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## Haflong host huge Tiranga Yatra



**Haflong, May 19:** Tiranga Yatra took place in Haflong drew thousands of participants from all walks of life as a sincere homage to the valor and sacrifice of the Indian military and in appreciation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspirational leadership. The event, which represents solidarity and pride in the country, was planned by Haflong's civil society. Before coming to an end at the DHAC Parking Ground, the yatra started at the Cultural Institute Hall and traveled through Haflong Township. Schoolchildren, former military personnel, Army veterans, and local residents were among the hundreds of eager participants who joined the march in support of Operation Sindoor. A rally in Dima Hasao, India, saw prominent figures like DHAC Chief Executive Member Debolal Gorlosa and Assam Minister Nandita Gorlosa, war veterans, and BJP karyakartas. The event conveyed the people's unity in defending the nation's sovereignty. War veterans expressed frustration with Pakistan's provocations and urged the Indian government to remain cautious.

## Preparations for Municipal Election have been Started in Silchar

**Step towards Free & Fair Election**

**Guwahati, May 19:** DDC Narsing Bey presided over a significant meeting at the DC's Office, Cachar's new conference hall which is a critical step in guaranteeing a free and fair Silchar Municipal Corporation Election. In order to supervise the preparations for release of the electoral roll pre-election schedule included a meeting with Registration Officers. Van Lal Limpuia Nampui, the Ad-



ditional Deputy Commissioner and Executive Officer of the Silchar Municipal Board, as well as other important Registration Officers, were there to mark the session. The meet-

ing's discussion focused on making sure the voter list is as accurate and transparent as possible, stressing that prompt completion of the assignment is essential to successful election process. DDC emphasized importance of seamless coordination among registration officers & adhering to election guidelines, demonstrating a strong administrative commitment to uphold democratic processes.

## Wild elephants in Boko demolish homes



**Guwahati, May 19:** The residents of Gadhoputa village in Boko barely survived an attack by wild elephants. According to the inhabitants, three wild elephants stopped by the Gadhoputa settlement, possibly in search of food. However, Ananta Boro, Sambhu Basnet, Milan Rabha, and Chandra Kanta Rabha's four homes in the village were damaged by

the elephants. At midnight, when the tragedy happened, everyone in the community was asleep. Almost all four families survived the event. Ashok Rabha, councillor for Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, expressed concern over a recent elephant-human conflict, urging assistance and state government intervention to address the issue.

## DFO Digboi TC Ranjith Ram took step towards Save Forest

**Guwahati, May 20:** "The beautiful landscapes of green cover under Jagun Forest Range belong to you & it's your responsibility to protect, preserve and promote them," said DFO Digboi TC Ranjith Ram, IFS. At his formal departure gathering held at Jagun in Tinsukia district division's senior official speaking to representatives of range's forest workers media fraternity & numerous sociocultural & student organizations. With mixed emotions, a number of organizations, local authorities, and forest employees congratulated the division's departing official.

The prospective forest environment of the area has changed, according to the divisional forest official, who will turn over the reins to his successor, BV Sandeep IFS. "Unlike earlier, the wildlife creatures are seen roaming about freely and the beautiful green cover offers opportunities to promote tourism in the area following relentless efforts of the forest department supported by common people," said Ranjith Ram. In order to protect and advance the current biodiversity forest, the official also asked the house to show the new DFO the same level of collaboration and support.

## Three students from Shiksha Valley been chosen for prestigious National Math Camp

**Guwahati, May 20:** Three exceptional Class X students from Shiksha Valley School,

sen for the esteemed RAMTP 2025. This math training program at the national level will

lected three students from a single institution in Dibrugarh, showcasing their dedication and academic excellence. Distinguished mathematics professors from India and abroad will lead a camp, providing students with advanced concepts, problem-solving techniques and broader academic environment. The school management, teachers, and fellow students have expressed immense pride in this achievement. "We are extremely proud of Harshit, Shlok, and Nikhilesh. This is a significant milestone not just for them but for all of Dibrugarh," said the school principal.



Harshit Borah, Shlok Drishtanta, and Nikhilesh Gogoi, have made history by being cho-

be held at Vedic Vidya Kendra in Puducherry. RAMTP, an elite program in India, has se-

## Gargaon college opens museum to highlight Sivasagar's diverse history

**Guwahati, May 20:** By opening a museum, Gargaon College made big step toward its goal of encouraging ongoing educational innovations, artistic productivity & creative expressions by creating lively knowledge-based environment. This gave students, faculty & community unique opportunity to interact with art, history, and culture. Gargaon College created the museum and a photo gallery, which were formally opened, with the aim of presenting and conserving the rich culture and legacy of Sivasagar and Northeast India. Distinguished scholar and Gargaon College Principal Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta gave the museum's opening remarks, stressing its value in raising awareness of and supporting local culture and tradition. Dr. Mahanta expressed his ap-

preciation to the several donors of the museum's artifacts and emphasized the significance of a coordinated and cohesive effort from the entire college community in advancing the institution. He also expressed gratitude for the museum subcommittee's work and revealed plans for more developments. Coins, costumes, palanquins, weapons, and other items



of historical and cultural significance are among the many Ahom Period artifacts on display in the museum, which has been painstakingly designed and curated by faculty members Priyama Dehingia Phukan, Mina Robidas, Dr. Nilutpal Chutia, Dr. Surajit Saikia, Rituraj Tahu, Harekrishna Mili, Dr. Arandau Narzary, Dr. Bornali Dutta, Gargaon College Teachers' Unit, Department of History & Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta among numerous donors of the museum items. Distinguished mathematics professors from India and abroad lead camp, providing students with advanced concepts problem-solving techniques & broader academic environment.

outdated technology & media equipment. The photo gallery was put together by Drs. Shyamolima Saikia, Devajani Bakalial, Mintu Gogoi & Surajit Saikia, tells powerful & moving story through images of Sivasagar & Northeast India's historical landmarks, festivals, costumes, rituals, etc. Priyama Dehingia Phukan, Mina Robidas, Dr. Nilutpal Chutia, Dr. Surajit Saikia, Rituraj Tahu, Harekrishna Mili, Dr. Arandau Narzary, Dr. Bornali Dutta, Gargaon College Teachers' Unit, Department of History & Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta among numerous donors of the museum items. Distinguished mathematics professors from India and abroad lead camp, providing students with advanced concepts problem-solving techniques & broader academic environment.

### Completion 300 km bullet train viaduct project

**Mumbai, May 20:** Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav announced the completion of 300 kilometers of viaducts for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project. Mr. Vaishnav provided a video showing the Full Span Launching Method being used to build the superstructure. The launch of a 40-meter-long girder near Surat, Gujarat, marked the completion of the 300 km of viaducts, according to the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd, which is carrying out the 508-km project. According to the NHRCL, 257.4 km of the 300 km superstructure—which included 14 river bridges, 37.8 km through SBS, 0.9 km of steel bridges, 1.2 km of PSC bridges, and 2.7 km in station building were built via the FSLM. It claimed that because full-span girder erection is up to ten times quicker than traditional segmental methods, the FSLM has greatly sped construction. According to the agency, the bullet train project's 383 kilometers of pier work, 401 km of foundation, and 326 km of girder casting have all been finished. There would be twelve stations on the proposed bullet train that will connect Ahmedabad and Mumbai, including three in Maharashtra & 9 in Gujarat. Ones at Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad & Sabarmati are elevated but one in Mumbai is subterranean.

### No N-signal Pak wasn't given any clues stated Foreign secretary

**Mumbai, May 20:** Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri clarified India's recent conflict with Pakistan stating it was purely conventional & did not involve nuclear signaling stating military officials only spoke to Islamabad after Operation Sindoor began. Foreign secretary confirmed that ceasefire offer from Pakistan & no other country was involved in negotiations, according to senior lawmaker. "New Delhi had



routine talks with US but there was no mediation," Misri said. He also found strong support from the lawmakers over his family coming under attack on social media. Some Opposition MPs questioned Misri about a video in which Jaishankar could be heard as saying that India sent a message to Pakistan at the start of Operation Sindoor.

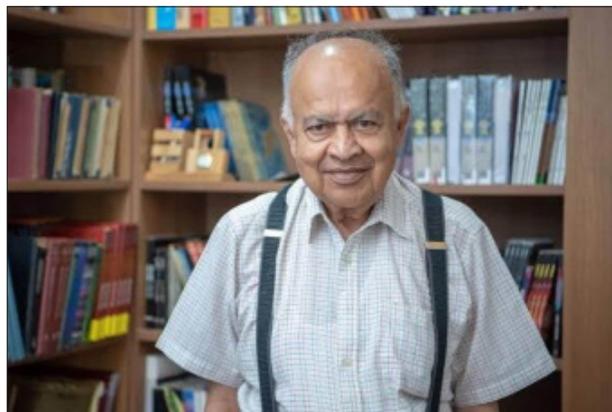
### India intends to strengthen its military power with a Rs 50,000 cr fund

**New Delhi, May 17:** According to govt sources, India's military budget is expected to rise by Rs 50,000 crore when "Operation Sindoor" is successfully concluded. This would greatly improve the nation's defense readiness. The additional funds are expected to be supplied through a supplemental budget later this year, according to government sources, which might result in the total defense spending surpassing Rs 7 lakh crore for the first time. Additional funding of Rs 6.22 lakh crore is expected to boost the government's focus on national security and military modernization, focusing on R&D, weapon purchases, and ammo supplies. The initiative is likely to be offered for



legislative approval during the winter session. Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed power in 2014, defense spending has skyrocketed. In addition to being significantly larger than that sum, the current budget, which accounts for 13% of the national budget, also has the largest allocation of any ministry.

### Astronomer Jayant Narlikar granted India's 3rd highest civilian honor award



**New Delhi, May 20:** 87 year old astrophysicist Jayant Vishnu Narlikar passed away in Pune. As the first director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Mr. Narlikar was a trailblazer in Indian science and an enthusiastic scientific communicator. Three daughters, Geeta, Girija, and Leelavati, all of whom work in scientific research, survive Mr. Narlikar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the death of Jayant Narlikar is a "monumental loss

to the scientific community". "He was a luminary, especially in the field of astrophysics. His pioneering works, especially key theoretical frameworks will be valued by generations of researchers," he posted on X. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar, born in 1938, studied at Banaras Hindu University and earned his B.Sc degree in 1957. He earned multiple degrees at Cambridge University, earning the Tyson Medal and Smith's and Adams Prizes, and served as a Fellow and founding staff member.

### Two ISIS members were apprehended at Mumbai airport as members of sleeping cell

**Mumbai, May 17:** Officials said that National Investigation Agency had detained two important absconders who were reportedly connected to an ISIS sleeper cell at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. In the agency's continuous efforts to disrupt ISIS's activities in India, the arrests represent a significant advancement. Late Friday night, the suspects—Talha Khan and Abdullah Faiyaz Shaikh, popularly known as Diaperwala—were apprehended by the Bureau of Immigration at Terminal 2 while they were trying to return to India from Jakarta, In-



donesia, where they had been hiding. The NIA has arrested two individuals in connection with a 2023 case involving the fabrication and testing of Improvised Explosive Devices in Pune, part of a broader criminal conspiracy. "These individuals were on the run for over two years and were declared absconders. Non-bailable warrants had been issued against them by the NIA Special Court in Mumbai," the agency stated. A cash reward of ₹3 lakh each had also been announced for information leading to their capture.

### Jyoti Malhotra admits to communicating with Pakistani official Pahalgam attack conspiracy

**Srinagar, May 21:** According to officials, YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra has admitted to communicating often with a Pakistan High Commission employee in New Delhi. During interrogation, Malhotra acknowledged that she had communicated with Ehsan-ur-Rahim, also known as Danish, a Pakistani national and High Commission official, between November 2023 and March 2025, according to Hisar Police spokesperson Vikas Kumar. According to authorities, Danish was actively trying to make Malhotra a useful intelligence tool. "She confessed to her direct communication with Danish during this period," Kumar stated. "She was also in contact with several other YouTube influencers. Her three mobile phones and laptop, along with two phones belonging to Harkirat Singh, the IT in-charge of the HSGMC, have been sent for forensic examination." According to sources, officers from the IB & the NIA questioned Jyoti Malhotra in-depth about her alleged ties to Pakistani Intelligence Operatives. A more extensive inquiry is now focused on her conversations and contacts. A senior Hisar police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "She



has multiple bank accounts, and there have been numerous transactions. Analyzing the financial data will take time." Malhotra's history of international travel is also being closely examined by investigators. She has been to Pakistan, China, Dubai, Thailand, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Indonesia, according to records, since obtaining her passport in 2018, which is good until 2028. Police plan to bring Malhotra before a local court to request an extension of her remand so that she can continue being questioned.

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- Name of the Post:** Field Officer (Community Development Blocks)
- No. of Post:** Total 3 (Three)
- Essential Qualification:**
  - Bachelor's degree in Science or with Statistics, Geography, Environmental Science or Geology as a major subject or Diploma in Civil Engineering or Architecture from a recognized University/Institution.
  - MS Word/Excel/Power Point/Internet/Usage Emails.
  - Preference will be given to candidate having done BCA or equivalent course.
- Age:** 21 to 35 years as on 01/01/2025.
- Duration of the contract:**
  - The contract will be initially for 1 (one) year subject to annual renewal on the basis of performance appraisal.
  - The appointment will be purely on contract basis and the selected candidates will be entitled to any claim, rights, interests or future benefits in terms of regulation or consideration of further appointment to the said post or any other post.
  - The service of the candidates can be terminated at any time if the candidate is found to be guilty of misbehaviour, misconduct or non-performance.
- Remuneration:** 26,500.00 (Fixed)
- Last Date of submission:** Applications complete in all respects in the standard form along with testimonials should be submitted at District Disaster Management Authority, Or District Commissioner Office, Dima Hasao, Hailong-788819 on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. Applications received after 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 will be summarily rejected. No application will be received through email.
- The applicant have to appear for interview at the venue, date and time, which will be notified in due course of time on the website of the District Administration (<https://dimahasao.assam.gov.in>) or DDMA, District Commissioner Office, Dima Hasao, Hailong-788819.
- The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

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10. The application should mention the name of the post applied for on top of the envelope containing the application and should be addressed to "District Commissioner & Chairman, DDMA, Dima Hasao, Hailong-788819.

(For details guidelines please visit District Administration website: <https://dimahasao.assam.gov.in>)

Digitally signed by SHAMANTA KUMAR DAS  
Date: 17-05-2025  
District Commissioner  
&  
Chairman,  
District Disaster Management Authority,  
Dima Hasao, Hailong

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## Richa Chadha more autonomy for filmmakers is way to go



**Mumbai, May 19:** Actor producer Richa Chadha believes shifting consumer behavior is blame for difficult period Hindi cinema industry has been going through. Pandemic undoubtedly altered way that people throughout world consume material. She goes on to say, "There has also been change here." Everyone confined to their homes, seeing events at varying speeds, and conducting experiments. People are compelled to go

inward more & more as bigger movies stop functioning. Dr. Jambay Dorjee unveils the 13th Plan's Apiculture Strategy aiming for 83 MT of high-value honey production by 2029, promoting apiculture for Bhutan's food security & biodiversity. Producer Richa advocates for filmmakers & directors to have freedom to create their desired narratives, avoiding the easy route & playing it safe in Hollywood.

## Janhvi Kapoor Attends Cannes 2025 in Miu Miu as a Stylish Schoolgirl

**New Delhi, May 21:** At Cannes 2025, Janhvi Kapoor isn't content to share just one memorable closet moment. The actress from Devara: Part 1 turned heads when she showed off a Miu Miu, head-to-toe ensemble at the French Riviera, channeling her inner schoolgirl in the process. Janhvi Kapoor looked amazing in a Miu Miu outfit that had a white jersey crop top, a matching high-waisted pencil skirt, and an oversized bomber jacket with biscuit-colored suede collars that was checkered in grey and blue. The tan-hued nappa leather Aventure purse from the luxury brand completed the look, which was accessorized by celebrity stylist Rhea Kapoor with a pair of calf-length white socks, slip-on sling-back shoes with straps,



and extremely retro-looking frameless dark sunglasses, all from Miu Miu. For the occasion, Janhvi's hair was dressed in a salon-style blowout with a center part. With her glowing skin, bushy brows, a wash of

shimmering peach shadow on her lids, a small winged eyeliner, and a ton of mascara for a fanned-out lash appearance, it looked really stylish with a minimum radiant glam. This was served on the beauty ra-

dar along with a peach-hued glossy lip tint to complete the look perfectly, as well as pink blush and highlight on her cheeks. Janhvi Kapoor's Miu Miu chic look at Cannes 2025 scores casual style gold.

## Celebration of Samantha Ruth Prabhu's profession was attended by Amala Akkineni

**Hyderabad, May 22:** Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu debuted in 2010 with Ye Maaya Chesave celebrated at Apsara Awards she met her ex-husband Naga Chaitanya. Samantha is shown in the video cutting a tiered cake & joining hosts on stage to celebrate event. She also delivered a speech in which she said, "The Telugu industry has given me everything. Ide naa karma bhumi. I promise to always put the Telugu audience first." The camera cuts to Amala, who is smiling widely and clapping for



her. Many fans congratulated Samantha on reaching the milestone in the comments section beneath the video. Some even commented that

she 'got her old smile back,' leaving comments like, "She has got her smile back," and "Old Sam is back with smiley grace."

## Raja Shivaji Riteish Deshmukh's Magnum Opus will be released worldwide

**Mumbai, May 22:** The Marathi, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam versions of Riteish D. Eshmkh's first feature-length historical drama, Raja Shivaji, will be released in theatres across the globe. A Swarajya Celebration: Riteish Deshmukh Takes on a Lifetime Role In addition to playing Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Riteish Deshmukh is embarking on this big undertaking with the goal of transforming regional cinema and providing fans across the country and the world with a fresh interpretation of the film. The story of Shivaji's early years and ascent during a highly volatile period is told in Raja Shivaji. A youthful warrior who dared to challenge the might of powerful nations and go on the Swarajya path. With its portrayal of Shivaji as both a visionary leader and a fierce warrior, the story will have a lot of emotional resonance and cinematic scope. The



release of the film on Maharashtra Day, May 1, 2026, adds even more significance and purpose. "It's currently being filmed in Mumbai, and we anticipate wrapping it later this year, before we start a national marketing campaign throughout the six major Indian film markets," Genelia Deshmukh continued.

## Regarding Paresh Rawal's Unexpected Departure From Hera Pheri 3 Akshay's eyes were filled with tears

**New Delhi, May 22:** The third installment of the most popular comedy series in India, Hera Pheri 3, has unexpectedly become entangled in drama, shocking both moviegoers and the film industry. Paresh Rawal, who made Babu Bhaiyya a household name, has left the movie, leaving Akshay Kumar and Suniel Shetty in disbelief. "He didn't even tell me before he announced it to the media," Priyadarshan responds. At age 81, veteran filmmaker Priyadarshan, who is helming the third installment, returned to Ashram and bemoaned Rawal's exit as "disappointing" and "sudden." In a recent interview from Thiruvananthapuram, Priyadarshan was com-



pletely shocked by Rawal's sudden departure: "I am very hurt and shocked. Paresh didn't tell any

of us. He could have just called me and told me before going to the media. We have been friends for such a long time." IPL Shoot. "All three actors shot together ten days ago. Only after a unanimous resolution to proceed did Akshay purchase the franchise's rights." Akshay shouldn't be held accountable for his mistake. "The film's actor and producer, Akshay Kumar, was profoundly shocked by the inconceivable circumstance, according to Priyadarshan." "Priyan, what is Paresh doing to us?" Akshay asked me while in tears. He portrays a man whose wife abandoned him, but we'll never be able to tell if he's using emotional and financial coercion.

## Governor of Odisha launches NSDC International Academy and 'Skill on Wheel' to boost youth employment

Guwahati, May 22: Governor of Odisha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, inaugurated the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) International Academy at the Skill Development Institute (SDI), Bhubaneswar, marking a significant step toward empowering youth with global skills. The Governor also flagged off the 'Skill on Wheel' mobile training unit, aimed at delivering skill development to rural and remote areas across Odisha. This new academy, the first of its kind in Bhubaneswar, will offer comprehensive foreign language training and pre-departure support, preparing young Indians for international job markets. The 'Skill on Wheel' initiative seeks to democratize access to modern skill training by bringing industry-aligned programs directly to learners' doorsteps across the state. Dr. Kambhampati praised the Skill India Mission and



SDI Bhubaneswar, highlighting the state-of-the-art campus developed at a cost of Rs. 500 crore over 47 acres near Barunei Hill. The Governor expressed hope that SDI Bhubaneswar would continue to grow as a national center of excellence. In Guwahati, this initiative is expected to influence the skill ecosystem in Northeast India positively. With Guwahati emerging as a regional educational hub, similar training models and mobile skill units

could help address unemployment and skill gaps among youth in Assam and neighbouring states, enhancing their chances for both local and international employment. The event was also attended by Odisha's Minister of State for Industries, Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, senior NSDC officials, and other dignitaries, underlining the government's commitment to making Odisha a skill development hub in Eastern India.

## Nagaland man survives high-risk heart surgery at Amrita Hospital, Faridabad

Faridabad, May 22: A 57-year-old patient from Nagaland, Mr. Akuminba, has made a successful recovery after undergoing high-risk open-heart surgery at Amrita Hospital, Faridabad. The patient was battling multiple critical conditions including Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, chronic hypertension, severe renal dysfunction requiring dialysis, and Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS), complicated by a failed angioplasty attempt elsewhere. Upon arrival at Amrita Hospital in a critical state, a team led by Dr. Urmila Anandh and Dr. Sameer Bhate, Head of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, initiated urgent dialysis followed by a complex Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG) procedure using three grafts. Mr. Akuminba's heart function was severely impaired, with a Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction of just 30-35%. Supported by a multidisciplinary team of anaesthetists, perfusionists, and ICU nurses, Mr. Akuminba's recovery has been hailed as a significant medical success. Though his long-term outlook remains cautious, he is now stable and ambulatory. Mr. Akuminba expressed heartfelt gratitude: "The team gave me a second chance at life."



## Toyota Kirloskar Motor strengthens Northeast presence with new dealership launch in Jorhat

Jorhat, May 22: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) expanded its footprint in Northeast India by inaugurating a new dealership, Preet Toyota, in Jorhat. The facility, spanning 26,000 sq. ft., aims to serve the growing urban and regional customer base with comprehensive Sales, Service, and Spares (3S) support. The dealership also features a T Gloss studio for car care solutions and Toyota U-Trust services facilitating used car transactions. The launch was marked by the presence of Mr. Masaru Shimada, Deputy Managing Director, Toyota India & Middle East, and Mr. Arun G Nair, Vice President & Chief Representative – East



Region, among others. Mr. Nair highlighted the Northeast's potential and Toyota's commitment to providing reliable and convenient mobility solutions. From a market perspective, Jorhat's strategic location on A.T. Road and its expanding consumer base have made it a vital center for automobile sales in Assam. The presence of Preet Toyota

is set to boost local commerce by catering to a mix of urban buyers and nearby rural customers, providing them with trusted vehicle options and superior after-sales care. With this addition, TKM's pan-India network now totals 1,187 dealerships, underscoring its focus on Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities to deliver seamless mobility experiences across India.

## Godrej Food Trends Report 2025 unveiled with theatrical flair, spotlights seasonal revival

Guwahati, May 22: Godrej Vikhroli Cucina has reimagined how India discusses its food future with the launch of the Godrej Food Trends Report 2025. In a groundbreaking showcase titled Feast for the Future, the eighth edition of the report was unveiled through an immersive food theatre performance in Mumbai, themed "Seasons." Drawing insights from over 190 experts—including chefs, nutritionists, and food entrepreneurs—the report emphasizes the return of seasonality and regional ingredients to the culinary spotlight. A striking 82% of contributors highlighted a shift towards intuitive, local, and culturally rooted eating practices. Tanya Dubash of Godrej Industries called food a "memory, identity, and possibility," underscoring the report's growing role in influencing menus and food narratives nationwide. Abhay Parnerkar, CEO of Godrej Foods, emphasized the strategic importance



of decoding consumer preferences, while Bhupendra Suri of Creamline Dairy echoed the theme by stressing dairy's enduring cultural value. In Guwahati, the trend toward seasonal and authentic food is resonating strongly. Local chefs and restaurants are increasingly embracing indigenous ingredients like joha rice, black sesame, and seasonal greens, aligning with the report's insights and reflecting Assam's rich culinary identity.

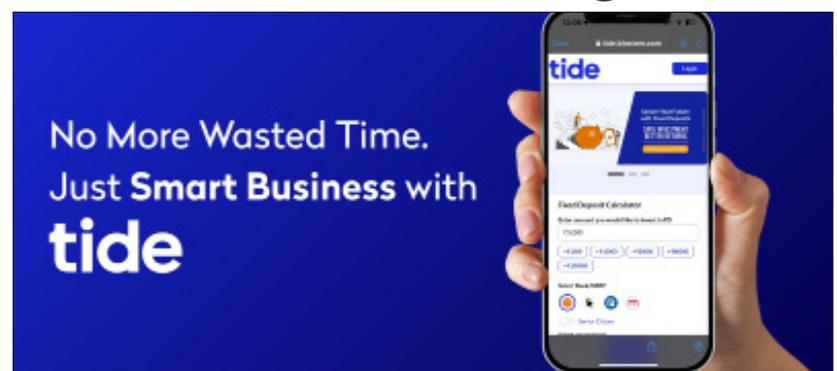
## Sensex & Nifty fall by around 1% as result of widespread selloff

New Delhi, May 22: There was a significant sell-off in the Indian stock market, with benchmark indices dropping by around 1% due to widespread selling in several industries. The NSE Nifty 50 ended the day at 24,609.70, down 203.75 points or 0.82%, while the BSE Sensex ended the day at 80,951.99, down 644.64 points or 0.79%. The Nifty Bank also took a hit, closing the day down 0.24% at 54,941.30. The markets made a dramatic intra-day U-turn. Due to a selloff in heavyweights across sectors, the Sensex fell more than 1,100 points throughout the session, and the Nifty momentarily fell below the 24,500 mark. With

auto, IT, and FMCG suffering the most, all of the key sectors indices closed the day in the negative. M&M, Tata Motors, Maruti, Ashok Leyland, and Exide Industries were among the auto laggards, all of which saw declines of more than 1%. All ten Nifty IT stocks in the IT pack saw a decline at the conclusion of the day, with Tech Mahindra leading the pack with a 2% decline, followed by Wipro, Persistent Systems, TCS, and Infosys. Deep cuts were also made in the FMCG industry, with Colgate-Palmolive falling 6%. Others who lost ground included ITC, Marico, United Breweries, and Varun Beverages.

## Tide empowers Assam's MSMEs with unified digital platform, revolutionizes business management

Guwahati, May 22: Small businesses across Assam are rapidly adopting Tide, a comprehensive digital business management platform that streamlines finance, payments, and administration through a single mobile app. From hardware shops in Maligaon to tuition centres in Kamrup Metro, local entrepreneurs are shedding cumbersome paperwork and long queues, gaining instant access to services like Udyam registration, GST application, and government schemes. Tide's user-friendly design caters even to first-time smartphone users, offering seamless UPI payments, easy credit access, and fixed deposits with attractive interest rates up to 9.1%. The upcoming Tide NCMC card promises further convenience for travel across metros and public transport. Gurjodhpal Singh, CEO of Tide India, highlighted the platform's



role in accelerating MSME growth in Assam, emphasizing its contribution to India's broader economic progress. In Guwahati, Tide is transforming how local traders and service providers operate, enabling them to handle financial tasks digitally without

visiting multiple offices. This shift reduces operational delays and fosters greater financial control, helping Guwahati's MSMEs focus on expanding their businesses efficiently. As Tide continues to empower Bharat's small enterprises, Assam's entrepreneurs are witnessing a new era of digital convenience and business growth.

## Jayant Chaudhary charts bold skilling vision as five NSTIs chosen for National Centres of Excellence

**Guwahati, May 22:** In a significant step towards reshaping India's vocational education landscape, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, chaired a high-level session titled Skill Milan with heads of five National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) selected for upgradation into National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs). The initiative follows the Union Cabinet's approval of the ₹60,000 crore National Scheme for ITI Upgradation on May 7. The five NSTIs—located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana—will anchor future-ready skill



training, focusing on high-quality instructor development and sector-specific skilling in areas such as AI, electric vehicles, textiles, and advanced manufacturing. Calling it a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Chaudhary emphasized the need to shift from infrastruc-

ture to institutional excellence with strong industry collaboration. In Guwahati, industry leaders and skilling institutions welcomed the move, noting its potential to boost Northeast India's access to advanced technical education. Experts in the region expect the Centres to serve as models for integrating local economic needs with national skilling priorities, particularly in sectors like textiles and agro-processing. The Centres will enjoy academic and administrative autonomy, foster research, and align programs with the National Credit Framework to support lifelong learning and employability across India.

## PMI increases to 61.2 in May

**New Delhi, May 22:** The private sector in India is predicted to have its most robust growth in more than a year, with the HSBC Flash India Composite PMI Output Index in May increasing to 61.2 from 59.7 in April. Due in major part to improvements in the services sector, this represents the greatest month-over-month growth since April 2024. Services PMI Business Activity Index grew at the quickest rate in 14 months, rising from 58.7 in April to 61.2 in May.

## Vi unveils Rs 299 add-on to boost flexibility in family postpaid plans

**Mumbai, May 22:** In a move to enhance flexibility and affordability, Vi (Vodafone Idea) has introduced a new ₹299 add-on feature to its Family Postpaid plans, allowing up to eight additional members to be added under one plan. Each secondary user will receive 40GB of high-speed data, with benefits like unlimited calls and 200GB data rollover, significantly expanding value without requiring a plan upgrade. This latest offering supports Vi's commitment to delivering customized digital solutions tailored to modern Indian households. For example, a Vi Max Family ₹701 plan, which includes one



primary and one secondary connection, can now accommodate up to seven more users at ₹299 per member. The add-on complements Vi's existing plans starting at ₹701 and going up to ₹1401, which also include OTT and lifestyle benefits such as Amazon Prime, SonyLIV, SwiggyOne, and EazyDiner.

## Smart strategies for parents to support children with diabetes at school

**Guwahati, May 22:** As the new school year begins in Guwahati, parents of children with Type 1 diabetes face unique challenges ensuring their kids' health and safety. Type 1 diabetes requires constant blood sugar monitoring due to the body's inability to produce insulin. Dr. Abhamoni Baro, Consultant Endocrinologist & Diabetes Specialist, Pratiksha Hospitals, Guwahati, said, "Incorporating a regular routine and physical activity into the daily routine of a child with Type 1 diabetes is important for their health and well-being. For parents, integrating structured measures such as diet, exercise and continuous monitoring can positively impact their child's blood sugar control. It also enhances their insulin sensitivity and support a healthier lifestyle. Helping a child navigate their diabetes journey can be made hassle-free by embracing advancements that help simplify diabetes management. For instance, parents can utilize continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices, measuring glucose levels all day and night. These offer real-time data on how blood sugar levels respond to factors like meals, physical activity, and insulin doses." CGM devices, which provide real-time glucose readings and alerts, have transformed diabetes management, offering parents peace of mind by allowing remote monitoring through smartphone apps. Dr. Kenneth Lee, Director, Medical Affairs, Diabetes Division, Abbott,

said, "It is difficult to manage diabetes, especially for a child. In cases like these, parents play a crucial role in caring for them. For the ease of managing diabetes and enabling families to cope, technology-driven progress such as continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices can provide immense benefits. Unlike older CGM blinded technologies, which only provided retrospective data, advanced CGMs offer real-time, actionable insights that allow parents and children to respond to fluctuations immediately. With seamless smartphone integration, parents can remotely track their child's glucose trends and receive alerts about unexpected highs or lows, helping them make timely adjustments. This level of data-driven feedback ensures better glucose management and a smoother school experience." Parents are advised to regularly check blood sugar before school, encourage enjoyable physical activities like cricket or dancing, teach stress management, keep diabetes journals, and promote balanced meal planning. In Guwahati, parents find it increasingly convenient to access diabetes care supplies and nutritional options tailored for children managing diabetes, reflecting growing awareness and support within the community. With collaborative efforts between parents, schools, and healthcare providers, children with diabetes in Guwahati can look forward to safer and healthier school experiences.

## Rapido rolls into Dibrugarh: Bike taxi services launched to boost urban mobility and jobs



**Dibrugarh, May 22:** Rapido, India's leading ride-hailing platform, has officially launched its bike taxi services in Dibrugarh, aiming to strengthen first and last-mile connectivity across the city. The app-based service is now live, offering residents a faster, affordable, and more convenient commuting option. With this expansion, Rapido seeks to create 2,000 new job opportunities in Dibrugarh by encouraging local youth to sign up as "Captains." The move is expected to not only ease urban commutes but also empower residents through flexible earning avenues. Rapido already facilitates over 3.5 million rides daily across India and has generated more than 9 million jobs nationwide. Co-founder Pa-

van Guntupalli said, "We're thrilled to introduce Rapido's services in Dibrugarh, making dependable transportation more accessible and creating livelihood opportunities for local youth." Hirak Jyoti Deka, DTO, Dibrugarh, welcomed the move, highlighting its potential to address growing urban mobility challenges and generate employment. Dibrugarh; a key commercial hub in Upper Assam is likely to benefit significantly. The launch is expected to ease intra-city travel for traders, students, and office-goers, while also providing income opportunities to those affected by the region's fluctuating job market. Rapido is working closely with local authorities to ensure a smooth and regulated rollout.

## Samsung launches 'Solve for Tomorrow 2025' with Rs 1 crore grant to ignite Gen Z Innovation

**Guwahati, May 22:** Samsung India has launched the fourth edition of its flagship CSR initiative, Solve for Tomorrow 2025, aimed at empowering youth aged 14-22 to tackle real-world problems using technology. The initiative will offer over ₹1 crore in grants, with the top four teams receiving ₹1 crore for incubation at IIT Delhi. Additionally, the top 20 and top 40 teams will receive ₹20 lakh and ₹8 lakh respectively, along with latest Samsung gadgets. This year's programme introduces global themes including Social Change through Sports, Tech for Education and Better Futures, and Environmental Sustainability via Technology.

The competition runs for six months, with applications open until June 30, 2025. In Aizawl, the tech-savvy youth and student community have welcomed the initiative, viewing it as a power-



ful platform to channel their creativity into impactful solutions. With Mizoram's growing startup culture and focus on sustainable development, Aizawl market observers believe the contest will nurture homegrown innovations, especially in environmental and health-tech sectors, and offer visibility

to local talent on a national stage. Samsung, in partnership with IIT Delhi and the Ministry of Electronics & IT, will provide 82,000 hours of training, prototyping opportunities, and mentorship. Finalists will gain exposure to Samsung's R&D hubs and compete for awards in a national grand finale.

## Vi boosts international roaming packs with double data and travel benefits for summer holidays



**Mumbai, May 22:** Vi has enhanced its International Roaming (IR) postpaid plans ahead of the busy summer travel season, offering users double data, free incoming calls, and baggage protection across more than 145 countries. With outbound travel surging during Indian academic holidays, these upgraded plans start at Rs 649 and cater to both short and long-duration travelers. The revised IR packs deliver significant value, doubling data allowances and providing unlimited incoming calls. For example, the 30-day pack now offers 30GB

data instead of 12GB. Customers can activate these packs up to 60 days in advance via the Vi app or website, ensuring seamless connectivity abroad. Additionally, 24x7 international roaming assistance and baggage protection through a partnership with Blue Ribbon Bags — compensating up to Rs 19,800 per lost or delayed bag — add convenience and peace of mind for travelers. With these upgrades, Vi strengthens its position as a customer-first telecom operator, meeting the evolving needs of Indian travelers this summer.

## Jayant Chaudhary's Rs 43.94 cr skilling push signals economic upswing for North East

**Aizawl, May 22:** The launch of the ₹43.94 crore North East Apprenticeship Pilot Scheme by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, alongside Mizoram Chief Minister Shri Lalduhoma, marks a pivotal shift in India's regional skilling policy. Designed to bolster apprenticeship penetration in the North Eastern Region (NER), the initiative provides an additional ₹1,500 monthly stipend for over 26,000 youth under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). This pilot reflects a strategic alignment with India's broad-



er goals of demographic dividend utilization and inclusive growth. With transparent Direct Benefit Transfers and targeted outreach, it sets the stage for higher workforce participation, especially among women, and inter-state mobility—key

to bridging regional economic disparities. The announcement also included a textile-sector MoU with Welspun and a ₹60,000 crore ITI modernization plan—solidifying North East's role in India's skilling revolution.

## Samsung expands 'Galaxy Empowered' programme to Bhutan, boost tech in classrooms

**Gurugram, May 22:** Samsung India has extended its innovative 'Galaxy Empowered' education initiative to Bhutan, launching an immersive programme aimed at equipping teachers from remote Bhutanese schools with cutting-edge technology and teaching tools. The initiative, originally launched in India in December 2024, focuses on preparing educators for future-ready classrooms through hands-on workshops and collaborative learning. Educators from diverse regions across Bhutan, including Samtse, Gelephu, and Punakha, participated in the



Gurugram immersion, experiencing Samsung's Galaxy ecosystem — smartphones, tablets, flipboards, and AI-powered educational applications. The programme, in partnership with Bhutan's Ministry of Education, aims to bridge the digital divide and enhance learning in

underserved communities. Khandu, a teacher at Wangdue Primary School, expressed enthusiasm after using interactive whiteboards for the first time, highlighting the potential for more engaging lessons. Similarly, Ghana Shyam Dhungana from Pelrithang Higher Secondary School said the experience inspired ideas for transforming classrooms back home. With over 4,800 Indian teachers certified and a goal to empower 20,000 by 2025, Samsung's 'Galaxy Empowered' programme is shaping classrooms into vibrant, tech-enabled spaces for the next generation.

## Medanta reports strong Q4 performance, declares maiden dividend amid robust FY25 growth

**Guwahati, May 22:** Global Health Limited, operating under the Medanta brand, reported a strong financial performance for Q4 and FY25, while declaring its first-ever dividend of 25% (INR 0.50 per share). The company posted a consolidated total income of INR 9,542 million for Q4 FY25, reflecting a 14.1% year-on-year increase, and an EBITDA of INR 2,476 million, up 20% with a margin of 26.0%. Despite a one-time exceptional expense of INR 499 million due to the merger of MHPL with GHL, adjusted Q4 PAT stood at INR 1,387 million, up 8.9% y-o-y. For the full year FY25, Medanta reported a total income of INR 37,714 million, up 12.6%, and adjusted PAT of INR 5,186 million, reflecting an 8.5% growth. Matured hospitals contributed INR 26,118 million in revenue with 8% EBITDA growth, while developing hospitals saw a 10% revenue growth. Occupied bed days increased 10% y-o-y, and international patient revenue rose by 7.8% to INR 2,086 million. CEO Pankaj Sahni highlighted upcoming expansions including a 550-bed Noida facility (Q2 FY26) and greenfield projects in Mumbai, Pitampura, and Guwahati. Medanta also achieved several clinical milestones including its first CAR-T therapy and complex surgical innovations.



## Vi boosts network with over 1 lakh new towers, launches 'Netties' campaign amid IPL excitement

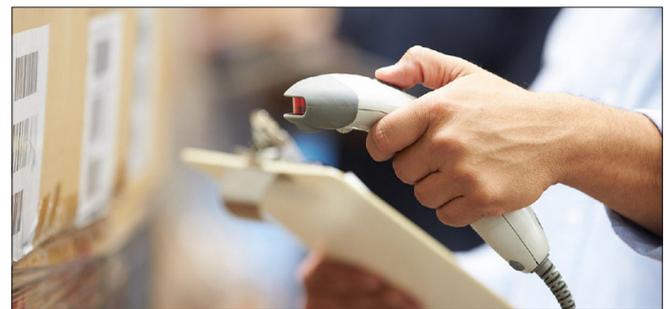


**Mumbai, May 22:** Vi, one of India's leading telecom operators, announced the addition of more than 1,00,000 towers across the country in just six months of FY24-25, reinforcing its commitment to network expansion and quality connectivity. To celebrate this milestone, Vi launched an innovative campaign featuring "Netties," animated mobile tower avatars styled as a cricket team, riding the wave of ongoing IPL fervor. The campaign, conceptualized by Ogilvy India, includes two TV commercials promoting Vi's network strength and agility, airing across TV, OTT,

radio, and social media platforms. Vi has also expanded its 5G services to Mumbai, Chandigarh, and Patna, with plans to launch in Delhi and Bangalore soon. Alongside, its 4G network has been enhanced across multiple spectrum bands to improve indoor and outdoor coverage, reaching over 1.07 billion people nationwide. Vi's Chief Marketing Officer, Avneesh Khosla, highlighted that the expansion emphasizes strategic deployment in high-traffic areas to deliver a future-proof network. The "Netties" campaign embodies Vi's promise of consistent and quality service across India.

## India rolls out Track & Trace to curb illicit tobacco trade; PMI backs move as game-changer

**Aizawl/Dimapur, May 22:** India's decision to implement a pack-level Track & Trace (T&T) system for tobacco products has been hailed as a landmark reform by IPM India, the affiliate of Philip Morris International Inc. (PMI). Approved under Section 148A of the CGST Act, the system aims to combat illicit tobacco trade, enhance tax enforcement, and improve supply chain transparency. The initiative will begin with cigarette packs and may include unique identification markings, enabling authorities to differentiate tax-paid products from illicit ones. PMI, having successfully implemented similar systems



in over 140 markets including the EU, UK, and GCC nations, lauded the move as a practical step toward securing government revenues and protecting lawful businesses. Navaneel Kar, MD of IPM India, called it "a visionary step towards a cleaner, more

modern, and transparent market," affirming the company's commitment to collaborate with the government for effective rollout. India's T&T aligns with the WHO FCTC protocols and reinforces the country's global leadership in modernizing tobacco regulation.

## Bitcoin soars to record high

**New Delhi, May 22:** In a powerful demonstration of investor confidence, Bitcoin soared to a new all-time high on Wednesday, surpassing its previous January record. According to data from Coin Metrics, the most valued cryptocurrency in the world was last trading at \$108,955, up almost 2%. The rally comes as broader market sentiment improves, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq index also up 30% from its April lows. Bitcoin, often seen as a high-risk, high-reward asset, tends to mirror trends in technology stocks when investor appetite strengthens. A declining US dollar has accelerated Bitcoin's growth and increased its worth on international exchanges.

## Priyanka Chopra Struck A Pose With Chinese Actress



**New Delhi:** Priyanka Chopra, who is currently in Italy, checked into the Bvlgari Polychroma event on Monday and she did it in style. The actress, who is the global brand ambassador of the luxury brand, made a stunning red-carpet appearance in a beige gown, which she paired with matching jewellery. Several pictures and videos from the event emerged on social media platforms. One such video showed Priyanka posing with Chinese actress Liu Yifei. Priyanka greeted the actress with a hug and air kisses. The duo then clicked some pictures with Bvlgari CEO Jean Christophe Babin.

## War 2 Movie Teaser Out NTR Jr declares war on 'India's best soldier' Hrithik Roshan

**Mumbai:** War 2 Movie Official Teaser Out: Fans have been waiting with bated breath for the biggest cinematic clash of the year starring Hrithik Roshan and NTR Jr — Ayan Mukerji's War 2. On Tuesday, the makers finally unveiled the much-anticipated War 2 teaser on the occasion of NTR Jr's birthday. While Hrithik reprises his role as RAW agent Major Kabir Dhaliwal, NTR plays the protagonist — marking his highly anticipated debut in Hindi cinema. The teaser begins with NTR Jr's voiceover, as he expresses his eagerness to meet Hrithik Roshan's Kabir, whom he calls "India's best soldier and RAW's best agent." However, he adds that while he has been closely watching Kabir's every move, Kabir remains unaware of his existence. In a chilling declaration, Jr NTR warns, "You don't know me, but you will soon know



me," hinting at the explosive confrontation ahead. The teaser then showcases high-octane battle sequences between Jr NTR and Hrithik, unfolding across breathtaking international locations. A brief glimpse of a bikini-clad Kiara Advani also teases a romantic subplot between her character and Hrithik's Kabir. The teaser ends with Jr NTR decalaring, "Get ready for War"

The 2019 film War, directed by Siddharth Anand and co-starring Tiger Shroff, was a box office blockbuster. Promising to outdo its predecessor, War 2 is touted as a bigger and better sequel. Its action sequences were filmed across six countries — Italy, Spain, Japan, Abu Dhabi, Russia, and Mumbai. There has been speculation if we will see other stars from the YRF spy universe making cameo appearances. However, the makers have been tightlipped about it.

## Mission Final Reckoning Beats Kesari Chapter 2



**New Delhi:** Tom Cruise is on a mission — not only impossible but also historic. Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning, the much-anticipated entry into the iconic spy-action franchise, is absolutely roaring at the box office in India. After a solid debut weekend, the film has taken a good Monday bump with decent footfall on its first Monday compared to recent Indian releases such as Kesari Chapter 2, Retro, and HIT: The Third Case. ₹6.65 Cr Monday Boost: Better Than Franchise Predecessor As per early estimates from film industry tracker,

## Kamal Haasan opts 8 week Hope follow OTT window for Thug Life



**Mumbai:** Kamal Haasan and director Mani Ratnam's 'Thug Life' is one of the most anticipated films of 2025. The film will arrive on OTT eight weeks after its theatrical release. At the Mumbai trailer launch event on Tuesday, Kamal Haasan explained the decision to opt for an eight-week theatrical window for 'Thug Life' and how he hopes others will follow suit. In Tamil cinema, even bigger films like Thalapathy Vijay's 'GOAT' usually follow the four-week OTT release window.

'Thug Life' will be one of the first films to follow the eight-week window. Explaining his decision at the Mumbai press conference, Kamal Haasan said that it was beneficial to all the people associated with 'Thug Life'. Calling it a pragmatic decision, Haasan hoped that others would follow this mod-

el "It's not even an experiment, but the pragmatic thing to do. I am glad that the OTT partners sat down with us and agreed. It wasn't a negotiation, it was a plan. We hope others can follow this, and it will make the industry healthy. After its grand release in theatres on June 5, it will stream on Netflix. Reports suggest that the streaming giant secured the rights to the film for a huge sum."

'Thug Life' is a high-stakes gangster drama which will see a stand-off between Kamal Haasan and Simbu's characters. The trailer reminded everyone of Mani Ratnam and Kamal's 'Nayakan'. However, the 'Vishwaroopam' actor maintained that it wasn't a sequel to 'Nayakan'. Kamal Haasan and director Mani Ratnam's much-awaited film, 'Thug Life', will start streaming on OTT eight.

## Nadiadwala Grandson Wins Legal Face-Off YouTube Copyright Row

**New Delhi:** The Housefull series of films has always been about confusion and chaos, but this time, it was not happening on screen. In a startling turn of events, Housefull 5 was now involved in litigation when the teaser for the film, released on May 9, 2023, was removed on YouTube. The reason? Mofusion Studios filed a copyright strike, alleging that the use of Laal Pari, the song shown in the teaser, infringed on their copyright. What followed was the supercharged, fast-acting Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment (NGE) finding protected action. They launched a defamation suit against Mofusion Studios for ₹25 crores and against YouTube. NGE also produced a valuable ex-



hibit — a written letter granting Yo Yo Honey Singh exclusive rights to the song. A source close to this development stated, "The strike was without merit. Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment had all legal documents. Yo Yo Honey Singh's written letter was a game changer, providing conclusive evidence that the copyright claim was a fraudulent one. Once YouTube verified

their information, the strike was removed and the teaser was restored today, on May 16." The re-emergence of the teaser has had its mark on fans alike, especially with its famous cast show of Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, and a plethora of a cast that includes Sanjay Dutt, Jacqueline Fernandez, Fardeen Khan, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, and Nana Patekar. The return of the Housefull 5 teaser is not only a victory for Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment but also an absolutely emphatic statement on the importance of IP rights in Bollywood. While the legal dust has settled and the trailer has gone live, it is now full steam ahead on the Housefull.

## Shankar Mahadevan-Amitabh Bhattacharya Team Up Again First Song 'Good For Nothing'

**New Delhi:** Releasing on May 22, this song teams up Shankar Mahadevan, Amitabh Bhattacharya, and musical legends Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy for what should be a very emotional number. The song will act as a novelistic introduction to the central story of the arc — as underdogs learn how to rediscover themselves. And it has been described as having lyrics that are reflective of warmth and humour. We think Sitaare Zameen Par's music is already tracking very high with industry insiders. Sitaare Zameen Par is directed by R. S. Prasanna (Shubh Mangal Saavdhan). The film follows a former basketball coach (Aamir Khan), who is obliged to train a group of misfits. The movie features ten new faces — Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishna Varma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar — through Aamir



Khan Productions. Divy Nidhi Sharma wrote the film, and the screenplay is well placed to deliver a heartwarming ride through comedy and redemption. Music for the film is done by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, and the songs are written by Amitabh Bhattacharya preview tracks filling us with hope, the film is set to become one of Aamir Khan's more meaningful features of the past few years.

## 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 Syri. 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. t good 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 Koteswaram, 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, Koteswaram, 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, amla, and sesame. Mrinalini also conceived a unique type of gaja that Rabindranath named 'Elojhelo', which later became known as 'Paribondho'. The trademark small luchis 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 recognised 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', 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.

## Barcelona wins the La Liga title at Espanyol thanks to Lamine Yamal



**Barcelona:** Barcelona La Liga champions, Barcelona, secured their 28th title with a 2-0 win over local rivals Espanyol, ensuring Real Madrid cannot catch them at the top of the table. Lamine Yamal's curling effort and Fermin Lopez's goal took the team seven points clear of Los Blancos with two matches remaining. The young Barca side won the league for the second time in six years, at Espanyol's ground, just as in 2023. The match was marked by celebrations from the fans,

with Barca coach Flick demanding even more from his players.

Espanyol fans were hit by a car outside the stadium before the match, but none were seriously injured. Real Madrid secured their title with a 95th-minute win against Mallorca. Barcelona's display in Sunday's Clasico, where they beat Espanyol 4-3, effectively won them the title. Flick said that the celebrations were about respect for the fans and the players' ability to celebrate in the dressing room.

# At the Doha Diamond League, Neeraj Chopra is prepared to soar

**Mumbai:** Neeraj Chopra, a former world champion in javelin throw, is now fully fit for the first time in months. He has never missed any throwing session, which is a significant accomplishment for Chopra. This comes after he was concerned that his persistent groin injury would prevent him from exploring his full range. Chopra's last throwing sessions were great and he is excited to open his season in Doha. The bigger picture is whether Zelezny can help Chopra remain consistent and build on it. Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem continues to give the impression of someone who will wake up from his sleep and hurl the javelin long into the 90s. Chopra may not cross paths before



the World Championships in September, but it will be comforting to breach the hallowed mark at least once before.

Chopra has insisted he has a 'big throw' in him, but the injury has been holding him back. Zelezny has already had an impact off the field on the injury front. Chopra travelled to Prague

earlier this year, where he consulted a doctor Zelezny recommended to heal his groin injury. The Czech has also been striving to make Chopra, who already boasts a monster mentality, even stronger mentally. Chopra reflects fondly on his time with Klaus Bartonietz, the German who guided him to the top of the world, and

said it took him a while to get used to Zelezny's coaching methods. He said it took him a while to get used to Zelezny's coaching methods, but after a few weeks, he really liked it. He did some great sessions and everything is going well. Chopra's pre-season preparation has been carefully kept under wraps, except for the occasional video that surfaces on the web or the one throw from a low-key competition in Potchefstroom, South Africa. Chopra has frequently competed against all of them and on most occasions, comes out on top. What could be closely observed on Friday is how he does it — if, in the new season, he showcases some new tricks.

## Newcastle is almost certain of a Champions League berth

• Soccer-Injuries worry Howe with Newcastle close to securing Champions League spot



**Agency:** Newcastle United manager Eddie Howe is concerned about the team's injury situation as they prepare for their last two matches of the season. The team is currently three points above Chelsea in fifth and sixth-placed Aston Villa. Sven Botman, who was sidelined for two and a half months with a knee problem, has been sidelined for another knock, adding to the injury concerns. The team is also missing Lewis Hall, Matt Targett, and

Kieran Trippier. Howe said that Botman's injury is not serious but is unlucky. Trippier will miss Sunday's match due to a minor calf problem, but Jamaal Lascelles is available after his return as an unused substitute. Midfielder Joe Willock has a "slight chance" of being

fit, while Joelinton is trying to make a comeback but could be out until next season. Howe believes that the team has managed to maintain their strength this season, with fewer games and a good injury record. He hopes to maintain their strength until the end of the season.

## Ravi Shastri & Virat Kohli's tense talk prior to his test retirement

**Agency:** Ravi Shastri, former India head coach, confirmed that he spoke to Virat Kohli before the former announced his retirement from Test cricket.

Shastri said that Kohli had no regrets with his career and felt that he had given all he could in the long format to his country. Kohli is India's most successful Test skipper by a distance, with 40 wins from the 68 Tests he captained. Shastri believes that Kohli's intense, heart-on-sleeve approach to the game came with a limit, and that his stardom and constant eyeballs attracted viewers could contribute to burnout. The Shastri-Kohli



era saw India's most famous achievements in the Test arena, including a historic first-ever Test series win in Australia, back-to-back series wins in the West Indies, and breaking a 22-year drought for a series win in Sri Lanka.

## Caitlin Clark & Angel Reese will lead the WNBA

**Agency:** The WNBA is set to kick off its 29th season with Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese leading the way. The Indiana Fever and Chicago Sky will face each other in the first of five matchups this season. The league is aiming to return to the championship round in a best-of-7 format. The Golden State Valkyries will be the first expansion team since the Atlanta Dream joined in 2008. The WNBA launched "No Space for Hate" to combat hate and promote respect. European players have decided to stay in the WNBA during the Eurobasket.

## Ravi Shastri announces his selection for the future Test captain of India

Next Test captain for India



**Mumbai:** Ravi Shastri has urged a forward-looking approach in appointing India's next Test captain following Rohit Sharma's retirement from the format. Shastri prefers either Shubman Gill or Rishabh Pant to take the reins, while opposing the idea of handing over

leadership to pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah. Bumrah, who was the Indian vice-captain during Rohit Sharma's leadership, has been forced to exit mid-match due to back spasms. Shastri believes that Bumrah needs to be preserved as a strike weapon rather than being distracted by the weight of captaincy. He also highlights younger leaders with longer careers ahead, highlighting Gill and Pant as ideal long-term picks. The India A squad, which will play two first-class matches against the England Lions, includes experienced cricketers Karun Nair and Shardul Thakur. Batters Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan will join the squad ahead of the second match.

## The Kerala sports minister expresses optimism in the visit of the Argentina football squad

**Kerala:** Kerala Sports Minister V Abdurahiman has expressed confidence in the Argentina national football team's visit to Kerala, as announced by the government. However, he clarified that the responsibility of the sponsors lies with them, not the government. The Kochi-based Reporter Broadcasting Company entered into an agreement with the Argentina team, and the contract still exists. The sponsors assured the government that they would settle payment-related

matters without further delay. The sports minister also stated that the government has all the support from the sponsors and there is no need to change them at present.

The government has relied on sponsors to cover the cost of bringing a top-notch team like Argentina. The government has zeroed in on two sponsors, including the Reporter Broadcasting Company, and submitted their details to the Reserve Bank of India for clearances. The responsibility of bringing the Argen-



tina team rests with the sponsors. The government's duty is to get necessary clearances and ensure the security of the foreign team when they arrive in the state.

# Manika Batra, Manav Thakkar Storm Into Round Two

## TT World Championships

**New Delhi:** Star Indian table tennis player Manika Batra cruised to the second round of the Table Tennis World Championships with a dominant straight-game win, while Manav Thakkar also made a confident start to his singles campaign, in Doha, on Sunday. Seeded 22nd, Manika registered a commanding 4-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-8, 11-2) victory over Nigeria's Fatima Bello in a women's singles fixture that lasted just 24 minutes. She will be up against Korea's Park Gahyeon in the round of 64. India's top-ranked men's singles player, Thakkar, also began in style, defeating New Zealand's Timothy Choi 4-1 (11-3, 11-8, 6-11, 11-7, 14-12) in the opening round. However, it was a forgettable debut for 18-year-old Ankur Bhattacharjee, who exited in the first round after a 1-4 (11-4, 7-11, 9-11, 10-12, 8-11) defeat to Hong Kong's Lam Siu Hang in his men's singles outing. In the doubles, the ninth-seeded pair of Manush Shah and Diya Chitale made a strong start, registering a comprehensive 3-0 (11-2, 11-7, 11-6) win over Algeria's Mehdi Bouloussa and Malissa Nasri. But it was disappointment for the men's doubles pairing of Harmeet Desai and Sathiyana



Gnanasekaran, who bowed out in the opening round, after suffering a 1-3 (9-11, 12-10, 14-16, 10-12) defeat at the hands of Austria's Maciej Kolodziejczyk and Moldova's Vladislav Ursu.

## Neeraj finally breaches 90m at Diamond League

**New Delhi:** Neeraj Chopra finally breached the elusive 90m frontier with a 90.23m throw but the trailblazing Indian had to settle for a second place behind Germany's Julian Weber in a dramatic men's javelin contest at the Doha leg of the prestigious Diamond League Meeting series here on Friday. The 27-year-old double Olympic medallist Indian sent his spear to 90.23m in his third attempt to join a list of javelin throwers, led by his current coach Jan Zelezny of Czechia, who had recorded 90m-plus efforts. He became the third Asian and 25th overall to achieve the feat. However, Weber turned the tables and took the top spot with his sixth and final throw, measuring 91.06m. "I am very happy to have breached the 90m mark but it's a bitter-sweet experience," Chopra said later. "My coach Jan Zelezny said today is the day



when I can throw 90m. The wind helps and weather is little warm and that helps. I also told Julian that we can throw 90m. I am also happy for him [Julian]. "I believe I can throw farther than this in the coming events. We will work on some aspects and will throw 90m plus again this season," he added. Chopra began the contest with 88.44m, followed by a foul attempt. He then sent his spear past the elusive 90m mark to the collective sigh of relief of the whole country. His next three series were 80.56m, foul and 88.20m.

# Any issue related to ACC events has not come up for discussion level BCCI secy Saikia

**Mumbai:** BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said any matter related to participation in events of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has not come up for discussion at any level, adding that any news or report around is purely speculative and imaginary in nature. On Monday, various reports emerged about the BCCI informing the ACC about its decision to withdraw from the Women's Emerging Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and the Men's Asia Cup, happening in June and September, respectively, citing the continuing tensions between India and Pakistan. It is to be noted that the ACC is currently headed by Pakistan Cricket Board



(PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi, who is also the Interior Minister in the country's central government. "Since this morning, it has come to our notice about some news items about BCCI's decision not

to participate in Asia Cup and Women's Emerging Teams Asia Cup, both ACC's events. Such news is devoid of any truth as till now, BCCI has not even discussed or taken any such steps regarding the ensuing ACC events, let alone writing anything to the ACC. At this stage, our prime focus is on the ongoing IPL and subsequent England series, both men and women. "The Asia Cup matter or any other ACC event issue has not come up for discussion at any level, hence any news or report on that is purely speculative the 2023 Men's Asia Cup was held in a hybrid model after India refused to travel there and had all its matches shift-

ed to Sri Lanka. This hybrid model was again replayed for the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy – the tournament was to be played entirely in Pakistan. But India pushing for a hybrid model meant all of its games were played in Dubai. While Pakistan crashed out in the league stage, India eventually won the trophy in Dubai on March 9. After reports of India's withdrawal from ACC events emerged, several political leaders like BJP's national spokesperson Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain, Leader of Opposition in the Rajasthan state Assembly Tika Ram Jolly, BCCI to withdraw from Asian cricketing events which had Pakistan in the mix.

## Rohit Sharma Wanted MS Dhoni-Style Exit Test Cricket

**New Delhi:** Rohit Sharma wanted to travel to England for the five-Test series and retire midway just like Dhoni had done during the 2014 tour of Australia, according to a report by Sky Sports. Everyone with his decision to retire from Test cricket and Kohli followed suit just few days later. As a result, the BCCI selectors face a tough challenge to fill the void left by the retirement of the two stalwarts of modern cricket.

## India Star Loses 10 Kg Ahead Of England Tour

**New Delhi:** Indian cricket team batter Sarfaraz Khan has lost 10 kg through a strict diet plan ahead of the Test series against England, according to a report by India Today. Sarfaraz, who made his debut for India back in 2024, ational reckoning after being included in the Abhimanyu Easwaran-led India 'A' squad for the upcoming tour of England, starting on May 30.

# Kerala sports minister reiterates confidence about Argentina football team's visit

**New Delhi:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Sports Minister V Abdurahaman on Saturday reiterated his confidence that the Argentina national football team, led by legendary player Lionel Messi, would visit the state as announced by the government. He, however, made it clear that it is the responsibility of sponsors and not that of the government to bring the top-notch soccer team to the state. The minister's response came at a

time when a section of the media reported that the Argentina team cancelled its scheduled visit to Kerala as the sponsors breached the contract norms. While talking to reporters here on the sidelines of an event, the minister said it was the Kochi-based Reporter Broadcasting Company that had entered into an agreement with the Argentina team, and the contract still exists. Sponsors assured that they would soon settle the payment-re-

lated matters in this regard without further delay, he said. "So, as of now, we cannot say that Messi and the Argentina team will not come to Kerala. Though there was some delay in some aspects, there is no confusion at present," he said. Expressing confidence in the sponsors, he said they have all the support from the government, and so there is no need to change them at present. The sports minister further said the government



has to depend upon sponsors in this regard, as it cannot meet the huge expense of bringing a top-notch team like Argentina.