

- CM Sarma predicts ruling NDA alliance will secure 104 seats in 2026 Assam state assembly elections, the BJP has already won 242 Anchalik Panchayat seats.
- 1994 District Advisory Committee Meeting highlighted Dima Hasao's lack of ultrasound clinics, leading to patients seeking private health facilities, and sex determination as a criminal offense.
- Commissioner has ordered a magisterial enquiry by ADC Sangeeta Devi, ACS to investigate the death of three NSCN cadres in the Haflong Police station case.

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Female Foeticide Awareness meeting held in Haflong

Haflong, May 15: In an effort to foster timely awareness and vigilance concerning the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 District Advisory Committee Meeting was convened today in the office of Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer in Haflong. Dr. Jesmin Begum evaluated ultrasound clinics in Dima Hasao, revealing six insufficient facilities to meet growing medical service demands. Consequently, patients from peripheral areas such as Umrangso, Diyungbra, and Maibang often seek care at private health facilities in Hojai, and residents of Harangajao frequently travel to medical institutions in Silchar. It is imperative that health infrastructure development keeps pace with the increasing need



for specialized services. An ultrasound facility was inaugurated in Umrangso; however, the on-site radiologist can only visit once a month due to a shortage of qualified professionals. Sex determination is a criminal offense under the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act, 1994, punishable by imprisonment, fines, and fines. Offenders, including doctors, face up to three years in prison and a fine of INR 10,000. Family members demanding the test may face up to five years in punishment.

BJP Aims for 104 Assembly Seats in 2026 Panchayat Election

Guwahati, May 13: The ruling NDA alliance is expected to gain 104 seats in the 2026 state assembly elections, according to CM Himanta Biswa Sarma called BJP's performance in current Assam panchayat elections "historic." Speaking to reporters amidst the vote counting, Sarma emphasized the party's strong showing in the rural polls, stating, "The BJP is marching ahead to capture more than 300 seats in Zilla Parishad, and it is historic. However, counting is still underway." According to CM Sarma, the assembly elections cover both rural & urban areas, where the BJP has historically maintained a strong presence, whilst the panchayat elections represent feelings in the rural areas. He qualified his projection by saying, "Presently, the



BJP-led alliance's potential in Assam is 104 seats. However, there is a difference between potential and reality. We hope that we will win 95 seats. But everything depends on the public mood." According to data made public by the ASEC, the BJP has already won 242 Anchalik Panchayat seats, while the AGP, one of

its allies, has won 30. With 34 seats, the opposition Congress is far behind, followed by the Independents with 14, and the Rajjor Dal and AIUDF with one apiece. The opposition parties have yet to win any seats in the Zilla Parishad elections, while the BJP has won 26 seats and the AGP three.

Restructuring done in KSYC Diphu Regional Committee

Guwahati, May 13: Central Executive Council of Diphu Regional Committee's KSYC has been reorganized for the 2025-2027 term, with senior KSYC Central Committee leaders and members of the Diphu Regional Committee attending the meeting. Following the talks, Sanjay Timung, who has the same name as the president of the KSYC CC, was named the new president of the Diphu Regional Committee. Twenty other members were inducted into various positions within the regional body, and Rupesh Timung was chosen to serve as general secretary. Regional president Sanjay Timung pledges to uphold KSYC's vision, emphasizing youth activism and unity. Former BTC Chief Hagrama Mohilary and BJSM DD Narzary express gratitude to Bodo women martyrs.

Arunachal arrests Assam Businessman for ₹35 lakh frauding

Itanagar, May 14: Sangram Police in the Kurung Kumey district of Arunachal Pradesh have detained businessman from North Lakhimpur on suspicion of defrauding locals out of lakhs of rupees through a fraudulent investment plan. Rahman Ali defendant had operated Sangram-based company for nearly nine years. He began his troubled path on June 25, 2023, when he signed a written agreement to borrow Rs 2.6 lakh from Tai Taba, a local. Ali progressively persuaded Taba and several other people to make larger investments by promising them substantial profits. It is estimated that almost Rs 35 lakh is at stake. On February 24, 2025, the situation took a sharp turn when Ali and his family and relatives suddenly left Sangram, leaving the loaned funds unpaid and investors in a panic. As a result, a criminal case pertaining to dishonest inducement and cheating under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code was filed at the Sangram Police Station. After months of investigation, Ali was captured by the Sangram Police on May 8, 2025, in a well-planned raid from Mayong, which is located in the Morigaon region of Assam. With the assistance of Constable Yomli Ninu and HC(SG) Tenjing Norbu, ASI Shanti Paleng oversaw the operation. Now that Ali is in police custody, efforts are on to recover the stolen funds and identify any further victims or conspirators. Authorities have also asked on anyone who has been affected by the scam to share information that will help with the investigation.

Haflong commemorated silver jubilee of Sur Sanga Sangeet Vidyalaya

Guwahati, May 14: Sur Sanga Sangeet Vidyalaya celebrated its Silver Jubilee with lively cultural evening on Sunday at the Cultural Institute Hall in Haflong, marking 25 years of excellence in musical education.

Distinguished visitors and the event organizers presented a magnificently embellished portrait of Viswakabi Rabindranath Tagore with flower tributes and a ceremonial burning of a sacred lamp to begin the program. With enthralling performances of Kathak, Rabindra Sangeet, Rabindra Nritya, and other ancient art forms, Vidyalaya stu-

dents captivated the audience. Prominent figures such as Samir Mazumder, Bikramjit Choudhury, and Rishi-



ther development and prosperity. The audience was profoundly touched by the captivating performances of Barak Valley artists in Rabindra Sangeet and Rabindra Nritya during a special segment that added to the occasion's grandeur. Principal M. Dhar Choudhury, who expressed her great satisfaction with the students' performances, looked back on the institution's incredible journey, which began with just a few students and has since grown to include over 200 students committed to the preservation and promotion of classical and cultural arts.

Magisterial enquiry leading to death of 3 NSCN cadres



Haflong, May 15: The District Commissioner has ordered for a magisterial enquiry to be conducted by ADC Sangeeta Devi, ACS to investigate into the incident leading to the death of three NSCN (IM) cadres case registered under Haflong Police station case no. 20/2025 U/S 109 (I)/ 132/147/148/149 BNS R/W Sec 16/20 U.A (P) Act and 2591-A/27(2) Arms Act. The public notice is issued calling upon the witness or witnesses of the incident of the encounter. Any person

or any public body or organization who may have any information about the incident or are willing to give oral evidence, material evidence, written statement may appear before the magistrate between 14th of May, 2025 to 21st May, 2025 during 11:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. Evidences, statements etc. will be recorded at the office chamber of the magistrate assigned for the enquiry to ascertain the facts, circumstances and causes leading to the incident.

J&K CM Omar Abdullah announces ₹10 lakh for shelling victims in Pakistan

Srinagar, May 10: Jammu & Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah announced on Saturday that ₹10 lakh would be given as an ex-gratia to each family member of those slain by Pakistani firing in the Union Territory. Another district development commissioner and 19 civilians were killed in the Poonch, Rajouri, Jammu, and Baramulla sectors over the course of the preceding four days, following the Indian military's May 7 strike on nine



terrorist infrastructure targets for the Pahalgam terror attack across the border in retaliation last month. Following the In-

dian military's May 7 strike on nine terrorist infrastructure targets across the border in retribution for last month's Pahalgam terror attack, another district development commissioner and 19 civilians were killed in the Poonch, Rajouri, Jammu, and Baramulla sectors in the previous four days. Pakistani shelling has killed 12 civilians in Poonch, Uri, and Poonch, resulting in five deaths. The chief minister offers ex-gratia relief of ₹10 lakh to families.

India ranks 3rd globally in solar energy production



New Delhi, May 10: India's solar power capacity increased 30.7%, making it the third-largest global producer, surpassing Germany, and meeting renewable energy targets for 2030 ahead of schedule. The country achieved its 2030 renewable energy target of 200 GW in 2022, eight years ahead of schedule. Joshi this month opened the PV Module Testing and Calibration Lab at the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) outside the nation's capital in Gwal Pahari, Haryana. He noted that the lab would ensure that products meet the highest quality standards as Indi-

an companies expand their production of large modules, referring to it as a pioneering institution for India. The production capacity of solar modules has increased from 2 GW in 2014 to 80 GW, with the target of 150 GW by 2030. The minister underlined that in addition to solar advancements, 50 GW of wind energy capacity had been attained. Joshi also emphasized the government's ambitious targets, saying that India is well on its way to achieving the Prime Minister's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy by 2030, which includes 292 GW of solar energy.

Poonch Police warn about bombs

Jammu, May 12: Following reports of unexploded shells found around the area, the Poonch Police issued public safety advisory on Monday. Authorities have warned residents to be cautious & avoid unusual metal objects as they may pose risk to their safety & life. Following days of standoff following terror incident in Pahalgam on April 22 & New Delhi's retaliatory operation, Operation Sindoor, India & Pakistan came to ceasefire "understanding" on May 10. In the advisory, the police emphasized that UXO should not be touched, moved, or photographed under any circumstances. "Citizens are instructed to maintain a safe distance, vacate the area immediately upon discovering objects, and report the location to the nearest police station or PCR Poonch," the advisory added.

The police urged parents and guardians to teach kids about the risks associated with unfamiliar metal objects, especially in rural or wooded regions where shells of this type may be more common. In order to help handle any unfortunate situation, the advise encouraged the locals to "cooperate with police and bomb disposal squads." A day after Pakistan's heavy shelling heightened tensions along the border, Sunday saw no change in the situation in Jammu and Poonch. Authorities verified that during the night of May 10-11, no reports of drones, gunfire. Subedar Major Pawan Kumar of HP died in another terrible occurrence when artillery round detonated close to his position in the Krishna Ghata area.

Operation Sindoor's big revelation

Malir Cantt of Karachi was struck by the Indian Air Force

Mumbai, May 12: India's Air Force conducted strikes near Karachi, Pakistan, as part of its response to Pakistani aggression, including drone and missile strikes, small arms fire, and artillery shelling. News After the Navy's involvement in Operation Sindoor, India's military reaction to the Pahalgam terror attack by a proxy of Pak-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, was confirmed on Sunday, the Air Force successfully struck Pakistani military installations



close to Karachi. India connected the attack to the Pak deep state. Vice Admiral AN Pramod stated that the Navy has used its aviation assets, carrier battle groups, and submarines outside Karachi's harbor to encircle Pakistani naval troops.

17 people died in Amritsar after consuming fake alcohol

New Delhi, May 13: A news agency said Tuesday that five suspects were arrested after at least 17 people died in five Amritsar villages after reportedly swallowing fake alcohol. Sakshi Sawhney, the deputy commissioner of Amritsar, announced that 17 people had died. Six persons have been hospitalized due to hooch-related issues, according to the article. Five villages Bhangali, Patalpuri, Marari Kalan, Therewal, and Talwandi Ghuman have seen fatalities. The event has resulted in the arrest of six people. They are Kulbir Singh, Sahib Singh, Gurjant Singh, Ninder Kaur, and the principal defendant, Prabhjeet Singh. According to the report, leading suspect Prabhjeet told the police about methanol supplier Sahib Singh. 120 liters were created by diluting 120 liters of methanol. This is what was offered to the regional vendors. A case has been filed under the Excise Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. To raise awareness that counterfeit alcohol might have an effect for 24 to 48 hours, police are increasingly knocking on people's doors. "We



took action immediately and rounded up four people. We arrested the main supplier, Prabhjeet Singh. We interrogated him and found out about the kingpin supplier, Sahab Singh. We have rounded him up as well. We are investigating which firms he has bought this," SSP Singh said. "Manufacturers will be rounded up soon. Two FIRs have been registered under stringent sections. We aim to bust the entire distribution network. The civil administration, and we are going door to door to find out more people who have consumed this, to avoid further casualties and save people. 14 deaths have been confirmed and six people are currently hospitalised. This incident took place in five villages," SSP Singh said.

All Kashmiri schools and institutions gonna reopen

Kashmir healing itself slowly



New Delhi, May 13: Following a halt in hostilities between India and Pakistan, all Kashmiri schools and institutions reopened Tuesday, with the exception of those in the border districts, according to officials.

They declared that educational institutions in the districts of Kupwara

and Baramulla as well as those in Bandipora's Gurez sector would stay closed for the time being. Officials say that classes at Kashmir University will start up again on Wednesday. Due to the military stalemate between India and Pakistan, schools, colleges, and universities in the

Union Territory were temporarily closed last week. The administration of Jammu and Kashmir, however, ordered the reopening of educational institutions throughout the Union Territory on Monday, with the exception of those in the border regions, marking a break in the deadlock.

A new release date has been set for Vijay Deverakonda's film

Chennai, May 15: The release of Vijay Deverakonda's *Kingdom* has delayed. The movie will be released on July 4, 2025, instead of its initial May 30, 2025, debut date. The actor shared an update on X to confirm the news. The decision was made in light of the continuing tensions between India & Pakistan. Announcement read, "To our dear audience, we wish to inform you that the release of our film *Kingdom*, originally set for May 30, has been rescheduled to July 4. We explored every possibility to stick to the original date, but recent unforeseen events in the country and the current atmosphere have made it difficult for us to move forward with promotions or celebrations." Makers added, "We believe this decision will help us present *Kingdom* in best possible way, with the creative excellence and



spirit it deserves. We truly value your support and hope to receive your love when we meet you at the cinemas on July 4." The last words alluded to the forthcoming film *Thammudu*, starring Telugu actor Nithiin. On the same day, Venu Sriram's action-drama will face off against *Kingdom*. Vijay Deverakonda voiced his ire at the terror assault in Pahalgam last month, which killed 26 innocent.

Bollywood forbids Pakistani actors from performing

Mumbai, May 13: Due to the ongoing war between India and Pakistan, Bollywood has removed the posters of Pakistani actors and actresses who appeared in movies like *Raees*, *Kapoor & Sons*, and *Sanam Teri Kasam*. It includes movie posters, YouTube album covers, and music applications. The *Raees* movie poster just shows Shah Rukh Khan and no longer includes the lead heroine, Mahira Khan. Harshvardhan Rane, the lead actor in *Sanam Teri Kasam*, stated



on social media that he would not remake the movie if the original cast was left out of it out of respect for his nation. This comment, which high-

lighted the importance of original casts in remakes and the viewers' emotional commitment to the characters, sparked fan discussions.

Aamir Khan and Rajkumar Hirani team up for a Dadasaheb Phalke biopic

Mumbai, May 15: The producers announced on Thursday that Bollywood star Aamir Khan and filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will once more work together on a biopic on the Father of Indian Cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke. Following "3 Idiots" (2009) and "PK" (2014), this feature film will be the third collaboration between Khan and Hirani. A press announcement states that the actor will begin training for the part following the release of his most recent film, "Sitaare Zameen Par," and that filming on the as-yet-untitled project would



start in October. Dadasaheb Phalke, whose real name was Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, was a pioneer in Indian cinema. "Raja Harishchandra" (1913) is regarded as India's first motion picture. Sri Krishna Janma, Lanka Da-

han, and Kaliya Mardan are some of his other well-known films. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest distinction in Indian cinema, was instituted by the Indian government in 1969 in Phalke's honor. The award is presented

annually at the National Film Awards in honor of lifetime contributions to Indian cinema. "Set against the backdrop of independence struggle, the story unfolds an extraordinary journey of an artist, who from scratch, against all odds, goes on to give birth to the largest indigenous film industry in the world," said the press statement. Film's script has been in development for the past four years by Hirani, his regular partner Abhijat Joshi, and writers Hindukush Bhadravaj & Avishkar Bhadravaj, according to the statement.

New South Korean tourism ambassador is Hina Khan



Hyderabad, May 15: Hina Khan has been appointed as South Korea Tourism's official ambassador. She shared her experiences during a recent trip with her partner, exploring the BTS Army fan base, K-Pop and K-Drama locations, and re-creating

Korean videos into cute reels. She also explored Korean culture, including cafes, streets, and romantic bridges. The International Acting Executive VP, Tourism Division, KTO, praised her for her unique perspective and information.

Bhool Chuk Maaf finally gonna release

Following a court decision, the OTT premiere was confirmed for June 6 and was in theaters on May 23

New Delhi, May 15: Following months of a contentious legal battle between Maddock Films and the massive theater chain PVRInox, Bollywood's genre-bending comedy *Bhool Chuk Maaf* (2025) will ultimately be released on May 23, 2025. The film, which starred Rajkumar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi and was directed by Karan Sharma, was scheduled to hit theaters on May 9, 2025. However, the day before, producer Dinesh Vijan announced a direct-to-OTT release, which sparked a lot of outrage. PVRInox filed a request for ₹60 crore in injunctive relief with the Bombay High Court, arguing that the entire situation constituted a grave breach of contract that left exhibitors in a precarious financial situation. This decision was justified by the worsening national se-



curity concerns in India over the India-Pa-

kistan conflict. The High Court of Bombay

Provides Win-Win The Bombay High Court, however, has rendered an effective decision and the case has a win-win outcome, according to an exclusive report. Maddock Films will resume its marketing campaign on May 15 and *Bhool Chuk Maaf* will now be released in theaters throughout India on May 23, 2025. The Bombay High Court has granted *Bhool Chuk Maaf* a reduced digital window, allowing its June 6, 2025, Amazon Prime Video premiere. PVRInox can abandon its ₹60 crore claim, and both parties are content with the court's decision. Maddock Films and PVRInox are expected to announce their decision soon. *Bhool Chuk Maaf*, a high-concept romantic comedy, is a collaboration between Maddock Films and Amazon MGM Studios.

Shraddha Kapoor joins Eureka Forbes as brand ambassador for smartclean vacuum range

Guwahati, May 15: Eureka Forbes Ltd, a pioneer in the health and hygiene sector, has announced Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor as the brand ambassador for its iconic vacuum cleaner range. This strategic alliance underscores the company's mission to promote smarter, cleaner, and healthier living in Indian households. With over 40 years of leadership in home cleaning solutions, Eureka Forbes continues to revolutionize domestic hygiene. The latest Forbes SmartClean Robotic Vacuum Cleaners, powered by AI and advanced LiDAR technology, offer an efficient blend of powerful suction and wet mopping, making home cleaning both smart and seamless. Talking



about her association with Eureka Forbes, Shraddha Kapoor said, "I am indeed delighted to be associated with the Eureka Forbes family. I have always believed that a clean home is the foundation of a healthy mind and body, and the spaces we live in deeply influence how we function as individu-

als. Eureka Forbes as a brand has been championing clean, healthy living and I'm proud to be associated with a brand that has made clean living a lifelong mission. With innovations like the Forbes SmartClean Robotics range, which blends intelligent technology with effortless convenience, Eureka Forbes is redefining the future of home hygiene. I truly hope that together we can inspire many more to embrace this way of life." Anurag Kumar, Chief Growth Officer, Eureka Forbes Ltd said, "We're pleased to welcome Shraddha Kapoor to the Eureka Forbes family as the face of our Vacuum Cleaners. She represents a generation that values mindful living, smart choices, and pur-

poseful innovation, qualities that mirror our brand ethos. At Eureka Forbes, we've been pioneering home hygiene solutions for over 40 years, and with our new Forbes SmartClean Robotics range, we are redefining what effortless cleanliness looks like in today's homes. Shraddha's authenticity and strong connect with young Indian households makes her the perfect partner in our journey to build a cleaner, healthier India, one smart home at a time." In Guwahati, Eureka Forbes' robotic vacuum cleaners are expected to witness strong uptake. Consumers are increasingly opting for smart cleaning solutions to keep pace with busy lifestyles and evolving health priorities.

UTI Flexi Cap Fund: A long-term strategy for wealth creation

Guwahati, May 15: As investors seek to build long-term wealth, setting realistic financial goals is key. For those looking for consistency and growth in their portfolio, the UTI Flexi Cap Fund offers a robust investment option. Launched in 1992, the fund has a long track record of steady performance and is well-suited for investors with a moderate risk profile aiming to meet long-term financial goals. The UTI Flexi Cap Fund invests a significant portion (at least 65%) of its corpus in equities across different market capitalizations, including large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks. The fund's philosophy revolves around three key pillars: Quality, Growth, and Valuation. By focusing on businesses that can sustain high returns on capital employed (RoCE) and equity (RoE), the fund aims to create value over time, investing in companies with stable growth trajectories rather

than cyclical fluctuations. Top holdings such as ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finance, and Infosys dominate the portfolio, which boasts a corpus of over Rs. 25,190 crores (as of April 30, 2025). The focus is on investing in companies with strong cash flows and growth potential, ensuring a higher probability of long-term value creation. In Guwahati, the demand for diversified and stable investment products like UTI Flexi Cap Fund is on the rise, as local investors seek reliable options for wealth creation amid economic fluctuations. Investors are increasingly leaning towards equity funds that promise sustained growth while offering exposure to various sectors, making the UTI Flexi Cap Fund an attractive choice for long-term financial security. For investors planning for a 5 to 7-year horizon, this fund presents a balanced approach to equity investment.

Godrej Consumer bets on future-facing segments to drive growth

Guwahati, May 15: Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) is shifting gears with a sharper focus on high-growth emerging categories including pet care, body wash, liquid detergents, deodorants, air fresheners, and sexual wellness. With expectations of demand revival over the next 12-18 months, GCPL is banking on easing food inflation, potential income tax relief, and upcoming pay commission hikes to fuel consumer spending. "Our optimism is backed by improving macroeconomic indicators," said Sudhir Sitapati, MD & CEO, GCPL. Despite rising palm oil costs, which impacted EBITDA margins, the company only passed on 15-16% of the burden to consumers, calling it a short-term disruption. GCPL has already seen success with launches like Fab Liquid Detergent and budget deodorants under the Bloq



and KamaSutra brands. The pet care brand Godrej Ninja and innovations in insecticides with patented RMF technology are part of the company's push towards future-facing segments. In Guwahati, retailers are witnessing increased interest in Godrej's new offerings, particularly in personal care and air fresheners. The city's growing urban consumer base aligns well with GCPL's volume-led growth strategy. With a ₹700 crore investment plan and international expansion underway, GCPL is projecting mid-to-high single-digit volume growth in FY26 and double-digit EBITDA growth in FY25.

Nifty above 24,850, while India VIX up 1.61%

New Delhi, May 15: Key equity indices saw significant gains in afternoon trade driven by cooling inflation & U.S.-China trade talks, with Nifty PSU bank index, S&P BSE Sensex & Nifty 50 index all above 24,850 mark. The market experienced a robust increase in shares, with the NSE's India VIX rising by 1.61% to 17.50.

Godrej Professional unveils surreal collection in Guwahati, upskills 200+ hairstylists

Guwahati, May 15: In a major boost to the professional haircare sector in Assam, Godrej Professional trained over 200 hairstylists in Guwahati through an immersive event showcasing its new Surreal Collection and Strait Smooth range. The event culminated in a glamorous hair show graced by Assamese actress Barsha Rani Bishaya, who sported one of the collection's signature looks on the ramp. The Surreal Collection—India's first hair colour range inspired by natural wonders—features four vivid looks powered by Colour Play and Dimension technologies. Co-curated by top global stylists, it promises vibrant, ammonia-free shades enriched with keratin and hyaluronic acid. Speaking at the event, Abhinav Grandhi, Business



Head of Godrej Professional, said, "By equipping stylists with tools to innovate, we are helping shape the future of hairstyling in India." Guwahati, known for its fast adoption of national beauty trends, is poised to benefit significantly. With the Surreal Collection and Strait

Smooth solutions now available in leading salons, professionals in the city can offer cutting-edge services aligned with global standards. The event marks the beginning of a nationwide initiative by Godrej Professional to train over 3,000 salons in 11 cities during 2025.

There are 2,000 BluSmart EVs on road

New Delhi, May 15: Lenders & leasing companies of BluSmart, a ride-hailing company suspended due to financial irregularities, are reportedly planning to sell off 1,500-2,000 electric vehicles listed on the platform. Banks, investment platforms, and individuals are selling EVs financed or leased to BluSmart to recover money, with potential buyers including Delhi-based Evera & Uber-backed Everest Fleet. Evera already owns 300 EVs is negotiating the lease of an additional 800-1,000 vehicles. Some small fleet owners are also being contacted.

Amazon restructured, laying off 100 workers

Mumbai, May 15: Amazon laying off around 100 employees from its devices & services division part of ongoing restructuring strategy streamline operations and reduce costs. Amazon reducing workforce with smaller job cuts signaling cost-cutting efforts. Amazon announced cuts in its devices &



services division aiming reduce middle management & flatten organizational structures, aiming to improve speed, accountability, and cost-efficiency.

Godrej and Westland launch 'Queer Directions' to amplify LGBTQIA+ voices

Guwahati, May 15: In a pioneering collaboration, Godrej DEI Lab and Westland Books have launched Queer Directions, a new LGBTQIA+ publishing imprint committed to inclusive storytelling across genres like non-fiction, poetry, and soon, fiction. The imprint is set to roll out six titles in 2025, spotlighting authentic queer experiences and nar-



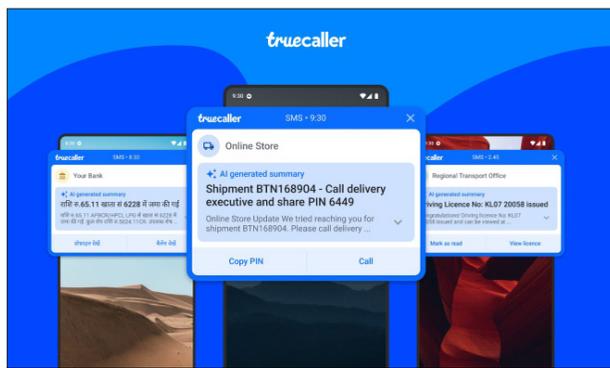
ratives. Parmesh Shahani, Head of Godrej DEI Lab and author of Queeristan, will serve as Series Editor. "The idea is to build a bridge, not a border," Shah-

ani said. "This imprint is an act of solidarity and a platform to elevate diverse queer voices." Westland Books, already known for its inclusive list, called the launch a long-cherished dream. "Queer Directions is about discovering and nurturing intersectional LGBTQIA+ voices," said Karthika V.K., Publisher at Westland Books. In Guwa-

hati, publishers, readers, and booksellers welcomed the initiative, noting a growing appetite for inclusive and diverse literature in Assam's urban readership. Bookstores and queer collectives alike see this as an opportunity to expand access to queer narratives in the Northeast, long underrepresented in mainstream publishing.

Truecaller launches AI-powered message IDs to tackle SMS clutter across India

Guwahati, May 15: Truecaller has introduced a major update in digital communication with the launch of its AI-powered Message IDs, now available in India and 30 other countries. This new feature uses advanced artificial intelligence and Large Language Models (LLMs) to identify and summarize critical SMS messages—such as OTPs, bank alerts, delivery updates, and flight itineraries—while ensuring users' data stays on their device. With real-time notifications and instant message categorization, users no longer need to sift through spam or worry about missing important texts. The tool is language-inclusive, working seamlessly with regional languages like Hindi as well as global tongues such as Swahili and Spanish.



Notably, it is available to both premium and non-premium users. In Guwahati, where smartphone usage has surged in recent years, the feature is expected to significantly ease the communication burden for users who rely on SMS for banking, logistics, and government notifications. Digital marketers and local businesses in Guwahati also view the

innovation as a trust-building tool, especially with the introduction of the Green Tick, which verifies messages from legitimate businesses. “With AI in Message IDs, we’re making SMS smarter and safer,” said John Joseph, Product Director at Truecaller. The move is seen as a leap forward in organizing digital communication for millions.

NSDC International to train 1 lakh caregivers for global healthcare roles

Guwahati, May 15: NSDC International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), has set an ambitious goal to train one lakh caregivers to meet the growing global demand in the healthcare sector. With the shortage of healthcare professionals impacting service delivery worldwide, NSDC International is addressing the gap by equipping Indian youth with specialised healthcare, soft skills, and language training. So far, thousands of skilled Indian caregivers have been placed in countries such as Germany, Japan, the UK, and Israel, with recent recruitment by major Japanese and German firms offering attractive salaries—testament to the quality of training provided. The organisation has also partnered with nations including the USA, Canada, Australia, and GCC countries to bridge workforce shortages in healthcare. In Guwahati, this initiative is expected to open significant employment opportunities for youth aspiring to work abroad. Local training centres have begun aligning their curriculum with NSDC International’s global standards, drawing increased interest from aspiring healthcare workers in the region. Alok Kumar, CEO, NSDC In-



ternational, said, “As the world today strives to accomplish the SDG-3- Good Health and Well-being, we, at NSDC International, are leaving no stone unturned to facilitate global action towards accomplishing universal health coverage. We have not only designed tailored programmes but also actively explored partnerships opportunities with national and global institutions to train candidates with relevant skills to mitigate healthcare challenges. We have successfully deployed thousands of skilled caregivers across the world and are steadily revising our targets, accelerating our actions, and ensuring seamless integration of skilled professionals into the healthcare ecosystem.”

Tally Solutions launches TallyPrime 6.0 to revolutionize SME financial operations

Guwahati, May 15: Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, a leader in business automation software, has unveiled TallyPrime 6.0, an innovative update that integrates connected banking for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This new release simplifies financial operations by seamlessly connecting banking services with business management tools, ensuring real-time bank reconciliations and enhanced decision-making. TallyPrime 6.0 integrates live bank balances and transaction updates directly



into the platform through partnerships with Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, allowing businesses to manage their accounts efficiently. “Our mission has always

been to help SMEs grow by reducing operational complexities,” said Mr. Tejas Goenka, Managing Director of Tally Solutions. With features like UPI payment integration, enhanced bank reconciliation, and smart financial tools, TallyPrime allows SMEs to save up to 50% of their time, optimizing cash flow and working capital management. In Guwahati, this launch offers a major boost in financial automation. Local businesses can leverage TallyPrime’s connected banking feature to streamline operations and

improve financial visibility, giving them a competitive edge in a rapidly digitizing market. The ability to access real-time financial data ensures that Guwahati’s SMEs stay agile and informed, fostering smarter financial decisions and growth. Security remains a key priority, with end-to-end encryption and real-time fraud detection embedded within the platform, ensuring the safety of all financial transactions. Tally continues to lead the way in simplifying business management with its latest offering.

Retail Inflation Drops to 0.85%

New Delhi, May 15: According to government data, wholesale price inflation decreased to 0.85% in April as the cost of manufactured goods, food items, and fuel decreased. WPI-based inflation was 2.05 per cent in March. It was 1.19 per cent in April last year. “Positive rate of inflation in April, 2025 is primarily due to an increase in prices of manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, chemicals and chemical products, manufacture of other transport equipment and manufacture of machinery and equipment, etc,” the in-

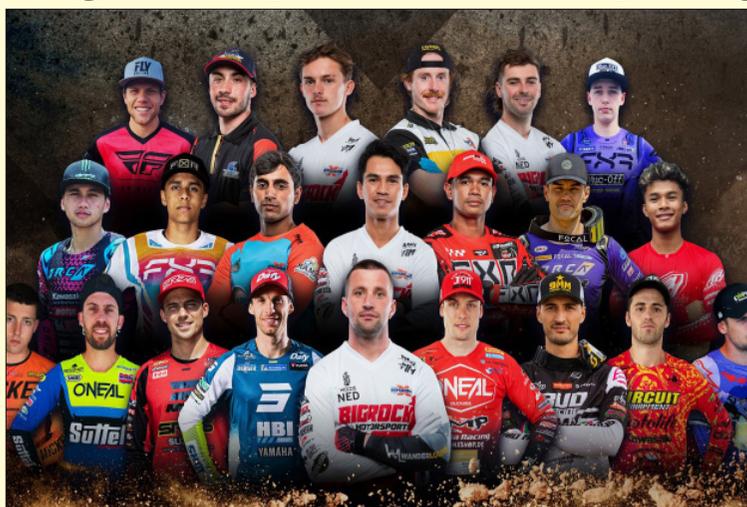
dustry ministry said in a statement. According to data from WPI food items experienced a 0.86 percent deflation in April after 1.57 percent inflation in March, with vegetables experiencing a significant decline. In March, the deflation rate for vegetables was 15.88 percent; in April, it was 18.26 percent. Inflation in onions decreased from 26.65% in March to 0.20% in April. The inflation rate for manufactured goods was 2.62% in April as opposed to 3.07% in March. In April, fuel and power also had a 2.18 percent deflation, up from 0.20% in March.

Net profit at ITC Hotels increases by 20%

New Delhi, May 13: Results for January–March quarter of the fiscal year 2025 are being released by about 135 businesses. Notable names among them include Abbott India, Allied Blenders and Distillers, Balrampur Chini Mills, Bikaji Foods International, CESC, Cochin Shipyard, Godfrey Phillips India, Godrej Industries, ITC Hotels, JSW Energy, Kaynes Technology, LT Foods, NCC, Orient Technologies, Patanjali Foods, PB Fintech, Saregama India, South Indian Bank, Spencers Retail, and Zee Learn.

ISRL Season 2 attracts global supercross stars, eyes bigger impact in India

Guwahati, May 15: The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL), the world’s first franchise-based Supercross championship, has kicked off Season 2 with a record-breaking 89 rider registrations in just three weeks—surpassing last season’s three-month tally. This early surge highlights the league’s growing global stature and athlete confidence following a successful debut edition. Top international riders from Season 1, including 2024 champion Matt Moss (Australia) and French icon Jordi Tixier, have re-registered alongside newcomers like Alexander Fedortsov (USA), Adrien Escoffier (France), and Luke Clout (Australia). Indian stars Rugved Barguje, Ikshan Shanbhag,



and Sarthak Chavan are also set to return. The league has drawn in-

terest from across continents, reflecting its mounting international appeal. Guwahati, a city known for its growing sports fanbase, is witnessing increasing interest in motorsports, with local enthusiasts eagerly tracking ISRL’s expansion. The buzz around international participation and elite track standards has stirred curiosity among Guwahati’s youth and business stakeholders alike, hinting at potential regional franchise involvement in the future. Season 2, slated from October to December 2025, will feature races across Indian cities in 450cc International, 250cc International, and 250cc India-Asia Mix categories. With Bollywood actor Salman Khan onboard as brand ambassador, ISRL’s profile is set for a dramatic leap in both reach and excitement.

Transport Corporation of India Ltd. announces strong growth in Q4 & FY2025 financial results

Guwahati, May 15: Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI), India's leading integrated multi-modal logistics and supply chain solutions provider, has announced its financial results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2025. Financial Highlights for Q4FY2025: Revenue: TCI reported a consolidated revenue of 11,972 Mn, marking a growth of 9.3% compared to ₹ 10,954 Mn in the same period last year. EBITDA: The company's Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) stood at ₹ 1,401Mn, a 11.3% increase from ₹ 1,259Mn. in FY2024. Profit After Tax (PAT): PAT rose by 11.4% to ₹ 1,151 Mn., compared to ₹ 1,033Mn. in the previous year. Summarizing the multidimensional performance insights, Mr. Vineet Agarwal, MD-



TCI, said: "FY2025 has been a year of systemic growth at TCI. Despite global uncertainties and evolving supply chain dynamics, our focus on multimodal integration, sustainability and digitalisation have propelled decisive advancement." The TEMT tool, developed by the TCI-IIM Supply Chain Sustainability Lab, which holds the distinction of being India's first ISO-certified

tool, has also been recognized by the Smart Freight Centre in the Netherlands for its contribution in decarbonizing freight transportation. He further added, "With the global logistics sector undergoing transformative acceleration, TCI remains steadfast in its commitment to resilience, innovation, operational excellence and stake holder value creation."

For SRK's King, Jackie Shroff and Anil Kapoor, the Ram Lakhan duo, will reunite

New Delhi: The iconic 'Ram Lakhan' duo, Jackie Shroff and Anil Kapoor, are set to reunite on the big screen in Shah Rukh Khan's highly anticipated action thriller, 'King'. The film, which is scheduled to begin filming on May 20, marks the first collaboration of the legendary trio, Shah Rukh, Shroff, and Kapoor, since their 1995 blockbuster 'Trimurti'. While details of Jackie Shroff's role remain under wraps, his addition to the cast has added to the excitement around the film. Anil Kapoor has been confirmed to play Shah Rukh's handler and mentor, guiding his character through a gritty, high-stakes narrative. The film, headlined by Shah Rukh



Khan, will see him in a never-before-seen avatar. "Sidharth Anand narrated the basic world of King to Jackie Shroff along with his character arc, and the actor took no time to come on board the film. Jackie is all excited to embark on this action-packed journey with Shah Rukh Khan and the team. Jackie feels that Shah Rukh Khan is the most accomplished and large-hearted producer of Indian Cinema, and is looking forward to be on the sets on King," a source told Pinkvilla. "King has one of the largest ensembles for a feature film in modern times, as every character has been cast to perfection with actors who fit the bill to the T.

Ajay Devgn And Yug Devgan Voice Karate Kid Legends Hindi Version

New Delhi: As Ajay Devgn finds the voice of the great and powerful Mr Han, after Jackie Chan, Yug Devgan will officially make his voice debut as Li Fong – the new face of the brand, after Ben Wang. This casting is special, symbolic, and rare because of the emotional elements captured in Karate Kid: Legends, and it is almost as if this mirrored the whole centre of the film: a mentor developing a young fighter through a path of self-discovery and metamorphosis. For Ajay Devgn, who has done action, drama, and comedy, Karate Kid: Legends marks his first voice role for an international film, and his fans are ecstatic that he is exploring yet another level of his creative voice. On top of that, the interaction with his son, who shares the screen (or, rather, speaks) with his father, has made it engaging content for fans almost instantly online. Karate Kid: Legends is the story of Li Fong, a kung fu prodigy, trying to battle school bullies, cultural changes, and the road to inner strength, set in contemporary New York City.

Is Anushka Sharma's 'Chakda Xpress', biopic on Jhulan Goswami

New Delhi: Anushka Sharma was all set to give her fans a new film after the 2018 dud Zero. This was Indian Cricketer Jhulan Goswami's biopic called Chakda Xpress. The actress was preparing for the role before the pandemic happened. The film was all set to release directly on Netflix. There have been a lot of reports that there was a fallout between the streaming giant and the producers of the film Clean Slate Films. It has been more than four years and the fate of the film continues to hang in the balance. They have a lot of reports that the film has been shelved. Goswami has now said, "Merako aisa koi news nahi hai, aur call mujhe kar rahe sab! Mujhe koi comment nai karna," she said according to Hindustan Times. Sharma



has penned a heartfelt note as Virat Kohli announced retirement from Test cricket. She wrote- "They'll talk about the records and the milestones - but I'll remember the tears you never showed, the battles no one saw, and the unwavering love you gave

this format of the game." She added, "I know how much all this took from you. After every Test series, you came back a little wiser, a little humbler -and watching you evolve through it all has been a privilege." Sharma continued, "Somehow, I always imagined you'd retire international cricket in whites - But you've always followed your heart, and so I just want to say my love, you've earned every bit of this goodbye." What Kohli wrote This is what his long caption on Instagram read: "It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket. Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on. It's tested me, shaped me, and taught me lessons I'll carry for life."

Cannes 2025 Urvashi Rautela trolled over bold colourful outfit



New Delhi: Actor Urvashi Rautela has fully immersed herself in the Cannes Film Festival. On Tuesday, she made a striking appearance at Cannes 2025, turning heads on the red carpet in a vibrant, colourful ensemble. For the opening ceremony, Urvashi embraced a bold fashion statement, pairing her outfit with eye-catching accessories - a colourful tiara, a crystal-embellished parrot-shaped clutch, and matching jewellery. Rautela, confidently flaunting her look.

Sitaare Zameen Par trailer

Aamir Khan plays a teacher yet again as he coaches a basketball team of 'intellectually disabled' people

New Delhi: Sitaare Zameen Par trailer: The makers of Aamir Khan-starrer Sitaare Zameen Par dropped its trailer online on Tuesday evening and it looks like Aamir is playing a character that's completely opposite to his character from Taare Zameen Par. In the trailer, we meet his character named Gulshan, a violent and aggressive man, who doesn't mind driving in a drunk state. After getting in trouble with the law, he is assigned the task of coaching a team of "intellectually disabled" people for a basketball tournament. The trailer describes this film as a "heartwarming family entertainer" where they insist that the idea of normalcy isn't the same for everyone. It appears that the film is trying to desperately underline the progress of Aamir's character who blatantly describes the men and women in the team as "pagal" on numerous occasions, and will hopefully come around by the end of the film. Even though the movie is called Sitaare Zameen Par, with Sitaare being the name

of the team, this appears to be the story of the coach who learns the error of his ways through their story. Brimming with warmth and joy, the trailer of Sitaare Zameen Par strikes an emotional chord while perfectly balancing love, laughter and heartfelt moments. This heartwarming comedy is packed with hilarious scenes that promise to leave audiences both moved and entertained. Adding to the excitement, Aamir Khan Productions introduces ten debutant actors: Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishna Varma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar. Directed by R.S. Prasanna, well known for his barrier-breaking film Shubh Mangal Saavdhan, Sitaare Zameen Par, marks his most ambitious project to date, led by the ever iconic Aamir Khan. The film has been made under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions, one of the most successful production houses in India, known for delivering some truly



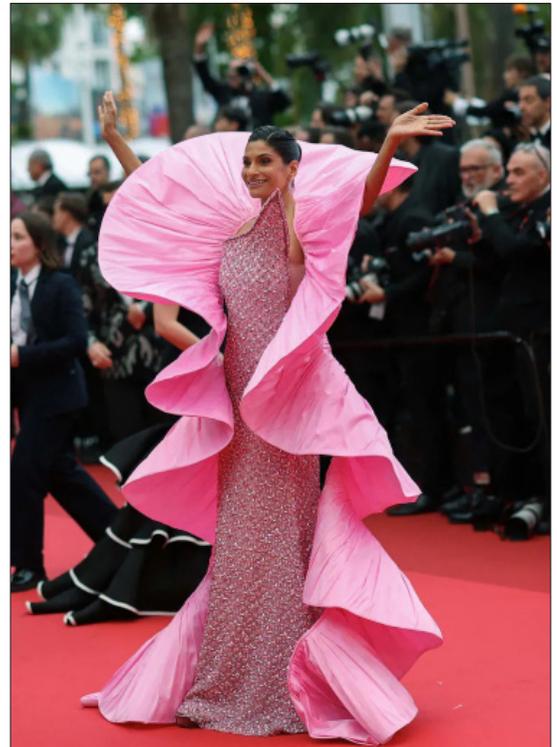
remarkable films. Their vast filmography includes acclaimed titles such as Laapataa Ladies, Dangal, Taare Zameen Par, Secret Superstar, Lagaan, and many more. Sitaare Zameen Par stars Aamir Khan and Genelia Deshmukh. The songs are composed by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy and the lyrics are penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya.

Cannes 2025 : celebs are already snubbing the new dress code

The very opening day of the 78th Cannes Film Festival saw several attendees flouting the newly announced dress code, which prohibited them from embracing naked dressing and turning up in voluminous ensembles. The Day 1 red carpet of the international film festival was replete with the excessive sartorial drama it is known for. Celebrities like Heidi Klum and Chinese actor Wan QianHui unabashedly ditched the new rules as they posed on the prestigious red carpet at the French Riviera in flamboyant outfits. Ahead of the Cannes Film Festival opening, its organising committee announced a few new dress code guidelines for 'decency' purposes. "For decency reasons, nudity is prohibited on the red carpet, as well as in any other area of the Festival. Voluminous outfits, in particular those with a large train, that hinder the proper flow of traffic of guests and complicate seating in the theatre are not permitted," the updated guidelines read. The new dress code affected many, including American actress and model Halle Berry, who had to change her outfit at the last minute because of the new rules. "I had an amazing dress by Gupta (presumably Gaurav Gupta) to wear tonight, and I cannot wear it because the train's too big," Berry, who is a festival jury member this year, said at a news conference. However, not many cared about the rules. Heidi Klum was one among them. She turned up wearing a maximalist floral Elie Saab gown that was in direct violation of the festival's new

dress code. Chinese actor and influencer Wan QianHui also ignored the new dress code. She wore an all-white strapless

gown with a long black train. Actress Eva Longoria too turned up clad in a strapless metallic gown with a long black train. Influencer and 'Dubai Bling' star Farhana Bodi too turned up in a sparkling pink gown featuring sculptural ruffles and a flowing petal cape from the label Atelier Zuhra. This year, several Indian celebrities, including Jacqueline Fernandez, Janhvi Kapoor, Ishaan Khatter, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Nitanishi Goel, and Shalini Passi, will grace the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival. Payal Kapadia, who made history in 2024 as the first Indian to win the Grand Prix award at Cannes for her film All We Imagine As Light, returns to the prestigious international festival this year as a jury member.



gown with a billowing, cloudlike and tiered voluminous skirt.

Preity Zinta shares her inspiring workout routine for fit and toned body at 50



Preity Zinta is truly ageing like fine wine. At 50, she maintains a fit and toned physique thanks to her disciplined routine and consistent workouts. She recently treated her Insta family to a workout video, reminding everyone that age truly is just a number. Let's check it out and grab some fitness tips from her. Preity captioned her post, "It does not matter how long and how much you train over the years... One needs to keep changing it up so you can push your body further and harder." She added, "Here I'm trying a new workout for a new project I'm working on with the one & only @yasminkarachiwala. Hope I can inspire some of you to go to the gym now." Preity is seen powering through a series of exercises in sleek black sportswear, her hair pulled back into a high ponytail and her signature natural glow intact.

Side lunge stretch: A side step to stretch and strengthen your inner thighs and hips.

Dumbbell squat: A squat holding dumbbells to build leg and glute strength.

Crunches: Core-focused crunches to tone the abdominal muscles.

Cable curl: Using a cable machine to work the biceps.

Squats: Classic bodyweight or weighted squats to target legs and glutes.

Crossover running plank: A plank variation with a running motion, engaging the core and shoulders.

Arm pulldown: Pulling a cable or resistance band down to strengthen the back and arms.

Sumo squat: A wide-stance squat targeting inner thighs and glutes for a different leg workout. Together, these moves offer a balanced mix of strength, flexibility, and core training.

Essential lessons for parents to ensure a safer tomorrow

Child safety needs constant vigilance and open communication. "Most abuse comes from people children know, so parents must be alert to warning signs and understand child protection laws like POSCO. Empowering children through open dialogue, teaching them about 'good touch/bad touch', being friends with your kid and creating safe spaces are crucial." With India becoming the digital first economy, cyber crimes against children are getting bigger and severe by the day. According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 1,823 cases have been discovered in the year 2022, a significant increase from 1,377 cases in 2021. Advocate Noopur Singhal revealed, "These crimes include 1,171 cases of cyber pornography, 15 cases of cyberbullying and stalking, and 416 other cyber crimes. On the internet, parents should be aware of what is going on and teach their children to be safe online. Parents should educate their children with the safe usage habits on the internet and be mindful of dangers online." Building a relation between parents and children, through which kids could open up the issues they had to face; this is much more important to us. Noopur said, "Schools and communities need to be involved in making safe zones. We will join hands and create a globe in which all



the children raise their age safely from abuse or any online risk. Education is necessary, increasing awareness and strict actions help in keeping them safe." According to Kirti Sharma, co-CEO at Crimson Schools, child safety in schools has five essential components — infrastructure security, health and hygiene, psycho-social well-being, responsible staff and structured monitoring. She said, "Strong infrastructure ensures well-maintained buildings, fire safety, and secure transportation. Health and hygiene demand clean water, sanitation, menstrual health support, and disease prevention." Kirti explained, "Psycho-social well-being involves mental health resources, anti-bullying policies and

abuse prevention, ensuring that students feel protected physically and emotionally. Teachers and staff must be trained in child protection, emergency response, and fostering a safe environment." It is also important to move with the times and update safety mechanisms in campus and on school buses. Kirti Sharma elaborated, "For example, digital monitoring, awareness programs, enhanced vigilance and strict policies to prevent online exploitation and abuse are now imperative for cyber safety. With rising concerns over emergencies — be it air pollution, natural disasters, security threats, or digital risks — schools must move beyond compliance to active vigilance."

Chingri Malai Curry

Ranked Among World's Top 10 Shrimp Prawn Dishes

Seafood is a key part of coastal cuisines across the globe. While fish often takes centre stage, shrimp and prawn dishes are equally loved for their flavour and versatility. TasteAtlas, the popular food and travel guide, has shared its list of the 80 best-rated shrimp and prawn dishes from around the world. At number one is Simiako Garidaki, a delicacy from the Greek island of Symi. These small, bright-red shrimp are known for their sweet, delicate taste and are typically fried in olive oil with garlic, then seasoned simply with salt and pepper. Mexico has a strong showing in the top 10 with four dishes on the list: Camarones Enchilotados Tacos Gobernadora Shrimps in Tamarind Sauce Aguachile India finds a place with the much-loved Chingri Malai Curry from Bengali cuisine, which comes in at number 6. This dish features prawns cooked in a rich coconut milk gravy, spiced with garam masala, and sau-



teed in ghee or mustard oil with onions, green chillies, garlic-ginger paste, and turmeric. Known for its creamy, flavourful sauce, it is usually served with steamed rice. Top 10 Shrimp And Prawn Dishes In The World, According To TasteAtlas: 1. Simiako Garidaki - Greece 2. Camarones Enchilotados - Mexico 3. Gambas al Ajillo - Spain 4. Stir-Fried Shrimps India 7. Shrimps in Tamarind Sauce (Camarones en salsa de tamarindo) - Mexico 8. Ebi Furai - Japan 9. Aguachile - Mexico.

This No-Cook Carrot Koshimbir Is The Summer Side Dish You Didn't Know You Needed

It's almost 1 pm, and you are still deciding what to make for lunch. But the mere thought of turning on the gas is enough to drain you. Welcome to peak Indian summer - the season when survival means chugging gallons of fluids, sticking to cooling foods, and keeping the air conditioner on 'high cool' mode. This is the time of the year when rich, heavy gravies quietly exit our plates, making way for light, refreshing meals that help regulate body temperature naturally. In fact, during summer, we are constantly looking out for easy, fuss-free, cooling and hydrating recipes. Enter carrot koshimbir - a traditional Maharashtrian side dish that can level up your everyday summer meals without making you sweat it out in the kitchen. Sounds perfect, right?

In this article, we share a quick and simple carrot koshimbir recipe, originally posted by nutritionist Shweta Anarase on her Instagram handle. Let's dive in. What Is Maharashtrian Koshimbir? To put it



simply, koshimbir is Maharashtra's answer to the classic salad bowl - a refreshing medley of raw vegetables brought to life with simple yet punchy seasonings. There are countless variations of this dish, each with its twist. The most basic version typically includes chopped onion, salt, sugar, green chillies, and a squeeze of lime. - It requires no cooking. All you need to do is add a quick tadka to the salad. - Cucumber, carrot and onion make koshimbir a cool and hydrating dish. - It takes 10 minutes to put

together a bowl of koshimbir. - Koshimbir is versatile and goes well with every Indian dish - from dal-chawal, roti-sabzi to tandoori chicken/paneer, pakoda, etc. tgood mix. Refrigerate the salad for some time and enjoy it as a refreshing side with your meals. It is proof that simple ingredients, when paired thoughtfully, can create something surprisingly addictive. So, the next time your kitchen feels like a sauna, and you can't bear the idea of cooking, just grate a carrot, toss in a few pantry staples.

Three Exceptional Mango Recipes



As the king of fruits makes its seasonal debut, it's time to bring some sunshine to your plate with luscious, mango-infused creations. Chef Nagraj, Head Chef at Koteshwaram, celebrates the vibrant flavour of mangoes through a trio of irresistible recipes that blend tradition with indulgence. From the melt-in-the-mouth sweetness of Mango Kesari Bhaat and the festive flair of Mango Holige to the tangy, comforting goodness of Mango Daal Tadka, these dishes promise to elevate your summer table. Dive into these easy-to-follow recipes by Chef Nagraj, Head Chef, Koteshwaram, and let the magic of mangoes unfold in every bite. **Ingredients:** 1 cup semolina 1 cup sugar 1 cup mango puree 2 cups water ¼ cup ghee ½ tsp cardamom powder A pinch of salt **Optional:** Roasted nuts or dried fruits for garnish **Method:** **Roast Semolina:** Heat 2 tbsp ghee in a pan, add semolina, and roast on low heat until golden and aromatic. **Boil Water:** In another pot, bring 2 cups of water to a boil with a pinch of salt. **Cook Semolina:** Slowly add boiling water to the roasted semolina while stirring. Cook for 3-4 mins until thick. **Add Mango & Sugar:** Stir in mango puree and sugar. Cook until sugar dissolves and the mixture thickens. **Finish:** 150 g toor dal 10 g turmeric powder 100 g chopped onion 50 g chopped tomato 20 g mashed garlic 5-8 green chillies 100 g raw mango 10 g coriander leaves (chopped) 0 g ghee Salt to taste **Method:** **Cook Dal:** Rinse and pressure cook dals with turmeric and Sauté garlic until golden, add onions and chillies, cook till soft. **Add Tomatoes & Mango:** Cook for 5-7 mins until mango is tender but holds shape.

Examine the Kitchen of Thakur Barir Ranna and His Family

While Rabindranath's culinary interests are fascinating, it was the women of the Tagore household who truly revolutionised their family's cuisine. Mrinalini Devi, Rabindranath's wife, was renowned for her cooking prowess and often fulfilled her husband's curious culinary requests. Some of her signature creations included a special rice dish with mango, chutney made from ripe pointed gourd, and a sour dish crafted from aubergine, ber (Indian jujube), amla (Indian gooseberry), and sesame. Mrinalini also conceived a unique type of gaja (fried sweet) that Rabindranath named 'Elojhelo', which later became known as 'Pari-bondho'. The trademark small luchis (fried flatbreads) of the Tagore household, with their distinctive three-inch radius, were reportedly her recipe as well. There are many names through history who embody the culture and wealth of India, but maybe none more recognisable than Rabindranath Tagore. Born on 7th May 1861, the polymath and Nobel Laureate has a secret and often overlooked aspect to his life and family that deserves our attention; a remarkable culinary legacy. Beyond the poetry, music, and philosophical writings that made him famous worldwide, Tagore and his family were deeply invested in culinary experimentation, creating what is now rec-



ognised as the distinctive Tagore cuisine or 'Thakur Barir Ranna'. A Family Of Foodies The Tagore household, at the forefront of the Bengal Renaissance, was not only progressive in arts and politics but also in its approach to food. The kitchen at Jorasanko Thakurbari became a veritable laboratory of culinary innovation, where influences from around the world melded with traditional Bengali cooking techniques. Rabindranath himself was an ardent food enthusiast. Despite his image as a serious intellectual, he maintained a playful relationship with food

throughout his life. True to his Bengali roots, he harboured a special fondness for 'maachh o mishti' (fish and sweets), but his global travels exposed him to diverse cuisines that would later inspire his family's kitchen. During his international journeys, Tagore diligently collected menu cards from state functions, intellectual gatherings, and high-society balls, bringing these influences back to his kitchen. This practice introduced dishes like Baked Fish, Irish Stew, meat pies, and Hindustani Turkish Kebab to the Bengali household.

Tottenham and Manchester United advance to the Europa League final

Europe: The Champions League is just one game away for both teams, despite their current position in the Premier League's bottom half. Manchester United and Tottenham have secured a place in the Champions League after advancing to the final of Europe's second-tier competition, despite their poor Premier League campaign. This marks a significant step towards their goal of achieving Champions League glory. United defeated Athletic Bilbao 4-1 in the semifinal second leg, winning 7-1 on aggregate. Tottenham secured a 5-1 aggregate victory, setting up an all-English Europa League final for the second time in six years. United fought back from a 1-0 deficit against Bilbao, with Mason Mount scoring twice after the break. Casemiro and Rasmus Hojlund also scored. Tottenham scored against Bodø/Glimt in Norway, with the final taking place in Bilbao on May 21.



United and Tottenham are one game away from winning silverware, a major title that would salvage a season to forget for both teams. A place in the Champions League would put the winner back among Europe's elite next term. However, neither team has looked likely to achieve this as they have languished closer to the relegation zone than the top five. United is 15th in the standings, losing a club record 16 games in the Premier League and is certain to record its worst-ever points total in the modern era. For Tottenham, it is even worse, sitting one place below United after a club record-equaling 19 losses in the Premier League. One of these teams has the chance to effectively erase their woeful domestic

form by winning the final, which will be the fourth time they have faced each other this season. United's two-legged victory over Bilbao defied its performances for most of the season, with former coach Erik ten Hag fired in October and his replacement, Amorim, overseeing 12 losses in 24 league games. This would be United's third trophy-winning season in a row and Amorim's first for the club after winning two Portuguese league titles with Sporting Lisbon. Tottenham manager Ange Postecoglou insists he always delivers a trophy in his second year in charge, but even the most optimistic of Spurs fans must have questioned whether he could maintain that record given the team's struggles this season.

IPL 2025 is 'for one week' suspended

Agency: The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 has been suspended for one week due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan. The decision was made after consultation with key stakeholders, including franchisees, broadcasters, sponsors, and fans. The IPL Governing Council took the decision after a call with BCCI officials, including IPL chairman Arun Dharmal. The teams have already started disbanding, with players and support staff taking the next available flights out of and within India. The decision came after the IPL abandoned a match between Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Delhi Capitals (DC) midway into the first innings. The South African Cricketers' Association chief executive, Andrew Breetzke, stated that the health and safety of players is not negotiable. IPL 2025 is currently 58 games old, with 12 games left in the group stage and the playoffs. If the IPL cannot resume soon, the next possible window might be in September, when India doesn't have a bilateral series lined up, though it is the window for the Asia Cup.

The Soccer Champions Mueller's goodbye at Bayern's final home game

Agency: Champions Bayern are preparing for a farewell game with Mueller in their final home game. Bayern Munich, the newly-crowned Bundesliga champions, are preparing for an emotional final home game, where they will receive the league trophy and bid farewell to veteran striker Thomas Mueller. Bayern secured their 34th German league title after a 2-2 draw with Bayer Leverkusen at Freiburg, leaving them with an unassailable eight-point lead with two games remaining. Coach Vincent Kompany announced that the team is ready to face ninth-placed Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday, despite having no

match at the Allianz Arena, as it is a celebration for everyone. Former Germany captain Mueller, 35, joined Bayern at 10 and has helped the club win 13 championships, six German Cups, eight Super Cups, and two Champions League trophies, aiming for a perfect Saturday with strong preparation. Kompany predicts an emotional moment for Thomas and the crowd, highlighting his fighter spirit and his special relationship with fans. He has personally experienced these moments and believes Thomas is a fighter who always strives to show his abilities. Mueller has been primarily a substitute this season, and Kompany is



sporting goal left to achieve. Kompany announced that they have prepared for an important match, as they have been doing so every other week. The team is under immense pressure for the final two matches, particularly in Thomas Mueller's final

known for being strict about revealing the lineup before games. Belgian coach confirms 35-year-old striker's probable match against Gladbach, aiming for consistency but allowing a wait and see tomorrow to avoid spoiling the party.

Inter Miami's manager discusses Lionel Messi's frustration after recent results

Leo is a fierce competitor



Argentina: Mascherano, who has played alongside Lionel Messi for Argentina and Barcelona, discussed the high standards of the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner. Inter Miami manager Javier Mascherano expressed frustration with Lionel Messi's recent team's poor results. Messi, the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner, was disappointed after Miami's hat-trick of defeats before their 4-1 home victory against the NY Red Bulls. The team's recent elimination by Vancouver in the Concacaf Champions Cup semifinals left Messi agitated. However, he scored in Miami's victory against the NY Red Bulls, breaking a four-game drought without goals for Messi and Luis Suarez. The team has dropped to fourth place in the Eastern Conference with 21 points and is set to face

Minnesota United on Saturday. Mascherano, who has played alongside Messi in Argentina and Barcelona, emphasized the competitive nature of the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner. He emphasized that Messi is demanding not only himself but also those around him, a trait that has been well-known for a long time. Miami manager Mascherano has praised Messi's competitive nature and the demands he imposes on himself and those around him. He believes the club should focus on bringing in strong signings to strengthen their squad for the FIFA Club World Cup. Mascherano has played with Messi with Argentina and Barcelona, and is exploring options to bring in someone who truly strengthens the team. Mascherano pointed toward reinforcing The Herons' offense, saying "Well, to be more precise, the club is evaluating options - especially in the attacking front." Miami can narrow its focus to league play over the next few weeks and try to continue making up ground in the standings coming off a 4-1 win over the New York Red Bulls last Saturday. "We're going to fight for the top spots in the Eastern Conference, and then we'll see what comes (over the summer) with the Club World Cup and the Leagues Cup. But right now, the most important game is the next one," Inter Miami coach Javier Mascherano said this week.

Jets defeat the Stars 4-0 in Game 2 to tie the series, & Connor Hellebuyck makes 21 saves

Agency: Connor Hellebuyck made 21 saves in Game 2 as the Jets defeated the Stars 4-0 to tie the series. The Winnipeg Jets secured a 4-0 win over the Dallas Stars in Game 2 of the Western Conference second-round series, thanks to 21 saves by Connor Hellebuyck. Hellebuyck secured his fourth career playoff shutout, helping the Jets recover from a 3-2 loss.

Hellebuyck expressed disappointment in the first round's results but believes he has built his game back and is satisfied with the team's performance. He plans to continue having fun with the phenomenal team. Gabriel Vilardi and Nikolaj Ehlers scored early goals, with Adam Lowry adding a 3-0 lead in the second period. Ehlers added an empty-netter with 3:40 remaining for a three-point night. Josh Morrissey, who assisted on Vilardi's goal, praised Josh's incredible goaltending skills,



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Josh Morrissey, who assisted on Vilardi's goal, praised his exceptional goaltending skills, stating that he makes difficult saves look easy due to his consistent effort and dedication. Vilardi scored the first goal on a power play at 3:35 of the first period. Tyler Seguin was called for a double-minor for high-sticking

Josh Morrissey just 17 seconds in. Vilardi pounced on Ehlers' rebound in the crease and slid the puck in the net. Ehlers followed at 7:07, and Lowry made it a three-goal lead with 8:58 left in the second. "We would have liked to get two, obviously, but we have to look at the big picture," Stars defenseman Cody Ceci said. "It's a long series. It's kind of what we expected against these guys — they're a good team."

Praggnanandhaa to take on Duda in round 6 of Superbet Classic

● Praggnanandhaa to take on Duda in round 6 of Superbet Classic. In a three-way lead after the fifth round, Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa will open as black against Duda-Jan-Krzysztof of Poland in the sixth round of the Superbet Classic



Gukesh's hunt for an elusive victory continued in the first half of the event and the youngest ever world champion has just got four draws besides one loss in his five games thus far. American duo of Levon Aronian and Wesley So, Deac Bogdan Daniel of Romania and Firouzja Alireza of France share the fourth spot on 2.5 points behind the three leaders

while Abdusattorov, Duda and Gukesh hold the eighth spot in the 10-players round-robin tournament. With a 100000 USD at stake as the first prize out of a total prize pool of USD 350000 in the tournament, all eyes will be on Praggnanandhaa especially as after Duda, he will be left with two white games out of the last three rounds when he meets Alireza, Wesley and finally Aronian. For Gukesh the road to recovery is still long but the Indian has proven time and again his capacity to bounce back from adverse situations. The lone rest day on Monday might give the breather Gukesh needs to start his comeback. Caruana and Vachier-Lagrave have had similar results like Duda Jan Krzysztof (Pol, 2) vs R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 3); Wesley So (Usa, 2.5) Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 3) vs Deac Bogdan Daniel (Rou, 2.5).

Smriti, Amanjot, help India clinch ODI tri-series Beat

Colombo: Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana hit a sublime 116 off 101 balls while Sneha Rana and Amanjot Kaur shined with stellar bowling efforts as a dominant India clinched the women's ODI tri-series with an emphatic 97-run win over Sri Lanka at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium on Sunday. On a pitch which was initially slow and got better to bat on as the innings progressed, Smriti was at the forefront of a brilliant batting day for India by slamming her 11th ODI hundred and oozing absolute elegance in her stroke-play. Her efforts led the way for India posting 342/7 in their 50 overs, the highest total made in a women's ODI game in Sri Lanka. In reply, Sneha stepped up to



● India wins women's ODI tri-series as Smriti Mandhana's century and stellar bowling from Amanjot Kaur and Sneha Rana secure a 97-run

once again be India's standout bowler, as she picked up 4-38. On the other hand, Amanjot yet again impressed with figures of 3-54 as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 245 in 48.2 overs. A chase of 343 was always going to be an uphill task for Sri Lanka, and they were never really in it, despite their Chamari Athapaththu making 51.

Football Chelsea become first team to complete unbeaten WSL season

London: On Saturday, Chelsea defeated Liverpool 1-0 thanks to a late goal from Aggie Beever-Jones, making them the first WSL team to finish a 22-game unbeaten season. On the last day of the season, Chelsea secured the title with two games remaining, and they took the field against Liverpool at Stamford Bridge. Liverpool prevented the champs from creating clear-cut opportunities, which disappointed them. However, Liverpool's efforts were undone after Beever-Jones netted a goal in the stoppage time to confirm the sixth successive WSL title for Chelsea. With the victory,



Chelsea finished the season with 60 points, a record points tally in WSL history. After lifting the title, manager Sonia Bompastor's story of suc-

cess isn't over yet. Chelsea will now turn its focus to completing a historic domestic treble. Chelsea will aim to add the FA Cup to their WSL

and League Cup triumphs when they square off against Manchester United at Wembley on May 18. "It is difficult to realise [what it means]. We had the opportunity to play our final home game here in front of our fans and the atmosphere was amazing. As a manager, players and staff, you only live these moments maybe once in your life. It is difficult to believe, but you need to enjoy it because it is a great achievement. [The staff] deserve all the credit. Most of the time as the manager you get all the light, but they are working behind the scenes," Bompastor told Sky Sports.

Delhi Capitals Set Major Blow As Rs 11.75 Overseas

Mumbai: Delhi Capitals' (DC) Australian pacer Mitchell Starc is unlikely to return to India even if the currently-suspended Indian Premier League (IPL) season resumes. In fact, most of the top Australian cricketers are likely to skip the IPL, which was suspended for a week on Friday amid escalating regional tensions between India and Pakistan. Sources close to the BCCI told NDTV on Sunday that the IPL could restart as early as May 16, 30. Starc, along with his wife Alyssa Healy, touched down in Sydney, where he refused to speak to the local media on the matter. According to The Age, Cricket Australia (CA) will support its players if they decide not to return for the resumption of the IPL.

Ravi Shastri shocked at Virat Kohli's retirement Can't believe you are done

Mumbai: Former India head coach Ravi Shastri could not believe that Virat Kohli called time on his Test career. Kohli took to Instagram to announce his Test retirement on Monday, May 12, signing off from an incredible 14-year-long career in the whites. Reacting to the announcement on X, Shastri called Virat Kohli a modern-day giant and further termed him as the true ambassador of Test cricket. Kohli and Shastri shared an excellent relationship in international cricket, taking India to the highest in the red-ball format. Under Shastri and Kohli, India saw their most dominating period in Test cricket, where they beat Australia for the first time away from home in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Kohli, under the tutelage of Shastri, was also responsible for

changing India's brand of Test cricket and building the fast bowling crop that India is still benefiting from. "Can't believe you are done. You are a modern-day GIANT and were a fantastic ambassador for Test match cricket in every way you played and captained. Thank you for the lasting memories you've given to everyone, and to me in particular. It's something I will cherish for life. Go well, champ. God bless," Shastri said on X hours after Kohli's retirement. Virat Kohli retires with an impressive record, where he scored 9,230 runs from 123 Tests at an average of 46.85, including 30 centuries and 31 half-centuries. He made his Test debut in 2011 against the West Indies and played his final match earlier this year against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Deepika, Parth bag bronze as India finish with 7 medals

Archery World Cup Stage 2

New Delhi: Seasoned archer Deepika Kumari and Parth Salunkhe bagged bronze medals as India finished their campaign with seven medals at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 on Sunday. In a tense bronze medal match, Deepika defeated Tokyo Olympic team gold medallist Kang Chaeyoung of Korea with a 7-3 score-

line. Her victory marked India's first medal of the year in the women's recurve category and her 12th individual World Cup medal. She delivered two outstanding final sets, scoring a perfect 30 and a near-perfect 29, to secure the win. Deepika was the only non-Korean to reach the women's recurve semi-finals, preventing a Korean



sweep by clinching bronze after a 1-7 loss to Paris Olympic champion Lim Sihyeon in the semi-final. Parth Salunkhe