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Pakistan Stock Market Crashes Over 10,000 Points Amid Conflict

Source : Times of India

In a shocking market upheaval, the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) lost over 10,000 points in just two days, triggered by India's airstrikes on terrorist camps. This geopolitical jolt caused mass investor panic, temporarily halting trades. Defense-related equities in China soared in contrast, with Avic Chengdu seeing a notable uptick after Pakistan deployed J-10C jets highlighting the spillover benefits for military manufacturers amid regional tensions.

Meanwhile, India's economic narrative took a different turn with strong corporate results and IPO announcements. The big takeaway? Markets are no longer isolated silos—regional conflict and strategic plays can now reshape entire sectors overnight.

India on Track to Overtake Japan as 4th Largest Economy in 2025

India is expected to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025, moving ahead of Japan. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's economy is projected to reach a size of \$4.187 trillion, slightly higher than Japan's \$4.186 trillion. This growth is due to strong domestic demand, major infrastructure projects, and technology improvements. Over the past few years, India has worked on making its economy more efficient and investor-friendly. While there are still challenges. Issues like unemployment, income inequality, and slow export growth continue to affect the country. India must also handle the pressure of growing so fast, while maintaining financial stability. But the real test is whether India can continue this progress in the years to come.

IndusInd Bank CEO Resigns Over Insider Trading Allegations

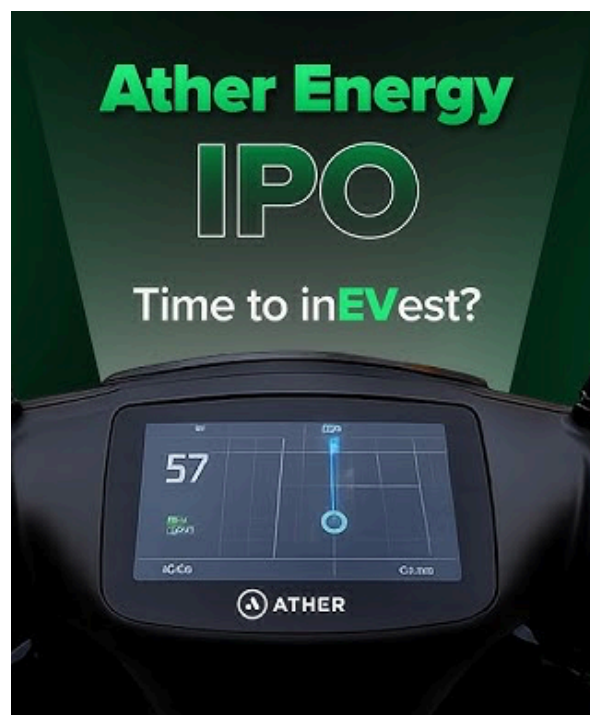
Source : Returns

In a blow to corporate credibility, IndusInd Bank's CEO and Deputy CEO resigned after a forensic audit revealed insider trading violations tied to a \$230 million hidden loss. The revelations sparked outrage among stakeholders and prompted calls for tighter regulatory oversight. The bank now faces a trust deficit, and its next steps will be critical in salvaging investor confidence. In a sector where trust is currency, ethical failure at the top is a systemic risk. This incident might be the catalyst regulators need to push for more aggressive surveillance and corporate governance standards.

Source : Returns

Ather Energy's IPO Debut Disappoints, Stock Drops 8%

Despite the initial hype, Ather Energy's IPO flopped on debut day—falling 8% below listing price after opening at a 2.2% premium. Investors quickly cashed out, citing low margins, mounting competition, and uncertainty over future profitability. Even with strong brand recognition and a loyal user base, the EV landscape is becoming a shark tank. The lukewarm listing underlines a key lesson: hype can't mask weak fundamentals. For other EV startups eyeing IPOs, Ather's stumble is a wake-up call—either prove profitability or risk getting chewed up.



Source : ET Auto

Simple Energy Plans ₹3,000 Crore IPO to Grow EV Business

Simple Energy, an electric two-wheeler company based in Bengaluru, plans to raise ₹3,000 crore through an IPO by the financial year 2026–27. The money will be used to increase their production, invest in new technology, and expand dealerships across India.



Source : Moneycontrol

SBI in Talks to Sell Yes Bank Stake to Japan's SMBC

SBI is reportedly looking to divest 20% of its 23.97% stake in Yes Bank to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), enabling the Japanese giant to acquire majority control. If successful, this could be India's biggest banking sector FDI move since Yes Bank's 2020 bailout. SMBC's entry marks a major endorsement of India's banking potential and could pave the way for more global capital inflows. Still, regulatory hurdles and post-deal execution risks remain. Strategic foreign ownership might fix Yes Bank's fundamentals—but will it alter India's financial sector equilibrium?



MRF's Q4 FY25 Profit Surges 29%; Signals Strong Auto Recovery

The shares of **MRF**, one of India's most expensive stocks, surged over 4 percent on May 7 to trade at Rs 1,40,900 apiece after the company reported a net profit to Rs 512 crore for the January-March quarter of FY25. HUDCO and CarTrade Tech shares meanwhile tumbled in the red, after their respective Q4 results failed to impress the markets. MRF reported a 29 percent year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 512 crore for Q4 FY25. The tyre-maker had earlier reported a net profit of Rs 396 crore for Q4 FY24. The firm's revenue from operations meanwhile rose 11 percent YoY to Rs 7,075 crore. Along with the Q4 results, MRF announced a final dividend of Rs 229 per share for the financial year 2025. The record date to determine the eligibility of the shareholders set to receive the payment is yet to be announced.



US stocks open higher as trade optimism holds



U.S.-China Temporary Trade Truce Slashes Tariffs for 90 Days

The U.S. and China have reached a temporary trade truce, reducing tariffs dramatically—U.S. cuts from 145% to 30%, and China from 125% to 10%. The deal, effective for 90 days, is meant to create breathing room for further negotiation. Global markets cheered the move, but analysts remain skeptical, calling it a band-aid over deeper structural rifts. For India, the reprieve opens short-term export opportunities, especially in textiles and electronics, as global buyers seek alternate suppliers. But this window may slam shut if talks fail. India must act fast—or risk missing the opportunity.

Stocks are edging higher in early trading on Wall Street, adding to their gains for the week. The S&P 500 was up 0.3% in the first few minutes of trading Wednesday. The index erased the remainder of its losses for 2025 a day earlier. The Dow Jones Industrial Average edged up 66 points, or 0.2%, and the Nasdaq composite was up 0.7%. Markets got a massive boost earlier this week after the U.S. and China agreed to a 90-day pause in their trade war. American Eagle Outfitters slumped about 6% after becoming the latest company to pull its financial forecasts.