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Aizawl will be part of India's railway system

Aizawl, Mar 04: Aizawl to become 4th north-east metropolis connected to India's railway network in 5 months, with nearly completed Bairabi-Sairang line under NFR supervision. NFR's Chief Public Relations Officer, Kapinjal Kishore Sharma, praised the project's progress and highlighted the recent inspection conducted by NFR GM, Arun Kumar Chaudhary. Chaudhary & senior officials visited key locations to assess ongoing work on Kawnpui and Mualkhang stations, Sairang station yard, bridge and tunnel infrastructure, and railway line sections.

4th Session of 13th NC Hills Autonomous Council Held

Haflong, Mar 05: The 4th (249th) Session of the 13th North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) was held today at the NC Hills Autonomous Council Assembly Hall in Haflong. The session was convened by Chairman Mohet Hojai under the provisions of Rule 36(1) of the Assam Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 (as amended). The primary agenda of the session was to discuss the upcoming budget session of the 13th NCHAC, which is scheduled to be placed after the announcement of the State Budget. Addressing the House, Chief Executive Member (CEM) Debolal



Gorlosa highlighted the developmental priorities for Dima Hasao district. He emphasized key sectors such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, and sustainable resource management, aiming for stable revenue generation and long-term growth in the district. The session was attended by Members of the Autonomous Council, who participated in discussions on the district's developmental roadmap.

Disaster Preparedness Meeting held in Haflong, 2025-2026

Haflong, Feb 28: At the District Commissioner's Conference Hall in Haflong, the District catastrophe Management Authority (DDMA) held an important conference on catastrophe preparedness for 2025-2026. Simanta Kumar Das, ACS, District Commissioner and Chairman of Dima Hasao, presided over the gathering.



All line departments must draft and update their departmental disaster management plans and submit them to the DDMA, the District Commissioner stressed during the meeting. He gave the order for a nodal person to be assigned by each department to oversee disaster management throughout the district. He also encouraged all departments to establish field teams in order to guarantee prompt emergency response. He emphasized how crucial it is to map out susceptible infrastructures, have an up-to-date resource inventory, and make sure

there is a sufficient supply of necessities. Additionally, departments were instructed to identify buildings, roads, bridges, embankments, and other vital infrastructure that was in danger.

Additional District Commissioner Sangeta Devi, ACS; DPO Ricky Phukan; and representatives from other line departments attended the meeting.

16 willingly turned in firearms & ammunition throughout state

Manipur, Mar 05: At several points around the districts of Bishnupur, Imphal East, and Imphal West, the public voluntarily turned over a substantial cache of weapons, ammunition, and other supplies. Along with other items, 16 different types of weapons were turned over to authorities, demonstrating the public's cooperation in promoting peace and security in the area. The Bishnupur district's several police stations received the items that were turned in. While Kumbi Police Station received locally manufactured firearms and pistols, Bishnupur Police Station received a variety of items from the CDO Unit, including SLR rifles, INSAS rifles, LMG magazines, 303 rifles, smoke shells, detonators, and hand grenades. A single-bar-

rel weapon and a submachine gun carbine were turned in, according to the PGC Police Station. At several police stations in the Imphal East area, guns were turned in. Hand grenades, bombs, M16s, AKs, and 303 rifles were also turned in to the Andro Police Station. Bulletproof jackets, ammo, stun grenades, and two firearms were sent to Porompat Police Station. An SBBL rifle, a .36 HE hand grenade, tear smoke shells, and other weapons and ammunition were delivered to the Mayang Imphal Police Station in the Imphal West district. The public's voluntary involvement in promoting peace and stability was demonstrated when the weapons and ammunition were turned over to police stations for additional action.

Meghalaya Chief Minister introduces the One-Time Settlement Plan

Shillong, Mar 05: Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma proposed OTS Scheme, 2025, offers financial relief to customers of MeECL. The scheme, which aims to alleviate the burden of past-due electricity bills, was announced in front of Power Minister Abu Taher Mondal. At the program's debut, the chief minister declared that almost 45,000 consumers would benefit from it and that charges and fines totaling more than Rs. 26cr would be removed. OTS Scheme 2025 applies to "Domestic Low Tension" and



used by unconnected users. A total of Rs. 119cr is the amount of unpaid consumer debt. In order to enable MeECL maintenance workers and linesmen to quickly and safely access the electrical lines at various heights and locations, the Chief Minister today launched a pilot program for six maintenance trucks. The total cost of buying the cars was Rs. 1.48 Cr. CM further stated that load shedding is not scheduled for this year. He gave the department high marks for the different steps it is taking to enhance services at the MeECL.

NTPC-sponsored ambulances and hearse vans are delivered to District Hospital Mon

Kohima, Mar 05: As part of a corporate social responsibility program, Deputy Commissioner Mon Ajit Kumar Verma and HOP, NTPC-Bongaigaon Arnab Maitra formally opened two ALS ambulances and two practice vans at the District Hospital in Mon. This was a significant step toward bettering Mon's healthcare system. He emphasized in particular the long-standing need for hearse



vehicles, which will now enable the respectful and dignified transfer of the departed. Arnab Maitra, speaking on behalf of NTPC, HOP, Bongaigaon, said he was thrilled to be a

part of this fantastic initiative. Speaking to the crowd, the KU president also expressed gratitude to NTPC for their support. In his vote of thanks, CMO Mon, Dr. Supongmengla Walling, conveyed appreciation for NTPC's role in enhancing the district's medical infrastructure. Additionally, he commended the district administration's persistent efforts, especially those of Deputy Commissioner

Mon, whose networking skills were crucial in obtaining this crucial aid for the region. The presentation began in the conference room of the District Hospital and was headed by Yeangao Konyak, DPM. The event, attended by a variety of officials, included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for ambulances and hearse vehicles.

Huge fire started in a Marangi paddy field

Guwahati, Mar 06: A massive fire that began in a paddy field in Marangi spread throughout the entire neighborhood, sending inhabitants into a panic. The fire, believed to have been intentionally ignited by criminals, spread quickly due to strong winds. According to witnesses, the fire started in Marangi Mouza's Lurukihat-Dhuliyagaon neighborhood and spread swiftly because of the high winds. Police and emergency management personnel rushed to the scene and attempted to put out the fire. Arson is believed to be the most likely cause of the fire, while the precise origin is yet unknown. Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident in an attempt to identify the culprits. Fortunately, there have been no reported casualties and the fire has been confined.

Gujarat's hosted PM Modi's Lion Safari On the World Wildlife Day

New Delhi, Mar 03: In honor of World Wildlife Day, PM Modi spent on a lion safari in Gir Wildlife Sanctuary in Junagadh, Gujarat. He was seen taking photos of lions while on the jeep safari with senior forest department officials and a few ministers. He posted images from his trip to X as well. "This morning, on World Wildlife Day, I went on a Safari in Gir, which, as we all know, is home to the majestic Asiatic Lion. Coming to Gir also brings back many memories of the work we collectively did when I was serving as Gujarat CM," PM Modi, who



served as the chief minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014, said. "In the last many years, collective efforts have ensured that the population of Asiatic Lions is rising steadily. Equally commendable is the role of

tribal communities and women from surrounding areas in preserving the habitat of the Asiatic lion," he added. Earlier in the day, he reaffirmed the pledge to "protect and preserve the incredible biodiversity of

our planet" in honor of World Wildlife Day. "Every species plays a vital role -- let's safeguard their future for generations to come.

We also take pride in India's contributions towards preserving and protecting wildlife," he wrote on X. The project's objectives are to: safeguard and restore lion habitats to control the population's growth; increase local communities' involvement and income generation; establish a global center of expertise on diagnosing and treating big cat diseases; and promote inclusive biodiversity protection.

Avalanche death toll in Uttarakhand reaches 8

Dehradun, Mar 03: Following the discovery of the last missing person's body, the number of fatalities from the February 28 avalanche that struck close to Mana village in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district increased to 8. "The last missing person's body has been found. All the 54 persons have been rescued/recovered. The recovery marks the culmination of Mana Village," said Rescue Operation Lt Col Manish Shrivastava. Rescue efforts were completed with the assistance of the Indian Army, ITBP, Air Force, NDRF, and SDRF, who cooperated to free the stranded individuals. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami visited the Disaster Control Room at IT Park in Dehradun to assess the ongoing rescue effort for BRO employees who were stranded in Mana. Drone-based intelligent buried object detecting technology was transported by the IAF to be used in search and rescue missions.



Maharashtra transport minister is under pressure to improve women's safety

Pune, Mar 05: Manisha Kayande, the leader of the Shiv Sena, submitted a letter to Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik outlining a number of demands to improve the safety of women using public transit. Action was taken in reaction to the recent bus rape case in Pune, which raised concerns about security flaws in the state's transportation infrastructure. There was widespread indignation and indignation following the rape of a 26-year-old lady inside a MSRTC vehicle at the Swargate depot in Pune last week. After being on the run for nearly a week, the accused Dattatray Gade was apprehended on Friday following days of public outcry over the horrific incident.



"After the Swargate incident, people were furious that such an act could happen inside a bus stand and in dilapidated buses," Kayande said in response to the tragedy, calling for rapid measures to prevent such crimes in the future. "We clearly demand that every woman be secure in whatever circumstance. All state transport buses should have CCTV cameras installed, security officers

should be posted at each depot, and decrepit vehicles should be replaced, she said. She insisted that Maharashtra is still a rather safe state for women. It is regrettable that such incidents occur, she continued. Police responded quickly after the Union Minister, who was present, lodged a complaint right away. Strict measures will be taken against the accused regardless of their identity.

PM Modi prays at temple of Somnath Jyotirlinga in Gujarat

Gujrat, Mar 03: During his visit to Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi prayed to Lord Shiva at the Somnath Jyotirlinga shrine. After celebrating Maha Kumbh in Prayagaraj for over a month, the Prime Minister will conduct a special puja for the benefit of his fellow citizens. In fact, Prime Minister Modi wrote a blog post after Maha Kumbh 2025 ended, announcing his upcoming visit to the Jyotirlinga, one of Lord Shiva's most well-known temples. Notably, Somnath Mandir is the most popular pilgrimage place for Hindus and the most frequented of the country's twelve Jyotirlinga shrines. PM Modi is currently spending three days in Gujarat. He will visit Sasangir in the Junagarh district on Monday in observance of World Wildlife



Day. He is expected to have a woodland safari there, which is believed to be the only natural habitat for Asiatic lions. In response to a poaching incident, his government established the Greater Gir Wildlife Protection Task Force in 2007 to monitor wildlife crimes and support conservation initiatives. The Greater Gir Conser-

vation Model expanded lion protection to 30,000 square kilometers outside Gir National Park, employing 111 women and establishing the Gujarat State Lion Conservation Society. The 'Vanya Prani Mitra' system and 'Khushbu Gujarat Ki' campaign have contributed to Gir's international recognition.

Man Arrested in Terror Plot Supported by ISI Threat on Ram Mandir

Ayodhya, Mar 04: 19 year old Abdul Rehman of Faizabad, was taken into custody on suspicion of preparing to set off 2 hand grenades at Ayodhya Ram Temple. Rehman operated an autorickshaw and a meat store, is said to have received training from Pakistan's ISI. Haryana STF filed police report, which resulted to his detention. After that, he appeared at local court & was placed under 10 days of police prison remand. ISI is sus-

pected to have been plotting an attack on the Ram Temple, with information gathered during reconnaissance missions being shared with them. Rehman planned to meet his handler in Faridabad to collect grenades before traveling to Ayodhya by train, but was apprehended by the Haryana STF and Gujarat's ATS. Two hand grenades were seized from an abandoned house near Pali village, 12 km from Faridabad.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar & Tejashwi Yadav engage in heated altercation

Patna, Mar 05: During his post-budget statement on Tuesday, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav engaged in a verbal exchange in front of the Bihar assembly. During his address, Kumar claimed to have had a "key role" in influencing Tejashwi's father, former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, throughout his political career. Earlier in his speech, Bihar BJP President Sanjay Jaiswal commended the state budget and stated that new airport and infrastructure projects would give the state's growth under the NDA a new direction. Sanjay Jaiswal said, "The budget is historic.



During Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure, the budget cost would be Rs 30000 crores, and today, after 20 years, the budget cost is Rs 3 lakh crores. New projects on infrastructure and the Airport will give a new direction to the development of the state

under NDA." For the fiscal year 2025-2026, the Bihar government announced a budget of Rs 3.17 lakh crore on Monday, a substantial 13.6% increase over the Rs 2.79 lakh crore allotted the year before. Since this is the ruling government's final budget before the state elections later this year, the budget, which was delivered by Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Samrat Choudhary, is very significant. It is anticipated that the significant increase in budgetary allocation will support a number of areas, such as administrative needs, social welfare, infrastructural development, and human development.

The shining bollywood couple, Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani have revealed they are expecting a baby

Mumbai, Mar 01: Exactly two years after their wedding, Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra shared the happy news. They're moving from two to three this time. Sidharth and Kiara's two hands were each wearing a little pair of white socks. "The best gift of our life," he wrote underneath it. Soon to come. Fans showered them with well wishes as soon as the post became viral. A number of Bollywood celebrities congratulated them as well. The expectant parents were showered with love by Ishaan Khatter, Neha Dhupia, Huma Qureshi, Rhea Kapoor, and numerous more. In 2023, immediately following the



wedding, there were rumors that Kiara would soon become a mother. The actress donned a bralette, a Rajasthan-made blazer, and pants to the movie's Jaipur marketing. The actress's breasts were allegedly visible through her body. Experience has shown that the conjecture is merely a hearsay. "I feel at home when I'm with him," Kiara remarked. In the home where I was raised, I was showered with love and affection. Kiara claimed that Siddharth shows her



the same amount of love. Regarding her career, Kiara will soon be featured in "Don 3." Ranveer Singh will be her partner. However, Siddharth will appear in the movie "Param Sundari."

Movie 'Dragon' set crowd on 10th day worldwide box office collection

Chennai, Mar 03: Dragon, the coming-of-age comedy starring Ashwath Marimuthu and Pradeep Ranganathan, opened in theaters on February 21 and has subsequently

romantic comedy Oh My Kadavule, shared the news on Instagram. He wrote, "Dear audience, 100 crore thanks for all the love you have given my team #dragon. Person-

and wrote, "Extremely happy for my team, my producers @agsentertainment & my hero @pradeep_ranganathan for second 100crore as well." Pradeep made his directorial and acting debuts with the 2019 film Comali and the 2022 blockbuster Love Today. He made his first ₹100cr on that project. It was recently remade as Loveyapa in Hindi as well. He will shortly play the lead in Love Insurance Kompany, directed by Vignesh Shivan. According to Ashwath and Pradeep, the Telugu film Return of the Dragon made ₹100cr worldwide in just 10 days of its release. Sacnilk claims that Dragon made ₹50.3cr net in its first week of release, having opened to ₹6.5cr in India. Early projections indicate that the movie made ₹72.50cr net in India in just ten days. According to the trade website, after nine days of its release, it surpassed the ₹95cr global milestone.



surpassed the ₹100 crore global gross milestone. Despite receiving conflicting reviews from both reviewers and viewers, the movie has performed well at the box office. Excited to have earned his first ₹100 crore, director Ashwath, who previously directed the 2020

ally when some tried to break my confidence before release 'Nanga irukom pathukalam' sonna unga clarukum nandri. will correct the mistakes in this film and give my next is all I can promise. #first-100cr." He also congratulated Pradeep on his second ₹100cr

Binita Chhetry receives standing ovation on Britain's Got Talent

Mumbai, Mar 03: Binita Chhetry, an eight-year-old girl from Assam, dazzled the judges of Britain's Got Talent with her captivating dance performance. Both the judges and the audience gave the young prodigy a thunderous standing

her sweet confidence. Political leaders in India have also expressed gratitude for Binita's outstanding achievement. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma shared the video, stating, "My best wishes to the little one and hope she



ovation for her amazing agility and accuracy. Renowned industrialist Anand Mahindra was drawn to the performance has since gone viral. "My name is Binita Chhetry, and I am eight years old. I am from Assam, India. Britain's Got Talent is my dream stage, and I want to win it. I would like to buy a Pink Princess House," she said, winning hearts with

is able to buy a Pink Princess House." Similarly, Nagaland's Tourism and Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along, wrote, "At just 8, Binita Chhetry is living her dream on Britain's Got Talent, showcasing her incredible talent to the world. Your journey inspires millions, proving that dreams have no limits. Keep shining, little star!"

Ranveer Allahbadia get permission for his podcast

New Delhi, Feb 03: YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia was given permission by the Supreme Court to start posting his shows and podcasts on social media again. However, the court mandated that he provide a pledge that his podcast, "The Ranveer Show," will uphold "morality and decency" and be appropriate for listeners of all ages. Following a dispute over Allahbadia's crude comments on Samay Raina's YouTube show, the court had barred him from broadcasting the podcast. Allahbadia's argument that the podcast was his sole source of income and that the show was essential to the 280 people he employed was noted by a bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh. The bench also asked Allahbadia to participate in the Guwahati inquiry and prolonged him temporary protection from arrest till further instructions. The podcaster caused a controversy on the YouTube show 'India's Got Latent' with his crude comments.

Several FIRs were filed against Allahbadia as a result of the comments. The Mumbai police and Maharashtra Cyber are looking into Allahbadia's contentious comments during comedian Samay Raina's show. "In his statement, Allahbadia admitted that he made a mistake by making controversial comments on the YouTube show, for which he is being criticised," he said.

Amitabh Bachchan Dons Sneakers Given to Her by Ranbir Kapoor

New Delhi, Mar 03: Actor Ranbir Kapoor launched his own lifestyle brand, ARKS, like many of his contemporaries. He celebrated by giving Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan, who is a huge sneakerhead, a pair of sneakers. Big B replied with a thank-you email,

complimenting Ranbir on the footwear and wishing him luck. On ARKS' official Instagram account, a picture of the note was posted, displaying a sincere message. The message read, "Dearest Ranbir, My gratitude for your gift; the ARKS sneakers. Love tried them on and wore them to



work. They are rather nice and comfortable! All good

wishes to you and your endeavour. Lots of love." On Ranbir Kapoor's birthday in 2024, the brand was unveiled. Alia Bhatt, the wife, responded to the event by praising her husband and posting the promotional video on her Instagram stories. She also referred to it as "our dream."

Why Pig Health Matters More Than Ever

Capt. (Dr.) A.Y. Rajendra

As the world's fourth-largest pork producer, with approximately 9 million pigs, India's pork industry plays a crucial yet often overlooked role in the nation's economic landscape. However, as the world celebrates National Pig Day, it serves as an opportunity for reflection on the resilience of India's pig farming community, particularly in the wake of the African Swine Fever (ASF) crisis.

The Heavy Economic Toll of ASF

The economic consequences of ASF have been severe. Since the disease was first detected in Northeast, the total economic losses in the pig farming industry due to ASF outbreaks from 2020 to 2024 were estimated at Rs. 80 crores across the region. These losses include direct costs and indirect costs. The crisis has disrupted not just farmers but entire supply chains, affecting feed mills, transport companies, and processing facilities.

The Struggles of Small-Scale Farmers

What makes this situation even more concerning is that most pig farmers in India are small-scale backyard operators, not large commercial enterprises. For example, in Mizoram, over 19,017 families have been affected, with financial losses exceeding ₹132.20 crore. While America has a booming pig farming, India's pig farmers are fighting for survival and recognition.

Government Measures and the Road Ahead

The Indian government has implemented proactive measures to address the crisis, including culling infected pigs, imposing quarantines, strengthening biosecurity protocols, and enhancing surveillance programs. However, the informal nature of the pork industry poses challenges in enforcing and ensuring compliance with these measures. To address this, farmers need to be trained to establish and adhere to bio-

security standards independently.

Key practices include restricting farm access, requiring visitors to use protective equipment, and maintaining strict hygiene protocols. Providing pigs with high-quality, nutrient-dense feed is also essential. A well-balanced diet, rich in essential nutrients, significantly strengthens pigs' immune systems, enhancing their resilience to diseases like African Swine Fever (ASF). Proper nutrition not only promotes the overall health and well-being of pigs but also reduces their susceptibility to viral and bacterial infections. Equally important is government support in raising awareness and assisting farmers in implementing enhanced biosecurity measures. This dual approach—combining traditional control strategies with a strong emphasis on biosecurity, early disease detection, and optimal nutrition—can better equip India to mitigate the economic and social impacts of ASF on its significant pork

industry.

Recognizing Pigs as an Economic Lifeline

It's essential to acknowledge that pigs contribute significantly to India's rural economy and food security. Moving forward, a comprehensive approach is needed—one that includes training farmers in biosecurity measures, ensuring optimal livestock nutrition, and enforcing stricter trading controls. The contrast between America's celebratory National Pig Day and India's current challenges in the pork industry serves as a reminder that while pigs are celebrated in some parts of the world, in others, they represent critical economic lifelines requiring urgent attention and support. Hence let's extend our recognition to India's pig farming community and their crucial role in the nation's agricultural landscape.

~ By: Capt. (Dr.) A.Y. Rajendra, CEO - Animal Feed Business, Godrej Agrovet.

NSDC to establish Centre for Future Skills at CCSU, Meerut



Guwahati, Mar 06: The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is setting up a Centre of Future Skills at Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU), Meerut, under the NSDC Academy. This initiative aims to train youth in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Internet of Things (IoT), Healthcare/Paramedical, and Language courses, equipping them with skills for emerging industries. Two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed on Saturday in the presence of Union Minister of State (I/C) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Jayant Chaudhary, and CCSU Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangeeta Shukla. The agreements focus on integrating skill-based learning with mainstream education and empowering 600 women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through a new shuttlecock manufacturing-cum-training centre funded by CSR initiatives. "This Centre of Future Skills will provide

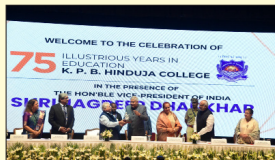
students with industry-relevant training, certifications, and employment opportunities in India and abroad," said NSDC CEO Ved Mani Tiwari. The program will leverage platforms like Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), NSDC JobX, and NSDC International for global employment prospects. As India gears up for Industry 4.0, NSDC's skilling initiatives are expected to impact regional markets, including Guwahati. With a growing demand for AI, ML, and healthcare professionals, job-seekers from Assam stand to benefit from such skill centers. Additionally, the new sports training and manufacturing facility at CCSU could create opportunities for Northeast-based sports goods retailers, linking local businesses to national supply chains. The NSDC aims to establish 50 such centres nationwide, with the Meerut initiative expected to transform the region into a major skill development hub, boosting employability and innovation.

Stock market rises 600 points

New Delhi, Mar 06: The gains from yesterday continued as the Indian stock market ended the day on a high note. The Sensex surged 610 points, or 0.83%, higher at 74,340, while the Nifty 50 ended the session 207 points, or 0.93%, higher at 22,544.70. At 48,628 at the finish, the Bank Nifty was up 138 points, or 0.28%. In line with the general trend. The Nifty Midcap 100 settled at 49,348 after dipping 180 points, or 0.37%.

Hinduja College's expansion signals growth in India's education economy

Mumbai, Mar 06: The education sector in India is witnessing a significant transformation with Hinduja College of Commerce advancing towards deemed university status. At its 75th-anniversary celebration, Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, emphasized the need for corporate investment in specialized education, highlighting its role in economic equality and national development. Ashok Hinduja, Chairman,

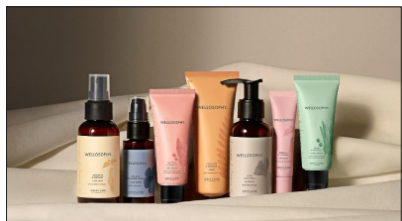


Hinduja Foundation, announced major infrastructure expansion, including a state-of-the-art facility by 2028 and the introduction of AI, Data Science, Climate Finance, and Export-Import Management programs. The foundation, currently supporting 700,000 students,

aims to empower 1 million by 2030, aligning with India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. With NAAC A+ accreditation and autonomous status under NEP 2020, Hinduja College's expansion underscores India's shift towards skill-based education, creating long-term economic and workforce benefits. The event also saw Maharashtra Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan in attendance, with the Vice President felicitating top students.

Oriflame expands Wellosophy with new skincare line for inside-out wellbeing

Guwahati/Shillong, Mar 06: Swedish holistic wellbeing brand Oriflame has launched the Wellosophy Skincare range, an innovative extension of its Wellosophy collection, aiming to redefine beauty through an inside-out approach. The new line integrates with Oriflame's established nutritional supplements to promote overall health and skin vitality. With stress impacting 9 in 10 women globally, resulting in skin issues like collagen breakdown and dehydration, Wellosophy's skincare range harnesses the power of eight adaptogenic ingredients, including Ashwagandha from



India and Siberian Ginseng, to counteract oxidative stress and restore skin balance. The seven-piece collection, which includes cleansers, serums, and a sleep elixir, combines botanical adaptogens with aromatherapy for a holistic self-care experience.

Edyta Kurek, Senior Vice President & Head of India and Indonesia, emphasized the brand's philosophy, stating, "Modern beauty isn't just skin deep, it's a reflection of overall wellbeing." The collection is 97% natural, certified by The Vegan Society™, and free from harmful chemicals, aligning with Oriflame's sustainability commitment. The Wellosophy Skin range is available on Oriflame's official website, further strengthening the brand's presence in India, where over 85% of its products are locally manufactured and 80% of its Brand Partners are women.

Royal Stag BoomBox rocks Guwahati with power-packed performances

Guwahati, Mar 06: The third edition of Seagram's Royal Stag BoomBox kicked off in grand style at Saru Sajai Stadium Complex, Guwahati, on March 1. The music festival brought together Bollywood melodies and hip-hop beats, creating an electrifying experience for thousands of music lovers. Headlining the night were some of India's most celebrated artists. DJ Yogii opened the event with an energetic set, setting the tone for the evening. Rap sensation Ikka mesmerized the crowd with his high-energy beats, followed by the versatile Nikhita Gandhi, whose soulful voice captivated audiences. The night concluded with a spectacular performance by music icon Armaan Malik, leaving fans in awe. Speaking about the event, Armaan Malik said, "Music connects people beyond boundaries. The energy in Guwahati was incredible." Nikhita Gandhi called the festival a "platform to experiment and push creative limits." Ikka and DJ Yogii echoed similar sentiments, praising the festival's unique format.



Shopsy's Grand Shopsy Mela returns with mega discounts and exciting deals

Guwahati, Mar 06: Shopsy by Flipkart has launched the much-anticipated eighth edition of the Grand Shopsy Mela (GSM), bringing deep discounts and a vibrant shopping experience to online consumers across India. The event, running from March 1 to 9, offers over 10 lakh products under ₹149, catering to budget-conscious shoppers from Tier 2, 3, and 4 cities. With the theme 'Shopping Mela Sabse Bada, Prices Sabse Chote,' GSM blends affordability with excitement, mirroring the spirit of traditional Indian fairs. This edition features unique deals, including Grand Jhatpat Deals starting at Re 1, Grand



Jackpot Deals, and Sabse Chhota Price Zone with products under ₹99. Previous editions of GSM have seen a threefold increase in customer demand, and expectations are high for this year's event. Guwahati, a key commercial hub in the

Northeast, is witnessing significant traction during the sale. Consumers are particularly drawn to fashion, home essentials, and electronics, with local sellers benefiting from increased visibility. The affordability factor has made Shopsy a preferred platform, ensuring access to quality products at competitive prices. Prathyusha Agarwal, Business Head of Shopsy, highlighted the event's impact, stating, "For our shoppers in Bharat, a sale is an event, but a mela is a vibe. We are making shopping more inclusive and engaging with gamified features and real-time deals tailored to Bharat's diverse shoppers."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor unveils Legender 4X4 MT to strengthen SUV lineup

Bangalore, Mar 06: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has expanded its premium SUV portfolio with the launch of the Legender 4X4 Manual Transmission (MT) variant.

Priced at ₹46.36 lakh (ex-showroom), the new model is designed for driving enthusiasts who seek greater control and engagement while experiencing Toyota's signature luxury and off-road capabilities. Equipped with a powerful 2.8L diesel engine, the Legender 4X4 MT delivers 204 PS of power and 420 Nm of torque. The 6-speed manual transmission ensures precision driving, while Toyota's advanced 4X4 technology enhances performance on rugged terrains. The SUV's striking design features Caticaran-inspired front and rear bumpers, a sleek piano-black grille, and signature LED lighting.



It is available in a Pearl White with Black roof (dual-tone) finish. Commenting on the launch, VarinderWadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, TKM, said, "This new variant aligns with evolving customer demands and reinforces Toyota's commitment to providing dynamic and immersive driving experiences."

Haier launches India's first colorful Kinouchi ACs blending style with smart cooling

Guwahati, Mar 06: Haier Appliances India has unveiled the Kinouchi Limited Edition air conditioners, marking a first in India with stylish, colorful ACs that merge premium aesthetics with cutting-edge cooling technology. Available in Black, Morning Mist, and Moonstone Grey, the series is designed for consumers who seek both design and efficiency in home appliances. The Kinouchi ACs feature AI-driven Supersonic Cool-



ing for 20X faster cooling in just 10 seconds, Frost Self-Clean Technology for 99.9% sterilization, and HEXA Inverter Technology for optimized performance. With a 20-metre-long air throw and Turbo mode, the ACs ensure uniform cooling even in extreme temperatures of up to

60°C. The HaiSmart App further enhances user convenience with real-time energy monitoring and AI-powered efficiency control. "As the only brand in India offering a colorful AC range, Haier is redefining home aesthetics while ensuring unmatched cooling performance," said

NS Satish, President, Haier Appliances India. Guwahati, with its humid summers and rising demand for premium home appliances, presents a strong market for Haier's Kinouchi series. The ACs' powerful cooling, durability, and smart energy management make them well-suited for both residential and commercial spaces in the region. Starting at ₹49,990, the Kinouchi series is available across leading online and offline retail channels in India.

Tata Tea Premium Care debuts in North India, blends taste with wellness

Guwahati, Mar 06: Tata Consumer Products has launched Tata Tea Premium Care in North India, offering a blend that combines the bold taste of tea with the natural goodness of five time-tested ingredients—Tulsi, Ginger, Elaichi, Brahmi, and Mulethi. The company aims to elevate everyday tea rituals by providing both flavor and wellness in every sip. Each ingredient in the new blend is known for its health benefits: Tulsi for immunity, Ginger for cold and cough relief, Brahmi for memory enhancement, Cardamom for digestion, and Mulethi for soothing sore throats. Priced at Rs160 for a 250g pack, the tea is available in retail stores and e-commerce platforms across North India and Uttar Pradesh. The launch is expected to impact tea markets beyond North India, including Guwahati, a key hub for tea consumption. Assam, known for its premium tea production, has a diverse consumer base that appreciates high-quality blends.



Hindustan Power to invest Rs 620 cr in Assam's renewable energy sector

Guwahati, Mar 06: In a major boost to Assam's renewable energy sector, Ratul Puri's Hindustan Power has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Assam government to invest ₹620 crore in solar and battery energy storage projects. The agreement, formalized at the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati, marks a significant step toward strengthening the state's energy infrastructure. The investment includes ₹500 crore for a 100 MW solar power plant and ₹120 crore for a 100 MW battery energy storage system, aligning with Hindustan Power's vision of building a 5 GW energy portfolio over the next three years. The projects are expected to generate over 5,000 man-days of employment, contributing to Assam's economic growth. Hindustan Power Chairman Ratul Puri emphasized the company's longstanding commitment to Assam, recalling its pioneering 2016 solar power project. He credited Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma's leadership for fostering an investment-friendly environment in the state. The investment is also set to benefit Guwahati by ensuring a more stable power supply, reducing dependence on conventional energy sources, and supporting businesses seeking sustainable energy solutions. The move aligns with Assam's broader push toward clean energy adoption and infrastructure expansion.



MSDE conducts Rashtriya Karmayogi Seva-Bhav training to strengthen governance

Guwahati, Mar 06: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) conducted a training session under the Rashtriya Karmayogi Seva-Bhav Program of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) on Tuesday, reinforcing the government's commitment to transforming public service through Mission Karmayogi. The initiative aims to enhance governance by instilling accountability, collaboration, and a people-first mindset among officials. MSDE Secretary Atul Kumar Tiwari emphasized the broader impact of skilling beyond individuals and said, "Skilling is not just about individuals - it's about empowering institutions, strengthening governance, and ensuring that every de-



cision we take aligns with the larger goal of national development. This session reaffirmed our commitment to proactive leadership and transforming governance into a purpose-driven, people-first mission. I extend my gratitude to our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his vision of Mission Karmayogi, which is modernizing civil services and equipping offi-

cials with the right mindset and skills to drive India towards Viksit Bharat @2047."

Under Phase-I, Shri Pritam Dutta, Director, MSDE, who was trained as a Master Trainer by CBC, led the session at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi for nominated officials. The training, structured into four modules, involved reflective discussions, experience-sharing, and problem-solving

exercises to improve public service delivery and inter-departmental coordination. The initiative is expected to impact governance at multiple levels, including regional markets like Guwahati, where efficient public administration plays a crucial role in economic growth.

With improved service delivery and proactive leadership, the market is poised to benefit from better regulatory frameworks, smoother business operations, and enhanced government support for skill-based industries. As the Rashtriya Karmayogi Seva-Bhav Program expands, it is set to create a more responsive and accountable civil service, shaping India's governance towards efficiency and transparency.

Sanskriti University hosts grand 'Sanskriti Sports Fiesta 25' with over 1,300 athletes

Guwahati, Mar 06: Sanskriti University, Mathura, has launched its highly anticipated annual sports festival, 'Sanskriti Sports Fiesta 25', with a grand opening ceremony featuring Indian wrestling champion Babita Phogat and former cricketer Madan Lal. The event, which began with much enthusiasm, will run until March 1, 2025, showcasing 28 sports disciplines across 40 competitive matches. With 1,312 athletes participating, the sports



extravaganza includes cricket, football, javelin throw, shot put, badminton, chess, table tennis, and various race events. Divided into four groups, participants will compete for the championship, demonstrating teamwork, discipline, and

competitive spirit. Cricket and football matches are expected to be major crowd-pullers. The presence of international sports icons adds prestige to the event, inspiring young athletes. Babita Phogat's engagement on the inaugural day heightened excitement and motivation among students. Chancellor Dr. Sachin Gupta emphasized the festival's role in fostering leadership and holistic development, stating, "Sports instill discipline and teamwork, and this platform

will help students realize their full potential." The success of such sporting events resonates beyond university grounds, influencing sports culture and commerce in cities like Guwahati. The growing enthusiasm for athletics has boosted sportswear and equipment sales, with local retailers witnessing a surge in demand for quality gear. Such tournaments create opportunities for businesses catering to aspiring athletes and fitness enthusiasts.

System intervention implemented by Infosys

Mumbai, Mar 06: In an effort to get more employees back on campus, Infosys, the second-largest software services business in India, instructed its IT workers on Wednesday to adhere to its policy of working from the office ten days a month.

According to persons with knowledge of the situation who spoke to the media, functional leaders at the Bengaluru-based company sent out an email to their colleagues telling them to limit the amount of work-from-home days they apply for, starting on March 10. Infosys, which has about 323,000 employees on its roster, did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Godrej Consumer Products celebrates women and allies across global markets

Guwahati, Mar 06: Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) has launched a global initiative, 'WomenAlly: Allies in Action,' to mark International Women's Day 2025. Spanning Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the month-long program honors individuals advocating for gender inclusion and workplace equity. GCPL has outlined four key platforms for reinforcing gender inclusivity, including a docu-film on women in sales, manufacturing site discussions on allyship, and the 'WomenAlly' event at Godrej One in Mumbai. Additionally, the company will engage in a Family Outreach Initiative to recognize women's contributions to sales, a



traditionally male-dominated domain. The event will also set the roadmap for GCPL's flagship programs—Godrej ki Shakti, promoting women in manufacturing, and Aarambh, supporting women in sales roles. "As per the UN's guiding pillars—Rights, Equality, and Empowerment—our approach to allyship ensures that every individual, irrespective of gender or background, thrives. Our initiatives succeed due to the support of allies within and beyond GCPL," said Vaibhav Ram, Global Head of HR at

GCPL. GCPL's focus on diversity extends to comprehensive employee welfare policies, offering paid parental and elder care leave, flexible return options, and specialized assistance programs. In markets like Guwahati, where FMCG sales traditionally see male dominance, GCPL's initiatives are paving the way for greater female participation. Women in sales and manufacturing are benefiting from structured mentorship, breaking stereotypes, and enhancing workforce diversity. As GCPL strengthens its presence in emerging markets, its commitment to gender inclusion resonates with evolving consumer dynamics in cities like Guwahati.

India's rural Women lead skilling revolution through SIDH

Guwahati, Mar 06: A silent revolution is reshaping India's workforce as women in rural and non-metro areas break barriers through skilling programs. States like Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, and Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing a surge in women's participation in skill development, driven by the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) under the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Under Ved Mani Tiwari's leadership, NSDC has made skilling more accessible to women. In Uttar Pradesh, over 1.17 million women have been trained through SIDH, followed by 587,285 in Assam and 524,520 in West Bengal. In Jammu and Kashmir, more than 340,814 women have acquired skills, defying geographical and societal constraints. Women are embracing unconventional fields like mobile repair, digital marketing, and agricultural technology. Mansha Mohmad from Budgam, J&K, learned mobile repair, while Mohima Mondal from Bardhaman, West Bengal, pursued a Kisan Drone Operator course to build her agribusiness. Anita Kumari from Rajas-

than leveraged her skills to start a beauty parlor and create employment for others. In Assam, skilling initiatives are opening new employment opportunities, particularly in Guwahati's growing service and tech sectors. With over 587,285 women trained, many are entering digital professions, boosting entrepreneurship and employment in Guwahati's retail and IT industries.

E-commerce businesses and local enterprises are benefiting from a skilled workforce, contributing to the city's economic growth. Digital-first skilling is proving transformative, with 29,938 women in Uttar Pradesh and thousands in Bihar, Gujarat, and West Bengal enrolling in online programs.

Shivani from Punjab, who took a WhatsApp marketing course, now manages both a teaching job and a tuition center. With AI and automation shaping the future, digitally skilled women are securing a competitive edge in India's workforce. From border regions to aspirational districts, SIDH is empowering women to create opportunities, shaping a more inclusive economy.

Nissan Magnite achieves 50,000 export milestone, becomes fully E20 compliant

Guwahati, Mar 06: Nissan Motor India has announced that the New Nissan Magnite BR10 (Naturally Aspirated Engine) is now fully E20 compliant, reinforcing the company's commitment to sustainable mobility. This development ensures that both powertrain options, including the 1.0L HR10 turbocharged petrol engine, are compatible with E20 fuel, a move aligned with India's transition towards greener fuels. In a significant achievement, the New Nissan Magnite has surpassed 50,000 units in export sales since its launch. The introduction of the Left-Hand Drive (LHD) variant has played a key role in boosting exports, with the first dispatch in January 2025. Nissan recorded consolidated wholesale dispatches of 8,567 units in February 2025, including 6,239 units exported and 2,328 units sold domestically. The company's export figures reflect a robust 97% year-on-year growth compared to February



2024. Commenting on the milestone, Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director of Nissan Motor India, said, "The New Nissan Magnite continues to make its mark globally, crossing 50,000 export sales. Our focus remains on delivering quality, innovation, and performance while aligning with future mobility standards." The demand for the Nissan Magnite has also been strong in the Guwahati, where the SUV's affordability, premium features, and fuel efficiency have made it a preferred choice among urban and semi-urban consumers. With the expansion of Nissan's dealership network and improved service infrastructure, the Magnite is expected to see further traction in the region.

TKM reaffirms its commitment to gender diversity and empowering women in the automotive industry

Bangalore, Mar 06: In celebration of International Women's Day, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has reaffirmed its commitment to fostering gender diversity and empowering women in the automotive industry. As part of its ongoing efforts to break gender barriers in the industry, TKM continues to prioritize policies and infrastructure that support women across manufacturing, technical, and leadership roles. With an aim to achieve 30% female representation by 2030, TKM has implemented a range of initiatives to support and uplift women within the organization. This year's Women's Day theme, #AccelerateAction aligns with TKM's vision of creating a workplace that nurtures talent, embraces inclusivity, and dismantles barriers in the manufacturing sector. To acknowledge the invaluable contributions of women, TKM



will be hosting a special event at its Bidadi facility, bringing together over 500 women employees. Commenting on the occasion, G. Shankara, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration at Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "This International Women's Day, we celebrate the resilience,

strength, and contributions of our women workforce, who are shaping not just Toyota's success but the future of the automotive industry." Skilling is key to driving gender diversity in the automotive sector, and TKM is committed to empowering women through industry-focused training.

Gorge On The Best Of Thai Cuisine At Amazing Thailand Food Festival

Mumbai: The Tourism Authority of Thailand has launched the delectable Amazing Thailand Food Festival in Mumbai in collaboration with chef Seefah Ketchaiyo. This marks the second edition of the festival, which offers visitors the opportunity to gorge at live food stations, enjoy live music, and get their adrenaline high at the exciting gaming zone. The Amazing Thailand Food Festival will focus on the rich flavours of all four regions of Thailand. It also aims to introduce visitors to local Thai delicacies not often found in restaurants. Speaking about the festival, chef Seefah Ketchaiyo said, "It's not just about food; we are also introducing Thai products, showcasing cultural performances, including a Thai band named Khamvisedth. Mumbai-based DJ Savio D'souza will also present Isaan music, which is



the traditional music of northeast Thailand. This year will see a wider variety of regional dishes that are not commonly found in Indian Thai restaurants. We're also collaborating with White Rabbit Bar from

fried wontons and khao soi also on the list. Ketchaiyo has been behind Bandra's new favourite Khao Man Gai. She added, "It's been a lot of eating and learning from the source.

When I return to Thailand, my visits are centred on eating at local, sometimes hidden, spots that specialise in certain dishes. I talk to street vendors, old-school restaurants, and home cooks — because they hold the knowledge of true, regional Thai flavours. I also visit fresh markets to see what ingredients are in season, as that heavily influences Thai cooking. Sometimes, I work with chefs in Thailand to understand how a dish has evolved over time." The chef recommends trying out Kaeng hunglay (slow-cooked pork belly curry), Kha nom jeen kaeng tai goong (Southern Thai-style rice noodles with prawn curry), and Khua kling moo (Southern Thai dry pork curry) apart from the other options.

Chiang Mai for a special cocktail menu on March 1." The food festival will also host food stalls run by the homegrown chefs who run Mea Aie, Chaiyo and Khao Kaeng Factory in Thailand. Apart from the non-vegetarian delicacies, there is something for vegetarians as well. The festival will have delicious vegetarian fare like spring rolls, crispy tofu, mushroom cake, deep-

Metropolis Healthcare launches an advanced diagnostic testing facility

Dibrugarh, Mar 06: Ameera Shah-led Metropolis Healthcare, India's second-largest and most respected pathology laboratory chain, has launched an advanced diagnostic testing facility in Dibrugarh, Assam. This marks the fifth processing laboratory in the state, further expanding healthcare access and leveraging cutting-edge technology. Spanning approximately 1,200 sq. ft., the lab is equipped to process up to 15,000 samples per month, offering a comprehensive range of tests from routine pathology to specialized diagnostics. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Aprajit Sandilya, MS, M. Ch, Urology, Director of Urovision Hospital, Dibrugarh, Assam, in the presence of senior management members of Metropolis Healthcare, including Mr. Rajesh Tripathy, Strategic Business Unit Head, and Mr. Anindya Majumdar, Business Unit Head, along with key clinicians from the city. Mr. Bhoopendra Singh Rajawat, Chief Business Officer (West, East & North India), Metropolis Healthcare Limited, said: "The launch of this diagnostic laboratory in Dibrugarh reaffirms our commitment to delivering advanced, high-quality diagnostics closer to communities in Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns." Dr. Ronica Baruah, Director and Chief of Lab Services, Ekopath Metropolis Lab Services Private Limited, commented: "We are excited to bring our expertise in accurate diagnostics and super-specialty pathology services to doctors and patients in Dibrugarh city." The new Metropolis Healthcare Limited lab is located on the First Floor, Galaxy Wing 2, Near Rahul Honda Showroom, Naliapool, A.T. Road, Dibrugarh, Assam-786001.

FDA issues highest risk alert for recalled popular pancake and waffle mix

US Food & Drug Administration has issued the highest risk level classification for the recalled pancake and waffle mix. On Jan. 14, the Quaker Oats Company issued a recall for its two-pound boxes of the Pearl Milling Company Original Pancake & Waffle Mix due to an undeclared milk allergen. FDA has now classified the recall to the

Class I category, which is the highest level. In the case of recently recalled products from the Quaker Oats Company, the FDA has classified them into a Class I category is "a situation in which there is a reasonable probability that the use of or exposure to a violative product will cause serious adverse health consequences death."

What one man's 'escape' from Alzheimer's might tell us about the disease

Previous studies show that genetics can increase a person's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease — a type of dementia negatively impacting cognition and memory. Researchers estimate there are at least 80 genetic areas Trusted Source that may play a role in the progression of Alzheimer's disease, including presenilin 2 (PSEN2) located on chromosome 1. PSEN2 mutations are associated with an accumulation Trusted Source of the protein amyloid-beta Trusted Source in the brain, which is currently considered a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease, as well as an increased risk for early-onset familial Alzheimer's disease (EOFAD) that occurs in people 65 and under. Researchers from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis has identified a 75-year-old man they call an Alzheimer's "escapee" because he is yet to show any signs of Alzheimer's disease, despite inheriting the PSEN2 mutation that has caused EOFAD for the rest of his family members. Scientists are now working to identify the mechanism behind his resilience to Alzheimer's disease, despite carrying the genetic mutation, in hopes of identifying new therapeutic targets



for the condition. Researchers reportedly first met 75-year-old Seattle, WA resident Doug Whitney back in 2011 when he volunteered to participate in the international Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network (DIAN) study. "DIAD (dominantly inherited Alzheimer's disease) is characterized by its genetic predictability and almost 100% penetrance, meaning if you inherit the mutation, you are almost certain to develop Alzheimer's, often at a much younger age than typical sporadic Alzheimer's cases," Jorge J. Llibre-Guerra, MD, assistant professor of neurology at Washington University in St. Louis, said. "The study of DIAD not only improves our understanding of this specific form of Alzheimer's but also enhances our knowledge of sporadic Alzheimer's disease," he noted. "The experience gained from developing and applying therapeutic approaches in DIAD has significant potential to inform and improve strategies for treating sporadic

Alzheimer's disease, potentially leading to more effective management and preventative measures for a broader population at risk," Llibre-Guerra continued. "[Whitney's] case provides a rare opportunity to investigate potential protective factors and mechanisms that could be influencing the non-typical progression of the disease, offering insights that could lead to new therapeutic strategies," he told us. During the DIAN study, researchers learned that Whitney's relatives normally showed signs of cognitive decline in their early 50s. However, Whitney himself showed no signs of cognitive decline Trusted Source or Alzheimer's disease, leading researchers to think he had not inherited the PSEN2 gene. When scientists found out Whitney had inherited the gene, he earned the title of "escapee" or "exceptional resilience mutation carrier" where something in his body was stopping the PSEN2 mutation from taking effect.



Tau build-up Trusted Source in the brain is associated with Alzheimer's disease progression. "This unusual pattern might be indicative of protective mechanisms at play that prevent the widespread tau deposition usually associated with cognitive decline in Alzheimer's, thus preserving his cognitive functions longer than expected," Llibre-Guerra said. At this point, Llibre-Guerra said they are not yet sure what might be allowing Whitney to be an Alzheimer's "escapee," but they do have a hypothesis. "It might be more a combination of factors rather than a single one," he detailed. "From the current data, it might be that a combination of genetic factors, possibly novel protective genetic variants, environmental influences, protein expression, and inflammatory response might induce protective responses in his brain and contribute to resilience against typical Alzheimer's progression."

On the first day of CSK's preseason practice MS Dhoni hits massive sixes



Chennai: After a year away from the training fields, MS Dhoni led the first session of the 10-day pre-season camp for the Chennai Super Kings at their High-Performance Centre. On Friday, February 28, Dhoni made a couple big strokes in the nets and participated in light training, looking upbeat. Dhoni tightened his defense with a few blocks before firing a few deliveries into the night sky in a video that the Super Kings posted. After almost a year of high-intensity training, Dhoni seemed to momentarily lose his balance when trying to hit a six off a good-length delivery while remaining on the back foot. High-Performance Centre. Most of the Indian players, including captain Ruturaj Gaikwad, are part of the camp. Newly appointed assistant bowling coach Sridharan Sriram was overseeing the training in the absence of head coach Stephen Fleming.

Jannik Sinner's candidacy for Sportsman of the Year is withdrawn by the Laureus Academy

World No.1 tennis player

London: World No. 1 tennis player Jannik Sinner was not nominated for this year's Sportsman of the Year award by the esteemed Laureus Academy. The Academy issued a press release on Thursday, February 27th, announcing their decision. According to the academy's statement, the decision was made following the Italian's three-month ban by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). On February 15, Jannik Sinner, the victor of the Australian Open, was disqualified due to doping allegations. A long-running litigation that had been filed against Sinner in 2024 was settled between him and WADA. Because the player tested positive for the prohibited anabolic substance clostebol, which is used to improve a player's performance, WADA suspended him for three months. "Following discussions by the Laureus Academy it has been decided that Jannik Sinner's Nomination for this year's Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award is to be withdrawn. We have followed this case, the decisions of the relevant global bodies and - whilst we note the extenuating circumstances involved - feel that the three-month ban renders the nomination ineligible. Jannik and his team have been informed," the Lau-



reus Academy said in a statement on Thursday. "The Nominees for the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards, selected by a panel of over 1300 leading sports media from around the world in December 2024, will be announced in Madrid on Monday, March 3," it further added. The Laureus World Sports Awards have been presented since 2000, with nominees selected by the global media, recognising individual and team achievement in sport. Reaction To Sinner's Doping Ban The tennis world did not welcome Sinner's short doping ban. The ban of 3 months made sure that Sinner, the top ranked player in men's singles division, would get to play all Grand Slams of the season.

Legendary Novak Djokovic termed the decision an example of favoritism. "It almost seems like you can influence the outcome if you are a top player and have access to the best lawyers. Sinner and Swiatek are innocent, it has been proven. Jannik will have a three-month suspension due to some mistakes and negligence of some members of his team, who are working on the tour. This is also something that I personally and many other players find strange," Djokovic said. "I have spoken to several players in the locker room, not only in the last few days but also in the months before. Most of them are not satisfied with how the whole process has gone and do not think it

was fair. Many believe that there was favoritism," he added. Debate Over WADA's Decision Novak Djokovic is not the only high-profile player to question the verdict. Daniil Medvedev, another top-ranked player, recently expressed hope that Jannik Sinner's case would set a precedent for future doping investigations, potentially allowing other players to negotiate lesser sentences. This has sparked growing concerns that WADA's ruling could undermine the strict anti-doping regulations that have long governed the sport. Sinner initially tested positive for Clostebol, an anabolic substance banned under WADA rules. The Italian star insisted that the substance entered his system accidentally, allegedly through massages administered by a member of his support team. After an independent tribunal cleared Sinner of any wrongdoing in August 2024, WADA appealed the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The case was scheduled for an April 2025 hearing, but the two parties reached a settlement before the trial, resulting in a three-month suspension for Sinner. As Sinner serves his ban, the debate over fairness and consistency in anti-doping rulings continues to divide the tennis community.

Summer McIntosh Eyeing Change of Scenery, Fifth Event for LA 2028

Los Angeles Olympics champion

New Delhi: Canadian Olympic champion Summer McIntosh is eyeing a fifth event to add to her program at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. She'll also soon shift her training base away from Sarasota, Florida, as part of preparing for those games in three years. McIntosh told CBC Sports Friday that she's looking to add a fifth individual event. McIntosh won gold in the 200 butterfly, 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley plus silver in the 400 freestyle at the Paris Olympics. She owns world junior records in all those events plus the 200 free, which she swam and earned a bronze medal in at the 2023 World Championships. McIntosh won silver in the 200 back at the World Short-Course Championships last December, and the 800 free is also

on the table. "I definitely want to be doing five individual events. What that looks like, I don't know exactly yet," she said. Where she'll be training is also a question. Swimming World's reigning World Female Swimmer of the Year will split from Sarasota Sharks coach Brent Arckey after the 2025 World Aquatics Championships, though it's a move that seems amicable. "Coach Brent really pushed me to be the best swimmer I could be," McIntosh said. "I will forever cherish my years here. It's been a great run." McIntosh is looking for a pro group to join. She will visit the University of Texas in March to see if she's a fit with coach Bob Bowman's program. Bowman is the head coach of the Longhorn's men's team and runs a pro group that he has brought over



from Arizona State, where he trained the likes of Regan Smith and Leon Marchand ahead of Paris. McIntosh is not looking to swim collegiately, however. McIntosh was born in Toronto and swam at Swimming Canada's High Performance Center - Ontario ahead of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, for which she qualified before her 15th birthday. She relocated to Sarasota after Tokyo.

Ranji final Record for Dubey as Vidarbha take vital lead versus

Chennai: At 324 for 6, Kerala were inching closer towards their primary goal of overtaking Vidarbha's first innings total of 379 on Day 3 of the Ranji Trophy final in Nagpur, on Friday. Sachin Baby was the set batter along with the experienced Jalaj Saxena. However, spinners, especially Parth Rekhade (3/65), turned the tide in Vidarbha's favour with timely strikes, helping the team take a crucial 37-run first-innings lead. Harsh Dubey was another standout bowler for Vidarbha as he claimed three crucial scalps including the wicket of in-form Aditya Sarwate, who made 79 off 185 balls. Dubey, in the process, shattered a record. With a tally of 69 so far, he now boasts the record of most wickets by a player in a single Ranji season. He surpassed Ashutosh Aman, who had 68 to his name. Salman Nizar and MD Nidheesh were Dubey's other victims on the day," he told The New Indian Express. Vidarbha are looking to ensure that they don't let this advantage slip as there is still plenty of play left. "We are aware that it is half the job done. There is a lot of action left. We are also aware that the lead is slender, but the fact that we took a lead has given us a lot of confidence," Dubey said. From Kerala's point of view, Sachin's dismissal was a mighty blow as Vidarbha breezed through the rest of the line-up. Dubey has been operating with a different energy this season. He said he was just looking to keep things neat and tidy. "I did not do (bowl) anything different. Just wanted to be myself, bowl wicket to wicket with slight variations. I knew that I had to bowl long spells and was prepared for it," he said.