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## ADC Yubraj Barthakur of Cachar passes away in Hyderabad

**Guwahati, May 26:** Yubraj Barthakur, the youthful and vivacious Additional Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, passed away on Sunday afternoon in a Hyderabad hospital. In his early forties, Barthakur abandoned his wife. According to a source in the local government, Barthakur's dead remains will be transported by air to his birthplace of Dibrugarh on Monday. According to a person close to Barthakur, he has been dealing with a



pancreatic issue for the past 12 months. He was recently admitted to a hospital in Silchar,

and following his recovery, he was transported to Hyderabad for additional medical care.

## Bolti Khamoshi, book published in Dibrugarh

**Guwahati, May 27:** Kailash Bagaria's book “Bolti Khamoshi” was unveiled on Sunday at a celebration held at Anandalaya in Dibrugarh. The book “Bolti Khamoshi” was released by renowned tea planter and author Devi Prasad Bagarodia, who was in attendance as the main guest. While releasing the book, writer Devi Prasad Bagarodia said that unity is important instead of division in society. “An environment has to be provided to promote hardworking people in the institutions,” he said. According to Kailash Bagaria's speech, a lot of individuals in the community spoke with him and wanted a stage on which to express their views that had been silenced.

However, they were denied that chance. He claimed that he was compelled to create “Bolti Khamoshi” after being moved by the statements of those individuals. As the special guest, Deendayal Dhandharia commended Kailash Bagaria for penning the book. Chandra Prakash Sharma, the editor of the Pratah Khabar newspaper, served as the keynote speaker. Social workers Mahavir Jain (KC) and Mahabir Bagaria also attended the book release event.

## Assam B.Ed. college plants ornamental Tree Saplings

**Dhubri, May 26:** More than 300 decorative saplings were planted on the campus of Dhubri BEd College, which is situated on the outskirts of Dhubri town, by the nature-based nonprofit Golapi Green. Dr. Debamoy Sanyal, chairman of the Dhubri Municipal Board and president



of the College Management Committee, spoke extensively

### Bobbeeta Sharma Leaves Every APCC Position

**Guwahati, May 27:** Bobbeeta Sharma resigns from her Assam Pradesh Congress Committee posts, thanking AICC & APCC leaders for serving people of Assam. “I wish Sri Gaurav Gogoi new APCC president, team all the best & hope they will be able to steer party towards better future, cleansing it from within,” Bobbeeta Sharma. “We had given the Panchayat Elections Enquiry Committee Report to AICC under the chairmanship of Ex-MP, Ex-APCC President Sri Paban Singh Ghatowar, Sri R.

## Congressman Gaurav Gogoi calls an investigation into illicit coal mining



**Guwahati, May 26:** Gaurav Gogoi Congress MP from Jorhat, demanded that thorough probe be conducted into syndicates and suspected illegal coal mining in Assam and Meghalaya. Speaking to a press conference at Jorhat's District Congress Bhawan, Gogoi asserted that “coal mafia” flourishing under political cover and connected it to shifts in Assam's leadership. Gogoi said, “Yesterday in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Rising North East summit where he spoke of private investment. I wrote to him the same day

highlighting the ground reality in Assam and Meghalaya the illegal coal syndicate.” Congress MP claims Enforcement Directorate action revealed illegal coal transportation in Meghalaya using forged documents and alleged bribes, but states no significant action by Assam or Meghalaya govt. “This reminds me of the Umrangshu incident where nine labourers died in an illegal rat-hole mine. A subsequent probe revealed 245 such operations in Assam. This could not happen without political protection,” Gogoi alleged.

## Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan flagged off in Haflong

**Haflong, May 29:** Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, a pre-Kharif national campaign launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt of India officially flagged off with much enthusiasm at Cultural Hall in Haflong. The campaign will run from May 29 - June 12 aims to reach farmers across all districts with focus on scientific farming and govt welfare schemes. In Dima Hasao district Krishi Vigyan Kendra been entrusted with organizing the campaign in coordination with multiple departments under district administration. Addressing inaugural event, CEM Debolal Gorlosa emphasized the need for coordination among the Fishery, Forest, & Irrigation departments to enhance support for farmers. He also encouraged villagers to diversify their crops beyond rice. Assam Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare Nandita Gorlosa interacted with farmers and underscored the importance of empowering them through modern techniques and better access to government schemes. “Through this campaign, we aim to connect farmers directly with scientific knowledge, technology & support



systems to boost their productivity and income,” she stated. Rasmitha Saikia elaborated on the campaign's objectives. A dedicated team of experts, scientists, and departmental representatives will visit six villages to engage directly with farmers, listen to their challenges, and offer tailored solutions. Officials from various departments also briefed farmers on central government schemes like PM-KISAN, PMMSY & PMKSY, highlighting their features and benefits to raise awareness among the rural farming community. The event witnessed the presence of several dignitaries, including Donphainon Thaosen (EM, NCHAC), Dhrifti Thaosen (MAC and Vice Chairman of DPB), John Phoithong (MAC), Herojit Jidung (MAC), Joint Secretary Prabat Pegu, agricultural experts, farmers, and departmental officials.

## PM Modi praises Assam for its efforts to prevent child marriage

**Guwahati, May 27:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi commended Assam's tenacious fight against child marriage and cited it as a model for other states during the NDA Chief Ministers' Conclave in New Delhi. Assam's chief minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, provided a comprehensive overview of his government's efforts to prevent child marriage, emphasizing the value of both public backing and consistent police enforcement. According to the Chief Minister's Office, the program has significantly decreased the state's caseload.

The prime minister apparently suggested that other NDA-ruled states should adopt



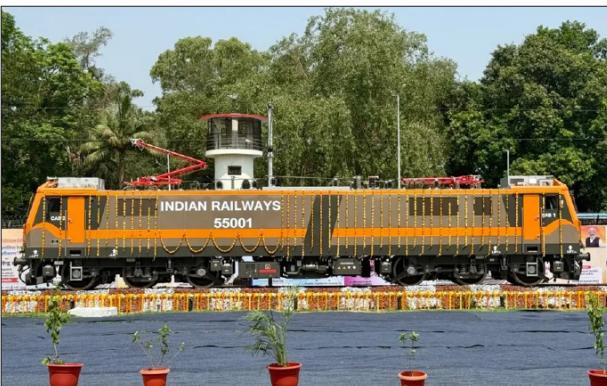
similar strategies to Assam's in order to prevent child marriage, which continues to affect gender equality, public health, and education in many parts of the country.

Furthermore, Modi directed senior federal government representatives to visit Assam in order to discover how local enforcement, policy

focus, and community involvement had contributed to the successful fight against the practice.

The conclave covered a wide range of subjects, including education, water conservation, and women's empowerment, but Assam's achievements in reducing child marriage were particularly important.

## PM Modi flagged new Siemens D9 electric locomotive



**New Delhi, May 27:** The first 9000 HP electric locomotive in India has started to be delivered by Siemens, with key parts being constructed at its plants in Nashik, Aurangabad, and Mumbai. Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially opened India's first D9-9000 HP electric locomotive at Indian Railways' cutting-edge Dahod, Gujarat, facility on May 26, 2025. This powerful locomotive, which was created in partnership with Siemens, ushers in a new era in rail freight transportation in India by establishing new benchmarks for sustainability, technology, and domestic production. The D9 is a prime example of the government's "Make in India" campaign with almost 90% of its parts manufactured in India. Siemens produced the required parts through its manufacturing facilities in Nashik, Aurangabad, and Mumbai. Siemens is in charge of the design, engineering & maintenance of

1,200 of these locomotives. Constructed in less than two years, the Dahod facility has contemporary conveniences such as locomotive simulators, effective carriage movement systems, and safety training based on virtual reality. Siemens Limited's MD and CEO, Sunil Mathur, referred to the project as a "commendable achievement" and emphasized how it helped raise the rail freight share from 27% to 45%.

With an estimated 800 million tons of CO2 emissions saved during its lifetime, the locomotive's debut demonstrates India's dedication to environmentally friendly transportation. Siemens has acquired 1,200 powerful D9 freight locomotives, each with a 9000 HP engine, 120 km/h top speed, and 5,800 tons capacity. Locomotives will be maintained using Railigent X for predictive maintenance and equipped with advanced digital tracking and green propulsion technologies.

## Scientists fear that a container ship sinking near Kerala could cause an oil catastrophe

**Chennai, May 27:** Authorities must attempt to contain as much oil and pollution as possible offshore because onshore cleanup has limitations, particularly during the monsoon season. This is true even as the Indian Navy and Coast Guard race to contain any oil spill from the MSC Elsa 3 container ship, which sank Sunday. In the meantime, teams of researchers from the Agriculture Ministry's CMFRI have spread out over three coastal regions in Kerala to gather sediment and water samples in order to investigate onshore effects. Using booms,



sprays, and bioremediation, offshore containment would be essential to managing any possible spill, according to Deepak Apte, a renowned marine biologist and current director of the nonprofit Srushti Conservation

Foundation. Apte has spearheaded the investigation into the oil spill resulting from the August 7, 2010, collision between the MSC Chitra and the MV Khalijia III as a member of the BNHS. Over 800 tons

## DUSU President's Office Smears Cow Dung After Rahul Gandhi's DU Visit

**New Delhi, May 27:** After Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's surprise visit to Delhi University last week, two events at the North Campus on Monday have heightened political tensions. A protest march was organized by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad charged Gandhi with breaking university rules by coming without authorization. In a separate video, Rishabh Chaudhary, the leader of the ABVP and a previous contender for DUSU president, was seen putting cow excrement on DUSU president's office. Under the name "Chhatra Samman Yatra," the ABVP staged a

protest march on Monday that began at Kiroli Mal College and ended at the DUSU office. Officials claim that the demon-



stration, which was unapproved and interfered with regular administrative tasks, was planned days after Rahul Gandhi's visit to the campus. The Proctor's Office stated, "This is the second time Mr Gandhi has done

this." Members of the NSUI, Congress' student wing, were accused by the ABVP of mistreating DUSU Secretary

Mitravinda Karnwal during the visit and locking students in her office. The ABVP called for severe responsibility and denounced these acts as "disrespectful and anti-woman." Rahul Gandhi's effigy was also set on fire by protesters outside the DUSU office, who blamed him for disruption and political opportunism. DUSU Secretary Mitravinda Karnwal condemned the behaviour as "an attack on democratic values and student dignity."

## 18 Naxalites give up in state of Chhattisgarh



**Surat, May 27:** Up to 18 Naxalites, 10 of whom had a total reward of ₹38 lakh, turned themselves in to security forces in the Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, according to police. According to Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavhan, the cadres surrendered in front of senior police and CRPF officials here, expressing dissatisfaction with "hollow" and "inhuman" Maoist philosophy as well as ultras' atrocities against indigenous tribes. "They also expressed their admiration for the new surrender and rehabilitation policy and the state government's 'Niyad Nellalar' scheme, which aims to facilitate development projects in remote villages," he said.

According to Chavhan, Madkam Aayta (25), a member of the platoon party committee of Maoists' PLGA battalion no. 1, and Bhaskar alias Bhogam Lakhha (26), a party member in the same battalion, each held a prize of ₹8 lakh for the Naxalites who turned themselves in. He claimed that six other Maoists had a bounty of ₹2 lakh apiece, while Madkam Kamlu, 25, and Laxman, also known as Madvi Chhanu, 28, both held ₹5 lakh.

## Terrorist was killed in a blast in Amritsar while attempting to retrieve an explosive



**Punjab, May 27:** In Majitha Amritsar a terrorist suspected of having ties to the Babbar Khalsa terror group died this morning while attempting to recover an explosive. His identity is still unknown. "The man

who died was a member of a terrorist organisation. He died in a blast while trying to retrieve an explosive. We are investigating what was on their target. We have found some clues from his pants' pocket," said Satin-

der Singh, DIG of police border range. "It appears that he did not handle it properly, and it exploded," he added. The blast occurred near the bypass at Majitha road, said another official.

## AMCA execution model approved by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh

**New Delhi, May 27:** The "execution model" for a significant domestic project to build India's fifth-generation, deep-penetration advanced medium combat aircraft for the Indian Air Force was approved by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday. This could make India the third nation to own such stealth fighter jets. Only two nations currently fly fifth-generation stealth fighters: China (J-20 and J-35) and the United States (F-22 and F-35). India recently accelerated the construction of the AMCA, which has increased stealth capabilities, with the goal of greatly boosting the nation's air strength, given that China has already built a sixth-generation aircraft. "In a significant push towards enhancing India's in-



digenous defence capabilities and fostering a robust domestic aerospace industrial ecosystem, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved AMCA Programme Execution Model," the Defence Ministry announced on Tuesday. Rajnath Singh called it an "important step towards harnessing the indigenous expertise, capability and capacity to develop the AMCA prototype, which will be a major milestone towards Aatmanirbharta in the aerospace sector".

# Deepika Padukone discusses the types of individuals she wants to work with in the midst of the Spirit issue

**Mumbai, May 28:** Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has been in the headlines lately because of her role in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's upcoming movie Spirit. At first, rumors circulated that Deepika was cast opposite Prabhas. However, she later left, and Tripti Dimri was chosen to play the major role. Rumors quickly circulated that Deepika left Spirit because she found the dramatic scenes unsettling. Sandeep responded to this with a furious tweet, which online users assumed was an assault on DP. In the midst of the wild uproar, Deepika has now made it clear who she wants to work with. In a recent chat with Harper's Bazaar, Deepika Padukone was asked how she balances work schedule with

her personal life. To this, the new mom replied, "I just listen to my gut, to what feels right. I think it's easier said than done but I think it's when you shut out the noise around you and you just listen to your gut, I



think the answers are always there. So I think, you know, wanting to collaborate with people that I know I'm going to have a good time working with, surrounding myself with

family and friends and being authentic, I

think is how I'm able to find my balance." Although Deepika is not feeling very motivated at work, she does have another intriguing project in the works. The actress, who gave birth to her daughter Dua Padukone Singh with husband Ranveer Singh last year, is reportedly ready to return to the big screen with Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming movie King.

The project, which is directed by Siddharth Anand, is SRK's first collaboration with his beloved daughter Suhana Khan. In Kalki 2898 AD: Part 2, the eagerly anticipated follow-up to Nag Ashwin's Kalki 2898 AD (2024), Deepika is also anticipated to rejoin with Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan.

## Emraan Hashmi been diagnosed with dengue

**Pune, May 28:** After receiving dengue diagnosis actor Emraan Hashmi currently taking brief hiatus from filming his upcoming movie. Alongside Pawan Kalyan been filming pan-Indian movie OG. We now know that while filming in Mumbai's Aarey Colony Goregaon, Emraan began to feel ill. Emraan recovering from symptoms & set to make his Telugu film debut with OG with production crew eagerly anticipating his return to work.



## Aditya Dhar's Dhurandhar get new look teased by Ranveer Singh



**Mumbai, May 28:** Ranveer Singh's Instagram reel showcases his rugged new look for Aditya Dhar's upcoming action thriller, Dhurandhar, featuring long hair and beard combo, causing excitement among fans. Ranveer responded to DJ Armin van Buuren's video, expressing his disbelief that a Formula 1 engine sounds like it's saying "Stiiiiing". Starting the video,

Ranveer says, "Mr Buuren, big fan... I've been following your musical journey from the early 2000s. You truly are a pioneer in the world of electronica and dance music, and you seem to have made an astonishing discovery of late, which everybody seems to be talking about. And it's got me really curious. So I feel like I want. To check it out for myself".

## Nimrat Kaur on 17 female cadets who are graduating from the NDA

### This representing the new India

**New Delhi, May 28:** As a lady and an Army child, Nimrat Kaur feels proud.

According to Nimrat, former Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru once remarked, "You can tell the condition of a nation by looking at the status of its women." On May 30, 17 female cadets will graduate from the National Defence Academy (NDA) for the first time ever. With women leading

to shoulder with men, this is the face of a new India. Nothing makes me more proud to be a woman and an Army daughter. Major Bhupinder Singh, the 43-year-old's father, was posthumously given the Shaurya Chakra after being killed in action in Kashmir in 1994. When she starred in The Test Case, one of the first web series created in India, in 2017, her Army connection was also evident on screen.



## Season 2 of The Royals expecing led by Ishaan Khatter & Bhumi Pednekar

**Mumbai, May 28:** Ishaan Khatter & Bhumi Pednekar star in the romantic comedy-drama The Royals, which debuted on Netflix on May 9, 2025. Reviews of the series were mixed. Ishaan Khatter's on-screen makeover & his intense chemistry with Bhumi Pednekar has the internet in a frenzy. Season 2 of show has now been renewed. Netflix team announced on social media that Season 2 of The Royals now officially in development. Season 2 of Priyanka Ghose & Nupur Asthana's The Royals has been revived. In addition to Zeenat Aman, Sakshi Tanwar, Nora Fatehi, Vihaan Samat Dino Morea & Milind Soman playing important roles, Ishaan Khatter and Bhumi Pednekar are expected to return as main duo. We're awaiting more information on the start of production and the premiere date of the brand-new season. The plot centers on the royal family of Morpur and their financial predicament following the king's passing. The dramatic twist occurs when the ambitious CEO Sophia Shekhar (Bhumi



Pednekar) rescues the royals by transforming their palace into an opulent bed and breakfast. The next successor to the Morpur throne, Aviraaj Singh, also known as Fizzy (Ishaan Khatter), crosses her path. Modern-day romance

between the royal and the hospitality entrepreneur eventually blossoms when they join a partnership. The show then reveals a number of conflicts that the two people encounter in their personal and professional life. Aviraaj Singh, the recently appointed successor to the Morpur throne, is revealed to be Padmaja's illegitimate son at the end of Season 1 of The Royals. Sophia and her staff, as well as the royal family, attend a press conference in



the last moments of the episode. All hell breaks loose as they prepare to discuss how the collaboration has produced positive outcomes and is moving in the right way. Aviraaj is seen moving away from Sophia in the final scene, languishing in shock and grief. They are uncertain about the future of their work and personal connections.

## Manipal Hospitals strengthens healthcare outreach in Mizoram and Northeast

**Aizawl, May 29:** Manipal Hospitals has reaffirmed its long-standing healthcare commitment to Mizoram and the Northeastern states, highlighting over 15 years of clinical excellence and outreach. Following the integration of AMRI and MedicaSuperspecialty Hospitals, Manipal now operates five superspecialty hospitals in Kolkata, serving as a critical hub for advanced care in the region. With more than 15,000 patients from Mizoram treated over the years and over 70 successful kidney transplants with a 95% success rate, Manipal Hospitals continues to expand its footprint. Through



a partnership with Aizawl Hospital & Research Centre since 2017, the hospital has conducted outreach clinics in neurosurgery, respiratory medicine, orthopaedics, urology, nephrology, and endocrinology. Experts like Dr. Debrajash em-

phasized the growing burden of respiratory illnesses, while Dr. Harsh Jain noted the increasing need for neurosurgical interventions. Dr. Kaushik Biswas highlighted the rise in lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, stressing the importance of regular OPDs and structured care. Aizawl has responded positively to these efforts, with more residents opting for specialized consultations and follow-ups locally, reducing the need to travel outside the state. The visit also includes engagement with Civil Hospital and CME sessions with API Mizoram to foster clinical knowledge sharing.

## For FY25, Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd. announces a record bonus payout of ₹1,842 crore



another year of exceptional bonus payouts for our participating policyholders," said Kshitij Sharma, Executive Vice President and Appointed Actuary at Tata AIA. PAR (Participating) Plans make a lot of sense in the current market conditions. Tata AIA's participating plans are designed to help you meet your life goals — be it saving for your child's future, building a retirement corpus, or creating a reliable income stream — all while safeguarding your loved ones. These plans offer the perfect balance of protection and performance: Low Volatility, Equity Upside, Life Cover.

## Royal Challenge Game Nights electrify Guwahati with gaming, cricket & culture



**Guwahati, May 29:** The Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water Game Nights turned GS Road's Sarokri venue into a vibrant hotspot of digital excitement as the brand's nationwide gaming initiative arrived in Guwahati. Known for its bold energy and cricketing legacy, the brand is now bridging the worlds of sport, gaming, and youthful expression through immersive events across India. Following high-energy events in Mumbai and Ludhiana, the Guwahati edition saw top content creators, gaming enthusiasts, and fans come together for a night of VR cricket, PlayStation cricket titles, and interactive challenges. A live screening of a marquee cricket match added to the buzz, blending traditional fandom with modern gaming thrills. "Gaming is an organic extension for Royal Challenge — a brand that has always stood at the crossroads of high-energy sport and

bold self-expression," said Varun Koorichh, Vice President – Marketing & Portfolio Head at DiaGeo. "After years of being deeply rooted in cricket, stepping into the digital arena allows us to channel the same competitive spirit in a contemporary, immersive format. With Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water Game Nights, we're building a platform that brings players together to celebrate the thrill of the game and to always Choose Bold." In Guwahati, where the youth culture is increasingly digital-first, the event resonated strongly.

With a growing appetite for esports and tech-driven entertainment, the city is emerging as a vibrant hub for gaming and brand activations, making it a fitting stage for Royal Challenge's bold new journey. Next stops include Bangalore and more, as Game Nights continues its nationwide roll-out.

## CaratLane launches 'Runway' collection honouring women in aviation

**Guwahati, May 29:** A TATA Product, has made history with the launch of 'Runway', India's first-ever fine jewellery collection dedicated to women in aviation. The new line, unveiled in Mumbai, celebrates the courage, elegance, and ambition of female pilots and aviation professionals through 20+ exquisite designs in 9KT and 14KT gold and diamonds. The launch campaign features a commercial pilot, a fighter pilot, and a cabin crew professional — each showcasing how their passion for the skies is captured through wearable art. Notably, the collection includes dynamic pieces with mobile aircraft motifs, merging storytelling with craftsmanship. Actress and licensed pilot Gul Panag graced the preview event at CaratLane's Bandra store,



joining real-life cabin crew in unveiling this unique tribute. Gul Panag said, "This collection speaks straight to my heart. Aviation gave me wings, and now there's jewellery that celebrates that feeling in a stylish and everlasting way. It is definitely a must-have for aviation enthusiasts. There's only one thing better than flying, and it's flying

in style!" Saumen Bhoumik, MD - CaratLane, said, "Aviation in India is one of the fastest-growing industries globally, and we proudly have the highest share of female pilots. Right from the days of a single national carrier, Air India, aircrew members have been icons of style and symbols of a rising, modern India. This thoughtfully designed collection is our tribute to the brave women who make our skies safer, better, and smarter every single day." In Guwahati, known for its growing appetite for contemporary and thematic fine jewellery, 'Runway' is expected to resonate with upwardly mobile women who value both style and symbolism. Aviation enthusiasts and trendsetters can explore the collection online and at select stores nationwide.

## realme launches GT 7 Series in India, starting at Rs 28,999; Agartala eyes strong demand

**New Delhi, May 29:** realme has officially launched its flagship GT 7 Series in India, headlined by the GT 7 Dream Edition, co-created with the Aston Martin Formula One™ Team. Featuring India's first MediaTek Dimensity 9400e chipset, a massive 7000mAh battery, and 120W Ultra Charge, the GT 7 Series is priced from ₹28,999, with sales commencing May 30, 2025. The GT 7 Dream Edition, with its premium Aston Martin Racing Green finish and engraved Silver Wings Emblem,



will be available from June 13 at ₹49,999 for the 16GB+512GB variant. The GT 7T, equipped with the MediaTek Dimensity 8400-MAX, offers flag-

ship features at more accessible prices, starting at ₹28,999. Also unveiled, the realme Buds Air 7 Pro brings AI-powered features including live translation and 48-hour battery life, priced from ₹4,999.

With Gemini AI integration and advanced camera features, the GT 7 Series cements realme's position as a leading innovator in India's premium smartphone market.

## Balanced breakfasts with almonds; experts share PCOS-friendly diet tips

**Guwahati, May 29:** Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), a hormonal disorder impacting millions of women in India, demands a careful focus on diet alongside lifestyle changes. Experts stress that a nutritious breakfast rich in whole grains, greens, and particularly almonds can support hormonal balance, weight control, and overall well-being. Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics at Max Healthcare, New Delhi, recommends simple yet effective breakfast ideas for women managing PCOS. Her suggestions include an almond and oat milk smoothie packed with fiber and protein, quinoa upma with vegetables and toasted almonds, almond flour pancakes ideal for gluten-sensitive individuals, moong dal chilla served with almond yogurt, and whole wheat toast topped with almond butter and berries to regulate blood sugar levels.

In Guwahati, the growing awareness about

PCOS and diet has increased demand for al-



monds and other wholesome ingredients in local markets.

Nutritionists highlight that Guwahati's health-conscious consumers are increasingly opting for nutrient-dense foods that aid in managing hormonal health, making almonds a staple item in morning meals across the city. These breakfast options provide busy women a delicious, balanced start to their day while addressing the challenges of PCOS effectively.

## Flipkart Minutes delivers fresh veggies at just Rs 9 with a nostalgic twist, eyes urban markets

**Guwahati, May 29:** Flipkart has launched a fresh new campaign for its hyperlocal service Flipkart Minutes, offering quality vegetables delivered to doorsteps in just minutes — and starting at only ₹9. Inspired by the iconic film 3 Idiots, the ad film revives household drama to highlight the rising cost of groceries and Flipkart's promise of value, speed, and convenience. Conceptualised by Leo Burnett, the film humorously portrays a family grappling with soaring vegetable prices until a Flipkart flyer brings hope — and ₹9 bhindi. As disbelief turns to joy, the family orders fresh produce through Flipkart Minutes and receives the delivery within minutes. The campaign emphasizes that customers no longer need to compromise on quality or budget. Kabeer Biswas, VP of Flipkart Minutes, said, "We're reimagining everyday convenience. Fresh vegetables at ₹9 delivered in minutes reflects our



commitment to value, quality, and speed." In Guwahati, the campaign has sparked notable interest among urban households, where rising grocery prices are a frequent concern.

Retail analysts expect that Flipkart Minutes could reshape consumer behavior in Guwahati's digital grocery market, where demand for quick, affordable deliveries is surging. The ad rolls out across TV and digital platforms in multiple languages from May 28.

## Vi Business partners with HPE to boost managed services in India

**Mumbai, May 29:** Vi Business, the enterprise arm of Vodafone Idea, has entered a strategic partnership with Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) to offer next-generation managed services across India. The collaboration will leverage HPE Aruba Networking solutions to provide cutting-edge managed wireless LAN, switching, and security services tailored for diverse enterprise needs, including campuses, manufacturing units, and corporate offices. Vi Business will deliver fully managed services supported by its Network Operations Center (NOC), ensuring proactive management and comprehensive support backed by AI and machine learning-powered analytics. This will enhance enterprise networking with intelligent, scalable, and secure solutions.



Additionally, the partnership will focus on co-developing private data center solutions to meet growing demands for compute and storage infrastructure from private and public sector enterprises, including government agencies. Arvind Nevatia, Chief Enterprise Business Officer of Vodafone Idea, emphasized

that this alliance strengthens Vi Business's ICT portfolio and enables seamless digital transformation for enterprises. Phil Mottram, Executive Vice President of HPE Aruba Networking, called the partnership a leap forward in delivering agile and resilient networking solutions for India's enterprises.

## KFC rolls out 'Epic Savers' offer; 9 chicken pieces for just Rs 299

**Mumbai, May 29:**

KFC India has launched a mouth-watering limited-time offer dubbed "Epic Savers," allowing customers to enjoy nine pieces of its iconic chicken for just ₹299. The combo includes seven boneless chicken strips and two hot & crispy pieces, available exclusively for dine-in across KFC's 1300+ restaurants nationwide. The campaign, featuring Bollywood actor Mrunal Thakur and comedian Danish Sait, highlights the irresistible value with the catchy slogan "9 for 299," blending epic taste with epic savings. The ad film shows the duo reacting with gleeful disbelief to the jaw-dropping deal, echoing the sentiments of chicken lovers across India. KFC, a subsidiary of Yum! Brands, continues to deliver on its promise of quality, affordability, and the legendary recipe created over 80 years ago by Colonel Sanders. The Epic Savers deal is expected to boost in-store dining traffic and win over more chicken fans across the country.



## From homemakers to entrepreneurs; NE women weave new futures with skill, support and spirit

**Kohima, May 29:** Women from Northeast India are redefining success by blending tradition with innovation, backed by key government schemes and grassroots support. Their inspiring journeys were recently spotlighted at the Rising North East Investors Summit 2025 in New Delhi. Jayanti Rabha, 56, of Kamrup Rural, turned her passion for plants into a thriving nursery under the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVYD). Earnings up to ₹5,000 daily, her

garden now blossoms with flowers and opportunities for others. "Every flower in my nursery carries a story—of struggle, of hope, and of triumph," she said. In Udaguri, Merina Lahari revived Eri weaving through Jugami Farmer Producer Company Ltd., uniting 300 women with support from TRIFED, KVK, and the FPO scheme. Her stoles have reached DilliHaat and national markets. Meanwhile, in Lakhimpur, Junali Hazarika's weaving enterprise flourished with help from PMEGP and NRLM, earning up to ₹65,000 monthly. Nagaland's Yanglerla Jamir trained artisan clusters under SFURTI, showcasing tribal crafts nationwide. These women, supported by institutions like TRIFED and IIE (under MSDE), are transforming heritage into livelihood proving that in the Northeast, tradition is not a barrier but a bridge to progress.

## Godrej Jersey survey reveals 1 in 3 Indians prefer milk as a beverage

**Guwahati, May 29:** On the eve of World Milk Day, Godrej Jersey unveiled a nationwide consumer insights report titled "Bottoms Up... India Says Cheers to Milk!", revealing that one in every three Indians prefers milk as a beverage. Conducted by YouGov, the survey sheds light on the evolving preferences of Indian consumers, with 50% opting for flavoured milk or adding flavour at home. The findings also highlight a significant shift among Indian parents, with 45% offering flavoured milk during the day and 44% during playtime as a refreshing and nourishing option for children. Bhupendra Suri, CEO of Godrej Jersey, said, "We're redefining what milk means for a new generation—balancing taste, refreshment, and nourishment in every sip." The survey covered key urban markets including Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai. Suri emphasized the role of innovation in making milk relevant to modern lifestyles: "It's no longer just about tradition—it's about aligning with today's mindful consumption." In the Guwahati, dairy consumption patterns echo this national trend. With rising demand for value-added milk products, local distributors note an uptick in flavoured and fortified milk, particularly



among young consumers seeking healthier, convenient options. Godrej Jersey, under Creamline Dairy Products Ltd., continues to drive innovation in the dairy segment, maintaining its legacy while adapting to changing consumer preferences.

## Toyota Fortuner & Legender cross 3-lakh sales mark in India, cements SUV dominance

Bengaluru, May 29: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has achieved a major milestone in India's SUV segment, with cumulative sales of the Fortuner and Legender models crossing the 3-lakh mark. This feat underlines Toyota's leadership in the premium SUV space, backed by strong customer trust and the brand's commitment to performance, durability, and reliability. Since its 2009 launch, the Toyota Fortuner has set benchmarks with its rugged 2.8L diesel engine, delivering 204 PS and 500 Nm torque. Its bold design, high ground clearance, and 4x4 capability have made it the SUV of choice for adventure seekers. The Legender, launched in 2021,



builds on this legacy with added luxury, featuring dual-tone styling, an 11-speaker JBL system, and urban-friendly features like wireless charging. TKM's Vice President Varinder Wadhwa credited cus-

tomer loyalty and Toyota's robust service ecosystem, T CARE, for the achievement. Fortuner and Legender continue to redefine road presence and reliability in India's competitive SUV market.

## Nissan rolls out CNG retrofitment for Magnite SUV, boosts eco-friendly drive and market reach

Guwahati, May 29: Nissan Motor India has launched a government-approved CNG retrofitment kit for its popular SUV, the New Nissan Magnite. Priced at ₹74,999, the kit—developed and quality-assured by Motozen—offers an eco-friendly and fuel-efficient alternative to traditional fuels. This retrofitment is initially available across seven states, including Delhi-NCR, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, and Karnataka, and will expand nationwide in a phased rollout. Available exclusively for the 1.0L naturally aspirated petrol engine with manual transmission, the kit provides enhanced fuel economy and complies with all local safety and regulatory standards. Retrofitment will be conducted only at government-authorised centres, with a 3-year or 1 lakh km warranty offered on the kit by Motozen. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India said, "The New Nissan Magnite has been a phenomenal product for us and has led the success story in India. With a view to meet the requirements of customers, Nissan Dealers will provide an alternate fuel op-



tion in the form of a government-approved CNG retrofitment kit which will be carried out at the authorised fitment centres for customers. We are confident that this move will enhance the popular compact SUV's value proposition and practicality." In Guwahati, the introduction of this retrofitment is expected to attract price-conscious and sustainability-driven buyers, especially as urban consumers seek alternatives amid rising fuel costs. Dealers in the Northeast anticipate positive uptake as CNG infrastructure expands. Nissan remains fully committed to India, with a robust, future-ready product line-up and a clear trajectory to meet its business and growth goals.

## 6% increase in Bajaj Auto's net profit

New Delhi, May 29: The results for the January–March quarter of the fiscal year 2025 are being released by about 555 businesses. NBCC, Prestige Estates, Senco Gold, Welspun Living, Wockhardt, Bajaj Auto, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Suzlon Energy, Alkem Laboratories, Century Plyboards, Coffee Day Enterprises, Ipcra Laboratories, Lemon Tree Hotels, Samvardhana Motherson International, and Yatra Online are a few of the significant names among them. For the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2025, Bajaj Auto declared a net profit

of Rs 2,049 crore. This exceeds the average net profit of Rs 1,970 crore predicted by brokerages surveyed by Moneycontrol. The company's revenue of Rs 12,148 crore surpasses the average revenue of Rs 11,853 crore that the brokerages projected during the poll. For the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2025, Bajaj Auto declared a net profit of Rs 2,049 crore. Compared to the net profit of Rs 1,936 crore recorded in the same quarter of the prior fiscal year, this represents an almost 6% increase. In the meantime, its operating income increased to Rs 12,148 crore.

## Guwahati fuels surge in energy fund inflows as Tata Resources & Energy AUM doubles

## IIT Guwahati, NE states advance disaster risk training in Japan under JICA project

Guwahati, May 29: Thirteen delegates from India's North Eastern Region, including officials from State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) and IIT Guwahati, participated in the second technical training under Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA) project on disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Japan from May 12–23. The initiative is part of a three-year program (2024–2026) aimed at enhancing DRR and resilience capacities across the Northeast. The training, titled "Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building Capacities of North Eastern States of India," focused on flood and landslide management. Participants visited key DRR infrastructure sites in Nagano, Kanagawa, Gunma, and Tochigi Prefectures, and learned about Japanese tech-

nologies including hazard mapping and early warning systems. At the heart of this initiative is the Centre for Disaster Management and Research (CDMR) at IIT Guwahati, which is being developed into a regional hub for disaster training and knowledge dissemination. A demonstration lecture by CDMR for NE SDMA officials is scheduled for December 2025. In Guwahati, the collaboration is seen as vital. With frequent urban floods and seismic activity, stakeholders in Guwahati's infrastructure and urban planning sectors expect the CDMR-led training modules to significantly boost preparedness and reduce economic disruption. JICA India's Chief Representative Mr. Takeuchi Takuro emphasized the project's role in bolstering Indo-Japan ties and regional resilience.

## What to anticipate during your fertility clinic visit (It's not what you think)



Guwahati, May 29: Hesitation is normal. Most couples are anxious before entering a fertility clinic. Reading and knowing about fertility treatments may not be enough and there tends to a lot of questions around what it would be like inside a fertility clinic. Will there be too many tests? Will they recommend IVF immediately? What if something is actually wrong? What will others say? But here's the reality: infertility is a medical condition—not a measure of your worth. Just like you visit doctors for any other health issue, seeing a fertility specialist for your reproductive health is no different. At a fertility clinic, your journey doesn't begin

with scans or needles. It starts with a conversation. First Step: Listening, Not Testing: On day one, you aren't just immediately put through medical tests. You're heard—your lifestyle, stress, medical history, diet, even emotional readiness are all understood carefully. The goal? To know your story, not just your symptoms. There is also an initial registration, which is just to make a safe patient record. Simple Initial Tests, No Panic: Once an initial un-

derstanding is gained, doctors would suggest the most basic of the tests and they aren't hectic at all. For women: hormone test, thyroid test, and an ultrasound. For men: semen analysis. IVF Isn't the Only Solution: Most people think that fertility clinics instantly suggest IVF, which is not the case. Good fertility clinics personalise your care, which might only need emotional or lifestyle-based intervention at times. Financial Clarity, Always: After your initial consultation with the fertility specialist, you should get a clear breakdown of all involved costs and the best fertility clinics are transparent and have financial plans to help you make informed choices.



industrial upgrades, seeking exposure to India's energy megatrends. "Energy is at the core of India's growth story—electrification of transport, digital infrastructure expansion,

and clean energy transitions are opening multi-year investment opportunities," said Satish Chandra Mishra, Fund Manager at Tata Asset Management. The fund's diversified approach—mixing cyclical sectors like metals and cement with structural bets on chemicals and agri-inputs—has helped deliver 14.58% annualised returns over three years, outperforming Nifty 50 and Nifty Commodities Index. With India aiming for 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, Guwahati's investors are increasingly viewing thematic energy funds as strategic vehicles to ride the green economy wave.

## Centrum launches 'Centrum Recharge' energy drink mix with Anushka Sharma as brand ambassador

Shillong, May 29: Centrum India has introduced Centrum Recharge, a new effervescent energy drink mix packed with 13 essential vitamins and minerals to support energy, immunity, and hydration. The product launch is backed by a comprehensive multi-media campaign featuring Bollywood actress and brand ambassador Anushka Sharma. Designed for active lifestyles, Centrum Recharge contains twice the vitamins and minerals compared to leading competitors, with no added sugars, making it a nutritious choice for consumers. "Atish Negi, Category Lead at Haleon ISC, stated that Centrum Recharge fills a vital gap by replenishing not just electrolytes but also important micronutrients lost daily, such as B Vitamins, Vitamin C, Magnesium, and Zinc. Available in two vari-

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ants—kids and adults—the sachets are convenient for on-the-go consumption and priced at ₹10 per sachet. The campaign highlights relatable energy dips faced during daily routines, emphasizing the tagline: "Our body loses vitamins & minerals every day which makes us feel tired. Now win it

back with Centrum Recharge!" In Shillong, where health-conscious consumers seek quick, effective nutritional boosts amidst busy routines, Centrum Recharge is poised to gain popularity for its combination of taste and wellness benefits. The product is available in pharmacies, grocery stores, supermarkets, and online platforms nationwide. Anushka Sharma said, "I am glad to represent Centrum Recharge, a solution for those who want to stay energized and hydrated in a healthy way."

## Government proposes 36% stipend hike to boost apprenticeship training, eyes broader inclusion and sectoral expansion

Guwahati, May 29: To make apprenticeship programmes more attractive for youth, the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC), chaired by Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary, has proposed a 36% hike in stipends under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS). The revised stipend range will move from ₹5,000–₹9,000 to ₹6,800–₹12,300, with biennial revisions based on CPI, subject to Cabinet approval. Held at VigyanBhawan, the 38th CAC meeting also emphasized inclusivity, proposing reserved training slots for persons with benchmark disabilities and measures to reduce dropout rates. The council backed apprenticeship-embedded education, sectoral expansion using NIC 2008 code, and digital training methods. For Guwahati, a regional industrial and educational hub, the revised stipend and structural reforms are likely to boost apprenticeship enrolment among urban and



semi-urban youth. The new policy could attract more MSMEs and academic institutions in Assam to join the national skilling ecosystem, creating better employment opportunities locally. The meeting also featured the launch of a KPMG report on NAPS data and saw participation from key industry bodies, academic institutions, and government representatives. The recommendations aim to align apprenticeship with India's development goals under 'Kushal Bharat, Viksit Bharat'.

## Q4 net profit of Suzlon Energy increased 365% to Rs 1,182cr

Mumbai, May 29: Due mostly to an extraordinary gain, Suzlon Energy reported a 365 percent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,181 crore for the March quarter on Thursday.

A deferred tax advantage of Rs 600 crore increased the net profit of the provider of renewable energy solutions. According to an NSE filing, the company's consolidated net profit for the previous year was Rs 254 crore.

Additionally, the consolidated net profit increased from Rs 660 crore in the previous fiscal year to Rs 2,072 crore in 2024–2025. In the March quarter of FY25, the company's overall revenue from operations increased by 73.2 percent to Rs 3,773.5 crore, up from Rs 2,179.2 crore during the same period the previous year. While the margin was



17.94 percent compared to 15.62 percent year-over-year (YoY), the earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) increased 99 percent to Rs 677 crore from Rs 340.4 crore in the previous year. Its overall revenue increased from Rs 2,207.43 crore to Rs 3,825.19 crore during the quarter. "FY25 performance sets the

stage for Suzlon's next phase of strategic evolution and market leadership. Achieving our highest profitability in a decade, strong cash reserves, and a record order book are the direct outcomes of our disciplined business transformation and sharp operational focus," Girish Tanti, Vice Chairman, Suzlon Group, said.

## India's GDP is expected to increase

New Delhi, May 29: Survey of 20 experts, the Indian economy is expected to grow at its quickest rate in four quarters in Q4FY25 driven by consumer demand and agricultural performance. "GDP growth is expected to recover in Q4FY25 from the previous quarter driven by an improvement in consumer demand, government spending and healthy agriculture performance," said Sakshi Gupta, principal economist, HDFC Bank. However, India's economy will only reach 6.3 percent for FY25, falling short of the 6.5 percent expectation established by the second advance estimate. The growth prediction for FY25 was between 6.2 and 6.4 percent, with a median fixed at 6.3 percent. The government had to achieve 7.6% growth to reach the 6.5%. The government will release fourth quarter numbers along with provisional estimates for FY25. Although growth is expected to rise to a four-quarter high of 6.9 percent in Q4FY25, economists indicate that performance is likely to be more subdued, with subsidies payout contributing to higher jump.

## Experts urge thyroid checks for diabetics as dual disorders pose hidden health risks

Guwahati, May 29: With nearly 1 in 11 adults in India living with diabetes and 1 in 10 affected by thyroid disorders, medical experts are highlighting a significant health concern—up to one in four people with Type 2 diabetes also suffer from hypothyroidism, often undiagnosed. The thyroid gland, which regulates metabolism, plays a crucial role in energy management alongside insulin. When thyroid function is disrupted, it can impair blood sugar control, increasing the risk of complications such as heart disease, kidney issues, and diabetic retinopathy. Dr Rohita Shetty, Medical Affairs Head, Abbott India said, "People living with diabetes are usually aware of their blood sugar levels and know how to manage the fluctuations. But many symptoms of thyroid disorders might go unnoticed, even though they can impact blood sugar levels. Thyroid health and blood sugar levels are more linked than you might think. That's why it's important to get regular thyroid check-ups. With the right care, thyroid disorders can be managed effectively, allowing people to live healthy and active lives."



Dr. Nilakshi Deka, Endocrinologist, Apollo Hospital, Guwahati, "Thyroid conditions are often neglected, with a large percentage of the population living with undetected issues and, as a result, not seeking the necessary care. Many people with diabetes may have thyroid problems without noticeable symptoms, which can range from fatigue, memory lapses, sleeping difficulties and excessive weight gain to constipation, dry skin, cold intolerance, muscle cramps, and puffy eyelids. An underactive thyroid can also result in fluctuations in energy levels, weight, mood, and heart rate, as the gland plays an important role in regulating these functions and supporting the body's healthy development. This is why regular check-ups for thyroid function are important, especially for people with type 2 diabetes." In Guwahati, where diabetes management awareness has been steadily growing, healthcare providers are increasingly recommending thyroid screening for diabetic patients. Market trends show a rise in demand for diagnostic services and medications targeting both conditions, reflecting growing public health concern in urban areas like Guwahati. Managing both conditions requires lifestyle changes, regular monitoring, and medical supervision to maintain a healthy, active life.

## A decline in inflation boosts confidence

New Delhi, May 29: The Reserve Bank of India stated in its annual report that a drop in retail prices below its medium-term aim of 4 percent gives confidence in a long-term alignment of headline inflation with the target of 4 percent over a 12-month horizon. "With inflation falling below the target in February and March 2025, supported by a sharp fall in food inflation, there is now greater confidence about a durable alignment of headline

inflation with the target of 4.0 per cent over a 12-month horizon," the report, released on May 29, said. Retail inflation slowed to 3.16 percent in April from 3.34 percent in March, the lowest year-on-year reading since July 2019.

Increasing incidences of climate shocks, as seen in recent years, however, warrant careful monitoring of food price outlook, the report said.

## Alia Bhatt at Cannes 2025: From a Gucci saree to an Armani gown, how she slayed at the festival

**Mumbai:** Bollywood star Alia Bhatt turned heads at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival's red carpet, attending the movie gala's closing ceremony in a saree by global fashion brand Gucci. The 2025 edition of the film festival came to a close on Saturday evening and saw the participation of several international celebrities, including Jane Fonda, Viola Davis, Elle Fanning, jury head Juliette Binoche and Cate Blanchett. Alia, who made her second appearance at the Cannes red carpet, shared her photos on Instagram. The saree, touted to be the first-ever from the fashion label, was a modern, high-fashion take on traditional Indian attire. Made from sheer fabric, it features a reticulate pattern with silver sequins and Swarovski crystals throughout. The blouse was a minimal

● She opted for a midnight blue sans shoulder Armani Prive gown that featured a plunging V-back.

bralette style, complementing the heavily embellished saree. Earlier on Saturday, Alia wore another outfit by Gucci. She wore a bright yellow custom-made three-piece crepe wool skirt suit. Alia made Cannes red carpet debut on Friday, wearing an off-shoulder fishtail gown from Schiaparelli haute couture. That's not all, the actress also wore a bejewelled navy gown from the house of Armani Prive that was showcased in their spring/summer 2025 line. Alia was styled by Rhea Kapoor for the occasion. She opted for a midnight blue sans shoulder Armani Prive gown that featured a plunging V-back.



## Who Names A Film Deewane Ki Deewaniyat



**New Delhi:** Bollywood's inventive title ideas have given us yet another entry into the Hall of Fame of Head-Scratching Titles — "Deewane Ki Deewaniyat" — as if we hadn't already reached the pinnacle of ingenuity with flicks like Katti Batti, Humshakals, or Jab Harry Met Sejal. Because a title that seems like it came from your WhatsApp Shayari group is the perfect way to capture the passion of romance. You're welcome if you're wondering what "Deewane Ki Dewaniyat" means; even Google Translate gave up midway.

## Captain America: Brave new world streaming



**Mumbai:** After months of anticipation, Marvel's newest blockbuster Captain America: Brave New World is finally set to stream on Disney+ starting Wednesday, May 28 at midnight ET, according to USA TODAY. The film has already grossed over \$415 million worldwide since its theatrical release on February 14, according to Box Office Mojo. While the movie has been available for digital purchase or rental, many fans have been eagerly waiting for its arrival on Disney's streaming platform. For those who don't want to wait until May 28, the film is currently available for purchase or rental on several digital platforms.

## Retro OTT release watch Suriya's gangster drama

### Mumbai:

Actors Suriya and Pooja Hegde's 'Retro', after a decent run at the box office, is set to stream on Netflix from May



31. The film will be available in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Malayalam, and Kannada. The makers shared the update on X, captioning the post: "Anbaana makkaley The One is coming. Watch 'Retro', out 31 May on Netflix India in Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada! Netflix has also listed the film in its "Coming

Soon" section. 'Retro' follows the story of Paarivelkanan (Suriya), adopted by gangster Thilagan and raised in a world of violence. As he earns his place in the underworld, he wants to step away after he falls in love with Rukmini. Paari dreams of a peaceful life with Rukmini but escaping his past isn't easy. With Suriya in an intense role, 'Retro' blends action with emotion, exploring love, loss, and redemption.

## Action-drama Ek Prem Katha The Wait Ends! Adivi Sesh & Mrunal Thakur's 'Dacoit' Set For Christmas 2025 Release



**Mumbai:** Keep an eye on December 25th, 2025, as Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur are in all territories of India for their action-drama Dacoit: Ek Prem Katha — which has the promise of being both an explosive story and action-drama — and it has just released its Fire Glimpse — and it already has the internet on fire. An Explosive Love And Uprising Story Dacoit: Ek Prem Katha is not a simple love story — it is a raw and uncompromising love story, through the lens of rebellion, passion, and redemption in an uncivilised rural space. Adivi Sesh, coming off the success of pan-India blockbusters like Major, looks fully immersed in a gritty and ferocious character, and Mrunal Thakur gives her character emotional heft and strength. Their camaraderie crackles through each millisecond of the teaser.

The casting of filmmaker Anurag Kashyap in an important role has added interesting layers and an unpredictable character. The film is directed by newcomer Shanel Deo, who co-wrote the story and screenplay with Adivi Sesh. Supported by Supriya Yarlagadda and jointly produced by Suniel Narang,

the movie is brought to you by Annapurna Studios, which is instantly recognisable for its first-class Telugu movies. The production is currently taking place in Hyderabad, and subsequently, it will move on to its next schedule in Maharashtra. A Pan-India Christmas Blockbuster As teased, Dacoit has done

enough to show that we should all expect a stylised action film coupled with a sweet tale, drawing in confronting angles and a loving nature.

Dacoit will be entrenched in a class of its own and among the most anticipated pan-India films to be released in 2025, catering to audiences from both Bollywood and Tollywood. Due to Dacoit: Ek Prem Katha commencing on Christmas Day 2025, it will have to be prepared for stiff competition at the box office, but the buzz of it being a romantic action drama has led it to become an early potential and positioned holiday blockbuster. Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur are present and responsible for sufficient excitement for everyone in this genre-crossing bilingual that maintains thrilling action and deeply engrossing passion.

## Thug Life Mani Ratnam defends Kamal Haasan romancing 28-year-younger Trisha Krishnan



**Mumbai:** Thug Life, which marks the reunion of Kamal Haasan and filmmaker Mani Ratnam after Nayakan, has created humongous among the audience. However, the film has garnered criticism for Haasan romancing Trisha Krishnan and Abhirami, who are 28 years younger than him. Now, Mani Ratnam has reacted to it and said that while people judge the relationship between men and women with an age gap on the screen, it happens all the time in real life. "Let me put it this way, this way, in real life, there are people, slightly older, who have a relationship with a younger person, male or female. There are. It is a fact of life. It's been like that for a long time. It's not just now. When it's in cinema, we try to find fault with it or pass judgment on it, which means you are trying to cover or close your eyes to what is

happening in your society and claim that it should be only this way," Ratnam told Mid-Day. "It is (about) how these two people meet. It is not Trisha Krishnan and Kamal Haasan. It is (about) their respective characters. So that is what it should be. And if you see the film, the relationship, how it formed and whether it is real or not, then you can make a judgment, not based on Trisha Krishnan and Kamal Haasan," he added.

## Bhumi Pednekar and Ananya Panday like Zoya Akhtar's post

**Mumbai:** Zoya Akhtar, one of the most gifted filmmakers of the industry, has shared a post on Instagram that has gone viral. It says 'Industry people are shady.' Netflix's 'The Royals' actress Bhumi Pednekar and Ananya Panday liked the post as well. One user commented- "Totally agree when the industry starts showing its shady side, it's the universe sending a clear sign." In an interview with Juggernaut, the filmmaker addressed the much-talked about debate around nepotism. Everyone needs to have the same kind of education, job opportunities, et al.

## Soccer Manager Slot sees a lengthy tenure motivated by the traditions of FSG & Liverpool

**England:** Soccer Manager Slot plans to serve a long tenure in England, drawing inspiration from the tradition of Liverpool and FSG. Liverpool manager Arne Slot is expected to stay with the club for a long time, citing the club and owners' history of trusting their managers for a long time. Juergen Klopp, who served as Slot's predecessor, won the Premier League, Champions League, and Club World Cup over eight years at Liverpool. Liverpool have signed Dutchman Slot on a three-year contract, stating he is the club's only choice to succeed Klopp. Slot expressed his happiness and satisfaction at the club, citing the tradition of long-serving managers like Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger, who led Manchester United and Arsenal for over two decades. Slot discussed the Boston Red Sox, owned by Liverpool's Fenway



Sports Group, under Alex Cora's management despite their two consecutive bottom finishes in the American League East division. Slot, who is currently watching a documentary about the Boston Red Sox, believes that Liverpool is the best club for working for multiple years due to its history and ownership structure, highlighting Cora's continued presence in the club. Liverpool manager Slot has left Dutch side Feyenoord after being the only candidate for the job.

He stated that he was not interested in the job and didn't want to spend another summer waiting for meetings and meetings. Slot stated that he was convinced to leave the club. The speaker stated that they were confident in their abilities and were not required to open their laptop to showcase their work. This confidence was largely due to the reasons behind their interest and the efforts they made to convince them to join Anfield England, Liverpool Crystal Palace.

## Head of FIFA mentions “discussions” about Ronaldo playing in the Club World Cup

**Cristiano Ronaldo might play in the Club World Cup**



**Geneva:** FIFA president Gianni Infantino suggests Cristiano Ronaldo may participate in the Club World Cup due to a unique transfer

window. Cristiano Ronaldo's club Al Nassr did not qualify for the Club World Cup, but his agent, Infantino, suggested that he could switch to one

of the 32 teams participating in the competition in the United States starting next month. FIFA confirmed that last-minute transfer signings are open to all teams going to the tournament, causing speculation that one of them may try to sign Ronaldo on a short-term deal, potentially a loan. This move would be unprecedented in modern soccer but could appeal to FIFA by boosting the profile and ticket sales of the inaugural tournament being played in 11 U.S. cities. A transfer for Ronaldo would also reunite him and

## A venue dispute casts a shadow over the CAF Confederation Cup

**Benjamin:** Tanzania's Simba and Morocco's Renaissance Berkane have been halted in the CAF Confederation Cup final due to a venue dispute. Simba, trailing 2-0 after the first leg, planned to play at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, but the Confederation of African Football deemed it unsuitable for the title decider. CAF has ordered the second leg to be played at the Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar, a popular tourist resort in

against Egyptian visitors Al Masry. CAF expressed gratitude to Tanzanian officials for arranging the stadium for the second leg but remained firm in their decision to play in Zanzibar. Moroccan football club Berkane has expressed their commitment to their players at the Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar, urging them to play with courage, clarity, and composure. Berkane, seeking a record-equalling third Confederation Cup title, received



Tanzania. The dispute stems from a recent match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, where Simba won on penalties

no formal welcome or logistical support from Simba. Their mission remains clear: to go to Zanzibar ready to fight.

## Angels defeat Marlins with Yusei Kikuchi for eighth

**Los Angeles:** The Los Angeles Angels secured their eighth consecutive victory against the Miami Marlins, thanks to Yusei Kikuchi's scoreless innings, home runs from Taylor Ward and Jorge Soler. Kikuchi, who signed a three-year, \$63 million contract in the offseason, struggled in his first 10 starts before securing his first victory in the opener of a three-game set. He gave up seven hits, walked four, and struck out four on a season-high 110 pitches. The Angels took a 1-0 lead against Marlins starter Sandy Alcantara, with Ward leading off the second inning with a home run. Kikuchi held the Marlins scoreless on five hits through five innings before finding trouble in the sixth. The Angels padded their lead in the bottom of the sixth with three runs, going up 6-0. Alcantara yielded six runs on five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

## India's new Test captain, Shubman Gill, was announced prior to the England tour



beginning of their ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle, with five Tests played between June and August.

## As Spirit defeats Reign, Ashley Hatch's goal makes difference

**Agency:** Ashley Hatch scored her sixth goal of the season in a National Women's Soccer League match against the Seattle Reign, bringing her team's record to 2-1. The Washington Spirit improved to 5-0-0 on the road, while Seattle was outshot 17-7. Hatch's goal in the 35th minute broke a 1-all tie, and Bethune opened the scoring in the 11th minute. Seattle tied the score in the 17th minute, but the Spirit had a goal called back in the seventh minute after a video review determined that Monday was offside on the play.



Seattle's goalie Claudia Dickey was called back in the seventh minute.

## After the Club WC, Modric will depart Madrid

**Mumbai:** After 12 glittering years in the Spanish capital, Luka Modric has announced he will leave Real Madrid following this summer's FIFA Club World Cup. The Croatian maestro, who has been the heartbeat of Madrid's midfield since 2012, confirmed the emotional news on Thursday through a heartfelt post on Instagram, calling time on an era that saw him become the most decorated player in the club's illustrious history. Modric's final match at the Santiago Bernabéu will come this Saturday against Real Sociedad in what will be Madrid's final La Liga fixture of the season. While the 39-year-old confirmed he will remain with the squad for their Club World Cup campaign in the United States next month, it will mark the last time he wears the famous white shirt on Spanish soil. "Playing for Real Madrid



changed my life as a football player and as a person. I am proud to have been part of one of the most successful eras of the best club in history," Modric wrote. Arriving from Tottenham Hotspur in 2012, Modric overcame a difficult start to etch his name into record six UEFA Champions League titles and four La Liga crowns. Messi-Ronaldo duopoly, symbolised his quiet dominance on the global stage.

## Rory McIlroy set to tie up in DP World India Championship

● Co-sanctioned with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the \$4 million tournament features the largest prize fund ever offered for a DP World Tour event in India.

**New Delhi:** Lucknow Super Giants captain Rishabh Pant is enduring a forgettable season in the Indian Premier League. With just 151 runs at a strike rate of 107.09 from 13 matches, it marks Pant's worst-ever performance in the tournament's history. However, despite the numbers, Pant for the resilience he has shown during difficult times. He reminded viewers of the serious accident Pant survived in Decem-



ber 2023 and the intense effort it took for him to return to international cricket. Play-Offs and culminating in the DP World Tour Championship in November at Jumeirah

Golf Estates in Dubai. "Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Mitchell Marsh and Nicholas Pooran combined to take the team to a formidable total of 235.

## Geneva Open Novak Djokovic avenges Madrid defeat vs Arnaldi, into semis

**Mumbai:** Novak Djokovic advanced to the semi-finals of the 2025 Geneva Open with a commanding straight-sets victory over Matteo Arnaldi on Thursday, May 22. The 24-time Grand Slam champion took just one hour and 39 minutes to dispatch his Italian opponent 6-4, 6-4 on Centre Court. The win also served as sweet revenge for Djokovic, who had lost to Arnaldi at the Madrid Open earlier this year. That match marked Djokovic's fourth first-round exit in his last five tournaments in 2025. Notably, the Geneva win came on Djokovic's 38th birthday. In the opening set, Djokovic secured an early break to go up 2-1 and never looked back. However, the second set posed



more of a challenge. Arnaldi broke early to lead 3-1, extending the advantage to 4-1 and appearing poised to force a

deciding set. But Djokovic responded in trademark fashion, reeling off five consecutive games to take the set and

● Last month, Djokovic lost to Matteo Arnaldi in the Italian Open, but the 24-time Grand Slam champion beat his Italian opponent in straight sets in the quarterfinal of the Geneva Open.

seal the match. Despite hitting two double faults, the Serbian star dominated on second serve, winning 78 per cent of those points (14 of 18), compared to Arnaldi's 43 per cent (9 of 21). Next up, Djokovic will face Cameron Norrie in the semi-final. Norrie booked his place by defeating Australia's Alexei Popyrin 7-6(6), 6-4, who retired last year after the Davis Cup tie against the Netherlands, at the 2023 Australian Open.

### GT win a confidence booster Avesh Khan says LSG to end IPL

**Mumbai:** Lucknow Super Giants pacer Avesh Khan believes their 33-run victory over table-toppers Gujarat Titans was a much-needed confidence boost for the side, even though their IPL 2025 playoff hopes are already over. Speaking after the win on May 22, Avesh admitted that things hadn't gone in LSG's favour this season but stressed on the team's intent to finish the season on a high. Rishabh Pant's side were officially knocked out of the playoffs race after a loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad earlier this week. "We knew we were out of the tournament, but our mindset was to finish the season on a high."

## Atharv Anand Upsets Top Seed U-16 Final at AATA-AITA Tennis

**Mumbai:** Fifth seed Atharv Anand of Bihar caused a major upset at the AATA-AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament, defeating top seed Chandogya T Pathak of Assam in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 to book a spot in the boys' U-16 singles final. The match was held at the AATA complex in Guwahati on Thursday. Meanwhile, in the boys' U-14 singles, it will be an all-Assam final as Nibras K Hussain and Chandogya T Pathak set up a title clash. In the girls' categories, Arisha M Choudhury of Assam stands on the verge of a remarkable double crown. She has reached both the U-14 and U-16 singles finals. In the U-14 final, she will face compatriot Sanskriti

S Borah, while in the U-16 final, she will take on Arnavi Debnath—also from Assam. Boys Singles U-16 Semi final: Atharv Anand beat Chandogya T Pathak 7-5, 6-3. Parthiv Kalita beat Arnab Bhuyan 6-3, 6-0. Boys Singles U-14 Semi final: Chandogya T Patha beat Enrich Patar 6-4, 6-3. Nibras K. Hussain beat 3rd seed Atharv Anand 6-3, 6-2. Girls singles U-16 semi finals: Arisha M. Choudhury beat Soni Prajapati 6-0, 6-1. Arnavi Debnath beat Kristi Haloi 6-0, 6-1. Girls Singles U-14 Semi finals: Sanskriti S Borah beat 3rd seed Mrigakshi Changmai 6-1, 6-2, Arisha M Choudhury beat 8th seed Phaagun Jyoti 6-1, 6-2.

## Josh Hazelwood likely to return for RCB's IPL 2025 playoffs

**Mumbai:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru are reportedly set to receive a major boost ahead of their IPL 2025 playoffs campaign, with Australian pacer Josh Hazelwood likely to return to the squad after recovering from a shoulder injury. Hazelwood has been undergoing rehabilitation in Brisbane since the mid-season suspension of the IPL, but the 34-year-old is now reported to have regained fitness and is eyeing a comeback in time for RCB's playoff fixtures. As

RCB prepare for their final two league-stage matches—against Sunrisers Hyderabad on May 23 and Lucknow Super Giants on May 26—the Rajat Patidar-led side will have to manage without Hazelwood initially. The right-arm pacer had been undergoing joint rehabilitation in coordination with Cricket Australia and the RCB medical staff after experiencing shoulder discomfort. According to an ESPN Cricinfo report, Hazelwood is likely to return by the time RCB enter

● RCB are set for a key boost as Josh Hazelwood eyes a comeback for the IPL 2025 playoffs after recovering from injury. His return could be pivotal in the franchise's hunt for their maiden title.

the playoffs, providing the team with a timely lift as they aim for their long-awaited maiden IPL title. Australian fast bowler Josh Hazelwood is expected to return to Royal Challengers Bengaluru for the IPL playoffs after recovering from a shoulder injury. The 34-year-old.