

MARKET DASHBOARD

SENSEX

73,319.55
▲ 185.23 (0.25%)

NIFTY

22,713.1
▲ 33.70 (0.15%)

Markets Remain Closed

GAINERS & LOSERS

TOP GAINERS / BSE

Latent View Analytics
312.10, 50.90
Ola Electric Mobilit
28.34, 2.45
Tata Chemicals
651.90, 45.20
Carborundum Uni
854.00, 51.50
Birlasoft
370.85, 21.20

TOP LOSERS / BSE

United Breweries
1,485, -99.11
PG Electroplast
454.45, -26.45
Capri Global
166.33, -9.65
SRF
2,416, -139.00
Amber Enterprises
6,282, -298.00

TOP GAINERS / NSE

Bosch
32,135, 1,500
LTIMindtree
4,304, 197.00
HCL Tech
1,402, 47.80
Tech Mahindra
1,442, 37.00
DLF
522.25, 12.50

TOP LOSERS / NSE

Torrent Pharma
3,987, -124.00
Eicher Motors
6,650, -176.00
Asian Paints
2,169, -56.81
Pidilite Ind
1,274, -33.41
Mazagon Dock Ship
2,265, -53.60

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)
14,8370.00
↓ (3980.00)
SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)
2,50,000.00
↓ (5000.00)

USD (\$) / INR(₹)
93.14
↑ (1.6)

Air India tanks up for return flight to Myanmar at home now

NEW DELHI: With Jet fuel availability an issue in some countries including Myanmar, Air India has started fuelling aircraft for its flight to Yangon and back. The Tata Group airline has a once weekly on Delhi-Yangon-Delhi route. The single aisle deployed on this route now gets enough fuel from Delhi so that it can fly out of Yangon. The aircraft then stops over in Kolkata on the way back for refuelling and then continues the journey to Delhi. So the flight has now become Delhi-Yangon-Kolkata-Delhi. "More fuel means heavier plane. Heavier plane means more fuel burn. So it's a vicious cycle for airlines who were till Feb 28 trying to reduce fuel burn by all available means," said a senior pilot. The base price of ATF for international flights was more than doubled on Wednesday. American President Trump's fresh warning to Iran has worsened the situation for airlines as they worry ATF availability could become an issue in the Gulf also. "Two



weeks back we had got a message that our aircraft may not get refuelled at Dubai. We were working out plan B and plan C. Luckily that situation did not arise last month. We don't know what's in store for April as the war continues unabated," said officials. While announcing a hike in fuel surcharge on Wednesday, IndiGo had said in a statement: "IATA's Jet Fuel Monitor indicates over 130% increase in fuel prices for the region on a month-on-month comparison.... For international operations, ATF prices have more than doubled in

the last month, consequently driving a significant impact on the airline's operating costs on these routes." All Indian carriers will now look at each foreign route very closely as jet fuel for those flights is now more expensive. The absence of the big 3 Gulf carriers for now - Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad - which carries a significant traffic between India and rest of the world before Feb 28 has seen western carriers like Lufthansa group and British Airways add flights to India. Air India also keeps adding western flights whenever pos-

sible. But the impact of higher fares on travel demand is being closely assessed. Once, and if, the same hit demand, flight numbers will reduce. International fares are surging since the outbreak of the war due to multiple factors with airlines' operating costs going through the roof due to longer routes; rupee crashing and marginal flights by Gulf biggies being the key ones. Anil Kalsi, Travel Agents Federation of India VP, said: "All these things have led to international airfares to and from the west being double of pre-Feb 28 levels. Over the next few weeks, economy class for one-way Delhi-New York is about Rs 2.25 lakh and return is 2.32 lakh; Delhi-London one-way is Rs 2.2 lakh and return Rs 2.52 lakh; Delhi-San Francisco (available only from mid April) is Rs 2.65 lakh one-way and Rs 2.4 lakh return and Mumbai-Paris about Rs 2.5 lakh. Due to longer routes, airlines need to carry more fuel that means less cargo and passengers."

Rockworth to invest Rs. 70 cr to expand Sri City facility

SRI CITY: Rockworth Systems Furniture India Pvt Ltd on Friday announced plans to expand its manufacturing facility in Sri City with a proposed investment of ₹70 crore. The expansion includes capacity enhancement of the existing plant and the setting up of a new manufacturing unit, aimed at strengthening the company's long-term growth and reinforcing Sri City's position as a key industrial hub. Managing Director and CEO Shailesh Kumar Singh said the initiative reflects the company's focus on responsible growth by combining business expansion with social impact. Highlighting its corporate social responsibility initiatives, the company said the Meena Devi Memorial Foundation, set up in memory of Singh's mother, continues to support education for children from economically weaker sections. The foundation currently supports around 100 children, including 37 new beneficiaries added this year, with educational assistance of about ₹67 lakh earmarked for the academic year 2026-27.

Energy crisis amid Middle East tensions: Government pushes to scale up induction heater production

NEW DELHI: With energy costs rising amid growing tensions in the Middle East, the Centre has introduced measures to boost domestic production of induction heaters as part of a broader effort to reduce dependence on conventional gas-based cooking systems. According to a government source cited by ANI, the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) on Thursday held a high-level inter-ministerial meeting to work out a strategy for scaling up production of induction heaters and related cookware within the country. The meeting saw participation from DPIIT secretary Amardeep Singh Bhatia, power secretary Pankaj Agrawal, director general of foreign trade (DGFT) Lav Agarwal, along with senior officials from several ministries. Discussions focused on accelerating the full manufacturing chain for induction-based appliances, including associated crockery, the source said. The exercise follows a Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting held on Wednesday, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sources said PM Modi

had directed ministries to "foresee the future and plan today," highlighting the need for advance planning in an uncertain geopolitical situation. Officials also reviewed supply chains for petrochemical products and gunny bags (bori bags), with concerns that prolonged conflict in the Middle East could disrupt availability. "If the war continues for a few months, we need to be prepared," a source familiar with the matter said. India imports a large share of its crude oil and LPG requirements from the Gulf region, and authorities are considering a shift towards electric cooking solutions like induction technology to help ease pressure on household energy consumption. In parallel, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said on Thursday that it is also working to expand Piped Natural Gas (PNG) coverage to reduce dependence on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) amid the ongoing situation in the Middle East. Meanwhile, Sujata Sharma, joint secretary in the ministry, had earlier stated that efforts are underway to push PNG adoption across the country.

Piyush Goyal meets with Chinese counterpart Wang Wentao

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal held a meeting with China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao to discuss bilateral economic and trade cooperation. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the World Trade Organisation's 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14). Sharing the details of the meeting, spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in India in a social media post on X said during the meeting, both the leaders expressed willingness to deepen engagement between the two countries. "China's Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao met with Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, during the 14th WTO ministerial conference. China stands ready to work with India to fully leverage the role of bilateral economic and trade cooperation as a ballast," the post read. Earlier, sharing his experience at the WTO meeting, Goyal had highlighted India's engagement with the United States and said India is pushing for preferential access.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Mahaveer Singhvi assumes charge as India's Consul General in Toronto

OTTAWA: Senior diplomat Mahaveer Singhvi has assumed charge as India's new consul general in Toronto amid efforts by New Delhi and Ottawa to further expand the bilateral ties in a range of areas, including trade, investment and energy. Singhvi, a 1999 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, was serving as an additional secretary in the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi before taking up the new responsibility. "His appointment comes at an important moment to further strengthen and elevate the India-Canada relationship, with a focus on deepening cooperation across trade, technology, education and innovation," the Indian mission in Toronto said on social media. Singhvi looks forward to working closely with Canadian stakeholders and the vibrant Indian diaspora



to strengthen mutual trust, expand partnerships, and build a forward-looking partnership rooted in shared values and opportunities, it added. In his nearly 25-year stint as a diplomat, Singhvi held many key positions, including helming the New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies as well as the Counter Terrorism divisions.

The senior diplomat has assumed charge a month after India and Canada finalised a new framework to shore up the overall trajectory of ties, including taking bilateral annual trade to USD 50 billion by 2030. The framework was finalised during Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's visit to India.

In the last few months, India and Canada have taken several steps to normalise their relations. The ties had hit rock bottom following then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in 2023 of a potential Indian link to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India had dismissed Trudeau's accusation as "absurd". In October 2024, India recalled its high commissioner and five other diplomats after Ottawa attempted to link them to the Nijjar case. India also expelled an equal number of Canadian diplomats. However, Liberal Party leader Carney's victory in the parliamentary election in April last year helped in beginning the process to reset relations. Subsequently, both sides have already posted their high commissioners in each other's capitals.

China says Pak, Afghan talks to end conflict progressing steadily

BEIJING: China on Friday said that the talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan under its mediation to end their conflict "advanced steadily", two days after officials from the three sides met in the Chinese city of Urumqi. A day after parrying questions over the Pakistan-Afghanistan talks, the Chinese foreign ministry on Friday said that both sides are willing to meet and discuss a way out to end their armed conflict. "The consultation process is being implemented and advanced steadily," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here. This is the second time China has sought to mediate between two of its neighbours who had been fighting despite Beijing's calls to agree on a ceasefire and hold direct talks. They, however, agreed to a temporary ceasefire during the Eid al-Fitr holiday last month following calls from some Islamic

countries. "Since the Pakistan-Afghanistan conflict escalated again, China has made mediation efforts in its own way, maintained close communication with both sides via multiple channels and at multiple levels, and created conditions and provided platforms for dialogue between the two sides," Mao said. She said both Pakistan and Afghanistan value and welcome China's mediation and are willing to sit down and talk again. "The three sides have had common understandings and agreements on specific matters regarding the process, including media reports," she said, without elaborating. Earlier, Pakistan, in an apparent defiance of Chinese diplomacy, last month conducted a massive airstrike on a drug rehabilitation centre in Kabul in which over 400 people were killed, according to the Taliban government.

UN lauds efforts by Indian peacekeepers in opening key corridor in South Sudan



UNITED NATIONS: The UN has lauded efforts by Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan in re-opening a critical supply route impacted by floods last year, emphasising the "vital role" it played in supporting stability and enabling assistance to vulnerable civilians. The United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) was established following a UN Security Council resolution in July 2011 to consolidate peace and security and to help establish conditions for development in the then newly born South Sudan. As of January 2026, India is the top troop contributing country to the UNMISS with 1,779 personnel deployed with the peacekeeping mission. Stéphane Dujarric, spokesman for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said Thursday said, "... in South Sudan, amid these difficult times, there are some hopeful developments."

"Our Peacekeeping Mission there (UNMISS) reports that in Upper Nile State, Indian peacekeepers from the Engineering Unit have successfully reopened a key section of the Malakal-Renk main supply route, which had been closed since last year's floods. A new road alignment through Akoka-Kilo 20-Paloich-Renk now provides safe access, enhancing mobility and humanitarian efforts in the region, the UNMISS noted. "In partnership with local authorities and @UN partners, #UNMISS Blue Helmets from #India completed a series of outreach activities in Renk, #South-Sudan," the UNMISS said in another post on X and listed the works done by the Indian peacekeepers. These peacetime works include a veterinary camp in Magera, Geiger and Chemmedi, a medical camp in Geiger, and a training camp on child protection and prevention of gender-based violence.

Russian SU-30 crashes in Crimea, pilots safe

MOSCOW: A Su-30 fighter jet of the Russian Aerospace Force crashed in Crimea on Friday during a routine training flight, according to media reports. Both pilots ejected safely from the jet, which was unarmed. "The crew safely bailed out and were evacuated by the ground search and rescue team. There is no threat to the pilots' lives," the RBC business portal reported, quoting a press release issued by the defence ministry. The Su-30, a highly potent multi-role fighter, was unarmed during the training flight and was flying without ammunition. The defence ministry, however, did not provide a possible cause or other circumstances of the crash. On the evening of March 31, an An-26 military transport plane crashed in Crimea, killing seven crew members and 22 passengers on board. According to RIA Novosti, the An-26 "crashed into a cliff, a technical malfunction was identified as the preliminary cause of the crash.

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Suicide car bomb blast kills five in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR: A suicide car bomb blast targeting a police station in northwest Pakistan killed five persons, including four from the same family, and wounded 13 others late Thursday, police said on Friday. Police said the suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into the rear side of the police station in Domel tehsil of Bannu district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, triggering a powerful explosion. The intensity of the blast, which was heard miles away, triggered panic among residents. Gunfire erupted immediately after the explosion, further heightening tension in the area. No



group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. According to police, rescue teams have recovered five bodies from the site. Among the deceased are a husband, wife, daughter, and son from the same family. At least four police personnel were among 13 injured in the blast. Emergency response

and rescue operations are ongoing as authorities continue to assess the situation. Several nearby houses were damaged in the blast. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned the attack, expressing sorrow at the loss of life, according to a statement issued by his

office. Preliminary information suggests that the police station was the primary target, officials said. The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) denied any involvement in the blast. In a statement, TTP spokesperson Muhammad Khorasani said that his group was not involved in the attack. Instead, it alleged that the incident was orchestrated by the establishment and state institutions, accusing them of staging such actions at the cost of civilian lives. He alleged that the objective behind the blast was to turn residents against militants and create divisions among the population.