

SENSEX

80,567.71

▲ 409.83 (0.51%)

NIFTY

24,715.05

▲ 135.46 (0.55%)

TOP GAINERS/BSE

Tata Steel
167.85, 9.47

IndusInd Bank
768.10, 16.90

Titan Company
3,691, 70.00

M&M
3,286, 51.50

ITC
411.75, 5.00

TOP LOSERS/BSE

Infosys
1,479, -19.61

NTPC
334.25, -2.06

Nestle India
1,195, -6.11

HUL
2,665, -12.31

TCS
3,098, -14.00

TOP GAINERS/NSE

TBO Tek
1,591, 209.00

Netweb Technologies
2,527, 260.00

Ola Electric Mobilit
68.99, 7.03

NMDC Steel
43.00, 3.78

Piramal Pharma
201.16, 14.50

TOP LOSERS/NSE

JK Cement
6,756, -239.00

Phoenix Mills
1,512, -53.30

Intellect Design
953.05, -32.81

eClerx Services
4,408, -127.00

WABCO India
13,802, -388.00

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)
10,0830.85
▲ (+101.07)

SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)
117,318.86
▲ (+1919.59)

USD (\$) / INR(₹)
88.008
▲ (+0.030)

Ceigall India appoints Dr Sudhir Rao Hoshing to Board of Directors

NEW DELHI: Ceigall India Limited, one of the country’s fastest-growing EPC firms in the roads and highways sector, has appointed infrastructure veteran Dr Sudhir Rao Hoshing to its Board of Directors.

Dr Hoshing, with nearly four decades of experience in highways, airports and transport infrastructure, has held leadership positions in several major firms, including Chief Mentor & CEO of IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd., JMD & CEO of IRB Infrastructure Pvt Ltd., MD of Modern Road Makers Pvt Ltd, and CEO of Reliance Infrastructure’s Road Business. He has also served with GMR Group, Punj Lloyd and Oriental Structures.

A civil engineer with a PhD in Road, Highways & Infrastructure Management from Oxford College of International Studies and a management degree from ICFAI, Dr Hoshing has been involved in the design, construction, financing and maintenance of road projects across India, as well as civil and defence airport projects.

Welcoming the appointment, Ceigall Chairman and Managing Director Ramneek Sehgal said, “His deep understanding of the infrastructure sector and vast leadership experience will provide valuable guidance as Ceigall continues its growth and innovation journey in building world-class infrastructure for India.”

Dr Hoshing said he looked forward to working with the leadership team to help deliver transformative projects.



He is also active in industry forums, serving as Life Member of the Indian Road Congress (IRC) and International Road Federation (IRF), Chairperson of the PHD Infrastructure Committee, Executive Member of the FICCI Infrastructure Committee, and Co-Chair of the CII North Infra-

structure Committee.

Ceigall India, which has completed over 34 projects, reported year-on-year revenue growth of 43.1 per cent in FY24. It currently has 21 ongoing projects, including elevated corridors, bridges, tunnels, expressways, runways and metro works.



Atlassian launches R&D Centre in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Atlassian, a global leader in team collaboration and productivity software, has announced the launch of a new R&D Centre in Bengaluru, expanding its footprint in India and underscoring the country’s strategic role in the company’s global operations.

The new facility spans over 2 lakh square feet, making it four times larger than Atlassian’s previous Bengaluru office and designed to accommodate more than 1,000 employees across two levels.

Since entering India in 2018 with a modest team of 60, Atlassian has rapidly scaled its workforce to over W2,500, making India its largest employee base outside Australia and the United States. Nearly 75% of these employees are in R&D roles, contributing to strategic product development areas, including enterprise search, commerce, data residency, and customer success.

Rajeev Rajan, Chief Technology Officer at Atlassian, said the new centre “is more than just a larger space; it’s a symbol of our investment in the future of work, distributed teamwork, and the exceptional talent we have in India.”

The facility has been purpose-built to support Atlassian’s Team Anywhere policy, allowing employees to work flexibly from home, office, or other locations, while collaborative zones, wellness areas, and cutting-edge technology foster seamless teamwork across time zones.

Avani Prabhakar, Chief People Officer, highlighted that the Bengaluru R\&D Centre is designed to attract and retain top talent across India, offering 420 ergonomic workstations, 70 collaboration studios, a 280-seat café, multi-purpose sports courts, wellness areas, and over 10,800 live plants to enhance biophilic impact.

88 pc plan certificate courses in FY26 to secure careers: Report

BENGALURU: Bengaluru’s workforce is actively preparing for the future, with 88 percent of professionals planning to enroll in certificate courses in FY26 to gain new technical skills amid the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and rapid technology disruptions, according to Great Learning’s Upskilling Trends Report FY 2025–26.

Despite the city’s technology sector facing some of the hardest job cuts, the report highlights an air of optimism. About 93 percent of professionals see upskilling as essential for career security, while 78 percent remain confident about retaining their jobs over the next year.

Interestingly, seven in ten acknowledge that their roles are being disrupted by AI, yet 77 percent believe these very changes will positively shape their career trajectory.

AI and Machine Learning have emerged as the most sought-after training domains, with 43 percent prioritising skills in areas like Agentic AI, Large Language Models, Natural Language Processing, and Python. The city’s growing integration of Generative AI is also evident, with 64 percent of professionals already using tools such as ChatGPT and Bard in daily workflows.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

IAF chief Major Gen Tomer Bar hails success of Israeli airstrikes in Iran at Tel Nof air base

TEL AVIV: Israeli Air Force (IAF) chief Major Gen. Tomer Bar hailed the Israeli airstrikes on Iran, while attending a change of command ceremony at IAF’s Tel Nof air base, where Brig Gen Shin took over charge of the base from Brig Gen Alef, lauding the air base for its contributions to the success of the strikes, reports Times of Israel.

Gen. Bar Bar lauded the performance and contribution of the Tel Nof air base personnel during the IDF’s ‘Operation Rising Lion’ which started its short war with Iran in June and successfully destroyed assets and infrastructure, vital to Tehran’s nuclear program,



including the Iranian nuclear facilities which sustained considerable damage.

“In Operation Rising Lion, everything came together in a completeness that showcased this base’s full capabilities,” adding that Tel Nof had played

a decisive role in what he called “the historic task of removing an existential threat from the people of Israel.” The airbase was similarly praised by IDF commander Lt.-Gen. Eyal Zamir, who lauded the performance of its personnel, and said they were vital to “opening the route to Tehran.” Tel Nof was one of the three airbases which were vital to the IAF strikes – others being Nevatim and Ovda. As such, it was targeted by Iran for its strategic significance, and sustained some damage, though it did not stop its operations.

The airbase served as the staging point for the IDF strikes (hosting its fleet

of F-15 fighter crafts), and was also part of its operational backbone, providing key intelligence inputs, aid in logistics, and technological support.

The air base’ outgoing commander Brig Gen Alef said leading Tel Nof was not a privilege but a duty, adding: “There is no greater sense of meaning than being another small stone in the mosaic built here across generations.”

Incoming commander Brig. Gen. “Shin” described Tel Nof as “a home, a family, and a warm corner of my heart.” He said he was taking on the role “with reverence, understanding the responsibility, challenges and complexities.”

6 killed in gun attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: At least six people were killed when a passenger vehicle came under attack in Pakistan’s northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Wednesday, the police said. The incident occurred in a rural area of Kurram District, where unknown assailants opened fire on the vehicle, Regional Police Officer of Kohat region Abbas Majeed Marwat said in a statement. He said police and security forces immediately launched a search operation in the area following the attack. So far, 12 suspects have been taken into custody, and a cache of weapons has been recovered during the ongoing operation, Marwat added.

Russia, DPRK pledge to bolster ties on sidelines of China’s Victory Day

BEIJING: Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reaffirmed their commitment to bolster cooperation amid the creation of a new “special and allied” relationship during their meeting in Beijing.

The talks took place on the sidelines of China’s 80th anniversary Victory Day military parade, an event that saw the three countries’ leaders appear together in public for the first time.

Speaking to his North Korean counterpart, the Russian head of state expressed his delight in meeting Kim, while the two leaders held discussions on several bilateral topics.

Commenting on the evolving ties between Russia and the DPRK, Putin said that Moscow-Pyongyang relations are developing in a special way, stating “Recently, relations between our countries have assumed a special trusting and friendly character, an allied character.”

He went on to commend North Korean soldiers, claiming they had fought “bravely and heroically” alongside Russian forces to repel a Ukrainian incursion into Russia’s Kursk border region. Putin’s remarks publicly acknowledged North Korean military involvement in the conflict, which South Korean intelligence estimates has seen around 15,000 North Korean troops sent to Russia since last year.

In response, Chairman Kim Jong Un reportedly pledged his full support for Russia, characterising it as a “fraternal duty.”

He stated that if there was anything he could do for Russia and its people, he would “be prepared to do everything possible to help.” The meeting, which observers noted was a significant step for Kim in breaking out of diplomatic isolation, followed a 2024 mutual defence treaty signed between the two countries.

India displays over 2500 books at Moscow International Book Fair



MOSCOW: India is showcasing more than 2,500 books in multiple Indian languages at the 38th Moscow International Book Fair (MIBF), which opened here on Wednesday.

India has been invited as the guest of honour country this year and has been allotted the central pavilion at the five-day fair being held at the historic Soviet-era VDNKh exhibition grounds till September 7.

The National Book Trust (NBT) has brought together over 50 Indian publishing

houses, presenting works in English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil and other Indian languages, along with Russian translations of several children’s books, under the theme “Read and Explore India.”

Inaugurating the Indian pavilion, Ambassador Vinay Kumar said India was a rapidly growing economy with an annual growth rate of 7.5-8 per cent, and underlined the country’s rich reading culture.

The Indian pavilion will organise over 50 panel dis-

cussions and events covering topics such as new-age technologies, artificial intelligence, and India’s cultural diversity, including yoga, Ayurveda and classical dance. It also features an interactive centre, a meditation hall, and dedicated zones on Indian art, literature, cinema, cuisine and tourism.

The fair has attracted more than 300 publishers and distributors from Russia and countries such as Belarus, Iran, China, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and North Korea.

Kremlin aide Yury refutes Prez Trump’s allegations of joint Russia-China-North Korea ‘conspiracy’ against US

MOSCOW/WASHINGTON: Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov has refuted US’ allegations that Russia, China, and North Korea are conspiring against Washington, calling the fears unfounded as the leaders of the three nations met in Beijing during the 80th anniversary of China’s Victory Day parade, reports TASS.

Moreover, I can say that everybody understands the role the United States, the Trump administration, and President Trump personally are playing in today’s global narratives,” Ushakov told Moscow’s state broadcaster VGTRK.

His comments came amid President Donald Trump’s post on his social media platform Truth Social, where he wrote: “Please give my warmest regards to Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong Un, as you conspire against The United States of America.”

“The big question to



be answered is whether or not President Xi of China will mention the massive amount of support and ‘blood’ that The United States of America gave to China in order to help it to secure its FREEDOM from a very unfriendly foreign invader. Many Americans died in China’s quest for Victory and Glory. I hope that they are rightfully Honoured and Remembered for their Bravery and Sacrifice,” Trump wrote on Truth Social

The Victory Day commemorates the Chinese war of resistance against the Japanese troops during World War II, while it was under the occupation of Imperial Japan. The war, which lasted from 1937-1945, led to over 35 million Chinese deaths, though was successful in dismantling Japanese presence in the country.

The US had provided China with crucial aid in military, logistics, and funding. Though prompted initially by increasing public sympathy for the Chinese and a growing anti-Japanese stance, Washington had increased its aid to the resistance fighters greatly once it entered the war.

The actions included the imposition of full naval blockades, dropping supplies by air, and the construction of a new overland route to bypass Japanese watch and connect with the Burma – China Road to continue access to supplies.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar says a Palestinian state can exist only if Jerusalem wants

JERUSALEM: In the wake of Belgium’s sudden announcement that it will move to recognise Palestinian statehood in the next UN session, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar said today that what Brussels or anyone else says matters little as “the decisions of the government in Jerusalem” will determine the outcome, reports Times of Israel.

Speaking to the Belgian media platform Sudinfo, Sa’ar called the decision of the European state “very strange decision, taken under great pressure.”

“But in any case, I’ll tell you frankly: it’s not happening now!” he added.

“If Hamas continues to rule Gaza, it will never happen. So, the question of whether a Palestinian state will exist or not is not linked to the decision of the government in Brussels, but rather to the decisions of the government in Jerusalem.”

Regarding the future of Gaza, the Israeli FM said his country has “no intention of controlling the Palestinian population in Gaza.”

“They must be given autonomy, but it must be linked to the end of two things: first, the end of terrorism, of course; second, the end of incitement.”