

SENSEX

81,757.73

▼ -501.51 (-0.60%)

NIFTY

24,968.4

▼ -143.05 (-0.57%)

GAINERS & LOSERS

TOP GAINERS/BSE

Bajaj Finance
942.00, 18.70

Tata Steel
162.37, 2.47

Nestle India
2,472, 23.10

IndusInd Bank
870.05, 4.95

ICICI Bank
1,426, 7.10

TOP LOSERS/BSE

Axis Bank
1,099, -60.50

Bharti Airtel
1,901, -28.91

HDFC Bank
1,957, -29.50

Kotak Bank
2,141, -30.31

Eternal
257.20, -2.45

TOP GAINERS/NSE

Guj Mineral Dev.
435.30, 55.90

Saregama India
509.50, 22.40

PVR
1,019, 43.30

Chennai Petro
779.40, 32.20

Ibull Housing Fin
136.12, 5.19

TOP LOSERS/NSE

DB Realty
199.47, -35.81

Clean Science & Tech
1,319, -127.00

Newgen Software
962.60, -63.00

Alok Industries
20.82, -1.22

Axis Bank
1,099, -60.50

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)
9,2880.85
▲ (+47.52)

SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)
105,971.03
▲ (+704.02)

USD (\$) / INR(₹)
86.121
▲ (+0.099)

Petroleum dealers are critical in India’s energy sector: Hardeep Singh Puri



NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri stressed the active participation of petroleum dealers in India’s energy transition growth. The Minister was speaking at the plenary session of All India Petroleum Dealers Association (AIPDA) conclave.

AIPDA is a national body responsible for representing petroleum retail outlet dealers.

Emphasizing the critical role of petroleum dealers in the energy sector, the Minister pointed out

some concerns, including dealer commissions, operation costs, and other issues. The minister also stressed on “consultation, not confrontation” and praised the steps of intra-state freight rationalisation. Minister Puri also highlighted the challenges faced over the past five years, including COVID-19 and the geopolitical shifts that disrupted India’s energy sector.

The Minister presented the future roadmap for dealers to become energy entrepreneurs by encouraging collabora-

tion with OMCs (Oil Marketing Companies) to smoothly implement the EV (Electric Vehicles) charging points, rooftop solar installations, and energy-efficient infrastructure.

Minister Puri stressed the adoption of a digital dispensing system, automated monitoring, and transparent auditing to build trust and authority among customers. Concluding his addresses, the minister advised retailers to look beyond retail margins and strengthen their role in India’s energy sec-



Samsung plans new launch to compete with rival Huawei’s Mate X2 Tri-Fold

NEW DELHI: Samsung Group, a South Korean conglomerate, plans to reveal its first tri-fold smartphone by the year’s end. This launch is intended to compete with the growing craze of Huawei’s Mate X2 Tri-Fold in the market.

Addressing the press conference, T M Roh (Head of Mobile Experience Division, Samsung) pointed towards the launch of advanced AI-driven devices in different form factors. Roh puts confirmation about Samsung’s upcoming tri-fold smartphones, which were also previewed at Mobile World Congress (MWC) earlier this year.

“We haven’t decided yet on the official name of Samsung’s latest tri-fold devices, but it’s in the final stages of completion,” Roh added.

Technology analysts sparked the controversy, saying that Samsung’s tri-fold smartphone will be a direct competitor of Huawei’s Mate X2 Tri-Fold. It’s also seen as a strategic move by Samsung to reduce the craze for Huawei’s model.

JSW Steel posts Q1 FY26 Rs 2,184-Crore net profit



MUMBAI: JSW Steel today officially announced that it posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,184 crore for the first quarter (Q1) of financial year 2025–26 (FY26), which is a sharp 158% year-on-year (YoY) increase from Rs 845 crore in Q1 FY25.

Sequentially, profit rose by 45% from Rs 1,503 crore, the company statement said. According to the statement, revenue from operations stood at Rs 43,147 crore for the quarter, which is up by 0.5%

from Rs 42,943 crore in the year-ago quarter, while on a sequential basis, revenue declined 3.7% from Rs 44,819 crore in Q4 FY25.

The company’s total expenses for the quarter stood at Rs 40,325 crore, down by 3.3% from ₹41,715 crore in Q1 FY25. Compared to the previous quarter, expenses fell 6.3%, reflecting improved cost efficiency, the statement mentioned.

JSW Steel’s consolidated crude steel production reached 7.26 million tonnes (MT) in Q1 FY26, marking a 14% YoY increase, while capacity utilisation at its Indian facilities stood at 87%, which is lower than 93% in the previous quarter due to planned maintenance shutdowns, the company statement mentioned.

Steel sales during the quarter rose 9% YoY to 6.69 MT, with both institutional and retail volumes registering a 12% annual growth, according to the statement.

Yet, the company’s exports fell by 20% YoY in Q1 FY26, accounting for merely 7% of total sales from Indian operations, according to the company statement.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

DPRK attacks Japan’s 2025 defence white paper, calls it ‘war scenario for realising its ambition for reinvasion’

PYONGYANG/TOKYO: The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) has heavily criticised Japan’s 2025 defence white paper, calling it “a war scenario for realising its ambition for reinvasion from A to Z,” the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported today.

“It is the ‘common knowledge’ that Japan has revised its National Security Strategy to include ‘pre-emptive attack capabilities’, accelerating both the development of domestically produced long-range missiles and the procurement of foreign-made ones in recent years,” the KCNA said, citing the policy section chief of the Institute for Japan Studies under DPRK’s Foreign Ministry.

Japan has lately been revising its military policy, moving from its initial strictly self-defence policy to a more offensive approach, due to security threats posed by China and North Korea.

In line with its revised military



doctrine, Tokyo has raised its defence budget to a record high in 2025, ramping up its military capabilities to full scale, the report said, adding that as part of the effort, the country is now purchas-

ing approximately \$3.7 billion worth of medium-range air-to-air missiles, long-range air-to-surface cruise missiles, and related equipment from the US.

Japan is also considering deploying 400 American-made Tomahawk long-range cruise missiles and Type 12 surface-to-ship missiles, which extend the range to more than 1,000 km, the report claimed.

The report stated that Japan, which has long presented itself as a “peace state” under the principle of “exclusive defence,” is now working to develop capabilities for offensive operations, including long-range strikes and cross-domain warfare.

Japan’s defence white paper is “a war scenario for realising its ambition for reinvasion from A to Z and its moves for turning Japan into a military giant seriously threatening regional peace and security can never be tolerated,” it added.

UNHRC report confirms cases of killings, kidnappings, property destruction in Syria’s Suwayda province



GENEVA: The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) confirmed cases of executions, kidnappings, the destruction of private property and looting of homes in the southern city of Suwayda in Syria, following the violent conflicts between Syria’s Druze and Bedouin communities.

“Credible reports received by the UN Human Rights Office indicate widespread violations and abuses, including summary executions and arbitrary killings, kidnappings, destruction of private property and looting of homes.

“Among the reported perpetrators were members of the security forces and individuals affiliated with the interim authorities, as well as other armed elements from the area, including Druze and Bedouins,” the UN agency said in a statement.

UK data leak exposes identities of thousands of Afghans, MI6 officers, raising alarms

LONDON: One of Britain’s most damaging data breaches has rocked the UK’s defence establishment, compromising the identities of over 100 British operatives—including MI6 officers and special forces soldiers—as well as nearly 19,000 Afghans who assisted British troops during the war in Afghanistan.

The revelation has sparked outrage in Westminster and raised serious national security concerns.

The accidental leak that took place in February 2022 went undetected until August 2023.

The data breach involved sensitive personal data from nearly 19,000 Afghans who had applied to relocate to the UK under resettlement schemes due to the risk of Taliban reprisals, BBC re-

ported.

A British soldier inadvertently emailed over 30,000 resettlement applications to an unauthorised recipient outside the government.

The UK’s Ministry of Defence (MoD) became aware of the breach when a portion of the compromised data was posted on Facebook on August 14, 2023.

The post, first spotted by an activist working with Afghan applicants, triggered alarm within defence and intelligence circles. The individual who shared the data online was later brought to the UK after reportedly using the leak to pressure officials into expediting his own relocation—a move that sources described as “essentially blackmail,” Al Jazeera reported.

Myanmar Investment Commission approves 35 projects expected to generate 9,000 jobs

NAYPYIDAW: The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has approved 35 new investment projects, which are expected to create over 9,000 jobs, state-owned daily The Mirror reported today. The approvals were made during MIC’s meeting held in Naypyidaw.

The projects include nine foreign investments in the industrial, oil and natural gas sectors, and 26 local investments in sectors such as hotels and tourism, services, electricity, agriculture, livestock, marine, construction and mining, the report said.

The total investment is worth \$72.87 million plus over MMK 672.84 billion (\$320.40 million), it added. As of the end of June 2025, a total of 53 countries have invested in Myanmar, with Singapore, China, and Thailand emerging as the leading foreign investors, it said. The Myanmar Investment Commission oversees and approves invest-



ment project proposals from locals and overseas, as well as serving existing investors under the Myanmar Investment Law, the report said.

Russia to mull countermeasures against new EU sanctions post analysis, says Dy FM

MOSCOW: Amid the European Union’s approval of a new sanctions package against Russia, specifically targeting the country’s oil market, Moscow has not ruled out countermeasures to tackle the measure, after it concludes its analysis of the 18th round of European sanctions, said Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko.

Speaking to Moscow’s state-owned media TASS, Grushko said “Certainly, we will analyse their impact on our economy. We will

take measures supporting our interests in case of necessity. And some countermeasures are also possible.”

In its latest round of sanctions, the EU has expanded its blacklisting of individuals and legal entities associated with Russia, lowered the price ceiling for Russian oil purchases in the EU, excluded the possibility of resuming Nord Stream gas pipelines’ operations, introduced restrictions against oil tankers and banks, and set forth new export restrictions.