. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov emphasized that Putin has no desire to revive the USSR, a notion he considers impossible and disrespectful to international partners. Peskov also described the idea of preparing for an attack on NATO as "complete stupidity," countering statements from Western leaders like German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who argue that Putin's ambitions pose a direct threat to European security. This discourse reflects ongoing tensions in geopolitics, underscoring the critical need for dialogue and understanding in addressing security concerns in Europe.

## Zelenskyy discusses US peace plan and security with European allies in London.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with European leaders in London to discuss a US-led peace plan aimed at ending the war in Ukraine, emphasizing security, air defense, and funding needs. Amid skepticism from German Chancellor Friedrich Merz regarding certain US proposals, Zelenskyy reiterated the importance of solid security guarantees from both Europe and the US to deter further Russian aggression. The ongoing conflict remains critical, with recent Russian drone attacks injuring civilians in Ukraine, highlighting the urgency of diplomatic resolutions. The discussions underscore a pivotal moment for Ukraine as it seeks to navigate complex geopolitical dynamics while maintaining territorial integrity in the face of Russian demands for land concessions.

## India and Chile advance Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations for deeper economic ties.

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India and Chile have made significant strides in their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations, concluding the fourth round of talks on December 5, 2025. This initiative aims to expand upon the existing Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to include diverse sectors such as digital services, MSME support, and critical minerals, thereby fostering deeper economic integration. The formalization of this partnership through the signing of the Terms of Reference in May 2025 and discussions during the recent state visit of Chilean President Gabriel Boric Font in April showcases the commitment of both nations to enhance their bilateral trade and investment ties. The CEPA is anticipated to unlock substantial opportunities for growth, employment, and cooperation between India and Chile.

## Trump hints at new tariffs on Indian rice, impacting trade relations.

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During a recent White House meeting, President Trump signaled potential new tariffs on Indian rice and Canadian fertilizer, citing concerns from US farmers over falling rice prices attributed to perceived "dumping" by foreign producers. He announced a USD 12 billion support package for American farmers amidst

economic challenges, underscoring the administration's commitment to bolster domestic production. The proposed tariffs reflect ongoing tensions in trade negotiations, as Trump previously imposed a 50% tariff on select Indian goods and hinted at revisiting the North American trade agreement with Canada. This trade policy shift aims to protect American agricultural and industrial interests but poses significant implications for US-India and US-Canada relations.

## Bangladesh delegation to join Kolkata's Vijay Diwas celebrations, honoring shared history and sacrifices.

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A 20-member Bangladesh delegation, including eight Muktijodhas, two serving Bangladesh Army officers, and family members, will arrive in Kolkata on December 14 to join Vijay Diwas celebrations on December 15-16, marking the Indian Armed Forces' victory in the 1971 Liberation War that birthed Bangladesh through Pakistan's surrender on December 16. The group will participate in a military tattoo on December 15 and a wreath-laying ceremony at Vijay Smarak, Vijay Durg (formerly Fort William), led by West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose. This second post-Sheikh Hasina visit – following her August 2024 ouster and refuge in India – signals thawing ties amid Bangladesh's interim Yunus-led government, reinforcing India's strategic eastern flank security, shared anti-Pakistan history, and defence cooperation against regional extremism.

## Military Operations

### Thai Air Force Bombs Cambodian Positions Amid Border Tensions

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On December 8, 2025, tensions escalated along the Thailand-Cambodia border as the Royal Thai Air Force launched precision airstrikes against Cambodian military positions following accusations of Cambodian aggression. The Thai military reported that their forces were provoked by Cambodian artillery fire targeting civilian areas, resulting in the death of one Thai soldier and several injuries. In response, Cambodian former Prime Minister Hun Sen claimed that Cambodia retaliated after enduring provocations, emphasizing a strategy to defend their sovereignty. Both nations have a long history of territorial disputes rooted in colonial-era agreements, which have recently reignited tensions despite efforts for a ceasefire brokered by the United States. As a result, over 385,000 Thai civilians and

numerous Cambodian families have been displaced, raising concerns about regional stability in Southeast Asia. The ongoing exchanges of fire, with each side blaming the other for initiating hostilities, underscore the fragile nature of border security and the potential for broader conflicts if diplomatic solutions are not prioritized. This situation highlights the need for sustained dialogue among ASEAN nations to prevent further deterioration of relations, ensuring peace and stability in the region.

## US Navy recovers F/A-18F and MH-60R from South China Sea crash.

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The U.S. Navy has successfully recovered an F/A-18F Super Hornet and an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter that crashed into the South China Sea while operating from the USS Nimitz in October. The recovery operation, which took place at a depth of approximately 400 feet, involved expertise from various naval task forces and highlighted the importance of naval integration and readiness. All crew members involved in the incidents survived, and the components of the aircraft are being sent to a U.S. military installation in the Indo-Pacific for further analysis. This incident underscores the ongoing operational challenges in the region, particularly as the Nimitz prepares for decommissioning and as tensions remain high in the South China Sea.

## Spear Corps showcases operational readiness in successful live-firing exercise.

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Dao Division under the Indian Army's Spear Corps conducted a successful integrated day and night live-firing exercise on December 8, 2025, at the BFFR range in Dimapur, demonstrating operational readiness and combat proficiency. Coordinated drills by multiple artillery units validated Night Gun Equipment (NGE), tested new Tactical Training Procedures (TTPs), and sharpened technical and tactical skills through training exercises. Officials noted the troops' enhanced ability to handle advanced artillery systems in varying conditions, with observers praising the meticulous planning, seamless coordination, and disciplined execution that upholds the Corps' high professionalism standards. The event evaluated strategies to ensure effectiveness in real-world scenarios while bolstering strategic capabilities and troop confidence against emerging challenges.

## Indian Army accelerates bridge repairs and medical aid in Sri Lanka post-cyclone.

09-Dec-25

The Indian Army has intensified its humanitarian assistance in Sri Lanka following Cyclone Ditwah under Operation Sagar Bandhu, focusing on bridge repairs and medical aid. The Engineer Task Force is swiftly restoring the Puliyampokkanai Bridge in Jaffna and facilitating a dual carriageway's construction, utilizing indigenous technology including drones and UGVs to enhance efficiency. Concurrently, the PARA Field Hospital has treated over 3,300 patients, showcasing India's commitment to its Neighbourhood First policy and reinforcing ties with Sri Lanka. This operation not only highlights India's rapid response capabilities but also underscores its strategic intent to bolster regional partnerships through effective disaster management.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Terrorism in J&K Turns Profitable for Stakeholders Amid Suffering

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On December 7, 2025, a Brighter Kashmir report exposed how terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has evolved into a profitable enterprise for certain stakeholders amid profound suffering for locals. Drawing from a leaked 2006 US diplomatic cable by Ambassador David Mulford, the analysis highlights separatist leader Yasin Malik's admission that "Kashmiri politics is no longer about ideology, it's all a money game," with overground workers (OGWs), political figures, and former separatists reaping financial gains from Pakistan-sponsored proxy activities, including hawala funding and extortion. While the innocent populace endures violence, economic losses in tourism and livelihoods, and proxy warfare fueled by foreign funds routed through groups like Hurriyat affiliates, these beneficiaries—from palatial homes to lucrative perks—prioritize self-interest over peace. India's resolute security measures continue dismantling this terror ecosystem, urging Kashmiris to reject such exploitation for lasting stability.

## Ten Naxalites surrender in MP, declaring Dindori and Mandla Naxal-free.

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On December 7, 2025, ten hardcore Naxalites from the Bhoramdeo area committee of the banned Communist

Party of India (Maoist), including four women and key figures like Sunder alias Kabir with a Rs 62 lakh bounty, surrendered before Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav in Balaghat district. Carrying a collective bounty of Rs 2.36 crore, they laid down advanced weapons such as AK-47s, INSAS rifles, .303 rifles, and SLRs, marking the largest such surrender in the state. Yadav declared Dindori and Mandla districts completely free of Naxal influence, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to eradicate left-wing extremism nationwide by March 2026, while announcing a 15-year rehabilitation package for returnees to foster peace and development in border regions near Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

## India praises UK's sanctions on Khalistani terror groups, enhancing counter-terrorism cooperation.

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India welcomed the UK's recent sanctions against Khalistani terrorist entities, including an asset freeze on Gurpreet Singh Rehal and the Babbar Akali Lehar group, reinforcing the global fight against terrorism and transnational crime. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs emphasized the need for robust counter-terrorism cooperation between the two nations, following discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, where the issue of Khalistani extremism was prominently addressed. Modi remarked on the importance of preventing extremist forces from exploiting democratic freedoms. This collaboration underscores a shared commitment to combating radicalism and maintaining security in both countries.

maritime challenges, which is crucial for maintaining stability and security in the Indian Ocean region.

## Miscellaneous

### India considers mandating always-on GPS, facing tech giants' privacy concerns.

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The Indian government is considering a proposal from the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) to mandate that smartphone manufacturers enable always-on Assisted GPS (A-GPS) for precise satellite location tracking, which has sparked opposition from major tech firms like Apple, Google, and Samsung. These companies argue that the proposal poses significant privacy and security risks, potentially making devices tools for constant surveillance, especially concerning military personnel and other sensitive individuals. The government has faced backlash over privacy issues, including a recent withdrawal of an order requiring a state-run cyber safety app. The proposal remains under review by India's IT and home ministries, with tech companies urging for user transparency and protection of current data safeguards.

### India Advances Affordable Energy Access Amidst Geopolitical Challenges

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India advances affordable energy access amidst geopolitical challenges following Russian President Vladimir Putin's state visit to New Delhi on December 4-5, 2025, for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Putin reaffirmed Russia's commitment to uninterrupted fuel supplies—oil, gas, and coal—essential for India's rapid industrialization, while Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated on December 7-8 that sovereign India will continue sourcing energy where economically beneficial, defying U.S. pressures and tariffs. Key agreements include an economic roadmap targeting \$100 billion bilateral trade by 2030, civil nuclear cooperation on the Kudankulam project (three reactors operational), and defense co-production for self-reliance. From an Indian strategic perspective, this bolsters energy security and strategic autonomy, navigating Western sanctions on Russia to prioritize national interests amid global volatility.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Sri Lanka Navy celebrates 75 years with over 2,000 promotions.

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The Sri Lanka Navy recently celebrated its 75th anniversary, marking the occasion with the promotion of 2,086 naval personnel, a significant recognition of merit and dedication within the force. Among those promoted were 17 officers, enhancing the senior leadership cadre of the Navy. This event not only underscores the Navy's commitment to fostering talent but also reflects its evolving operational capabilities since its establishment from the Ceylon Naval Volunteer Force in 1937. The promotions signify a strengthening of the Navy's ranks amid regional

## Training aircraft crashes in Madhya Pradesh; villagers save pilot and trainee.

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On December 8, 2025, a Redbird Flight Training Academy aircraft crashed near Suktara airstrip in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni district after its engine failed around 6:30 PM, striking a 33kV power line and severing it, which plunged 80-90 villages into darkness. Flight instructor Ajeet Anthony and trainee pilot A Chawda sustained minor injuries but were swiftly rescued by alert villagers amid sparks and explosions, highlighting rural India's vital role in aviation emergencies. Locals allege prior mishaps at the site since the academy's 2023 operations, raising alarms over lax safety protocols in non-military training near critical infrastructure. From an Indian strategic lens, this exposes vulnerabilities in civil aviation oversight, potentially impacting pilot readiness for defense needs amid rising aerial threats.

## Indian Navy Band honors 1971 war victory in Hyderabad concert.

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On December 8, 2025, the Indian Naval Band from the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, enthralled a large audience at Sarath City Mall, Kondapur, Hyderabad, with a one-hour multilingual concert commemorating India's decisive victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, particularly the Navy's historic missile strike on Karachi Port on December 4 that aided Bangladesh's creation. The 26 skilled musicians, under

expert baton, performed popular Telugu chartbusters alongside patriotic tunes, honoring the valour and sacrifices of the armed forces in this pivotal conflict. Families, youth, and music lovers responded with overwhelming applause, underscoring the Navy's enduring cultural presence and the national pride it evokes across India.

## Starlink clarifies pricing error; Maharashtra to partner for internet services.

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On December 8, 2025, Starlink clarified a configuration glitch on its India website that briefly displayed dummy pricing—₹8,600 monthly subscription and ₹34,000 hardware kit—as test data, emphasizing no orders are active pending final government approvals from Lauren Dreyer, VP of Starlink Business Operations. Concurrently, the Maharashtra government, led by CM Devendra Fadnavis, formalized a Letter of Intent (LoI) signed on November 5, 2025, with Starlink, marking it the first Indian state to partner for satellite internet in remote districts like Gadchiroli, Nandurbar, Dharashiv, and Washim, targeting tribal schools, health centers, disaster rooms, and coastal zones. From an Indian strategic lens, this bolsters Digital Maharashtra mission, bridges rural digital divides, enhances disaster resilience and surveillance, and counters China's satellite dominance, aligning with self-reliant tech geopolitics amid regulatory safeguards.

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MACPOWER	881.1	1020.0	872.9	999.6	98039	12.31	59.59	947.18	875.1
DRONACHRYA	46.5	48.64	46.5	48.64	281000	10.0	45.81	52.28	70.95
SIKA	825.0	923.5	802.0	905.4	62378	7.65	32.59	987.66	1005.07
DYNAMATECH	8965.0	9773.5	8652.0	9667.5	125110	6.3	62.84	9199.12	7107.2
KRISHNADEF	709.0	744.95	694.25	735.9	44750	6.15	40.46	781.31	785.31
WALCHANNAG	151.89	161.0	148.45	159.99	301446	5.47	46.06	161.34	190.29
SWANDEF	1199.3	1199.3	1199.3	1199.3	4300	5.0	100.0	784.82	123.74
AZAD	1562.0	1642.8	1525.0	1637.4	152796	4.83	49.01	1649.07	1573.7
AXISCASCADES	1267.0	1356.6	1230.0	1353.8	70970	4.78	40.68	1431.14	1223.57
LOKESHMACH	142.8	149.49	138.96	148.7	54739	4.13	35.9	162.5	181.98
TECHERA	200.0	213.35	195.0	211.55	39200	4.03	35.8	234.99	196.67
HIGHENE	564.4	564.65	541.15	564.65	4187	3.81	42.09	591.59	605.69
LMW	14855.0	15324.0	14601.0	15272.0	2723	3.57	50.89	15247.8	15611.65
GRSE	2352.0	2456.2	2290.0	2446.0	1954181	3.49	36.73	2713.5	2398.03
CENTUM	2146.2	2280.0	2111.0	2242.0	56367	3.42	37.46	2382.05	2192.88
CFF	575.0	602.95	535.0	600.0	38000	3.16	39.91	624.61	582.51
MIDHANI	293.35	304.8	288.65	303.45	387626	2.79	27.51	336.38	362.67
MARINE	199.0	206.25	192.63	205.41	457952	2.67	35.44	230.43	199.46
IDEAFORGE	424.0	439.8	415.35	435.0	167181	2.65	36.35	464.72	471.96
BEML	1649.2	1687.5	1601.0	1683.6	407931	2.58	26.4	1859.82	1900.9
ASTRAMICRO	870.0	903.95	865.6	899.9	210938	2.23	35.52	953.07	949.47
JYOTICNC	911.6	942.4	907.8	930.0	341813	2.02	43.13	983.38	1014.59
NIBE	990.0	1015.25	960.25	1010.75	4314	1.75	32.33	1081.07	1341.93
PREMEXPLN	494.5	514.0	489.25	510.1	227152	1.52	34.16	549.75	507.65
PARAS	660.05	675.0	649.5	671.95	562372	1.41	38.74	714.5	677.57
DATAPATTNS	2579.1	2634.4	2511.7	2623.6	537066	1.4	34.02	2931.88	2513.58
ADANIENT	2216.2	2257.0	2178.4	2245.2	1227728	1.31	38.9	2345.41	2416.0
SOLARINDS	12315.0	12616.0	12210.0	12588.0	127407	1.22	33.22	13390.7	13717.52
HBLPOWER	804.0	814.1	785.1	811.95	1614195	1.05	33.72	901.02	679.22
BEL	385.05	391.0	380.55	389.45	19270896	0.79	35.91	412.88	368.52
TEMBO	706.2	720.1	680.15	711.3	40913	0.72	48.96	749.28	557.5
BHARATFORG	1368.0	1390.8	1347.5	1383.3	700847	0.71	50.72	1409.28	1215.53
PTC	151.26	154.4	150.87	153.55	969981	0.64	30.34	160.44	171.84
RTNINDIA	39.6	41.46	39.11	40.35	2058617	0.6	21.37	43.91	50.48
ROSSELLIND	54.7	55.79	53.1	54.95	11952	0.48	33.15	57.96	65.89
HAL	4272.5	4314.0	4187.0	4303.0	1674288	0.37	32.3	4566.19	4516.97
BDL	1422.0	1434.9	1385.4	1427.4	1923537	0.3	39.29	1514.65	1550.55
MAZDOCK	2460.0	2505.0	2405.2	2489.1	1499888	0.22	28.75	2689.36	2835.77
DCXINDIA	159.97	161.8	155.91	160.56	1014892	0.21	18.41	186.79	257.1
MTARTECH	2302.0	2349.1	2268.1	2332.4	171122	0.18	41.74	2533.65	1708.23
COCHINSHIP	1615.0	1625.0	1561.0	1617.9	883922	0.12	33.49	1679.71	1721.63
AVANTEL	140.6	143.75	136.92	142.54	1715012	0.03	29.46	155.12	146.87
LT	3990.0	4019.9	3949.1	3997.5	1788464	0.02	51.81	4020.06	3595.64
TANEJAERO	306.0	306.0	281.0	302.0	24951	-0.58	33.28	324.63	363.51
SUNITATOOL	742.8	800.0	742.8	773.0	46750	-1.13	39.67	835.5	777.01
GOODLUCK	1105.0	1117.0	1070.9	1094.9	86237	-1.24	36.87	1151.61	1002.99
ZENTEC	1350.0	1355.1	1318.0	1345.1	284530	-1.26	39.77	1397.06	1539.69
APOLLO	242.0	244.0	236.4	240.2	4637115	-3.46	32.94	270.11	205.12
URAVIDEF	167.9	167.9	152.82	153.36	14395	-4.66	12.34	191.62	391.94
RELINFRA	139.63	148.0	139.63	139.66	3804840	-4.97	26.06	166.17	271.1