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## Top Gainers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
SIKA	1292.85	1175.35	+10.0%
NIBE	1818.7	1678.4	+8.36%
DATAPATTNS	3123.4	2953.9	+5.74%
MIDHANI	441.3	420.1	+5.05%
ROSSELLIND	71.42	68.38	+4.45%

## Top Losers

Stock	Close	Prev	Change
LOKESHMACH	167.5	188.27	-11.03%
AZAD	1641.0	1689.2	-2.85%
MARINE	234.23	241.04	-2.83%
TANEJAERO	389.2	397.1	-1.99%
COCHINSHIP	2258.2	2301.3	-1.87%

## Defense Business and Industry

### BEML to Produce Advanced Combat Vehicles for Indian Army



10-Jun-25

BEML Limited has announced three licensing agreements with the Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (VRDE) to produce critical mobility and support systems for the Indian Army's Armoured Corps. This initiative will see the indigenization of the Unit Maintenance Vehicle (UMV) and Unit Repair Vehicle (URV) for the MBT Arjun, alongside a Full Trailer for the 70T Tank Transporter equipped with advanced hydraulic suspension. This collaboration significantly enhances the Indian Army's operational capabilities and aligns with the Government of India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, promoting self-reliance in defense technologies and reinforcing national security through indigenous production.

### Indian Army to bolster air defense with Rs 30,000 crore QRSAM system



10-Jun-25

The Indian Army is set to enhance its air defence capabilities with the acquisition of the indigenous Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) system, valued at approximately Rs 30,000 crore. The Defence Ministry plans to approve the procurement of three regiments during an upcoming Defence Acquisition Council meeting, aimed at deployment along India's western and northern borders. Recent successful field trials have confirmed the system's operational readiness, featuring advanced technologies like active array radar and the capability to engage multiple targets

simultaneously. This development not only strengthens India's defence posture but also highlights the DRDO's commitment to advancing indigenous military technology.

### Reliance and Diehl forge ₹10,000 crore deal for Vulcano ammo in India



10-Jun-25

Reliance Defence has signed a ₹10,000 crore pact with Germany's Diehl Defence to manufacture the Vulcano 155mm precision-guided munition system in India, enhancing India's defense production capabilities. This collaboration aims for over 50% indigenous value addition, aligning with India's indigenisation goals and the government's target of achieving ₹50,000 crore in defense exports by 2029. While the Indo-German partnership is promising, concerns arise from Diehl's promotion of its IRIS-T air defense system to Pakistan, potentially challenging India's BrahMos capabilities. This dual-track diplomacy highlights the complexities of regional defense dynamics and underscores the importance of strengthening India's domestic defense industry to maintain strategic parity.

### Goa Shipyard Lays Keel for Next-Gen Offshore Patrol Vessel



10-Jun-25

The keel for Yard 1283, the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) being built by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL), was laid on June 9, 2025. This initiative is part of a broader contract for 11 NGOPVs aimed at enhancing India's coastal defense, surveillance, and anti-piracy capabilities, with ships being constructed under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. With a tonnage of approximately 3000T, these vessels will significantly bolster the Indian Navy's maritime security and

operational readiness, reflecting the nation's commitment to developing indigenous defense capabilities and strengthening its naval presence in strategic waters.

## India Enhances Air Power with Indigenous Missiles



10-Jun-25

India has significantly enhanced its airpower by equipping its Rafale fleet—36 Dassault Rafale jets for the Indian Air Force and 26 naval Rafales for the Navy—with homegrown missiles: Rudram-1, Astra Mk1, and the Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW). Rudram-1, a supersonic anti-radiation missile with a range of around 150–200 km, targets enemy radars and communications and is now serially produced for integration against sophisticated air defenses. Astra Mk1, a beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile capable of Mach 4.5 speeds and roughly 110 km range, provides a cost-effective indigenous alternative to expensive imports. SAAW, a precision-guided glide bomb weighing ~125 kg, offers stand-off strikes up to 100 km for disabling enemy airfields. These integrations are part of India's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative, reducing foreign dependence and bolstering self-reliance through domestic R&D and manufacturing, including upcoming fuselage production in Hyderabad under a Dassault–Tata agreement. While Rafale's full weapon integration is diplomatically constrained—France has currently refused to share its software source code, requiring technical coordination for arms integration—India is working around this to embed its indigenous arsenal. This suite of operational domestically produced missiles significantly strengthens India's offensive reach and deterrence, diminishing threats from adversaries like Pakistan and China.

## India's Defense Sector Evolves from Importer to Global Exporter



10-Jun-25

India's defense sector has seen a significant transformation under the Modi government, shifting from being import-driven to becoming a global exporter, as highlighted by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh. This change reflects India's strategic focus on enhancing indigenous capabilities and bolstering self-reliance in defense production. The government's initiatives have not only improved the country's defense posture but have also contributed to the global arms market. Such developments underscore India's commitment to strengthening its defense industry while fostering international partnerships, positioning the nation as a

responsible and capable player in global security dynamics.

## BDL Partners with Thales-UK for Domestic Multi-Role Missile Production



10-Jun-25

India's Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has partnered with Thales-UK to manufacture Lightweight Multi-Role Missiles (LMM) domestically, enhancing India's air defense capabilities while promoting the 'Make in India' initiative. This collaboration follows a prior agreement for Laser Beam Riding Man Portable Air Defence systems, ensuring 60% indigenous production and significant technology transfer. The partnership not only strengthens India's operational readiness against modern aerial threats but also deepens defense ties between India and the UK, fostering economic growth and job creation. This landmark development aligns with India's vision for defense self-reliance and positions the country as a burgeoning hub for advanced defense manufacturing.

## DRDO's 5-Year Plan Accelerates Pinaka Mk3 & Mk4 Development



10-Jun-25

The DRDO has unveiled an ambitious five-year plan to accelerate the development of the next-generation Pinaka Mk3 and Mk4 rocket systems, enhancing India's artillery capabilities significantly. The Pinaka Mk3, capable of striking targets up to 120 km with high precision, is expected to be inducted by 2028, while the Mk4, with a range of 300 km, aims for induction the same year. This initiative aligns with the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" vision, bridging the gap between conventional artillery and tactical ballistic missiles, and will strengthen India's operational reach and strike capabilities against high-value enemy targets, reinforcing the Indian Army's modernization efforts.

## Astra Mk3 'Gandiva' BVRAAM Poised for Live-Fire Trials, Enhancing Air Superiority



10-Jun-25

India's indigenous Astra Mk3 'Gandiva' BVRAAM is preparing for extensive live-fire trials, marking a significant advancement in the Indian Air Force's capabilities. With a range of up to 350 km, this missile features an advanced Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet engine, enabling speeds of Mach 4.5 and creating a vast "no-escape zone" for enemy aircraft. Currently undergoing integration trials with the Su-30MKI, the Gandiva is set to enhance India's air superiority against regional

adversaries. Its development under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative exemplifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology and bolsters the IAF's strategic positioning.

## IAF Evaluates Israeli 'Wind Demon' and 'ICE BREAKER' Missiles [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is evaluating two advanced Israeli missile systems, the 'Wind Demon' and 'ICE BREAKER', to enhance its deep-strike capabilities following the success of the Rampage missile. The Wind Demon offers precise targeting with real-time control, while the ICE BREAKER features autonomous navigation and stealth, making it effective against high-value targets even in contested environments. This modernization effort reflects India's commitment to strengthening its deterrence posture and maintaining air superiority in the region, enabling the IAF to effectively address evolving threats and challenges posed by adversaries. The acquisition of such advanced systems will significantly elevate India's operational capabilities.

## L&T and TASL Challenge HAL for AMCA Production Contract [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

The Indian government has opened the production contract for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) to private firms like Larsen & Toubro and Tata Advanced Systems Limited, challenging Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's long-standing monopoly. This strategic shift aims to address production delays, particularly with HAL's current overload involving the Tejas fighter programs. The AMCA, a fifth-generation stealth fighter, is crucial for India's air combat strategy, with plans to procure 126 units by 2035. By allowing competitive bidding, the government hopes to harness private sector efficiency to meet the timeline and build a self-reliant defense industry, reinforcing India's technological edge in the region.

## India to Induct 800km BrahMos Cruise Missile in 2 Years [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

India's defense capabilities are set for a significant enhancement with the impending induction of the 800km-range BrahMos-LR cruise missile within the next two to three years. Successfully tested in 2025, this advancement allows for precision strikes deep into enemy territory, bolstering India's deterrence posture against regional adversaries, particularly Pakistan. The

missile's development reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defense, with significant indigenous features and facilities supporting its production. Moreover, plans for a hypersonic BrahMos-II are underway, indicating India's ambition to maintain an edge in military technology and operational flexibility in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond.

## General Electric Aims to Supply Engines for India's AMCA Fighter [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

U.S.-based General Electric (GE) is vying to supply engines for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a crucial project for enhancing the Indian Air Force's capabilities amid regional challenges. GE's CEO Larry Culp emphasized the company's commitment to India's defense ambitions, building on its existing role in supplying engines for the Tejas aircraft. GE's experience positions it well against competitors like Safran and Rolls-Royce, despite past delivery delays raising concerns. GE's investment in India, including plans for a maintenance facility, reflects its long-term commitment to supporting India's push for self-reliance in defense technology.

## India Recovers 8 PL-15E Missile Debris, Boosts Defense Insights [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

India has recovered eight pieces of debris from China's advanced PL-15E Beyond Visual Range missiles following an aerial clash with Pakistan, with one near-intact missile now undergoing analysis by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). This recovery presents a significant opportunity to study the missile's technology, including its active electronically scanned array radar and propulsion system, which could inform India's countermeasure development. Notably, none of the PL-15E missiles successfully struck their targets, raising questions about their operational effectiveness. This incident highlights India's proactive stance in enhancing its defense capabilities through intelligence-gathering and technological insights into potential adversaries.

## IAF Considers Tata's Grob G 180 for Enhanced ISR Capabilities [SHARE](#)

10-Jun-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is increasingly interested in Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) Grob G 180 SPn HALE platform for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. TASL has been transforming this German-origin corporate jet into a

military aircraft capable of operating at altitudes up to 45,000 feet, with impressive endurance and payload capacity. This manned platform aims to enhance India's ISR capabilities amidst regional tensions with China and Pakistan, providing advantages over foreign UAVs through its customization potential and operational flexibility. The Grob G 180 SPn represents a significant step in domestic defense innovation, bridging the gap between high-cost foreign platforms and homegrown solutions.

## India's Ghatak UCAV: Stealth Drone Set for Air-Superiority Role



10-Jun-25

India's Ghatak Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) program is advancing significantly, with the DRDO developing a stealthy 13-ton platform capable of deep-strike and air-superiority missions. The Ghatak will feature an internal weapons bay for precision-guided munitions and air-to-air missiles, enhancing the IAF's capabilities in contested airspace. Although full-scale funding of approximately \$600 million is pending, the prototype development is on track, leveraging synergies with the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program. The Ghatak's advanced AI systems will enable it to operate alongside manned fighters, making it a crucial asset for India's future air strategy and national security.

## Embraer's C-390 Assembly Line Depends on IAF's Aircraft Order



10-Jun-25

Brazilian aerospace company Embraer is vying for the Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft contract by proposing to establish a Final Assembly Line for its C-390 Millennium in India, contingent on an order of 40 to 80 aircraft. This initiative aligns with India's Make in India policy and aims to position India as a regional aerospace hub, enhancing local production and technology transfer. The C-390, which has shown impressive operational reliability, competes against Lockheed Martin's C-130J and Airbus's A400M in a fiercely contested market. Ultimately, the C-390's versatility and cost-effectiveness could make it the preferred choice for modernizing the IAF's airlift capabilities.

## ADA to Develop Indigenous UF 725 Ltr Drop Tank for LCA AF Mk1



10-Jun-25

The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is set to develop the UF 725 Ltr Drop Tank for the LCA AF Mk1

as part of its indigenous defense aviation program. The project entails a comprehensive Statement of Work (SoW) that encompasses CNC machining, assembly, and rigorous quality checks to ensure the drop tank meets stringent aerospace standards. This strategic initiative not only highlights India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technology but also reinforces the importance of precise engineering in enhancing the LCA's aerodynamic performance during testing, ultimately contributing to the nation's defense capabilities and technological advancements in aviation.

## India Advances in Indigenous HALE UAV Propulsion Development



10-Jun-25

India's Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is making progress in developing High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) UAVs, but faces significant challenges in propulsion systems, which remain a critical bottleneck. DRDO is collaborating with global experts while ensuring indigenous control over development, promoting self-reliance in defense technology. Despite the growth of India's defense manufacturing ecosystem, Dr. Kamat notes that it may take another five to ten years to develop reliable indigenous propulsion systems, due to the complexities involved in materials, aerodynamics, and precision manufacturing. This strategic approach underscores India's commitment to overcoming technical hurdles and enhancing its defense capabilities while aligning with national interests.

## Defense Policy and Budgeting

### PM Modi Celebrates 11 Years of Defense Reforms and Self-Reliance



10-Jun-25

The recent announcements from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlight India's remarkable transformation in its defense sector over the past decade, marked by a significant increase in defense exports and a commitment to self-reliance. Under Modi's leadership, defense exports surged by over 1,100%, reaching an all-time high of ₹23,662 crore in 2024, with military hardware now being exported to over 100 countries. The government has allocated 75% of the defense capital acquisition budget for domestic production in the upcoming financial year, emphasizing initiatives like Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India, which have led



to indigenization of over 5,000 items. Key milestones cited include the successful deployment of the BrahMos missile and the commissioning of indigenous aircraft carriers such as INS Vikrant. Moreover, the government underscored India's role in global security, with significant operations like Operation Sindoor and successful evacuations of citizens during international crises. The narrative showcases a strong strategic pivot towards self-sufficiency and the enhancement of India's global stature in defense, reflecting a broader commitment to national security and international partnerships.

## Pakistan Boosts Defense Budget by 20%, Still Far Behind India



10-Jun-25

Pakistan has announced a significant 20% increase in its defense spending, raising the budget to \$9 billion for FY26, yet this remains nearly nine times less than India's defense allocation of \$78.7 billion for the same period, which reflects a 9.5% increase from the previous year. Despite facing severe economic challenges, including a burgeoning external debt of \$87.4 billion, Pakistan is prioritizing military expenditure following the losses it incurred during Operation Sindoor, where India effectively utilized advanced indigenous weaponry, underscoring its growing self-reliance in defense technology. Prime Minister Modi has emphasized the operational success of this mission, stating that it has validated the country's defense capabilities on a global scale. Meanwhile, Pakistan's arms dependence on China, which supplies the vast majority of its military equipment, including critical systems used against India, raises strategic concerns. This situation highlights the contrasting defense priorities and economic realities of both nations—India continues to bolster its indigenous defense production while managing a sustainable defense budget, whereas Pakistan's reliance on external financing, particularly from China, could impact its long-term military sustainability amidst economic instability. Overall, India's strategic advancements and comprehensive defense investments position it favorably in regional geopolitics.

## Canada to Meet NATO Defense Spending Goal by 2025, Reducing US

Reliance

10-Jun-25

Canada announced it will achieve NATO's defense spending target of 2% of GDP this fiscal year, five years ahead of schedule, with CA\$9 billion allocated to

modernizing its military and addressing operational challenges. Prime Minister Mark Carney emphasized reducing reliance on U.S. defense capabilities and diversifying procurement, including exploring European military options. This policy shift reflects a recognition of a more dangerous global landscape and a need for stronger national security measures. Analysts have welcomed this commitment as overdue, highlighting the urgent need for increased funding to realize ambitious modernization plans effectively.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India Allocates Rs 25 Crore for Homes Damaged by Pakistani Shelling



10-Jun-25

The Indian government has approved an additional Rs 25 crore for compensating houses damaged in Jammu and Kashmir due to Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor, with Rs 2 lakh for fully-damaged and Rs 1 lakh for partially-damaged homes. Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed the swift allocation, highlighting proactive measures taken, including evacuating 3.25 lakh people and deploying 394 ambulances and 2,818 civil-defense volunteers for emergency services. This response illustrates India's commitment to safeguarding its citizens and addressing the humanitarian impact of cross-border conflicts while reinforcing its border security strategies. Such actions are vital for regional stability and demonstrate the Indian government's resolve in protecting its territories and citizens.

### UN Encourages India to Mediate Myanmar Conflict for Peace



10-Jun-25

The UN has expressed hope that India can leverage its influence to mediate the ongoing conflict in Myanmar, which involves a complicated landscape of military and ethnic group tensions exacerbated by a recent earthquake. A senior official emphasized the necessity of negotiations among all parties, as they currently adopt a zero-sum mentality favoring military solutions. While the UN is disappointed with India's hardline stance on Rohingya refugees, it seeks to engage India in humanitarian efforts. This situation highlights India's potential role as a stabilizing force in the region, reflecting its strategic importance in addressing complex geopolitical issues.

## Pakistan Alarmed as India's BrahMos Missiles Breach Defense



10-Jun-25

Pakistan's defense analysts have expressed alarm over India's BrahMos cruise missiles, which demonstrated the capability to penetrate deep into Pakistani territory during the May 2025 conflict, despite being older variants. This highlights significant air defense vulnerabilities within Pakistan, as these missiles successfully targeted critical military assets, resulting in substantial economic losses. The ongoing development of the advanced Block-IV variant, featuring an indigenous AESA seeker, threatens to further tilt the strategic balance, compelling Pakistan to invest in costly upgrades amid economic constraints. The situation underscores India's growing military capabilities and the potential for increased regional instability as a result of Pakistan's heightened defensive needs.

## Jaishankar: India Will Respond Forcefully to Terrorism from Pakistan



10-Jun-25

India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has asserted that India would take decisive action against Pakistan if provoked by terrorist attacks, emphasizing a strong stance against terrorism. Following the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives, India executed Operation Sindoor, targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. Jaishankar highlighted Pakistan's ongoing training of terrorists and its reliance on terrorism as a state policy, stating that India is prepared to strike deeply into Pakistani territory if necessary. He noted that India's military responses have significantly degraded Pakistan's air capabilities, reinforcing India's commitment to a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism while seeking to strengthen diplomatic ties with European nations during his visit.

## Chenab Bridge: A Strategic Advantage for India Against Adversaries



10-Jun-25

The inauguration of the Chenab bridge by Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks a significant milestone in India's infrastructure, enhancing all-weather connectivity to sensitive regions like Ladakh. This strategic development addresses mobility constraints faced by the Indian Army, especially during harsh winter conditions that isolate Kashmir. The bridge, the highest railway bridge in the world, not only facilitates trade and tourism but also strengthens India's position against

adversarial neighbors like China and Pakistan. The completion of this project underscores the Modi government's commitment to progress and security in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting a transformative era in regional development and defense logistics.

## Russia Expands Military Influence in Africa Amid Sanctions



10-Jun-25

Russia is expanding its military presence in Africa, shipping advanced weaponry to conflict zones, notably Mali, amidst Western sanctions. This includes artillery, armored vehicles, and support for the Russia-controlled Africa Corps, which gains influence as Western forces withdraw. The transition from Wagner mercenaries to the Africa Corps signifies a strategic restructure, with Moscow tightening control, leveraging resources, and recruiting directly in Russia. This shift could destabilize the region further, as Russian forces support military juntas, undermining democratic governance. Such developments highlight Russia's aggressive geopolitical strategy to enhance its foothold in Africa, presenting a challenge to Western interests and security dynamics on the continent.

## Japan Confirms First Sightings of Two Chinese Aircraft Carriers in Pacific



10-Jun-25

Two Chinese aircraft carriers, the Liaoning and Shandong, were spotted conducting simultaneous operations in the Pacific for the first time, as confirmed by Japan's Defence Ministry. This operation took place near Japan's southern islands, raising concerns regarding China's military activities in the region. Japanese Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya noted that Japan communicated with Beijing through diplomatic channels to address the situation, indicating a cautious approach rather than outright condemnation. This development emphasizes the growing assertiveness of China in maritime operations, prompting Japan to consider its defense strategies and regional security dynamics, especially in light of China's expanding naval presence.

## Greece Turns to India for Combat Insights from Operation Sindoor



10-Jun-25

Greece has reached out to India for combat intelligence from Operation Sindoor, highlighting the operation's significance as a model for precision warfare following a terrorist attack in 2025. This collaboration underscores a growing strategic partnership between

India and Greece, particularly as both nations operate French-made Rafale aircraft. The Greek Air Force aims to enhance its operational readiness by learning from India's experience, particularly in precision strikes against terrorism. This request reflects a sophisticated understanding of modern military needs and showcases India's capacity to influence global military strategies through its successful operations, thereby enhancing defense cooperation between nations facing similar security challenges.

## Military Operations

### Minister Praises Armed Forces' Unity in Combating Terrorism SHARE

10-Jun-25

Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth praised the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force for their effective coordination during Operation Sindoor, emphasizing it as a testament to India's steadfast commitment to combating terrorism. During his visit to the Army Training Command (ARTRAC), he commended their efforts in modernizing the Army through technology, strategic leadership training, and comprehensive military doctrines. Furthermore, Seth underscored the government's initiatives to enhance the National Cadet Corps and expand Sainik Schools, reaffirming dedication to the welfare of ex-servicemen. This highlights India's proactive and comprehensive approach to strengthening its defense capabilities and addressing security challenges.

### Indian Navy Rescues 18 from Fire-Stricken Ship Near Kerala SHARE

10-Jun-25

The Indian Navy's INS Surat successfully rescued 18 crew members from the fire-stricken Singapore-flagged container ship MV Wan Hai 503 on June 9, approximately 78 nautical miles off Kerala's Beypore coast. Among those rescued, six crew members sustained injuries, with two in critical condition. The vessel was transporting a diverse crew, including individuals from China, Taiwan, Myanmar, and Indonesia, demonstrating the Navy's commitment to humanitarian assistance at sea. While four crew members remain missing, the swift response from the Indian Navy highlights India's robust maritime capabilities and readiness to engage in international maritime rescue operations, reinforcing its strategic role in ensuring regional maritime security and cooperation.

### Apache Helicopter Delivery Delays Keep Indian Army Squadron Grounded SHARE

10-Jun-25

The Indian Army's Apache attack helicopter squadron, established in March 2024, remains non-operational due to significant delays in the delivery of Apache AH-64E helicopters from the US, stemming from technical issues and supply chain disruptions. Originally scheduled for delivery in mid-2024, the timeline has since been revised to December 2024, with no clear updates provided. This delay is particularly concerning given the strategic importance of Apaches for enhancing the Army's offensive capabilities amid rising tensions on the western front. Despite a robust inventory of other aerial assets, the absence of Apaches limits the Army's combat readiness and modernization efforts.

### Russia Unleashes Major Air Assault on Kyiv Amidst Stalemate SHARE

10-Jun-25

Russia has launched one of its largest air attacks on Kyiv, resulting in civilian casualties and damage to significant cultural sites, including the Saint Sophia Cathedral. The bombardment follows intensified Russian retaliation for prior Ukrainian strikes, with Ukraine's air force claiming to have intercepted most of the missiles and drones fired. Despite these attacks, the situation underscores the ongoing stalemate in peace talks, with both sides blaming each other for the lack of progress. Ukrainian President Zelenskiy has called for international intervention to compel Russia toward peace, emphasizing the urgent need for support in defense capabilities amidst these escalations.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Gallantry Award-Winning ASP Akash Rao Girepunje Killed in Chhattisgarh IED Blast SHARE

10-Jun-25

Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao Girepunje, a gallantry-awarded 2013-batch officer from Raipur who had been serving in Konta since March 2024, was killed on Monday morning when an IED—planted by Maoists near a torched earth-mover on the Konta–Errabor road, a route locals considered safe—detonated as he was investigating the fire. Critically injured, he remained composed, directing his team to seek medical aid before succumbing to his wounds at a

hospital. Two other officers, SDOP Bhanupratap Chandrakar and SHO Sonal Gwala, were injured but are now stable; they were airlifted to Raipur. Bastar Range IGP Sundarraj visited the site the following day, overseeing the safe defusal of another IED and launching anti-Maoist operations to apprehend the attackers. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy CM Vijay Sharma expressed profound sorrow, noting Girepunje's sacrifice just two days ahead of his daughter's birthday, and reaffirmed their pledge to eradicate Naxalism in Chhattisgarh. At his cremation, held with full honors—including wreaths and a guard of honor attended by senior leaders—his seven-year-old son lit the funeral pyre. Authorities emphasized that this calculated attack, exploiting arson as bait, would only strengthen their resolve. In 2025 alone, 18 security personnel have been killed in Maoist violence in the state, with 209 insurgents neutralized in combat—highlighting both the seriousness of the threat and the unwavering perseverance of anti-Naxalite efforts.

## Enhanced Security with Facial Recognition on Amarnath Yatra Route



10-Jun-25

Jammu and Kashmir Police have implemented facial recognition systems along the Pahalgam route for the Amarnath Yatra to enhance security against potential terror threats. This system alerts security forces in real-time if any blacklisted individuals are detected, with images of active terrorists integrated into the database. Historical attacks on pilgrims underscore the need for robust security measures, and the current arrangements also include CCTV surveillance and vehicle tagging. As over three lakh pilgrims have registered this year amid past terror incidents, these initiatives reflect a proactive approach to safeguarding the religious pilgrimage while ensuring public confidence in the security framework.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Trump's White House Starlink Install Ignored Cybersecurity Warnings



10-Jun-25

The Trump administration allegedly allowed the installation of a Starlink terminal at the White House, disregarding cybersecurity warnings from its IT teams. This has raised concerns among experts about potential data security risks, as the network, named "Starlink Guest," only required a password for access, lacking additional authentication measures. The setup,

conducted by Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, went ahead without pre-notification to White House communications staff, preventing them from monitoring the connection effectively. While the Secret Service downplayed the incident, this situation highlights the importance of stringent cybersecurity protocols, especially when integrating advanced technologies like Starlink within critical government infrastructure.

## Google DeepMind CEO: AI's real threat is weaponization, not jobs



10-Jun-25

Demis Hassabis, CEO of Google DeepMind, warns that the true threat of artificial intelligence lies not in job loss but in its potential weaponization by malicious actors as we approach artificial general intelligence (AGI). He emphasizes the need for urgent regulatory frameworks to prevent bad actors from misusing advanced AI technologies, particularly as current trends show a rise in AI-driven scams and harmful behaviors. Fellow AI pioneer Yoshua Bengio echoes these concerns, highlighting the unpredictable and manipulative tendencies of emerging AI models. Collectively, they stress the importance of controlling who wields AI's power to avert a potential crisis for humanity.

## PAF Cyber Defense Upgrades Reveal Indian Cyberwarfare Gains



10-Jun-25

Following the May 2025 Indo-Pakistan conflict, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has launched tenders to enhance its cyber defenses, revealing concerns over vulnerabilities exposed by Indian cyber operations that may have significantly aided in India's military success. Reports suggest Indian cyber attacks compromised PAF command-and-control systems and disrupted critical systems like the HQ-9 air defense, enabling effective strikes by the Indian Air Force (IAF). This push for improved cybersecurity indicates a potential breach and reflects the growing sophistication of India's cyber capabilities, while Pakistan's reliance on Chinese technology may have hindered its operational effectiveness. Overall, India's advancements in cyber warfare are reshaping the regional defense landscape, compelling Pakistan to reassess its technological strategies.



## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### AOC Centre Celebrates Successful Military Training with Parade SHARE

10-Jun-25

The recent Passing Out Parades in Secunderabad celebrated the successful induction of over 3,000 recruits, with significant ceremonies held at both the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) Centre and the 1 EME Centre. The AOC Centre saw the completion of 34 weeks of rigorous training for soldiers specializing in logistics and battlefield support roles, with Recruit Manish Kumar awarded the prestigious GOC-in-C Southern Command Rolling Trophy for exceptional performance. Meanwhile, at the 1 EME Centre, 1,024 Agniveers from Batch-05/24 were recognized for their training in maintaining advanced military equipment, crucial for modern warfare. Major General Rakesh Manocha and Brigadier Prashant Bajpai, who reviewed the respective parades, emphasized the importance of duty, honour, and integrity, urging the new soldiers to uphold these values as they embark on their military careers. The successful culmination of these training programs highlights India's commitment to enhancing the operational readiness and effectiveness of its armed forces, ensuring that the recruits are well-equipped to meet the challenges ahead in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape. This initiative not only strengthens India's defense capabilities but also reflects a progressive approach towards modernizing military training and enhancing personnel efficiency.

### Indian Army Launches Nationwide Tribute to Kargil Heroes Ahead of Vijay Diwas SHARE

10-Jun-25

The Indian Army has launched a two-month nationwide tribute to honor the Kargil War heroes ahead of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2025. This initiative celebrates the bravery and sacrifice of soldiers who defended India's borders during the 1999 conflict, with events planned to engage local communities while paying homage to the martyrs. A special outreach drive will visit families of 545 Kargil martyrs across 25 states, providing support and collecting memorabilia for preservation at the Kargil War Memorial. This tribute not only commemorates the past but also aims to inspire future generations to embody the values of service and sacrifice.

## Miscellaneous

### Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to Make Historic ISS Journey SHARE

10-Jun-25

Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is set to make history as the first Indian to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the Axiom-4 mission, which is scheduled to launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on June 11, 2025, after facing several delays due to weather conditions. This mission is significant as it not only marks India's return to human spaceflight 41 years after Rakesh Sharma's journey but also contributes crucial experience and knowledge for India's upcoming Gaganyaan program, aimed at sending humans into space. The Axiom-4 mission, a collaborative effort involving Axiom Space, NASA, and ISRO, includes an international crew and will focus on approximately 60 scientific studies in microgravity. Shukla, who has a distinguished career as a test pilot, sees this mission as a vital step in inspiring future generations in India and is expected to gather valuable insights during his two-week stay on the ISS that will aid in the development of India's own space station. The mission's strategic importance lies in not only advancing India's capabilities in space exploration but also fostering international partnerships, with the Indian government investing 550 crore for its participation, demonstrating the commitment to global cooperation in space research and innovation. This milestone reflects India's growing role in the global space community and sets the stage for ambitious future projects, including a planned human Moon landing by 2040, emphasizing the necessity of private sector involvement to enhance India's share in the rapidly expanding global space market.

### Two More Bodies Recovered from Sikkim Landslide, Total Now Three SHARE

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Two more bodies, a male and a female, were recovered on June 10, 2025, from the site of the landslide that occurred on June 1 at Chaten in North Sikkim, bringing the total recoveries to three of the six missing individuals associated with the incident. Superintendent of Police Sonam Detchu Bhutia confirmed that the identities of the recently recovered bodies have yet to be established. Previously, an Army personnel, P.K. Sainudheen, was also found among the casualties, with three Army members confirmed deceased and four

others injured due to the landslide. The ongoing search and rescue operation, led by the Indian Army in collaboration with local authorities and disaster response teams, is facing challenges due to difficult terrain and adverse weather conditions. North Sikkim has experienced multiple landslips attributed to heavy rains, which have disrupted connectivity and left around 2,000 tourists stranded in various towns, although they have since been evacuated through rescue operations. The collective efforts of the Army and local authorities highlight India's commitment to disaster response and humanitarian assistance in times of crisis, reflecting the nation's resilience and capability to handle such natural calamities.

## Bengaluru walkers urge Defence Ministry to reclaim stadium land

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A walkers' group in Bengaluru has petitioned the Union Ministry of Defence to reclaim the land occupied by M Chinnaswamy Stadium, arguing that its current use for cricket is illegal and contrary to public interest. They request the cancellation of a 99-year lease signed in 1970 and seek legal action against the Karnataka government and the Karnataka State Cricket Association. The group's concerns grew following a tragic stampede during a recent event that resulted in environmental damage in nearby Cubbon Park, highlighting the need for better management of land use. This situation underscores the importance of safeguarding defense property for public good and environmental preservation.

## Singapore ship ablaze off Kerala, risks sinking with toxic cargo

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The Singapore-flagged cargo ship MV Wan Hai 503 is struggling to contain a fire off the Kerala coast, with chances of salvaging it dwindling as it lists dangerously and weather conditions remain unfavorable. The vessel carries 157 containers of hazardous materials, raising concerns about potential environmental impacts should it sink. Former Shipping Secretary K. Mohandas emphasized that the situation differs from a recent incident involving another cargo ship, highlighting the rigorous inspections associated with Singapore-flagged vessels. Despite the challenges, officials remain hopeful about controlling the fire, underscoring the need for a case-by-case approach to assess the risks involved.

## PM Modi Launches ₹4,600 Crore Infrastructure Projects in J&K

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Prime Minister Modi inaugurated key infrastructure projects in Jammu and Kashmir worth ₹4,600 crores, highlighting the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge, and the Anji Bridge. These structures are vital for the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link, enhancing connectivity and reducing travel time significantly. The launch of Vande Bharat Express trains aims to bolster tourism and regional integration. Additionally, road projects and a medical college foundation were established to improve local healthcare and accessibility. These initiatives symbolize national integration and development potential, fostering hope and economic opportunities for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Amarnath Yatra: A Beacon of Peace and Normalcy in Kashmir

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Farooq Abdullah emphasized the significance of the Amarnath Yatra as a symbol of peace and normalcy in Kashmir during a recent press conference in Ganderbal. He advocated for maximum participation in the pilgrimage, suggesting that a successful and incident-free event could help restore Kashmir's image following previous terror-related incidents. Abdullah's remarks highlight the Amarnath Yatra not only as a spiritual occasion but also as a crucial indicator of communal harmony and security in Jammu and Kashmir. His call for peace reflects a hopeful vision for the region's future, emphasizing youth empowerment and the end of societal discord, which aligns with India's broader goal of stability in the area.

## Jaishankar Engages Indian Community, Strengthens Ties in Europe

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent visit to Belgium and Luxembourg emphasized strengthening bilateral ties, especially in trade, defense, and counter-terrorism. He highlighted India's commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism and discussed areas of cooperation, including green energy and pharmaceuticals, during his meetings with Belgian officials. Jaishankar's engagements reflect India's strategic interests in Europe, especially following an economic mission led by Princess Astrid of Belgium. Additionally, the visit coincided with the detention of fugitive Mehul Choksi, signaling robust legal collaboration. Overall, Jaishankar's interactions aim to

bolster India's diplomatic footprint and reinforce multilateral partnerships in Europe.

## Piyush Goyal's Switzerland Visit Aims to Boost Economic Ties



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Union Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Switzerland aims to enhance economic ties, particularly through discussions on the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). Engaging with Swiss leaders in pharmaceuticals, precision engineering, and high-tech manufacturing, he emphasized India's robust growth potential and innovation ecosystem, fostering direct business collaborations. His meetings, including one with Swiss Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin, reflect India's commitment to strengthening strategic partnerships with European nations. Goyal's participation in events like the Swissmem Industry Day underscores the importance of advancing trade and investment ties, positioning India as a key player in the global economic landscape.

## India and Finland Strengthen Ties in Technology and Sustainability



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India and Finland are strengthening their bilateral relationship across technology, sustainability, and education. Key collaborations include advancements in telecommunications, 5G/6G, and renewable energy projects. The opening of Finland's Honorary Consulate in Ahmedabad aims to enhance regional partnerships, especially in Gujarat, promoting mutual growth in innovation and clean energy. Both nations emphasize shared values and trust, positioning Finland as a gateway for Indian firms into European markets while leveraging India's technological capabilities, ultimately fostering a dynamic and beneficial partnership that is set to grow in multiple sectors.

## Delhi Police Deport 154 Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants for Security



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Delhi Police recently deported 154 illegal Bangladeshi migrants as part of a broader initiative to enhance national security following recent terror incidents. This operation involved identifying nearly 470 illegal migrants in Delhi, utilizing intelligence networks and legal procedures under the Foreigners Act. The process includes transporting deportees via special aircraft to Tripura for overland repatriation to Bangladesh, while investigations are underway regarding forged identification documents. The Delhi Police's strong

stance against illegal immigration emphasizes public safety and reflects a commitment to dismantling networks facilitating such activities, ensuring a coordinated response to protect national interests.

## Goyal Calls for Phased India-US Trade Talks to Secure Quick Wins



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India's Trade and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal advocated for a phased approach in India-US trade talks, emphasizing the importance of quickly securing agreements in less controversial sectors to yield immediate benefits. This strategy mirrors India's recent successful trade deal with Australia and aims to enhance economic ties with the US before a July 9 deadline, particularly in agriculture and automotive sectors. Goyal's optimism reflects India's proactive stance in global trade, aiming for incremental progress that strengthens supply chains while fostering a resilient economic partnership. His approach is positioned to unlock immediate gains while setting the stage for more comprehensive agreements in the future.

## India's Response to China's Rare Earth Curbs: Building Resilience



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India, under Piyush Goyal's leadership, is proactively addressing challenges posed by China's rare earth export restrictions by building alternative supply chains and enhancing domestic production capabilities. Goyal outlined a multi-faceted strategy that includes diplomatic engagement with China, identifying global suppliers, and boosting local manufacturing through support for Indian Rare Earths Limited and innovation in technology. This response not only aims to mitigate immediate vulnerabilities in sectors like automotive but also positions India as a reliable partner in global supply chains, reflecting a broader commitment to self-reliance and collaborative growth, thereby transforming a crisis into an opportunity for strengthening its manufacturing ecosystem.

## Left Parties Urge PM to End Anti-Maoist Operations in Chhattisgarh



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Five Left parties have urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to halt Operation Kagar in Chhattisgarh, criticizing the encounter killings of Maoist leaders. They claim this militaristic approach disrupts the lives of local tribal communities and violates their constitutional rights, alleging that the government is ignoring opportunities

for dialogue with Maoists and denying families the dignity of proper farewells. The parties express concern over corporate exploitation of the region's resources and call for adherence to the rule of law regarding detained Maoist leaders. This situation underscores the complex balance between maintaining security and respecting the rights of affected communities in India's counter-insurgency efforts.

## ECI investigates Bengal voter linked to Bangladesh student protests



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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has initiated a probe into Newton Das, a registered voter in West Bengal's Kakdwip constituency, who participated in a 2024 student movement in Bangladesh. Allegations surfaced that he holds dual citizenship, which he denies, attributing his visit to Bangladesh to ancestral property issues. The controversy has intensified, particularly with claims from his cousin about his alleged voter registrations in both countries, prompting the BJP to allege that the Trinamool Congress is enlisting Bangladeshi nationals in voter lists. This situation underscores the ongoing political tensions in West Bengal regarding citizenship and electoral integrity.

## Plastic Nurdles from Sunken Ship Threaten Tamil Nadu's Ecosystem



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A significant environmental crisis has emerged in Tamil Nadu as plastic nurdles from the sunken cargo ship

MSC ELSA 3 have reached the Dhanushkodi Greater Flamingo Sanctuary, threatening its fragile coastal ecosystem. The spill, which includes hazardous materials, poses a risk to marine life and local fisheries, reminiscent of the 2021 X-Press Pearl incident in Sri Lanka. Cleanup efforts are complicated by the nurdles' buoyancy and size, raising concerns about long-term ecological damage and impacts on fishermen's livelihoods. Experts are calling for urgent intervention and cargo transparency to mitigate this threat to one of India's vital marine environments.

## MEA Clarifies No Suspension of Work Visas for Indians by Saudi Arabia



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The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has dismissed reports claiming Saudi Arabia suspended block work visas for Indians, affirming no official notification exists on this matter. Instead, the temporary restrictions on short-term visas are attributed to logistical challenges during the Haj season to manage overcrowding, particularly following a crisis in 2024. Despite these measures, bilateral relations remain strong, with India and Saudi Arabia recently signing agreements worth \$100 billion in various sectors, underlining the enduring economic partnership. This situation highlights the importance of effective communication and assurance of continued cooperation despite temporary travel restrictions.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
SIKA	1164.0	1292.85	1164.0	1292.85	206003	10.0	74.1	925.53	573.46
NIBE	1732.35	1846.2	1730.0	1818.7	102108	8.36	65.94	1652.19	1553.48
DATAPATNS	2972.8	3136.0	2960.0	3123.4	1633605	5.74	68.15	2853.97	2284.19
MIDHANI	423.0	456.3	422.9	441.3	6431935	5.05	68.8	415.0	339.69
ROSSELLIND	68.99	71.79	68.35	71.42	47211	4.45	51.3	72.39	133.18
ASTRAMICRO	1139.0	1176.9	1133.0	1173.6	1040146	3.85	68.21	1100.98	804.09
KRISHNADEF	930.9	962.0	928.0	957.45	44250	3.08	64.45	857.36	713.75
HAL	5040.0	5147.0	5022.1	5112.1	3023426	2.07	64.26	4990.17	4259.08
DYNAMATECH	6902.0	7366.0	6902.0	7030.0	44087	2.0	59.69	6920.13	7200.8
AVANTEL	161.0	165.99	156.33	163.91	5775636	1.97	63.29	142.88	146.19
PREMEXPLN	621.0	634.25	610.5	625.7	1347302	1.72	67.46	562.33	467.29
DCXINDIA	311.9	318.2	311.35	314.55	895320	1.65	52.66	323.64	308.98
IDEAFORGE	587.7	606.0	587.7	593.75	441733	1.44	67.22	551.42	539.05
WALCHANNAG	264.3	277.75	262.61	265.8	1487615	1.27	73.91	225.41	245.76
BEL	396.5	401.85	394.7	397.4	26456073	1.26	79.26	380.32	296.8
LMW	16550.0	16736.0	16261.0	16660.0	4090	1.26	48.71	17100.6	16143.76
ADANIENT	2600.0	2663.2	2577.7	2613.1	2084054	1.2	64.87	2524.18	2569.46
BDL	1970.0	1991.9	1942.0	1967.2	3106535	0.95	66.36	1912.1	1273.89
ZENTEC	2030.9	2057.9	2002.8	2031.6	453875	0.89	61.52	1973.0	1747.62
MAZDOCK	3387.8	3427.0	3377.3	3397.7	1780915	0.85	55.33	3442.06	2418.43
PARAS	1616.9	1637.0	1606.1	1618.9	507421	0.7	58.27	1621.39	1114.85
PTC	176.49	177.07	175.85	176.7	701016	0.55	48.51	180.74	172.41
SOLARINDS	16899.0	16999.0	16725.0	16907.0	137287	0.48	75.21	15529.95	11040.37
APOLLO	199.8	203.8	198.51	200.06	4283094	0.38	75.1	168.85	116.98
BEML	4385.0	4454.0	4355.0	4369.8	404643	0.18	74.07	4023.88	3597.94
LT	3704.0	3704.0	3667.2	3679.8	1454535	0.02	66.41	3628.91	3514.94
HBLPOWER	605.35	611.35	600.3	603.8	550411	0.02	64.24	585.08	562.61
BHARATFORG	1360.0	1360.0	1331.2	1338.7	1606742	-0.44	73.7	1262.34	1289.31
MTARTECH	1787.5	1790.0	1753.5	1759.9	186023	-0.59	73.21	1658.85	1589.03
HIGHENE	720.0	723.0	668.6	696.8	18946	-0.99	62.39	692.62	596.87
GRSE	3283.4	3312.3	3171.1	3235.4	1815766	-1.09	72.08	2850.4	1738.74
CFF	649.0	649.0	620.1	638.0	12200	-1.19	79.41	575.65	590.61
COCHINSHIP	2315.0	2330.0	2241.0	2258.2	5306794	-1.87	68.49	2002.04	1574.07
TANEJAERO	391.1	391.1	389.2	389.2	11888	-1.99	66.56	370.71	399.51
MARINE	242.85	244.0	232.0	234.23	758439	-2.83	65.55	214.2	219.3
AZAD	1695.0	1702.0	1635.7	1641.0	436968	-2.85	42.89	1775.51	1556.46
LOKESHMACH	0.0	167.5	167.5	167.5	6773	-11.03	49.85	168.44	297.44