

- Attabarie Tea Estate in Sivasagar won the world's best Black CTC tea at the 2025 World Tea Championship, showcasing Assam Tea's dedication to producing high-quality tea.
- Young Digboi residents are protesting alleged irregularities in the Digboi Refinery Expansion Project contract awarding procedure, claiming unfair exclusion of local contractors and requesting immediate action from the Unemployed Union.
- Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar visited Kaziranga, Kahor, with his wife and daughter, and was greeted warmly by Borgach Resort administration.

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Seven distinguished Bokakhat senior citizens were told "Bohagi Boron"

Guwahati, Apr 21: Bokakhat Subdivision Kobita Sanmilan conducted main program, "Bohagi Boron," of Sadou Asom Kobita Sanmilan in Bokakhat in honor of Assamese people's treasured holiday, Rongali Bihu to commemorate their cultural heritage. "Bohagi Boron" was dedicated to 7 notable elderly citizens in 2025 as result of Golaghat District Kobita Sanmilan's initiative & cooperation with Bokakhat Subdivision Kobita Sanmilan. Program's organizers paid these promi-

nent figures in Assamese literature, culture, society visit at their residences and gave them Bihu greetings and symbols of respect. On April 17, Dr. Ruby Bora distinguished essayist, dramatist, short story writer, retired Assamese professor at JDSG College life member of Sadou Asom Kobita Sanmilan, received the first "Bohagi Boron" of 2025. Prominent poet-writer Kaushalya Dutta, a member of Bokakhat branch, Anuradha Bordoloi, EP of Bokakhat Sandhani Lekhika Samaroh Samiti, and

Advisor of the Kobita Sanmilan branch, Dr. Vibha Bora received recently announced "Veerangana Sati Sadhani Award," renowned Chutia community researcher and retired principal of JDSG College, Pradeep Khaound, a distinguished social worker and poetry enthusiast, Sakshiram Mahato, a distinguished poet-writer and life member of Sadou Asom Kobita Sanmilan, and Bhabananda Kalita, senior journalist and president of Golaghat District Press Club were among honorees on 2nd day of event.

Minister Sarbananda Sonowal urges students to protect environment

Guwahati, Apr 21: In a powerful and inspiring speech to the nation's future leaders, Union Cabinet Minister Sarbananda Sonowal exhorted young people to embrace a disciplined, purpose-driven, and healthy lifestyle and to take immediate action to safeguard the environment. Sonowal encouraged students to accept accountability for their activities and actively contribute to a sustainable future during her speech at Sreeram Academy's 20th Foundation Day celebration in Pathsala. The minister emphasized the importance of environmental protection and incorporating yoga into daily life, while Sreeram Academy's Chairman Dr. Dulal Talukdar and Prin-



cipal Kakali Das welcomed the event. Bhattadev University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dhanapati Deka emphasized technological awareness and digital literacy for students, while Director Hrishikesh Goswami advised focus on profession and goals. Cultural performances and MLA Phanidhar Talukdar attended.

Lively Basanta Utsav concluded by the Dikhowporiya Yuva Sangha

Event concluded in Sivasagar

Guwahati, Apr 22: Dikhowporiya Sammilita Yuva Sangha is well-known for its active participation in Sivasagar's social & cultural events, wrapped off its yearly Basanta Utsav with a full day of contests, tributes, and cultural performances. Acting President Jehiruddin Khan raised the flag to start the festivities. Following this, Khirrod Nath Das, the group's advisor, opened a commemorative event. Advisor Trailokya Das presided over another tribute program honoring



Sangha's deceased members. Sammilita Byabasayee Santha Bakul Borthakur inaugurated the main stage, praised Sangha's developmental efforts, held Koni Juj and

Bihu Kuwori competitions, and honored 35 individuals for societal contributions. Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta, the president of the Sibsagar Press Club and the principal

of Gargaon College, officially opened the cultural evening, which was named "Basantar Enixa." During his lecture, Dr. Mahanta discussed the strong emotional and cultural ties that Bihu has in every Assamese home. Bihu organizing committees are straying from original ideals by overemphasizing cultural performances, according to a discussion with prominent visitors, journalists, and Sivasagar Municipal Board Executive Officer Debabrata Sharma.

113th annual Suwori Festival was held at Boko's Suwori Field

Guwahati, Apr 22: 113th Annual Suwori festival in Boko, Kamrup district, attracted hundreds of people from various indigenous cultures and ethnic groups, marking the seventh day of the Rongali Bihu Festival. "Suwori" aims to draw attention to & raise awareness of the diverse fabric's complex tapestry, each of which has an own cultural history. "Hana Ghora," "Paro Bah," & incredible traditional sports are the main attractions at this event. In reference to the "Hana Ghora," festival organizer Gauranga Choudhary said, "God Siva arrived in this area with his wife's body and came across the Hanas people. Alongside the god Siva, goddesses Kali also rode into the area. Rabha-Kachari performs the Hana Ghora dance, which is a bamboo horse the Hanas constructed. In addition to prayers to goddesses and offerings, dance include a padal and drum. Younger sister of Hana Ghora, Paro Bah is clothed in red white & green cloth and is constructed from bamboo. Traditional games including tug of war, bamboo climbing, horse races, and elephant races are also performed.



DC Tinsukia Swapneel Paul receives PM's award for accomplishment



Guwahati, Apr 22: PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 in "Holistic Development of Districts" category has been given to Swapneel Paul, District Commissioner of Tinsukia. This is nation's highest

honor bestowed upon a public servant. Indian PM presented him with honor at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. He was the fourth officer in the state to obtain this esteemed distinction and the first DC of Tinsukia district to do so.

RPF examines security infrastructure and assesses how well it operates in NFR

Guwahati, Apr 22: Manoj Yadava, Director General of RPF, came to NFR to examine security measures & continuous improvement of RPF operations and infrastructure in the area. His visit is indicative of Indian Railways' ongoing focus on raising operational readiness and security standards throughout the country. Northeast Frontier Railway, being a strategically sensitive zone of Indian Railways, shares international borders with several neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, China



and Myanmar. During the visit, the DG/RPF held a detailed inspection of the RPF infrastructure and reviewed the op-

erational systems in place. He chaired a crime review meeting at the newly inaugurated RPF conference hall named

"Manthan" at NFR/HQ, attended by the AGM/NFR V. B. Vishwakarma and IG/RPF of NFR K. Arul Jothi, along with other senior officials, where various aspects of railway security, crime prevention, passenger safety and modernization of RPF operations were discussed. DG inaugurated new vehicles for RPF use, enhancing operational efficiency and response times. He praised RPF personnel's dedication and emphasized their welfare. A "SURAKSHA SAM-MELAN" was organized to address their issues.

During WAVES, PM Modi will steer the international media conversation

New Delhi, Apr 21: The WAVES will be held from May 1-4 at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, will feature a global media conversation led by PM Modi. In line with his vision of "Create in India, Create for the World," PM Modi will also establish the foundation for India to become a significant global hub for entertainment and media, the statement said. By linking international creators, WAVES promotes cross-border co-operation in the media and entertainment industry. The



conference will bring together investors, entrepreneurs, technological companies, policymakers, industry leaders, and creative professionals on single platform. There will be a variety of activities at the event, including buyer-seller meetings, global media discussions, opportunities for young

creators to pitch, and showcases of novel digital storytelling formats. The primary subjects will be global content sharing, green content creation, AI-powered storytelling, and virtual production. "Observe as PM Modi assumes the initiative and lays the foundation for India to emerge as the global hub for entertainment and media.

There are buyer-seller meetings, pitch sessions, international media discussions, and young creators showcasing their abilities," it added.

A terrorist attack in Pahalgam injured twenty seven tourists

Jammu, Apr 22: Terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Baisaran, Pahalgam, injured at least six to 27 tourists. Security forces hurried to Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, after hearing gunfire. An operation is currently in progress after security personnel were dispatched to the scene. Location is approachable only on foot or horseback. BJP leader Ravinder Raina claimed that some terrorists from Pakistan were responsible for the incident and promised that those responsible will face consequences. "Pakistani terrorists have carried out a cowardly terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, South Kashmir. Cowardly Pakistani terrorists cannot face the brave soldiers of the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and our paramilitary forces.



These cowardly terrorists have targeted unarmed, innocent tourists who had come to visit Kashmir. Some tourists have been admitted to the local hospital in an injured condition. The entire area has been cordoned off by the Army and police. The terrorists who are guilty of this attack and those who are helping them will be punished."

Former Karnataka DGP's wife arrested for murder

Cites instances of domestic violence



Chennai, Apr 22: Pallavi, wife of former Karnataka DGP Om Prakash, was taken into custody, just hours after Kartikesh, Om Prakash's son, complained to police that his mother & sister may have been involved in his father's murder. For more investigation, the case was forwarded to Bengaluru's CCB. "Investigating officer in the case has arrested Pallavi Om Prakash (64)." She was produced before judge, who sent her to judicial custody for 14 days. When police took Pallavi to crime scene, she told reporters there that "domestic violence" was reason behind the extreme step. Body of the former head of Karnataka police, a Bihar-born 1981 batch IPS officer, was discovered in pool of blood on the ground floor of his three-story home in the upscale HSR Layout neighborhood of the city. Pallavi allegedly threw chilli powder in Prakash's face during heated argument. Pallavi allegedly repeatedly stabbed the former PC, murdering him on the spot

as he frantically sought relief from burning feeling brought on by chilli powder, they said. Reports suggest that after killing her husband, she made a video call to her friend to say, "I have killed the monster." "Due to these threats, my father went to stay at his sister's house," he said. "2 days ago, my younger sister Kriti went there and pressured my father to return home. She brought him back against his will," Kartikesh alleged. He claimed that 1 of his neighbors called him at around 5 o'clock on Sunday when he was at Karnataka Golf Association in Domlur to let him know that his father had been discovered sleeping downstairs. Murder was result of couple's repeated encounters. It has been learned that the crime was motivated by a disagreement over a parcel of land in Dandeli, Karnataka. Pallavi had gone to the HSR Layout police station to file a complaint a few months prior. She organized a sit-in in front of the police station after the employees there refused.

By March 2027, Uttar Pradesh Government wants to have 8 lakh rooftop solar plants installed

Lucknow, Apr 21: UP Govt under Yogi Adityanath's leadership, has set ambitious target of installing eight lakh solar rooftop plants across the state by March 2027 as part of Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana. Fiscal year's target is 2.65 lakh units, with a monthly target of 22,000 installations, or roughly 300 installations each district on average. More than a million rooftop solar systems are in place throughout the state. On average, more than



500 units are installed every day, with around 11,000 units deployed each month. Govt official claims that because the

initiative is integrated with the Chief Minister's dashboard, which enables real-time progress tracking, it is being ac-

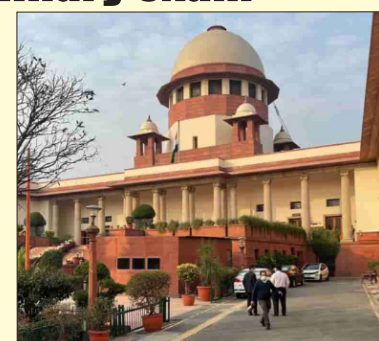
tively monitored. UPNEDA is spearheading the implementation of the program with the aim of bringing solar energy to every home. To ensure systematic implementation, goals have been set at the district, DISCOM, municipal corporation & municipality levels. PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, the world's largest household rooftop solar program, has successfully powered 10 lakh households as of March 2025, marking significant milestone.

Ramban National Highway stuck due to landslide

Jammu, Apr 23: The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway at Ramban was reopened for one-way traffic on Wednesday after being halted for three days owing to a landslide. The resumption of motor vehicles is expected to facilitate tourists' departure from the Kashmir Valley after the Pahalgam terror assault. "The (Jammu-Srinagar) national highway at Ramban is made functional on a one-way basis," the spokesperson said, also announcing the launch of a special train service from SMVD Katra station to New Delhi to assist the stranded passengers and accommodate the "extra rush". "The administration remains committed to the well-being of all tourists and urges everyone to cooperate and follow the necessary guidelines," he said. The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country, was blocked on Sunday as heavy rains triggered multiple landslides during the early hours. Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said the ministry is also making other arrangements to ensure the safe travel of tourists from Srinagar. TDP leader also said that he is "personally monitoring the situation and in constant touch with the home ministry and airline operators."

SC dismisses appeals against Dec BPSC preliminary exam

New Delhi, Apr 23: The Bihar Public Services Commission (BPSC) held a preliminary examination on December 13 of last year, and the Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a number of petitions alleging paper leaks. The court emphasized that the practice of contesting every public examination in court made it difficult for governments to hire new employees. Following claims of paper leaks, identical questions from coaching center mock exams, and the use of loudspeakers, a bench of justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan dismissed a number of petitions submitted by individual candidates who took the 70th Combined Competitive Examination (Preliminary) administered by BPSC on December 13, 2024. These petitions raised concerns about the exam's integrity across 18 centers. In response to the claims, the court stated that BPSC had only admitted to anomalies at one location, Bapu Pariksha Parisar in Patna, where a reexamination was carried out. A panel of 12 experts reviewed the questions and concluded that only two out of 150 were the same as those in the sample exams

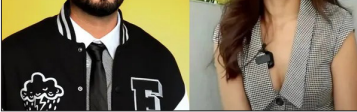


that were being circulated, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who represented the Bihar government, told the top court. Additionally, it was stated that each center had four sets of question sheets, each with questions in a different order, making it impossible to announce or distribute just one paper. The bench dismissed the petitions after expressing satisfaction with the submission. "While sitting in court, we see every examination is getting challenged. It is unfortunate no examination is getting to a conclusion and recruitment is being held up," the bench said. A case related to the UP police recruitment process in 2014 is also pending before the bench.

Elvish Says He's Sorry to Chum Darang

Himachal, Apr 23: National Commission for Women called YouTuber & Bigg Boss OTT 2 winner Elvish for his racist comments directed at Chum Darang, actress & BB 18 contestant. Elvish apologized for his remarks when he visited the NCW headquarters.

Elvish said misunderstandings, grow in life increases, comes were both ‘Chum’



people had stood his “As we and our age maturity & those erred by part there are many people who did not understand my intentions.” “I agree that if people are bothered by my statements, I must have said something wrong. In regard to this case, I went inside and apologised. I have nothing personal against anyone, nor do I hold grudges. I have submitted my apology to all the people I have hurt, especially Chum. I don’t even know her personally. My apologies to everyone who has been hurt by my remarks,” said Elvish Yadav.



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Film **Kesari Chapter 2** starring R Madhavan and Akshay Kumar earns ₹64 crore

Mumbai, Apr 23: Kesari Chapter 2, a historical courtroom drama directed by Karan Singh Tyagi & starring R Madhavan, Ananya Panday, Akshay Kumar was released on April 18. Sacnilk claims that movie has since remained stable & made ₹64.40cr globally. Kesari Chapter 2 made ₹46.40cr in gross revenue & ₹39cr in net revenue in India. The movie earned ₹18cr from foreign sales, bringing its five-day total to ₹64.40cr. Even though it was a weekday, the movie's occupancy rate in India increased throughout the day, reaching



23.25%. It's still unclear how much money the movie will make in a week, but it has been stable, even experiencing a little

increase. Debut director Karan said how reading Raghu and Pushpa Palat's *The Case That Shook the Empire* gave him the

inspiration for Kesari Chapter 2. “The book uncovered layers of the Jallianwala Bagh tragedy rarely discussed. It wasn’t just a massacre, it was a planned political act,” Karan told the news agency, adding, “It took nearly three years of deep research and location scouting. But we knew this story had to be told with sensitivity and authenticity.” The spiritual follow-up to Akshay’s 2019 film Kesari is called Kesari Chapter 2. The story revolves around a barrister who chooses to challenge the British Crown following the Jallianwala Bagh atrocity.

Shoaib Ibrahim & Dipika Kakar departed Kashmir just before Pahalgam terror attack

New Delhi, Apr 23: Day before Pahalgam terror assault, well-known TV couple Shoaib Ibrahim & Dipika Kakar were on holiday in Kashmir with their son Ruhaan. Based on their Kashmir-related social media posts, supporters have voiced worries for their safety. Shoaib Ibrahim responded to the security worries by stating on his Instagram Story that they are secure. Shoaib wrote, "Hi guys, U all have been con-



cerned for our well-being...
Hum sab safe hain theek hain,
aaj hi morning me we left
Kashmir... (We all are safe, we

left Kashmir this morning),
& we reached Delhi safely...
Thank you for all the concern..
New vlog coming soon."

Jacqueline Fernandez receives tulip garden from Sukesh Chandrashekhar

Mumbai, Apr 24: Jacqueline Fernandez received a letter from alleged scammer Suresh Chandrashekar regarding the passing of her mother, Kim Fernandez. He reportedly gave Kim the name of a tulip and lily garden in Bali. "She will be reborn as our daughter," he declared. From within the Mandoli Jail, Suresh wrote Jacqueline another letter. He referred to Jacqueline as his love at the start of his letter. He shared, "Baby girl, Mom is "with us", "in us" around us as or Guardian Angel, I know the Pain You going through But my love, I am in harder pain, Because you know In a very short period, I have been the Closest to mom Then all of you, its very difficult to digest that she is Gone too Early, and I



could not be there with her, for her. remember What mom used to tell me, and the Note she had written to me on my Birthday in 2021”.

College student kisses Shehnaaz Gill, social media users are outraged by her response

Mumbai, Apr 24: Actor Shehnaaz Gill's reputation for being open with fans got a pleasant boost when she handled an over-enthusiastic fan's kiss with absolute grace during a college event. Social media users were astonished by her ability to return the fan's love.

Social media ability



Shehnaaz recently attended a college function in Mumbai, where she interacted with youngsters in the audience. The actor sang D i l D i y a n Gallan, a song by Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif from the movie Tiger Zinda Hai, to demonstrate her vocal abilities. She was spotted at the occasion sporting a yellow salwar-ka-meetz. A few of the event's footage have appeared on social media. One video shows a female student approaching Shehnaaz on stage and giving

her a cheek kiss. Shehnaaz was seen thrilled by the gesture, she smiled and thanked her admirers for her kiss. Fans poured their love and admiration for Shehnaaz into the comment area. With heart emoticons, several fans couldn't stop gushing over her. One fan wrote, "Humble and pure soul", with another mentioning, "Luckiest fan who got to see up so close to #shehnaazgill". "Kind and beautiful soul shehnaaz," shared one, with another writing, "ugh why is she living my dream... shehnaaz's so cute and adorable. this video melts my heart". "Why I'm feeling jealous," read one comment. Shehnaaz began her career in the Punjabi entertainment scene, but her participation on Bigg Boss and her clones with Sidharth Shukla helped her get widespread renown. Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan was Shehnaaz's first Hindi film. Salman Khan, Poo-bati, and ja Hegde, Ventakesh Daggubhuma, and Bhumika Chawla all important parts in the movie.



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Bhumika Chawla all important parts in the movie. Thank You For Coming was her most recent appearance. Shibani Kashyap Dolly Bhumika Pednekar in the movie. The film made its debut at the International Film Festival in Mumbai. It has not been revealed.

Alia Bhatt finally meets her viral impersonator

New Delhi, Apr 24: Influencer Chandni Bhabhda rose to fame with her mimicry of Bollywood actor Alia Bhatt. Now, the duo has collaborated for a L'Oréal Paris advertisement, and fans are finding the video "weirdly wholesome," with many believing "Chandni is more Alia than Alia herself." The video, which has gone viral online, shows Alia & Chandni endorsing a new beauty product from L'Oréal Paris. The star is seen attempting to contain her laughter as Chandni imitates Alia in the commercial. Chandni imitates Alia's makeup application, including applying foundation and lipstick. They both start laughing as the video comes to a close. The audience appeared to be having as much fun with the video as they were. A Reddit user shared the video on the platform with the caption, "Alia Bhatt meets her mimic Chandni for L'Oréal promotions."

Anchor Oral Care expands in North East, appoints Aimee Baruah as brand ambassador

Guwahati, Apr 24: Anchor Oral Care has intensified its focus on the North East market by appointing celebrated regional actor Aimee Baruah as its brand ambassador and unveiling two new campaigns — “Laal. Kamaal. Bemisaal.” and “Naye Zamane Ki Nayi Suraksha.” This strategic move marks the brand’s reinforced commitment to the region, where it has maintained a strong presence for decades. The new campaigns



highlight Anchor Red Toothpaste’s Ayurvedic benefits and its CalFlo formulation,

targeting both tradition and innovation in oral care. Aimee Baruah, featured in the

second campaign, is expected to significantly enhance the brand’s connection with local families through digital promotions and on-ground activities. Speaking on the development, Anchor Consumer Products Director Karan Shah said the move is aimed at deepening engagement and expanding the distribution network. The company is banking on consumers’ growing demand for effective, vegetarian, and natural oral care solutions.

India’s Growth Forecast Dropped by World Bank to 6.3%

New Delhi, Apr 24: Amid policy uncertainty & global economic instability World Bank reduced India’s growth prediction for current fiscal year by 4% points to 6.3%. World Bank had previously estimated India’s growth for the fiscal year 2025–26 to be 6.7%. The World Bank stated slower growth in private investment & public capital expenditures fell short of govt expectations were the main causes of India’s FY24/25 GDP disappointment.

Housing finance key to North-East growth, National Housing Bank meeting highlights

Guwahati, Apr 24: The National Housing Bank (NHB) hosted a key meeting with MDs and CEOs of Housing Finance Companies, Small Finance Banks (SFBs), and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on April 17, 2025, in Guwahati, focusing on the theme “Unlocking Potential: Housing Finance as a Catalyst for North-East Development.” The event brought together top officials, including Shri Manoj Ayyappan, Joint Secretary, Depart-



ment of Financial Services, and Shri Kuldip Narayan, Joint Secretary (HFA), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, who participated virtually. The meeting aimed to address the role of housing finance in

driving growth in the North-East states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura. Key discussions revolved around the PMAY 2.0 Interest Subsidy Scheme, with NHB acting as a Central Nodal Agency. Regulatory, sectoral, and refinancing challenges were also reviewed. Additionally, the event marked the virtual inauguration of new branches for PNB Housing Finance and Aadhar Housing Finance in Guwahati.

JK Tyre’s Indian Racing Festival ignites Guwahati despite rain



Guwahati, Apr 24: Defying sudden showers and rising above the clouds, the JK Tyre-powered Indian Racing Festival roared into Guwahati with a thrilling mix of motorsport spectacle and youthful energy at the IIT Guwahati campus. Held in partnership with Adventure-X Fusion Tribe, the event delivered a high-octane showcase of speed, precision, and stunt prowess. From screeching burnouts to gravity-defying Superbikes, the crowd witnessed jaw-dropping performances by stunt cars including Lexus and BMW, along with karting prodigies blazing across the track on Rotax Karts. The Indian Formula 4 car offered a glimpse

into the world of professional racing, much to the delight of the motorsport-hungry audience. Despite unexpected rain, students and fans turned up in large numbers, and the event wrapped up on a high note with a dazzling fireworks display. Prof. Perumal Alagarsamy, Dean of Student Affairs at IIT Guwahati, graced the event and lauded its impact on students, calling it “a perfect fusion of engineering and excitement.” JK Tyre Motorsport’s Head of Operations, Hari Singh, hailed the Guwahati leg a success. “The connection with the audience was magical,” he said. The festival now heads to Gangtok for its grand finale on April 22.

JK Tyre India Racing Festival wows Mizoram with thrills, drifts and downpours



Aizawl, Apr 24: The JK Tyre-powered India Racing Festival wrapped up with high-octane excitement in Mizoram on April 16, despite heavy rain and unpredictable weather. Motorsports fans braved the conditions to witness India’s top racers and stunt performers deliver an electrifying show, highlighted by a world-first car drift around Mizoram’s iconic Cheraw Dance. The festival kicked off with jaw-dropping stunts by Mizo Superbikers and local talents Mrs. Awmawmi and Mr. Francis. Headlining the event were Indian F4 driver Sohil Shah, GoKart racers Yatharth Gaur and Aarav Sureka, IRL star

Sandeep Kumar, and stunt legends like Prashant, Ashwin Singh Takiar, and Sanam Sekhon. JK Tyre Motorsport’s Hari Singh, a five-time national rally champion, praised Mizoram’s driving discipline and passion. “JK Tyre is proud to support Mizoram’s motorsport talent and looks forward to nurturing more champions from this region,” he said. In Aizawl, the racing buzz translated into a notable spike in automobile accessory sales and youth engagement in local racing clubs. The event sparked discussions in the Aizawl market on the potential for a long-term motorsports tourism circuit in the region.

Sunrise Spices launches ‘Xipa Bisari’ series to revive Assam’s culinary traditions

Mumbai, Apr 24: ITC’s Sunrise Spices has launched a new culinary series titled “Xipa Bisari: A Back to Roots Series” to celebrate Assam’s rich gastronomic heritage. The initiative was unveiled at the Chandmari Bihu Xonmilon pandal in Guwahati on April 16 and was attended by an enthusiastic audience, including Mr. Rahul Das, Chief of the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Government of Assam, and renowned Assamese chef Atul Lahkar, who hosts the series. Presented in collaboration with the Cul-



tural Ministry of Assam, the 10-episode series follows Chef Lahkar as he travels through Assam’s villages and markets, uncovering forgotten recipes

and traditional cooking techniques. The series pays homage to elderly women—the custodians of oral culinary history—while reinterpreting these age-

old dishes with Sunrise Spices’ authentic blends.

In Guwahati, the response has been encouraging. Local vendors and spice traders see this initiative as a boost to indigenous culinary demand. “Such efforts can renew interest in native ingredients and spice combinations,” said a local trader at Uzan Bazar. ITC’s Pi-yush Mishra called the series “a tribute to culinary authenticity,” while Chef Lahkar emphasized its cultural and emotional significance, calling it a homage to Assam’s food legacy.

Ather Energy’s impending IPO competes with Bajaj Auto and Ola Electric

New Delhi, Apr 24: Even before offering opened for subscriptions, Ather Energy’s GMP saw significant adjustment. This is first issue of the fiscal year 2025–2026. There is a low level of demand on the unofficial market for the first mainboard issue to be released in ten weeks. As of the last time we heard, Ather Energy’s IPO shares were

selling for just Rs 7 on the gray market, indicating a listing pop of slightly over 2% for investors above the upper end of the pricing range. However, the GMP was approximately Rs 10 a day ago and Rs 17 prior to the announcement of the issue’s price range. Bidding for Ather Energy’s IPO will begin, Apr 28 & subscriptions will be accepted through

Wednesday, April 30. A lot size of 46 equity shares and their multiples can be applied for, and the electric two-wheeler manufacturer will be offering its shares at a price between Rs 304 and Rs 321 each. Bidding on the anchor issue will begin on Friday, April 25. Ather Energy, supported by Hero MotoCorp, was established.

PNB Housing Finance and Aadhar Housing Finance expand presence in Guwahati, promotes affordable housing in North East

Guwahati, Apr 24: In a significant push to boost financial inclusion and affordable housing in the North East, PNB Housing Finance Ltd. and Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. have inaugurated their first-ever branch in Guwahati, Assam. This marks a major step towards advancing the government's 'Housing for All' initiative, with a focus on underserved areas in the region. The new branch will offer tailored housing finance solutions, specifically designed to bridge the home finance gap in the North East. Both companies aim to provide accessible loans for aspiring homeowners, in line with the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The expansion is expected to enhance real estate demand and drive regional development. Mr.

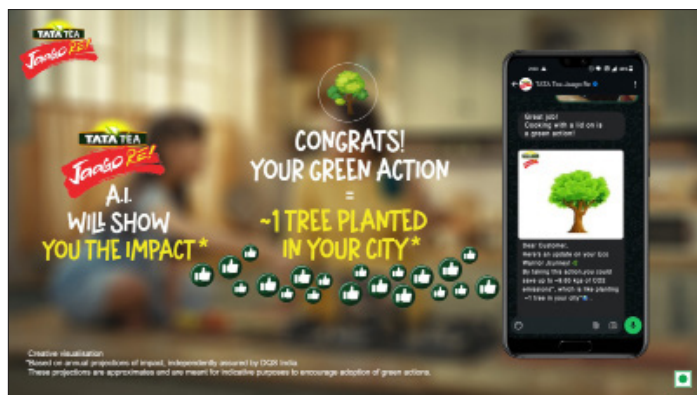


Girish Kousgi, MD & CEO of PNB Housing Finance, expressed excitement about the op-

portunities in the North East, noting, "We are committed to helping families achieve homeownership, ensuring a sustainable environment through our affordable housing product 'Roshni.'" Mr. Rishi Anand, MD & CEO of Aadhar Housing Finance, emphasized the impact on low-income groups, saying, "Our new branch will provide much-needed access to housing finance for the region's economically weaker segments." In Guwahati, this expansion will address the growing demand for affordable housing, particularly in the city's thriving economy. The increased availability of affordable home loans will undoubtedly stimulate both the local real estate market and overall economic development in the region.

Tata Tea Jaago Re launches AI campaign to combat climate change through collective actions

Guwahati, Apr 24: Tata Tea Jaago Re has launched its latest initiative aimed at fighting climate change through collective actions. The AI-powered campaign, 'Har Green Action Se Farak Padega,' encourages individuals to adopt small but impactful "green actions" in their daily routines to help combat the climate crisis. In partnership with Google Cloud's AI suite, the campaign leverages an innovative WhatsApp-based tool that allows users to upload images of their actions—such as using a lid while cooking or opting for public transport—and instantly see the positive environmental impact of their efforts. The initiative is designed to counter the widespread apathy towards climate change by providing tangible evidence that small actions can lead to meaningful change. For every 10 green actions completed by consumers,



Tata Tea commits to planting a tree. The campaign is highlighted through a powerful film that depicts children leading the way with simple actions, reinforcing the message that collective efforts can make a difference. In Guwahati, the market is increasingly receptive to sustainability initiatives, with consumers becoming more conscious of their environmental footprint. The Jaago Re

campaign resonates with local consumers, who are keen to contribute to global sustainability efforts, reflecting a growing trend of eco-consciousness in the region. As Puneet Das, President of Tata Consumer Products, stated, "The collective power of individuals can drive significant environmental change, and we hope this campaign will inspire a movement towards a greener tomorrow."

JK Tyre's Indian Racing Festival electrifies Shillong with high-octane motorsports

Shillong, Apr 24: The scenic hills of Laitkor turned into a motorsport paradise as the JK Tyre powered Indian Racing Festival wrapped up its electrifying edition in Meghalaya. Hosted in collaboration with the Meghalaya Motorsport Society and Assam Rifles, the high-energy event took place at the DGAR Cantonment, attracting motorsport enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike. Graced by Lieutenant General Vikas Lakhera, Director General Assam Rifles, and Rosetta Mary Kurbah, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, the event featured spectacular drifting displays by Lexus and BMW cars, adrenaline-charged stunts on superbikes, and impressive performances by young karting stars on their Rotax Karts. Traditional performances by students of Martin Luther Christian University further heightened the event's vibrant atmosphere. Lt. Gen. Lakhera expressed his enthusiasm, saying, "Sports have a unique way of spreading joy and positivity. Assam Rifles has long supported



such initiatives, and today's event truly showcased the thrill of motorsport." Hari Singh, Head of Operations – JK Tyre Motorsport, also shared his excitement, emphasizing the region's enthusiasm for motorsports. Shillong's growing interest in motorsports is evident as events like these stimulate local enthusiasm, offering both entertainment and opportunities for young aspiring racers to connect with the global motorsport community. The festival now heads to Guwahati and Gangtok, bringing the thrill to even more fans in the Northeast.

Bitcoin surpasses Amazon & Google

New Delhi, Apr 24: Bitcoin has surpassed Big Tech behemoths like Google, Amazon, and Meta to take the fifth-largest position in the world by market capitalization. The value of the cryptocurrency as of Wednesday was \$1.86 trillion, more than the market capitalizations of Alphabet, the parent company of Google, and silver. In the global ranks of the most valuable assets, Bitcoin now trails only gold, Apple, Microsoft, and Nvidia. As of this writing, Google's market capitalization was \$1.859t only behind Bitcoin & Amazon's was \$1.837 trillion. The market value of silver was \$1.855t.

India showcases digital growth at GITEX Africa 2025, stresses knowledge sharing for global economic growth

Guwahati, Apr 24: At GITEX Africa 2025, Africa's largest tech and startup show, India underscored the importance of knowledge transfer and technology sharing for driving collective economic growth. With a focus on inclusive and equitable digitalization, the event brought together policy leaders, changemakers, and visionaries from across the globe to discuss collaborative efforts in advancing the digital economy. India's fast-paced digitalization, exemplified by the country's open-source Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) systems, has positioned it as a leader in global technological innovation. Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill

Development and Entrepreneurship, represented India at the summit, emphasizing India's strides in AI and its pivotal role in driving AI talent growth, with a 33.39% year-on-year increase in AI hiring, according to the AI Stanford Index 2025. "India's Digital Public Infrastructure has revolutionized sectors like digital identity (Aadhaar), payments (UPI), and e-commerce (ONDC), with technologies like AI, fintech, and cybersecurity now being integrated into our skilling ecosystem," said Shri Chaudhary. He also highlighted the vast potential for collaboration with African nations in areas like AI and digital infrastructure.

In Guwahati, local startups and



businesses can find value in India's global leadership in DPI systems. As digital technologies gain traction in Northeast India, local industries

could benefit from India's scalable, inclusive digital models, fostering greater innovation and growth in the region.

MSDE and Microsoft launch 'AI Careers for Women' across six states with 30 new centres of excellence

Guwahati, Apr 24: In a landmark move to bridge the gender gap in tech, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Microsoft have jointly launched the 'AI Careers for Women' initiative. This strategic collaboration, formalized through an MoU signed on April 22, aims to empower 20,000 women across six Indian states through industry-aligned Artificial Intelligence (AI) training. Under the initiative, 30 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) will be established in women's colleges, each serving as a hub supporting 150 additional institutions,



mainly in Tier-II and Tier-III towns. The centres will offer a comprehensive 240-hour AI curriculum, co-developed with the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVT), in-

corporating certifications, internships, fellowships, and pathways to AI-driven entrepreneurship. Hon'ble Minister Jayant Chaudhary emphasized that embedding the program within cred-

it-linked university curricula and aligning it with the National Education Policy would create an inclusive, innovation-driven economy. Edunet Foundation will implement the program in collaboration with state governments and industry bodies. In Guwahati, industry leaders welcomed the move as a boost to the region's growing tech ecosystem. With AI-driven demand rising in Assam, the program is expected to significantly enhance local women's participation in the digital workforce, particularly in the emerging Guwahati startup and IT services market.

Q4 net profit of Adani Energy Solutions increases by 79%

Mumbai, Apr 24: Following the release of Adani Energy Solutions' Q4 FY25 net profit of Rs 647.15 crore, the company's shares jumped more than 3% on April 24. Compared to the net profit of Rs 361.44 crore recorded in Q4 FY24, this represents an increase of more than 79%. Following findings' release, the price of Adani Energy Solutions' shares was Rs 967.80 per share. Additionally, the company's operating revenue increased by more than 35 percent year over year to Rs 6,374.58 crore. The quarter's total expenses came to Rs 5,411.60 crore. During the reviewed quarter, the ratio of total debt to total assets likewise

decreased to 0.54 times. In the meantime, the net profit margin increased dramatically to 10.82 percent in the fourth quarter of FY25. The company said that its EBITDA has "increased by 23% to a record high of Rs 7,746 crore during the full year translating from double digit revenue growth in transmission segment, consistent expansion in Mumbai utility's EBITDA vis-à-vis the 13% YoY growth in regulated asset base and higher treasury income."

India takes diplomatic measures against Pakistan, stock market is in red

New Delhi, Apr 24: Thursday's opening of the stock markets was negative, with the Nifty trading below 46.45 points and the Sensex below 187.91 points. At the start, eight of the 13 main sectors saw a fall. The smaller, domestically oriented small-caps and mid-caps saw little change in value. "Global cues are positive, FPI inflows are positive, earnings in pockets are positive and the Indian market breadth has turned decidedly positive. The overhang remains for the next 10 days to 15 days, the time it took in the previous two instances from the terrorist strike to the retaliatory Uri and Balakot strikes," Ajay Bagga, market expert told to the

media. "Diplomatic measures have been announced and the Indus Water Treaty related measures though significant, will require major infrastructure execution to make an impact on the ground," he added. Strong gains in IT and auto companies propelled the stock markets' ascent to the seventh day, with the Sensex rising 520 points to close above the 80,000 mark for the first time in four months. The 30-share Sensex closed at 80,116.49, the highest closing level since December 18, up 520.90 points, or 0.65%. It rose 658.96 points, or 0.82% to 80,254.55 during the day. At 24,328.95, the NSE Nifty increased 161.70 points, or 0.67%.

Goodnight survey reveals 87% of Indians link mosquito disturbances to family health risks

Guwahati, Apr 24: 87% of Indians believe sleep disturbances, especially among children, have directly impacted the health and well-being of their families. In the lead-up to World Malaria Day (April 25), this crucial revelation emerged from a survey report unveiled by Goodnight, India's leading household insecticide brand from Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. (GCPL). Titled 'One Mosquito, Countless Threats', this pan-India survey, commissioned by Goodnight and conducted by market research firm YouGov, examines public attitudes and assesses the risks of mosquito-borne



diseases. The concern holds steady across regions, with 87% of respondents in the North, East, and West and 86% in the South sharing similar views. According to the study, sleep deprivation has become a pressing concern in Indian households, with adults losing up to 2 hours of sleep each night and children missing nearly 4 hours of their recommended rest.

Ashwin Moorthy, Chief Marketing Officer—India, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), says, "Goodnight's 'ONE MOSQUITO, COUNTLESS THREATS' is a nationwide survey report that delves into public attitudes and evaluates the risks associated with mosquito-borne diseases." Commenting on the insights from the Goodnight report, Dr. Kirti Sabnis, Infectious Disease Specialist, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, Mumbai, said, "Safeguarding against mosquito-borne diseases transcends personal responsibility; it is a collective duty we owe to ourselves and our communities."

HP unveils its most powerful and comprehensive line up of next-gen AI PCs in India

Guwahati, Apr 24: HP has unveiled its most powerful and comprehensive line up of next-gen AI PCs in India. The new HP EliteBook, HP ProBook, and HP OmniBook series are designed to enhance the computing experience of users across large enterprises, startups, and retail consumers. Powered by latest processors, including - Intel Core Ultra 200 V series, AMD Ryzen AI 300 series, and Qualcomm Snapdragon X, X Elite, X plus, the portfolio is equipped with dedicated Neural Processing Units (NPU) capable of 40 to 55 trillion operations per second (TOPS). As Copilot+ PCs, they bring AI into the core computing experience, enhancing productivity, creativity, and collaboration in powerful and intuitive ways. Ipsita Dasgupta, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, HP India, said, "India stands at a powerful inflection point in its digital journey where AI, cloud, and connectivity are converging to reshape how we live, learn, and work." The newly rede-



signed HP EliteBook and HP ProBook series have been crafted with enterprise users in mind. The lineup includes the HP EliteBook 8 (G1i, G1a), HP EliteBook 6 (G1q G1a), and HP ProBook 4 G1q. The lineup including HP OmniBook Ultra 14", HP OmniBook 5 16", HP Omnibook 7 Aero

13", HP OmniBook X 14" empowers users to do more, create faster and connect better with AI working quietly in the background. Vineet Gehani, Senior Director—Personal Systems, HP India "We're proud to be making the future of AI computing more inclusive and relevant for India."

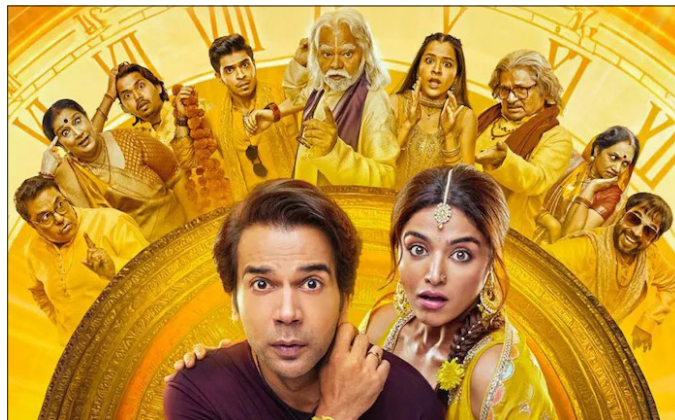
Within a day, Bajaj Finance rises 4%

New Delhi, Apr 24: After the business announced the date of a board meeting to review recommendations of a special interim dividend, stock split, and bonus issue, shares of Bajaj Finance reached a fresh high of ₹9,709.95 on the BSE during intraday trading on Thursday. The market was otherwise quiet. The nonbanking financial company's shares has risen above the ₹9,340 mark that it reached on April 23, 2025. In contrast to the BSE Sensex's 0.22% loss, Bajaj Finance was trading 1.6% higher at ₹9,473.80 at 09:16 am. At ₹ 6.03 trillion in intraday trading today, Bajaj Finance's market capitalization crossed the ₹6 trillion threshold for the first

time. According to BSE data, the company's market capitalization was ₹5.82 trillion at the time. With a market value of ₹6 trillion, Bajaj Finance is now the fourth financial stock and the eighth listed firm. With a market valuation of ₹17.48 trillion, Reliance Industries leads the pack, followed by HDFC Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, Bharti Airtel, ICI-Bank, State Bank of India, and Infosys. When compared to the BSE Sensex, which has increased 1.8% so far in 2025, Bajaj Finance has excelled the market by rising 35%. The stock has increased by 28% over the last year, compared to the benchmark index's 8% gain.

Chor Bazari Phir Se Brings Romance Back Maddock Films To Nostalgic Track From Bhool Chuk Maaf

● Love gets a nostalgic remix as Chor Bazari Phir Se re-imagines the 2009 classic with Rajkummar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi's heartwarming chemistry in Bhool Chuk Maaf.



New Delhi: It's time to rediscover love... yet again. Dinesh Vijan and Maddock Films are treating Bollywood fans to a sentimental journey with a love story that aims to soothe every soul. The much-loved tune Chor Bazari is making a comeback, first introduced in Love Aaj Kal, now with a new enchanting rhythm in Chor Bazari Phir Se, the latest song from the film Bhool Chuk Maaf. Karan Sharma is directing the film, and the blend of emotion with modern storytelling is already generating buzz. Nevertheless, Chor Bazari Phir Se is the song that is elevating romantic sentiments before the

film's release. The new version brings back the magic with a powerhouse collaboration: Music: Tanishk Bagchi & Pritam Lyrics: Irshad Kamil Vocals: Neeraj Shridhar, Sunidhi Chauhan, Zahrah S Khan, and Praveesh This new rendition, created with Pritam's original melody, has not yet faded away from the fans. It is based on the slogan 'endless

moments, endless love, and a beautiful never-ending loop of romance. Rajkummar Rao & Wamiqa Gabbi: Chemistry Reloaded The film features the all-reliable Rajkummar Rao alongside petite sensation Wamiqa Gabbi. With the two headliners, the project dives into love that stumbles and falls but never stops beating. The duo became the talk of the

town, set to star in Chor Bazari Phir Se, which will claim their title of 2025's most refreshing romantic pair. This song looks promises to strike a sweet note as Bhool Chuk Maaf goes live on 9th May and looks to explore another love saga. Fans React: "Romance Feels Like Romance Again!" Though the full track is yet to drop, fans are already reliving the Love Aaj Kal era, calling this a "goosebumps moment". Social media is buzzing with reactions like: "Sunidhi + Neeraj = Instant nostalgia. Can't wait to cry to this one." "Rajkummar and Wamiqa's eyes speak the lyrics. This is how you do romance in 2025." "Is this 2009 again? But with better vibes and deeper feels." Stay tuned with us for the latest news, Hindi box office news, Hollywood news, OTT news, the latest Bollywood news and the latest box office news.

Actor Nani on playing age-appropriate roles



New Delhi: Telugu star Nani is gearing up for the release of his next, 'HIT: The Third Case', the third installment in the popular 'HIT' franchise, produced under his banner, Wall Poster Cinema. While promoting the film, the actor shared his views on embracing age-appropriate roles, instead of trying to appear younger onscreen. Speaking to Gulte, Nani said, "I feel weird to even try to look younger. It doesn't make sense." He added that ageing opens up more creative possibilities for actors, saying, "I know for sure that I'll do some really good roles as I get older. Because age would give me a chance to not do the regular stories." The actor elaborated on how storytelling changes when actors embrace their real age. "Now if I'm trying to play a 25-35-year-old guy, everybody who comes to me with a story will have a template of what is happening around him. When I say I want to play someone who is 45, one will come and pitch me something new," he explained.

Actor Samantha reflects on her early roles Feel embarrassed

New Delhi: Samantha is stepping into a new phase of her career, this time behind the scenes. The actor-turned-producer, under her banner Tralala Moving Pictures, is backing the Telugu horror-comedy 'Subham'. During a promotional event, she candidly shared that she feels embarrassed



when looking back at her early performances. As part of the film's promotion, the Subham team visited SV Group of Institutions in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. Reflecting on her beginnings, Samantha said, "If I watch my first two movies now, I feel embarrassed and wonder why I gave such a horrible performance. But in 'Subham', to see these young kids in their first few films, I am proud of this

film." Directed by Cinemabandi's Praveen Kandre-gula, 'Subham' features a fresh cast including Harshith Reddy, Gavireddy Srinivas, Charan Peri, Shriya Kontham, Shravani Lakshmi, Shalini Kondepudi, and Vamshidhar Goud.

The teaser, recently shared by Samantha on social media, introduces a quirky setup involving a newlywed couple. The groom, who appears soft-spoken, is surprised to learn about the bride's strange obsession with a "This is a step forward. I've been acting for the past 14-15 years, and now production is a new challenge and I like taking up challenges." 'Subham' is set to release on May 9.

Kartik Aaryan's 'Naagzilla' & Varun Dhawan's 'Bhediya 2' T Bollywood's Wildest Face-Off Yet

Mumbai: On August 14, 2026—Nag Panchami—two shape-shifting titans will go fang-to-fang as Kartik Aaryan's fantasy comedy Naagzilla squares off against Varun Dhawan's horror-comedy sequel Bhediya 2. It would be the first time in cinematic history that folklore, fan frenzy, and a loose interpretation of fiction would culminate in a battle like this, which has the potential to set off fireworks far before Diwali. Kartik Aaryan, who, on the heels of announcing the rom-com Tu Meri Main Tera, appears to be exploring new horizons with Naagzilla. This multiverse-style fantasy-comedy will feature him as Preyamvadeshwar Pyare Chand, a modern-day shape-shifting naag. Kartik Aaryan Turns Shape-Shifting Serpent In Dharma's Wild Fantasy Comedy The film is a bold attempt for Dharma Productions and Mahavir Jain Films, being directed by Mrighdeep Singh Lamba of Fukrey fame and with a screenplay by Gautam Mehra. The eye-catching title and theme have already caused quite a stir online. Additional buzz for Naagzilla comes from an aggressive production team. Karan Johar, Mahaveer Jain, Adar Poonawalla, Apoorva Mehta, and Sujit Jain are in the fray. It is yet another of Dharma's multi-genre movies and their first joint effort with Mahavir Jain Films In



Straight out of a mythical blockbuster, Bollywood is gearing up for one of the most intriguing box office clashes in recent memory.

the roundabout of this remarkable faceoff, Bhediya 2 is the much-anticipated sequel to Amar Kaushik's supernatural comedy Bhediya, released in 2022.

Varun Dhawan reprises his role as Bhaskar, the reluctant werewolf who navigates between his two identities, seamlessly fusing bloodcurdling growls with witticisms and humour. Although Bhediya 2 is likely to take the narrative and VFX to greater heights, the fact that it will be released on the same date as Naagzilla has infuriated fans.

After all, how often do you get to witness a serpent go blow for blow with a werewolf at the multiplex? Subgenre Clash: Naagzilla, a fantasy comedy based in Indian folklore, shall take on the horror-comedy beast that is Bhediya

2. It truly is a clash of genres with two opposing fan bases. Holiday Untapped Potential: The 14th of August is strategically important considering it sits in the week of Nag Panchami, allowing cultural significance to be fully utilised alongside Independence Day. Revenue Impact: Gen Z considers Kartik Aaryan and Varun Dhawan two of their most bankable stars. With their presence, anticipated footfall will most certainly be impacted. This battle could parallel landmark showdowns like Gadar 2 vs OMG 2 or Om Shanti Om vs Saawariya, which were fought and won by narrative-fuelled, audience-exploded, tribalistic fervour. Kartik's mystical venture was kept tightly under wraps; industry insiders couldn't hold the buzz—and the secret cracked open early on.

Alia Bhatt's half-brother Rahul says she is 'paani kam chai' in front Pooja

New Delhi: Rahul Bhatt, fitness instructor and son of filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt, has stated that his sister Pooja Bhatt is the true inheritor of their father's legacy. He also took a dig at Alia Bhatt, referring to her as "paani kam chai" compared to his real sister, Pooja. In an interview, Rahul compared the two, asserting that Pooja surpasses Alia in terms of talent, looks, and various other aspects. Speaking to Hindi Rush, Rahul Bhatt, who trained Ranbir Kapoor, Ali Fazal and Aamir Khan, said, "In my opinion, she is not even half of what my real sister Pooja is, not in talent, not in looks, not in terms of being sexy. In front of my sister, she is 'paani kam chai (not as good)'." He continued, "This is my personal opinion. If you ask, amongst all our siblings, who is the most talented, the most moralistic, it is Pooja. Pooja is the true inheritor to take the legacy of my father ahead."

Last-Minute Visitors Ten Simple Meal Ideas That Will Make an Impact



Got unexpected visitors dropping by? We've all been there! The pressure to whip up something delicious in a hurry can be overwhelming, and let's be real, who wants to slave away in the kitchen? So, why bother? With a few taps on the phone, you can order interesting food, ditch the stress and enjoy quality time with your guests. Food delivery apps are your saviour, offering thousands of options to satisfy everyone's cravings. And the best part? It will reach you in minutes! When your guests see the array of tempting snacks on offer, they'll be raving about your get-togethers. And the best part, they won't even realise that they are mostly ordered in. Want to know what these snacking ideas are? Read on!

1. Samosas With A Twist

Samosas are always a staple, right? But why not shake things up? Imagine serving your guests samosa chaat that's bursting with flavour, a chicken keema samosa that's packed with spice, or even a gooey cheese samosa. Same samosa, totally new vibes. Not just these, food delivery apps have several other exciting samosa options for you to choose from.

2. Sizzling Kebabs

Kebabs are always a crowd-pleaser but how about ordering something different? Along with the usual options, you can try mutton galouti kebabs, banjara kebabs, or chapli kababs. Veggie fans will love hara bhara kebabs or beetroot kebabs. And the best part? With several food options online, you can mix and match from tons of restaurants to create the ultimate kebab platter that will wow your guests.

3. Chaat Platter

When there's chaat on the menu, the gathering automatically becomes a hit. Along with regular chaat, treat your guests to options like palak patta chaat, chana chaat, and kadi patta chaat for a great



start. With a variety of flavours and textures, your guests will be impressed. So, go ahead and order online to make the most of these options.

4. Momo Mania

Ever wondered what makes momos so irresistible? It's the perfect blend of spices and flavours. With options like steamed, fried, pan-fried, and flavours like schetzwan, chilli cheese, and butter chicken, your guests will be hooked from the first



bite. Don't miss, order them from your favourite food delivery app and enjoy!

5. Mini Tacos

These bite-sized treats are perfect for grazing and exploring different flavours. Plus, your guests get to experience Mexican flavours at your gathering. What could be better? With endless veg and non-veg options, you can also create a taco platter that will impress your guests.

6. Nacho Platter

A snack attack calls for something satisfying and delicious. Order in a variety of dips like tandoori mayo, guacamole, mango salsa or even spicy chipotle and arrange them beautifully with a few bags of nachos.



7. Biryani Bonanza

Biryani is one dish that never disappoints. With online food delivery apps, you can choose from endless biryani options like Hyderabadi veg dum biryani, butter chicken biryani, mutton biryani, Awadhi biryani, and more. By pairing them with refreshing raita or salad, your guests will be in for a real treat.

8. Sushi

Sushi has become a popular snacking option in recent times. So, why not surprise your guests with some too? After all, sometimes you just want something special on the menu. With options like California Rolls, Spicy Tuna Roll, and Prawn Tempura, you'll be treating your guests to a culinary experience they'll never forget

9. Italian Fun Food

There's something about Italian food that brings people together. Garlic bread, in particular, is a crowd-pleaser. With cheesy, pull-apart options, you'll have your guests, especially the kids, coming back for more.

Order now and make your gathering a super hit.

10. Dessert Delights

The grand finale of any gathering is dessert. To leave a lasting impression, you can serve your guests traditional Indian desserts like mango kulfi, fusion ones like gulab jamun cheesecake, or Western delights like tiramisu jars, red velvet cheesecake jars, or even crispy churros with Nutella. Order them online and have everyone in dessert heaven.

A Delectable Raspberry Cheesecake

Savour a delicious gastronomic journey with PizzaExpress Mumbai's signature plates, which include sumptuous Raspberry Cheesecake, the fiery and robust Calabrese Pizza, and airy dough balls. These dishes, which are perfectly cooked with real ingredients, capture the spirit of Italy on your plate and leave you with wonderful memories with every bite. Here's your que to get your own hands on these signature dishes-Place dough upside down on work surfaceThe surface must be dry and free of flourGently flatten the dough ball. If necessary add flour on surface.Fold the dough to form a 'sausage' shapeUse pressure to seal the dough. Allow to relax for 2 minutesRoll out the dough on the work surface under palm of hands using a 'back and forth' motion. Apply pressure.If dough is too moist sprinkle with a little flour. Stop rolling when the dough is 36cms.Cut the rolled-out dough in half (straight down the middle).Cut each half in half. Repeat the process till you have 16 pieces (Dough Balls).Place in a pan for proving (8 Pcs in each Pan)Prove the dough ball for 30 min Melt butter for 2-3 minutes.Mix until Butter melts.Break biscuits into smaller pieces



es with hands.Pour melted butter into the mixAdd sugarMix well with the spoonPour the mix in the tin and flatten with a spoon.Cook 5 to 7 min at 150°C.Take cream & Beat it until it become smooth.Add Sugar & Flour & Mix it.Use spatula to scrape the bowl.Add 1/2 cup Raspberry puree & Mix. Add Egg Yolk and Vanilla essence.Slowly add cream until mixed properly.Mix on medium speed.Grease sides of baking tray with butterPlace whole mixture into baking trayAdd balance 1/2 cup raspberry puree on top.Take a Skewer & swirl zigzag line on coolie drop.Bake it for 120 minutes at 150°C.Remove From oven.Cool it down.

Kunafa Chocolate Craze Leading To Pistachio

Pistachios are considered a popular and tasty snack, known for their distinct flavour, vibrant green colour and numerous health benefits. With the viral kunafa chocolate taking centre stage, the craze of this Dubai-based chocolate bar has not only taken the internet by storm but has also led to pistachio chocolate. The chocolate offers a perfect filling of pistachios, and according to the recent report, the market is dealing with a pistachio shortage.With demand soaring, supply couldn't keep up with it. So while everyone's making kunafa dreams come true, you can try out some of the best alternatives to keep up with the texture and flavour of the dish. We have rounded up a list of 7 alternatives to pistachio for a change.

Walnuts are considered a perfect swap for pistachios. Considered rich in omega-3s and offering a bitter flavour, earthy crunch that pairs perfectly with both sweet and savoury dishes. Simply toss the nuts into salads, stir them into yoghurt or

bake them into muffins or combine with chocolate for a change. Walnuts are great and easy to find as well. Sunflower seedsFor those looking for a perfect pistachio alternative can simply switch to



sunflower seeds. These seeds are believed to be a great choice, they are considered high in Vitamin E and magnesium. They bring a nutty and mild flavour to the dishes or are sprinkled over a salad for a hearty dish. Almonds are one of the most flexible nuts that can replace pistachios de-

lightfully. Whether roasted, sliced or ground, they can simply add to the recipes right away. Mild and subtly sweet, almonds work in smoothies, desserts or salads for a bold crunch. The dish is high in protein and healthy fats, which is great for daily snacking. If you're in the mood to splurge a little, then pine nuts are believed to be a great alternative to pistachios. They're often used in pesto, but they pair perfectly with roasted veggies and pasta. For someone who is planning to give their dishes a perfect texture, this ingredient adds flavour and elegance.

Inter Milan defeated Bayern Munich 4-3 on aggregate to go to the Champions League semifinals

Agency: Inter Milan will face Barcelona in the Champions League semifinals, having defeated the German team in the final four of 2010 on their way to winning the treble under José Mourinho. Benjamin Pavard scored his first goal for Inter Milan, helping them to a 2-2 draw against the German team. The match was a blustery night in Milan, with Harry Kane leveling the quarterfinal early in the second half. Inter quickly turned the game around with goals from Lautaro Martínez and Pavard, setting up a nervy finale. Inter's coach, Simone Inzaghi, expressed his confidence in their team and players, stating that they are not putting limits on themselves. The other semifinal pits Paris Saint-Germain against Arsenal, who won 2-1 at Real Madrid to advance 5-1 on aggregate. Inter had stunned Bayern last week, winning 2-1 to inflict the German team's first home defeat in the com-



petition in almost four years. The match was a wet and windy night at San Siro, with misplaced passes causing misplaced passes. The visitors had a few early opportunities, but Inter managed to slow things down after the frantic start and began to have opportunities of its own. Hakan Çalhanoğlu went closest in the 33rd minute, while Thomas Müller had a shot saved by Yann Sommer. Bayern broke the deadlock seven minutes into the second half, with Inter failing to prop-

erly clear a cross and Leon Goretzka feeding Kane. Inter equalized just seven minutes later, with Lautaro, Inter's all-time leading scorer in the competition, miscontrolling a corner but quickest to react. The Argentina World Cup winner leapt onto the advertising hoardings in front of the Inter fans, stretching out his arms. In the final, Serge Gnabry's cross found Dier at the byline, and his header looped into the far top corner from the tightest of angles.

Harry Maguire's stunning victory sends Manchester to the semifinals

Europe: Manchester United secured a 5-4 extra-time win against Lyon, securing a spot in the Europa League semi-finals. The Red Devils' 14th place in the Premier League standings meant a first European defeat of the campaign would end their hopes of saving a miserable season with silverware and continental qualification. Corentin Tolisso and Nicolas Tagliafico cancelled out Manuel Ugarte and Diogo Dalot goals, taking the match to extra-time. Lyon made light work of Tolisso's sending off, as Rayan Cherki scored and Alexandre Lacazette's penalty. United faced the prospect of a first season without European football since 2014-15. Bruno Fernandes' 114th minute spot-kick brought hope, substitute Kobbie Mainoo's 120th-minute goal sparked bedlam, and moments later Maguire's header sent the home faithful into dreamland, sealing a 7-6 aggregate win and semi-final date with Athletic Bilbao. Fernandes followed a fine run behind by playing back to Alejandro Garnacho, whose fantastic touch and awareness saw him cutback for Ugarte to score in the 10th minute. Andre Onana pushed over Paul Akoukou's header before stopping Cherki's mazy run with a fine goal. United continued in control until the 71st minute, when their



inability to clear a free-kick resulted in Lacazette flicking on for skipper Tolisso to nod home from six yards. Leny Yoro's headed block and an Onana save were followed by a 77th-minute leveller as Tagliafico managed to direct the ball over the line before a scrambling Onana could stop it. United stumbled through the first period without creating a clear-cut chance, and Lyon punished them with substitute Malick Fofana causing problems before Cherki scored. However, the drama began with Fernandes converting a penalty awarded for a foul on Casemiro upon VAR review.

Shourya's bronze in the hurdles highlights her potential



Mumbai: Shourya Ambure, a 15-year-old hurdler from Thane, India, won bronze in the 100m hurdles at the Asian U-18 Championships, overcoming challenges to achieve a personal best of 13.80s. She took a risk by missing two Class 10 papers at the National Youth Championships in Patna, which doubled as a selection meet for the Asian event. Shourya is transitioning from U-16s to U-18s, going from 80m to 100m hurdles, and has been training well and competing regularly. Shourya's coach Ajit Kulkarni said that to get into the rhythm for the 100m hurdles, she needs to train well and compete regularly. In her first 100m hurdles appearance, she had clocked 14.55s in Patna. In the intervening four weeks, she trained for a timing between 13.70-13.85,

which is a massive improvement. The improvement is even more creditable given the challenges the youngster has faced to train. Shourya and her coach Kulkarni often commute almost 50km to Bandra, Ghatkopar, or 150km to the Balewadi Stadium in Pune for daily training sessions. The dedication and discipline come from both of Shourya's parents being in the police force. Last year, Shourya was competing and winning in inter-school meets in the city. Now, she is a U-18 Asian medallist. Kulkarni believes that this should be treated as just a start, but Shourya has lofty aims, inspired by American 400m hurdles world record holder Sydney McLaughlin. In the long term, Shourya's dream is to represent India at the Olympics and win a medal.

According to 'Rift' rumors, Sanju Samson is unlikely to captain RR against LSG

● RR is set to face Lucknow Super Giants in their upcoming match on Saturday, but the availability of Sanju Samson remains uncertain.

Agency: Rajasthan Royals suffered a shocking defeat against Delhi Capitals in their IPL 2025 match, the first since 2022 where the winner was decided in the super over. The loss led to criticism from cricket pundits and fans for poor strategy. RR's skipper, Sanju Samson, was injured during the match against DC, resulting in his retirement. RR is set to face Lucknow Super Giants on Saturday, but Samson's participation remains uncertain. Head coach Rahul Dravid stated that the team is awaiting Samson's scan results before making a decision on his participation. Sanju experienced abdominal pain and underwent scans today. Head coach Rahul Dravid said that the results will be announced in a pre-match press conference. Once the severity of the injury is clearer, the team will make a decision on the matter. It is also highly likely



that Samson may play against LSG but only as impact sub, which can bring Riyan Parag back as RR's stand-in skipper. Parag led RR in the first three games of the season as Samson was recovering from a finger injury. Apart from this, Dravid also rubbished all reports regarding any kind of rift between the franchise and Samson. Dravid called all the reports "baseless" and maintained that the team remain united in their pursuit of the playoffs. "I don't know where these reports are coming from. Sanju and I are on

the same page," Dravid said. "He's a very integral part of our team. He's involved in each and every decision and discussion. Sometimes, when you lose games and things don't go right, you face criticism and we can take it on our performances, but we can't do anything about this baseless stuff. The spirit of the team is really good, I'm impressed with how hard these guys work. One of the things people don't understand is how hurt the players feel when they don't perform," he explained.

Virender Sehwag criticizes RCB's game vs PBKS

Agency: Royal Challengers Bengaluru suffered their third consecutive home defeat as Punjab Kings secured a five-wicket victory in a rain-shortened 14-over game at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. After a two-hour rain delay, RCB struggled with the bat, managing only 95/9 in their innings. Former India opener Virender Sehwag criticized the RCB batting lineup, stating that openers Phil Salt and Virat Kohli fell to poor pull shots within the first three overs. Captain Rajat Patidar's brief innings and Tim David's late surge provided some resistance, while Liam Livingstone, Jitesh Sharma, and Krunal Pandya failed to make an impact. Sehwag acknowledged Punjab's bowling performance while criticizing RCB's batting approach, stating that there is a difference between getting wickets and earning them. He emphasized the need for Captain Patidar to address the team's batting issues at home, questioning who is going to rectify the team's failures at home.

Rajasthan Royals complain government against match

New Delhi: Rajasthan Royals (RR) team management has complained to the Rajasthan government against Jaideep Bihani, the convener of the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA), demanding action against his recent comments alleging foul play. The move comes after Bihani had cast aspersions in connection with the Rajasthan Royals versus Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) match 36 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025). Bihani had alleged that the Rajasthan Royals was involved in some foul play post the shocking team loss against Lucknow Super Giants in the match. Deep Roy, representing the Rajasthan team franchise, termed Bihani's statements 'completely false, baseless and devoid of any evidence.' The complaint letter also mentioned that 'These public allegations cause significant reputational damage, fuel unnecessary controversy, and attempt to mislead the public.' In his letter marked to the Rajasthan chief minister

● Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Rajasthan Royals (RR) have complained to the Rajasthan government against the match fixing allegations put on them by Jaideep Bihani, the convener of Rajasthan.

Bhajanlal Sharma and sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, action was sought against the conduct of Bihani. In the concerned match, Rajasthan Royals side, led by Riyan Parag, required nine runs to win in the final over after being given a target of 181 runs. However, they shockingly ended up losing the match by two runs. Post the loss, Bihani had raised suspicion of foul play, questioning the team's shocking loss on home ground while requiring just a few runs for victory. Stay updated on IPL 2025 with India Today! Get match schedules, team squads, live score, and the latest IPL points table for CSK, MI, RCB, KKR, IPL Orange Cap and Purple Cap. Don't miss a moment.

Pranav Pramod Gurav From doing 'donkey work' winning 100m gold Federation Cup

New Delhi: Animesh Kujur, the National Games gold medalist, running in Lane 4 kept an eye out for Manikanta Hoblidhar, the former national record holder in Lane 3 in the 100 metres final. Manikanta had broken the meet record in the semifinals to make a statement. Yet, from Lane 2 emerged the surprise winner, Pranav Pramod Gurav. "I did not see Pranav in my view, I saw only Manikanta," Animesh said after the race comprising the crème de la crème of men's sprinting stars, including national record holder Gurindervir Singh. Gurindervir looked in discomfort during the final and finished sixth (11.21s) in humid conditions. By the 70 metre mark it seemed like a two horse race between Animesh and Manikanta before Pranav shot through like a bolt at the finish line to clock 10.27 seconds and win gold. An-



imesh finished second (10.32s) and Manikanta was third (10.35s). It was a red-letter day for 23-year-old Pranav as he won his first-ever gold medal at a senior national competition. The little-known sprinter attracted attention when he raised his hands skyward and shouted 'Jai Shivaji' three times after winning the race. Pranav clarified he wasn't

trying to make a political statement nor was he trying to be casteist. "Shivaji and Sambhaji... when I take their names I get goosebumps. I get very motivated. That is all," Pranav said. "He was admitted after I ran in Chennai (Indian Open). I was tense. For him, I have run this race and I am hoping he will be fine soon," Pranav said.



Jyothi Yarraji Wins Gold in Women's 100m Hurdles National Athletics Competition

New Delhi: Olympian Jyothi Yarraji bagged the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles event at the National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2025 in Kochi, Kerala, on Tuesday, according to Olympics.com. Jyothi clocked 13.23s to finish at the top of the podium. Her impressive time was better than the Athletics Federation of India's (AFI) 2025 Asian Championships qualification mark of 13.26 seconds. Pragyansanti Sah finished in second place, followed by Nithya Ramraj in the third spot in the women's 100m hurdles with times of 13.40s and 13.42s, respectively. In the men's pole vault event, Dev Meena secured gold by setting a new national record with a 5.35m effort. The continental mark for the event is 5.51m. He bettered his previous personal best and national mark of 5.32m, which he had achieved at the National Games 2025. M Gowtham (5.15m) and Reegan G (5.10m) clinched the silver and bronze medals in the pole vault, respectively. Earlier on Monday, Sachin Yadav won the National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2025, where he threw a javelin of 83.86m, which booked the first spot for him in the competition. Competing at the Maharaja's College Stadium, Sachin's winning mark came in the fifth round. His final attempt of 83.67m would also have been enough to top the field. Yash Vir Singh took silver with a best of 80.85m, while Sahil Silwal bagged bronze with a 77.84m throw. Asian Games silver medallist Kishore Jena placed fourth with a 77.82m attempt.

IPL 2025 Players to wear black armbands pay homage to Pahalgam attack victims

New Delhi: The BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) will be paying tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack during Match 41 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025) between Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Mumbai Indians (MI) on Wednesday, April 23 at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. The tragic incident, which took



the lives of 26 people, including two foreign nationals, has sent shockwaves throughout the country. In memory of the

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victims, players and umpires will be wearing black armbands and will also stand for a minute of silence before the match, In-

dia Today has learnt. Moreover, no cheerleaders will be present on the ground as austerity measures will be maintained throughout the game. The attack on the innocent tourists has received widespread condemnation from top world leaders, and several Hardik Pandya, KL Rahul and Shubman Gill have condemned the attack through their social media accounts.

Lucknow pitch conditions, team news, and the predicted starting lineup

Lucknow: Super Giants (LSG) are set to take on Delhi Capitals (DC) in Match 40 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025) on Tuesday, April 22 at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow. Lucknow are coming into the game after registering a thrilling win over Rajasthan Royals (RR) by two runs in the previous fixture. Avesh Khan held his nerve in the final over and successfully defended eight runs to help his team register their fifth win of the season. LSG have performed exceptionally under the leadership of Rishabh Pant despite his poor form as they've won five out of eight matches to be on the fifth spot on the points table. In the batting department, Nicholas Pooran, Mitchell Marsh and Aiden Markram have been in phenomenal form. On the other hand, Shardul Thakur, Digvesh Rathi, Avesh Khan and Ravi Bishnoi have troubled the batters with the ball. All in all, Lucknow look like a well-balanced team in the ongoing season and will aim to climb higher on the points table with a win over DC. Especially after losing their season opener against them by one wicket. Delhi Capitals are coming into the game, having suffered just their second loss of the season against Gujarat Titans. Hence, both teams have a well-round-



● Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) will host Delhi Capitals (DC) in Match 40 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025), where both teams will have a golden chance to climb higher on the points table.

ed squad for the upcoming encounter, which promises to be another exhilarating clash after Delhi beat Lucknow by one wicket in their first fixture.