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Assam Investigates a ₹50cr PPP Aerospace manufacturing facility

Guwahati, June 07: Chief Secretary of Assam met with Bharat Freight Group's Sohel Kazani and Bellatrix Aerospace's Yashas Karanam to discuss the establishment of an Assembly, Integration, and Testing manufacturing plant. Karanam proposes a facility with an electronics lab, environmental test lab, clean rooms, humidity-controlled store room, and satellite assembly testing facilities, with an initial investment of ₹50 crore. With a vibrant lineup of legislators, business executives, and innovators, a session titled "The Skies of Tomorrow: Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing in Assam" earlier in February examined Assam's potential in the aerospace and defense manufacturing sector. G. Satheesh Reddy, president of the Aeronautical So-



ciety of India and former chair of DRDO, provided background information and moderated the panel at the start of the session. He underlined the importance of innovation and teamwork while showcasing Assam's potential in the aerospace industry.

Flood in Kaziranga has subsided, there are still 25 forest camps under water

Guwahati, June 07: Heavy rainfall has caused floodwaters in Kaziranga to recede, but 25 forest camps remain submerged due to rising Brahmaputra River levels, flooding wetlands, water bodies, and streams. Brahmaputra and its channels have caused flooding in parts of the park, but over the past two days, the floodwaters have receded and dried up in several camp areas. However, water is still flowing under 9 camps in the Koibarta range, 11 in Bagori, 3 in Agoratoli, and 2 in the Burapahar forest area. Flooding has led to wild animals crossing the national



highway to seek food and shelter. The forest department, in collaboration with Kaliabor Subdivision and Golaghat District Administration, has issued guidelines

restricting vehicle speed to 40 km/h, prohibiting gatherings of more than five people in animal corridors, and preventing unnecessary stops.

Army begins relief effort for stranded people in Dibang Valley with the use of drones

Guwahati, June 09: The Indian Army launched a special relief operation in Dibang Valley, using drones for the first time in Arunachal Pradesh, to provide essential supplies to stranded villagers. The Indian Army has a long history of providing relief and hope to people in need by using its knowledge, assets, and creative thinking to act as a pillar of support during natural disasters. In the Dibang Valley, unrelenting, intense rains had caused disastrous landslides that destroyed houses, infrastructure, and farmland. With 16 houses entirely washed away, Athunli village was the most severely affected. Due to land-

slides and broken bridges blocking all access routes, the surrounding Mawali village was cut off, leaving six people—three youngsters, the elderly, and women—stranded without basic supplies. The Indian Army responded bravely and creatively, providing these stranded residents with vital aid. Drones were successfully used by a trained Army team to airdrop essential supplies, medications, and meals to the stranded residents of Mawali village. This enabled them to continue until the DDMA team arrived in the area as part of the rescue and relief effort. The Army also constructed a rope line across the river, establish-



ing a ropeway that has been utilized for evacuation and a constant supply of necessities. Those stuck in Mawali village were given hope and relief by this joint Indian Army and district administration operation.

A Dima Hasao woman gone missing in Delhi, while attempting RRB exam

Haflong, June 09: Rosmita Hojai, young woman from Hojai village been missing since June 5th from Delhi, last seen attending her RRB exam, and her current whereabouts remain unknown. Rosmita's family seeks help in Uttarakhand, with Assam CM Sarma offering support. Rosmita is receiving APSC coaching in Guwahati after completing her engineering degree in Haryana. In order to take RRB exam on June 5, she had departed for Delhi on June 4. Rosmita told her mother that night that she was taking the train back. Her mother was worried because



Rosmita had never lied to her before & her claim she would be returning by train seemed out of ordinary. She worries that her daughter might be forced to say this. Rosmita's mother urged authorities to assist in locating her daughter & ensuring her safe return home.

Heat wave Aler

School Timings Rescheduled in Dima Hasao District for Student Safety

Haflong, June 11, 2025: In view of the continuous rise in mercury levels and the prevailing extreme heat wave conditions in the district, the administration of Dima Hasao has announced revised school timings to safeguard the health and well-being of students. As per the official notification, the new timings will apply to all categories of educational institutions, both Government and Private across the district. The rescheduling has been done in the best interest of students to reduce exposure to peak heat hours. The New Timings for Educational Institutions are: Lower Primary (L P) Schools: 7:30 AM to 11:55 AM



Middle English (M E) Schools: 7:30 AM to 12:45 PM High and Higher Secondary Schools: 7:30 AM to 1:15 PM Further details regarding the revised school hours are expected to be shared directly with the institutions and parents. Authorities have urged all educational establishments to strictly comply with the revised schedule until further notice.

Gauhati University cites security for convocation and defends campus rules

President of India anticipated to attend the ceremony

Guwahati, June 09: Gauhati University addressed student & civil society concerns about campus regulations outlined on a notice board outside the university. "The regulations, which include restricted entry to the campus, a prohibition on open-air performances, a ban on feeding animals, and restrictions on video shooting, have sparked widespread discussion," said Prof Utpal Sarma, Registrar, Gauhati University. "We seek to clarify the context, necessity, and intent behind these measures, urging the community not to misinterpret



them," he added. The warning initially sent out in advance of the 32nd Convocation was initially planned for April 25,

2025. "This high-profile event was expected to be attended by President of India as chief guest with Governor of As-

sam serving as chairperson & CM as guest of honour," Prof Sarma explained. University had to coordinate with state & national security authorities to put strict security measures in place because of presence of such dignitaries. These included banning outdoor concerts, restricting video recording & granting access to campus only to those had valid Gauhati University identity card or official pass. The institution stated that security measures are still in place even if president's visit postponed because of regrettable Pahalgam tragedy.

CM Fadnavis orders investigation for Thane train disaster

Mumbai, June 09: During Monday morning's rush hour in Maharashtra's Thane district, an overcrowded local train fell, killing at least four passengers—including a Government Railway Police constable—and injuring six more, according to officials. On a train headed toward Kasara, the event happened between the stations of Diva and Kopar. Railway officials said the disaster most likely occurred when overcrowded riders hanging from the footboards of two passing trains rubbed against one another. The precise cause is still being looked at, though. According to CM Devendra Fadnavis, the railway administration is looking into the situation. Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde expressed grief and assured support for the victims and their families, emphasizing that "saving lives is the top priority." The incident was described by Deputy CMAjit Pawar as a sobering reminder of pressing need to address passenger safety and congestion in Mumbai's suburban rail system. Numerous passengers were standing dangerously at the train's doors during peak hours due to the overwhelming crowd. Authorities say that at least twelve riders fell off the speeding train. Around 9.30 am, the guard on the train headed for Kasara notified the railway authorities, and by 9.50 am, all injured passengers had been taken to hospitals.



Japan and India are looking for new ways to cooperate strategically and economically

New Delhi, June 07: Connect India Japan held a significant India-Japan conclave in Tokyo, highlighting the potential for greater bilateral collaboration driven by shared ideals and economic prospects. The program brought together policymakers, diplomats, corporate executives, and thought leaders from both India and Japan to explore new areas of cooperation in business, technology, cultural exchange & diplomacy. Sibi George, the Indian ambassador to Japan, reiterated India's steadfast stance against terrorism in his inauguration address, stressing the importance of solidarity & fortitude in maintaining peace. Kono Taro, member of the Japanese



House of Representatives, spoke on India's quick rise to the fourth-largest economy in the world & highlighted his personal connection to prosperity of the nation. Former Japanese PM

Shinzo Abe discussed India's growth, global importance & business perspective at panel discussion, attracting Japanese counterparts & commemorating Pahalgam terror attack victims.

ED adds 92 more properties to MUDA case

New Delhi, June 10: ED has attached 92 MUDA properties worth ₹100cr as part of its money laundering investigation into MUDA's irregular land distribution. ED is investigating Karnataka CM-Siddaramaiah & his spouse, BM Parvati. The Karnataka Lokayukta FIR is the basis for ED's investigation closed by state's anti-corruption agency in February of this year, stating that there was not enough evidence to support the claims made against Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvathi M & two other people.

Indore woman plans husband's murder on honeymoon

Bhopal, June 09: A video of newly married Indore woman, Sonam allegedly killed emerged, showing Raja Raghuvanshi applying sindoor to her forehead. Honeymoon murder & unplanned trip to the Meghalaya have sparked curiosity about extramarital affair with the circumstances following Raja's murder & Sonam's surrender indicating some thing criminal. Raja & Sonam married in May, were set for honeymoon but Raja's body was found in gorge & Sonam's family was unaware of change. Sonam and her husband, Raja wore wedding jewellery worth over Rs 10 lakh on honeymoon trip to Shillong, raising eyebrows due to their previous visits. Sonam's bank transactions & extramarital affair may provide



new motives in murder probe with Indore & Meghalaya Police investigating arresting 5 individuals. Sonam arrested in Ghazipur while Akash Rajput, Raj Kushwaha, Vikash Singh Chauhan & Anand Kurmi were arrested in Madhya Pradesh, with officials suggesting Anand attacked Raja.

J&K government intends to construct more bunkers

Step towards security

Srinagar, June 09: The government of J&K made decision to build more bunkers for people living in border areas in the wake of the recent Indo-Pak battle damaged a number of homes and buildings in the districts of Poonch, Rajouri & Jammu. New bunkers will provided for usage in emergency situations in the districts of Kathua & Samba are situated

has already been given to those residents whose homes were damaged during the bombardment. Previously, bunkers were only authorized for communities close to the LoC and IB; however, officials now intend to expand coverage to include regions that are inside Pakistani artillery's effective range. PM Modi declared extra compensation of Rs 2 lakh for individ-



along IB, in addition to Poonch, Rajouri & Jammu. These 5 regions now almost 10,000 individual & communal bunkers. New plans for more bunkers in their respective districts are anticipated from corresponding district administrations. Poonch town is not immediately on LoC also expected to get bunkers because it was the target of artillery firing during the most recent conflict. More bunkers will constructed in border areas Union HM Amit Shah promised locals during his visit to Poonch last month. Compensation will be given to the impacted households after the work on evaluating the damages in these locations is complete. A portion of the compensation

uals whose homes were totally demolished and Rs 1 lakh for those whose homes were only partially damaged during his visit to Katra. Citing the lack of privacy and subpar living conditions in communal bunkers particularly during extended ceasefire violations, when entire families are compelled to remain in these shelters for days at time residents of Rajouri and Poonch have long called for individual bunkers.

During recent fighting, thousands of people from twin districts moved to Jammu & other safer areas. The ideas will be sent to Ministry of Home Affairs for final approval once the district administrations have presented them to the UT.

Dimasa Bodies Request CBI/SIT Investigation into Uttarakhand's Mysterious Death of Rashmita Hojai

Guwahati, June 11, 2025: The mysterious death of 25-year-old Rashmita Hojai, a civil services aspirant from Assam's Dima Hasao district, has triggered widespread outrage and demands for justice from the Dimasa community. Her body was recovered under suspicious circumstances in Uttarakhand on Monday, days after she was reported missing from Delhi. Three prominent Dimasa organisations, -Jadikhe Naisho Hosom (JNH), Dimasa Students' Union (DSU), and Dimasa Mothers' Association (DMA), have jointly submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or a Special Investigation Team (SIT). The groups allege foul play and insist that Rashmita was a victim of a "heinous crime" rather than an accident. A resident of Sontila Hojai village, Rashmita had travelled to Delhi to appear for a Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) exam. On June 6, she went on a camping trip to Shivpuri in Rishikesh with two male acquaintances—Hemant Sharma, a former



classmate from Haryana, and another friend. That evening, she was reported missing. A local eyewitness claimed to have seen a woman drowning in the river, prompting a search operation by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). While police initially suspected drowning, the subsequent recovery of her body has intensified doubts. Although suicide has not been ruled out, officials have found no conclusive evidence to support that theory. Rashmita's family had earlier filed a missing person's report at Haflong Police Station

after losing contact with her. Her mother, Solmodi Hojai, said Rashmita was supposed to return home to appear for the APSC Preliminary Examination, for which she had been preparing diligently for several years. The Dimasa organisations argue that Rashmita did not go to Rishikesh willingly. "She was reluctant to travel to Delhi for the RRB exam due to her APSC preparations," they said in their memorandum. "Her sudden trip to Rishikesh raises serious questions." Describing her as a bright B.Tech graduate, a committed civil services aspirant, and a person of exemplary moral character, the Dimasa leaders demanded a transparent and impartial investigation into her death. "The truth must be revealed, and those responsible must face justice," urged JNH president Kailen Daolagupu, DSU general secretary Pramith Sengyung, and DMA president Bimala Langthasa in their joint statement. They further appealed to the Union government to take urgent and decisive action to ensure justice for Rashmita and to safeguard other young aspirants from meeting similar fates in the future.

On its second day, Akshay Kumar's film **Housefull 5** surpasses Rs 50cr milestone

Mumbai, June 09: Fifth installment of Housefull series stars Akshay Kumar already surpassed Rs 50cr milestone within 2 days of its premiere. Housefull 5, starring Akshay, expected to outperform Kesari 2 & Khel Khel Mein expectations higher than recent releases. Distributors predict movie need to make about Rs 450cr to break even on its reported budget of Rs 225cr. Due to technical issues Housefull 5 has two versions but not released in many languages. Under banner of Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment Sajid Nadiadwala, Warda Nadiadwala & Firuzi Khan pro-



duce Housefull 5 is directed by Tarun Mansukhani. Main actors are Sonam Bajwa Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Jacqueline Fer-

nandez, Akshay Kumar, Nargis Fakhri & Soundarya Sharma. Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chunky Panday, Johnny

Lever, Dino Morea, Ranjit, Nikitin Dheer, Chitrangda Singh & Fardeen Khan are among supporting cast members.

Tom Felton discusses J.K. Rowling's political statements

New Delhi, June 09: Few characters in Harry Potter are as divisive as Draco Malfoy, whose charm continues to captivate audiences long after last credits have rolled. Tom Felton now prepared to assume Slytherin robes once more over 10 years after conclusion of film series. The return to Hogwarts accompanied by more than



just stage fear as he assumes his role in Broadway adaptation of Harry Potter & Cursed Child; it also carries weight of J.K. Rowling's ongoing political scandals. Felton addressed roiling debates around Rowling's vocal political opinions, especially her highly criticized remarks on gender identity & trans rights. Felton's answer was revealing. When asked if the Rowling controversy affected his work on the franchise, Felton said he "can't say it does" and acknowledged that he wasn't especially "attuned" to the discussion.

Felton's more neutral tone seems like stunted decision in time when many performers, including his former co-stars Emma Watson & Daniel Radcliffe, have openly disassociated themselves from Rowling's opinions in favor of trans community.

Speaking candidly about his romance with Genelia D'Souza in Sitaare Zameen Par

New Delhi, June 09: Aamir Khan & Genelia D'Souza set to star in Sitaare Zameen Par, despite their 23-year age difference, Aamir said, "Ya, I know. But that was long time ago. & ab Imran bhi kaafi meri age ka ho gaya hai. That thought did come to me, but in film, we're both playing characters in age group of early 40s. She's around that age." He added, "I'm 60, but in today's day & age, we have advantage of VFX. If I played



an 18-year-old, I had to rely on prosthetics. Like Anil Kapoor did in Eeshwar. He was very young but he played 80-year-old for Christ's sake. He was

jumping his age very exciting for an actor. He can be made look 80 & vice versa via VFX. Age is not a barrier for actors anymore."

Because of "chaplus" people, Sunita Ahuja believes Govinda isn't receiving excellent job these days

Punjab, June 09: With songs like Raja Babu & Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, Govinda once one of biggest stars of the 1990s. In recent years, she been conspicuously absent from big screen. His wife Sunita Ahuja talked candidly about reasons behind his lengthy break from movies in an interview with. Blaming career dip on his unwillingness to change with the times & toxic inner circle. Sunita expressed her opinion that Govinda is mistaken to focus solely on here & now & ignore future. Instead of continuing to live in heyday of the 1990s, she advised Govinda to make plans & choose kinds of movies he would like to make in future. She added, "Why hasn't Govinda been seen on the big screen for the past 17 years? Because circle around him is completely wrong. Sab wah-wah karne waale log hain. Mera aur Govinda ka jhagda bhi hojaata hai kyunki main naa jhooth nahi bol sakti aur chaplusi

nahi kar sakti. Aaj iske pass ek writer hai, secretary hai, ek friend jaisa vakeel hai, sab faltu. Kyunki sirf wah-wah karna hai. Wah chi chi bhैया kya kamaal kardia. Abey tu sach toh bol. Hum sach bolte hain to chidhta hai voh." They are all people just keep praising him blindly.



Even I end up fighting with Govinda because I can't lie or flatter people. Right now, he has writer, secretary & someone acting like a close friend—all of them are useless. All they do is say things like, "Wah chi chi bhैया, what a brilliant job you've done!" I mean,

come on, at least tell him the truth. But when I speak the truth, he gets irritated. Sunita added, "I told him, the 90s are over. It's 2025 now. Look at what's working today—Netflix and OTT platforms. But he's stuck in his "Wah-Wah Productions" circle. "I told him to change the people around him, because as long as those four or five people are with him, they won't let him grow. David (Dhawan) said the same thing. Someone who was delivering non-stop hits in the 90s starts believing, 'I'll do solo-hero films and they'll work.' But Bade Miyan Chote Miyan wasn't a solo-hero film. Aankhen wasn't either. The people around him planted this myth in his head: 'Sir, you're Hero No.1—your film will definitely work!' But where do solo-hero films work today? You need a strong subject and a good director—only then will it work."



Stars attend lavish reception of Zainab Ravdjee & Akhil Akkineni

Hyderabad, June 09: On Sunday, June 8, actor Akhil Akkineni & his longtime lover Zainab Ravdjee held lavish wedding reception following their June 6 wedding. The glitzy night became star-studded event with prominent figures from politics & film industries present. The event attended by well-known actors Mahesh Babu, Yash, Venkatesh, Ram Charan, Nani, Suriya, Adivi Sesh & Nikhil. Mahesh Babu was accompanied by his wife Namrata & daughter Sitara, Ram

Sudeep Kannada celebrity, went to event with his spouse. From film industry, producers Dil Raju and Allu Aravind were seen with their spouses, Ashwini Dutt was seen with his daughter Swapna Dutt, and filmmakers Sukumar and his wife Thabitha, Venky Atluri, and Bucchi Babu were also present. CM A Revanth Reddy & politician M Venkaiah Naidu attended ceremony with newlyweds, featuring a flawless Akkineni family portrait, including cousins and half-brother Naga Chaitanya.



Charan accompanied by his wife Upasana & Venkatesh accompanied by his wife Neeraja. Actor Nikhil arrived accompanied by his wife, Pallavi Varma & their baby boy. While Allari Naresh & his wife Virupa caught moment with newlywed Nani spotted with his wife Anjana. Kiccha

Online users took notice of the picture right away, pointing out that multiple performers were in same shot. Hindu couple Zainab & Akhil celebrated their wedding in private ceremony & reception, embracing traditional Telugu attire & pastel tones despite their business-oriented upbringing.

Kriti Sanon sparks wellness buzz with mysterious green tea moment on set

Guwahati, June 12: Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon has ignited a fresh wave of curiosity among fans and wellness enthusiasts alike — not with a film release, but with a rather unusual green tea moment captured on set. In a recent behind-the-scenes glimpse, Sanon was seen sipping a cup of what appears to be more than just ordinary green tea. The image, which quickly went viral, has set social media ablaze with speculation ranging from new fitness routines to possible wellness ventures. Hashtags like #NotYourRegularGreenTea and #WellnessDisrupted have



only fuelled intrigue around what's being dubbed a "wellness disruption." While no official announcement has been made, fans and industry insiders are abuzz with guesses — is it a wellness ritual, a product tease, or a lifestyle shift? One thing is certain: Sanon's choice of beverage has stirred up more questions than answers. With her growing influence in the health and lifestyle space, this cryptic moment has everyone watching closely. Whether it's a new chapter in wellness or simply a refreshing pause, something unique is definitely brewing.

Tata Salt revives iconic jingle in new campaign highlighting iodine's role in mental growth

Guwahati, June 12: India's most trusted iodized salt brand, Tata Salt, has unveiled a fresh edition of its popular 'Namak ho Tata Ka... Tata Namak' campaign, rekindling nostalgia while focusing on a vital health message. The new campaign, launched on June 2, 2025, builds on last year's success and emphasizes the importance of iodine in children's mental development. Conceptualized by Ogilvy, the campaign features eight engaging films set in everyday Indian settings—from schools and weddings to family dinners—blending emotional storytelling with the catchy 80s-style jingle. These slice-of-life narratives span diverse households across Hindi, Bengali, and Marathi cultures, reflecting



Tata Salt's deep cultural integration and national appeal. One standout film depicts a schoolteacher using the jingle to educate students about iodine, merging education with entertainment. Another highlights Tata Salt's quiet presence in a bustling home, reinforcing its identity as "Desh Ka Namak." In Guwahati, the campaign has struck a chord with families

who resonate with its educational value and cultural familiarity. Local retailers noted a surge in brand recall, especially among mothers prioritizing nutrition in daily meals. With its nostalgic flair and health-conscious messaging, the campaign aims to reach millions during its IPL rollout, reinforcing Tata Salt's legacy built over four decades.

Godrej's Pride@2025 moves beyond symbols to empower LGBTQIA+ voices and businesses

Guwahati, June 12: Godrej Industries Group marked a vibrant and inclusive Pride@Godrej 2025 celebration, going beyond symbolic gestures to amplify authentic LGBTQIA+ voices through storytelling, entrepreneurship, and cultural expression. The event featured a spirited Pride March at its Godrej One headquarters, led by Manish Shah, MD of Godrej Capital, joined by senior leaders and employees worldwide in a show of solidarity. A key milestone was the launch of Queer Directions, a dedicated publishing imprint in collaboration with Westland Books, aimed at uplifting queer narratives. The Pitch Bazaar connected aspiring queer authors



with publishers and media professionals, while the Queer Bazaar provided a platform for queer-owned businesses to showcase products and grow visibility. In Guwahati,

Godrej's inclusive message found resonance in local markets where awareness about queer entrepreneurship is steadily gaining ground. With similar platforms yet to emerge in the region, the initiative was welcomed as a progressive model that could inspire inclusive economic participation and cultural acceptance in the Northeast. The celebration culminated in the play Jhumkewali, a multilingual performance about lesbian love and self-discovery in 1970s India. Across its companies, Godrej is organizing workshops, marches, and hiring drives throughout June to continue fostering inclusion, setting a benchmark for corporate allyship in India.

Jana Small Finance Bank seeks Universal Bank status, eyes broader financial role

Guwahati, June 12: Jana Small Finance Bank (Jana SFB), one of India's largest small finance banks, has formally applied to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a Universal Banking license, marking a strategic step in its expansion roadmap. The move comes as Jana SFB aims to widen its service offerings and transition into a full-spectrum bank. "Applying for a Universal Banking license is a natural progression," said Ajay Kanwal, MD & CEO of Jana SFB. "We aim to be the Anchor Bank to a Rising and Atmanirbhar India." Since obtaining its SFB license in 2017, Jana has built a solid deposit and loan portfolio with a strong national presence across 23 states and 2 union territories. With over 800 branches



and a customer base of more than 12 million, the bank has evolved into a robust institution, focusing on retail, MSME lending, and financial inclusion. In Guwahati, Jana SFB has seen steady growth, particularly in the MSME and secured loan segments, driven by local entrepreneurs and self-employed individuals. The proposed transition is expected to strengthen its footprint further in the Northeast, enhancing banking access and digital services in Assam's capital and beyond.

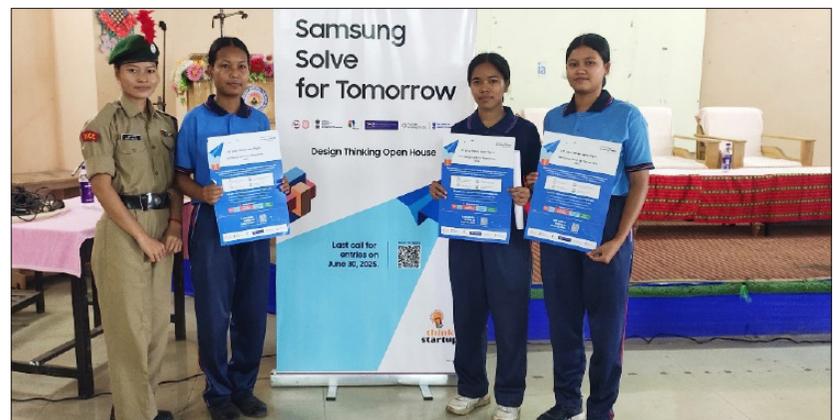
Nifty drops below 24,850 as Sensex plummets 1,000 points

New Delhi, June 12: Amid weak global cues and resurgent concerns over tariffs, the market benchmark indices retreated their early gains and went negative on Thursday, with the Sensex and the Nifty dropping more than 1 percent. Early trading saw the Sensex begin higher, rising 145.9 points to 82,661.04. The Nifty as a whole rose 54.8 points to 25,196.20. Both indices, however, quickly went negative as a result of further outflows of foreign funds and weak global trends. At 81,531.93, the Sensex was down 983.21 points, or 1.19 percent, and the Nifty was down 301.15

points, or 1.2%, at 24,840.25. Among biggest laggards in the initial transactions were Infosys, Eternal, Tech Mahindra, and Tata Motors. US President Donald Trump said he planned to send letters to trading partners in the next one to two weeks outlining unilateral tariff rates, ahead of a July 9 deadline to reimpose higher duties. "At a certain point, we're just going to send letters out... saying this is the deal, you can take it or leave it," Trump said in Washington. So far, only the UK has reached a trade framework with the US, along with a temporary tariff truce with China.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow ignites innovation wave among Tripura students

Agartala, June 12: Samsung's flagship innovation challenge, Solve for Tomorrow 2025, is inspiring a new generation of young problem-solvers in Tripura. With a prize pool of INR 1 crore for the top four teams, along with mentorship from Samsung leaders and IIT Delhi faculty, the competition has energized college campuses in the Northeast. Bir Bikram Memorial College and Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya in Agartala have become hotbeds of creativity. Students like Tarit Chakma are tackling local issues such as water logging with affordable smart drainage technology. Others, like Sangeeta Dey, aim to address mental health challenges through digital tools in local languages like Kokborok. Innovation isn't limited to tech—aspiring eco-tour-



ism models and health alert wearables also reflect students' diverse ambitions. Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow is more than a contest—it's a movement fueling

ideas from remote towns to metropolitan centers, empowering Tripura's youth to build solutions that could impact the entire nation.

Maruti Suzuki investigates to guarantee business continuity

New Delhi, June 12: In light of the persistent shortage of rare earth magnets, Maruti Suzuki India announced that it's looking into a number of options to maintain production. The biggest automaker in the nation stated that although the situation is quite unpredictable, it has not yet affected its manufacturing operations. It further said, "We are monitoring the situation and pursuing multiple solutions to ensure continuity in our operations." Chinese gov't restricted export of rare earth elements and related magnets



forcing domestic auto industry to take action. Special export licenses are required by China for seven rare earth elements and associated magnets. More than 90% of the world's processing capacity for magnets, which are used in industries including clean energy, home appliances, and autos, is controlled by the nation.

Taneira declares 40% discount on sarees for the first time at the Taneira Showroom in Agartala

Agartala, June 12: Taneira, a TATA product, has recorded a ~30% growth in FY25 and has had an impressive start to FY26 driven by strong wedding shopping sentiment, which continues to drive its upward growth trend. Continuing this trajectory, the brand has launched its first-ever nationwide sale, offering up to 40% off on a wide range of products across categories, including sarees, ready-to-wear ensembles, unstitched kurta sets, and festive lehengas—

all crafted from pure and natural fabrics. With a strong nationwide network of 80 stores across 41 cities, Taneira is further strengthening its position as the go-to ethnic wear destination. With the onset of the festive



season, that is much earlier, the Sale is intended to announce the start of the season and give consumers an opportunity to stock up on pure and authentic range of products, set apart by the distinctive design differentiation that

Taneira offers. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Somprabh Kumar Singh, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer said, "This is the first time we're offering discounts across such a wide range, with products available at up to 40% off." Each Taneira store is designed as a haven for saree lovers, housing wedding zones, festive edit corners, and everyday essentials under one roof. Customers can avail the offer at Taneira Showroom at Chowmuhan, Agartala.

ICICI Prudential Life disburses over Rs 900 crore in policy loans in FY2025

Imphal, June 12: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has disbursed loans exceeding ₹900 crore against traditional life insurance policies during FY2025, benefiting over 42,700 customers. This facility, which allows policyholders to borrow up to 80% of the policy's surrender value, has seen a 60% year-on-year growth in disbursements. The company highlighted that over 98% of these loans were disbursed within 24 hours through a fully digital, paperless process. Customers can conveniently apply



via the insurer's website or mobile app. Commenting on the development, Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, said, "The loan against policy feature ensures customers can access liquidity without disrupting their long-term savings.

The increasing adoption shows that policyholders remain committed to their

financial goals." In Imphal, financial advisors report a growing reliance on traditional life insurance as both a protection and funding tool.

Local policyholders are increasingly using policy loans to manage short-term cash needs without surrendering their plans, especially for critical expenses such as education and healthcare. Moreover, many customers used these funds to maintain premium payments, preserving the continuity and benefits of their life cover.

Škoda Auto gears up for landmark 2025 with bold India growth strategy

Guwahati, June 12: Škoda Auto India has unveiled a comprehensive roadmap to strengthen its presence in the Indian automotive sector, targeting 2025 as its "biggest year" yet. Celebrating 130 years globally and 25 years in India, the company aims to accelerate growth through a robust product lineup, rapid network expansion, and enhanced customer engagement. Brand Director Ashish Gupta emphasized India's strategic importance, stating, "India is the most important growth market for Škoda Auto outside Europe. With clarity of vision and agility in execution, 2025 will mark a major leap for us in India." Škoda's aggressive product strategy includes expanding its SUV portfolio — with models like Kylaq, Kushaq, and Kodiaq — alongside a stronger sedan lineup with the Slavia and an upcoming global model. The brand plans to reach over 200



cities with 350 customer touchpoints by the end of 2025. In Guwahati, where demand for premium European vehicles is rising, Škoda's growing footprint is being welcomed by both dealers and consumers. The city is expected to play a crucial role in the company's push into Tier II markets, with new service centers and showrooms in the pipeline. Škoda is also enhancing ownership experiences with Škoda SuperCare, extended warranties, and flexible service packages to build lasting customer trust.

ICICI Bank and TMC lay foundation for Rs 550-cr cancer care block in Visakhapatnam

Guwahati, June 12: ICICI Bank and Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) have jointly laid the foundation stone for a state-of-the-art cancer care block at the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (HBCHRC) in Visakhapatnam. With an investment of over ₹550 crore, the upcoming ICICI Foundation Block for Child and Blood Cancer will significantly boost specialised healthcare capacity in eastern India. Spanning nearly 3.9 lakh sq ft, the eight-storey facility will house 215+ beds and is projected to treat over 3,000 patients annually upon completion in 2027. The project is part of ICICI Bank's expanded ₹1,800 crore commitment to TMC, which includes similar cancer care infrastructure in Navi Mumbai and New Chandigarh. The facility will offer cutting-edge treatments including CAR-T cell therapy, bone marrow transplants, and advanced radiation therapies. It will also house 14 ICUs, 5 OTs, 3 LINACs,



and dedicated research labs. In Guwahati, the announcement has drawn attention from the medical and financial sectors. Healthcare investors and consultants noted this move could inspire similar partnerships in the Northeast, where access to advanced cancer care remains limited. The Guwa-

hati market views this as a model for potential replication, aligning healthcare CSR with regional needs. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Chairman of ICICI Bank, and TMC officials expressed hope that this collaboration will advance cancer care accessibility across the eastern corridor.

With unexpected actions the RBI conveys contradictory messages

New Delhi, June 12: Under new Governor Sanjay Malhotra, India's central bank is aggressively promoting lending and economic growth while sending contradictory signals to market participants over monetary policy. Citing the need to promote growth, the Reserve Bank of India shocked analysts last week by proposing a cash injection for banks and lowering interest rates more than anticipated. However, it also signaled a reasonably hawkish outlook for future rate decreases by returning the policy stance to neutral after just one meeting. Six months into the position, Malhotra stated at the time that there was "very limited space to support growth." Taken together, the message is a "somewhat confusing policy signal," said Priyanka Kishore, principal economist at Asia Decoded Pte Ltd. in Singapore. "This lack of clarity could potentially hinder the effective transmission of interest rate cuts, thereby undermining the policy's objectives." Malhotra is seeking to boost growth after recent data showed the economy

grew 6.5% in the past fiscal year, well below the 8% Prime Minister Narendra Modi needs to meet his ambitious goals for the nation. Yet despite three rate cuts under the new governor, consumers and businesses are reluctant to borrow, leading banks to park much of that cash rather than lend it out. Following recent data showing the economy gained 6.5% in the most recent fiscal year, significantly below than the 8% growth target, Malhotra is looking to accelerate growth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi must achieve his lofty national objectives. The new governor has lowered interest rates three times, but firms and individuals are still hesitant to borrow, so banks are parking a large portion of that money instead of lending it out. Some analysts also find the RBI's recent liquidity actions to be inconsistent. Despite market excess, the RBI announced this week that it will gradually reduce banks' cash reserve ratios, which will inject Rs 2.5 trillion (\$29.2 billion) into the banking sector starting in September.

'Actor Nora Fatehi becomes 'ladies' favourite' with her new confession'

Shared relatable shopping struggle

Mumbai: For the ladies out there, shopping isn't just your problem alone — it is also what Nora Fatehi likes. The actor who was seen making heads turn recently at an event wearing a figure hugging bottle green Alaia dress not only sparked flames for her gorgeous look of the night but also her confession.

Remember Sophie Kinsella's *Confession of a Shopaholic*? Well the book became a bestseller and then a movie as it reflected the desires and miseries of all women. And now it's time to recap because the shopaholic inside the Moroccan-Canadian actress Nora Fatehi has finally said it out loud. According to media reports, the actor has a soft side for designer luxury bags and accessories. In fact, she has earlier mentioned several times that her first most luxurious purchase was a



luxury handbag. But this isn't her confession. What is, is the fact that her luxurious shopping habits are putting a strain on her bank balance. Does this tell the story of your life too?

The glamorous lady who has often been seen wearing designer clothes for events or on-screen was last seen in *The Royals*. True to her character where she played a

princess, the Dilbar girl has an envious vanity full of top luxe designer accessories.

Not only does she make heads turn on-screen with her sultry dance moves or majestically beautiful outfits in the now streaming web-series, she sure makes it a note to make a statement appearance in real life too accompanied by her personal collection, at times.

Rana Daggubati on actor work culture after Deepika-Vanga row: 'No one's forced'

Mumbai: The conversation around work hours and remuneration in the Indian film industry has caught fire recently and this time, Deepika Padukone is at the center of it, and Rana Daggubati has something to 'explain'. Reports claimed that the actress walked out of 'Spirit', the upcoming project by 'Animal' director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, after her demands — an 8-hour work shift, a share in profits, a hefty paycheck, and refusal to deliver dialogues in Telugu — were not met. Since then, voices from across the film fraternity have been chiming in. After Ajay Devgn, Kajol, Saif Ali Khan, and Mani Ratnam, actor-producer Rana Daggubati has now joined the debate. In a candid chat with 'The Lallantop', Rana offered a grounded take on the issue, highlighting the bigger picture. "We should



understand that India is a developing country," he said.

"Our economy is probably 186th in the world if you look at per capita income. In a country with 1.8 billion people, where 70-80% earn just ₹100 a day, we need to be mindful of the larger reality." He pointed out that working conditions in the Indian film industry aren't uniform. "In Maharashtra, you have 12-hour shifts. In the Telugu

industry, it's 8 hours—but they start earlier, like 7 am. So even that varies depending on the location or studio. It's never the same across the board," he explained.

Rana also addressed the core of the controversy—actor demands and the pressures that come with stardom. "Nobody is forcing anybody. It's a job. Just like no one forces you to do a particular show—it's always a choice," he said.

Shah Rukh Khan to work with Sukumar and Mythri Movie Makers



Mumbai: Unconfirmed reports are circulating within the Indian film industry suggesting a potential collaboration between Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, acclaimed director Sukumar, and leading production house Mythri Movie Makers. While no official confirmation has been issued by any of the involved parties, industry sources indicate that discussions are in advanced stages for a mega-budget, pan-India cinematic venture. According to these reports, the proposed project is poised to be one of the most ambitious and expensive films in Indian cinema history. Speculation suggests that Mythri Movie Makers is offering Shah Rukh Khan an unprecedented remuneration of ₹300 crore, which, if finalized, would position him as the highest-paid actor in the country. This substantial talent fee, combined with the anticipated grand scale of the production, is projected to push the film's total budget well beyond ₹800 crore, potentially even reaching ₹1000 crore. Director Sukumar, known for delivering blockbuster such as "Pushpa: The Rise" and "Rangasthalam," is reportedly being eyed to helm the project. His distinct narrative style, characterized by intense storylines and larger-than-life character portrayals with widespread appeal, is considered a fitting match for Shah Rukh Khan's global star power.

Katrina Kaif named global brand ambassador for the Maldives

Mumbai: The Maldives National Tourist Board has officially appointed Bollywood star Katrina Kaif as the Global Brand Ambassador for the island nation.

The announcement came via the official social media channels of Visit Maldives, highlighting Katrina as the face of their campaign titled "The Sunny Side of Life." This partnership marks a significant push by the Maldives to attract more visitors, especially after a turbulent period in relations with India. The Maldives has long been a favored getaway for Indian tourists, but diplomatic tensions last year caused a

dip in visitor numbers. The controversy began when three Maldivian deputy ministers posted offensive comments about Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sparked by his visit to the Lakshadweep islands, which he aims to develop as a beach tourism hotspot. New Delhi reacted strongly, summoning the Maldivian envoy and lodging formal protests. The three ministers were suspended with pay, yet the diplomatic rift took a toll on tourism; Indian tourist arrivals to the Maldives dropped by nearly a third compared to the previous year. In the wake of these strained ties, Maldives President



Mohamed Muizzu has adopted a more conciliatory approach.

Chinese actor Sunny Pang joins cast of 'Lakadbaggha 2 - The Monkey Business'

New Delhi: Renowned Chinese martial artist and actor Sunny Pang is set to make his Indian film debut, joining the cast of "Lakadbaggha 2 - The Monkey Business." The film is a highly anticipated sequel to Anshuman Jha's 2023 action-thriller "Lakadbaggha." Pang, who recently shared the screen with Tom Hardy in "Havoc" and is also known for his antagonist role in Netflix's "Headshot," will be seen in a pivotal role, promising intense action sequences alongside Anshuman Jha.

The sequel, directed by Sanjay Shetty, will continue the vigilante saga centered around animal activism. Anshuman Jha, who returns as the lead, expressed his excitement about working with Pang, citing his admiration for Pang's work in



"Headshot." He stated that Pang brings a "legacy of real, visceral action" to the film, assuring audiences that "Lakadbaggha 2" will be "bigger, bolder, and more brutal" for Indian action cinema. Sunny Pang, born in Singapore, shared his positive experience

working on his first Indian film, highlighting the "respect and passion" he has witnessed.

He emphasized the film's core message of championing animal rights, which he believes gives deeper meaning to every action sequence.

The production of "Lakadbaggha 2 - The Monkey Business" is currently underway, with filming locations including Kolkata and West Java, Indonesia. The team, including action choreographers Kecha Kamphakdee and Jaika Stunts, has been training extensively to deliver a high-octane combat spectacle. The film is also rumored to feature other prominent Asian martial arts stars like Tony Jaa and Dan Chupong. Production for "Lakadbaggha 2 - The Monkey Business" is currently underway, with filming taking place in various locations, including Kolkata, India, and West Java, Indonesia. The international scope of the production, coupled with the inclusion of martial arts stalwarts like Sunny Pang, indicates a significant scale-up for the franchise.

With or without skin: The best way to have cashew nuts

When enjoying cashews, you might have wondered whether to eat them with or without their skin. So, here's some help from Dr Birali Swetha, chief dietician, Gleneagles Aware Hospital, LB Nagar, Hyderabad, who said that both have their benefits, but the choice depends on your health goals. Cashews that still have their brown skin, known as the testa, offer extra health benefits, said Kanikka Malhotra, consultant dietician and certified diabetes educator. "Cashews with skin are less processed and retain more natural antioxidants, including polyphenols, which help combat oxidative stress. The skin also adds a small amount of dietary fibre, aiding digestion and promoting gut health. However, the skin can taste slightly bitter, which some may find unappealing," said Dr Birali. On the other hand, skinless cashews are more commonly consumed due to their mild, creamy flavour and smooth texture. "They are still rich in healthy monounsaturated fats, protein, and essential minerals like magnesium, zinc, and iron. While they lack the added polyphenols from the skin, they remain a great option for heart health and energy," said Dr Birali. If taste and texture are a priority, skinless cashews are still a nutritious addition to your diet. They're incredibly versatile and can be used in everything from baking to savoury dishes. "The peeling process ensures that the nuts are safe to eat since the outer shell contains toxic substances if not handled properly. However, this process removes some of the beneficial compounds in the skin," said Dr Malhotra. "Whichever you choose, moderation is key. Cashews are calorie-dense, so portion control is essential for balanced nutrition," said Dr Birali. Cashews without skin are generally easier to eat and digest. "Cashews with skin can sometimes be messy, with the skin clinging to fingers or getting caught in teeth. Skinless cashews offer a more convenient and less messy eating ex-



perience," said dietitian Vidhi Chawla, founder of Fisisco Diet and Aesthetic Clinic. Smoother texture: The smooth, creamy texture of skinless cashews makes them ideal for blending into nut kinds of butter, smoothies, and other recipes. "Skinless cashews can be easily incorporated into various dishes, such as stir-fries, salads, and baked goods, without affecting the overall texture or appearance of the dish," said Chawla. Some people prefer the appearance of skinless cashews, finding them more visually appealing. "Skinless cashews tend to be more uniform in size and shape, which can be aesthetically pleasing, especially when used in garnishes or decorative elements," said Chawla. Ultimately, choosing between cashews with or without skin is a personal preference.

Chakka Alias Jackie!

Fruits with powerful fragrances have a unique way of connecting with our brains, evoking memories and sensations. Even sans their physical presence, the thought of their fragrance or the texture we feel when devouring them is enough to stir a vivid image.

Jackfruit, with its distinctive aroma and texture, is a classic example. Whether it's a fresh fruit hanging from the tree or a weathered one lying on the path, the air around it is filled with a fragrance that's hard to ignore. Large in size and with its striking colour or flesh, this tropical fruit is not only a treat for the senses but also a delight for the eyes.

Roots in the tropics

Native to the rainforest of western India, jackfruit has been cultivated for over 3,000 years. It gradually spread throughout Southeast Asia, reaching the Caribbean. Jackfruit belongs to the Moraceae family, commonly known as the fig family. Scientifically named *Artocarpus heterophyllus*, it is closely related to fruits like breadfruit and osage-orange. The 'jack' is believed to have its roots in Malayalam 'chakka', which could be further traced back to che-kai, a description for a bunch of green fruits. A number of jackfruit varieties, research indicates at least 75 distinct types, with many farmers cultivating unique cultivars. In India, two prominent varieties are Muttom Varikka, which has slightly harder flesh when ripe, and Sindoor, known for its soft, sweet inner flesh when ripe.



Make Your Own Trail Mix

The sweet and crunchy combo of nuts and dried fruit makes a satisfying snack you can enjoy just about anywhere. But when you buy pre-made kinds, there's usually something in there you don't really like. The solution: Make your own signature blend in three simple steps.



On average, a 1/4-cup serving of trail mix has about 175 calories. While these are good quality calories, they can get out of control fast if you don't mind the portions. Here's the trick: Use a quarter-cup measure as a scoop when serving yourself a handful and portion out into individual bags ahead of time for snacking on the go. All you need to do is combine equal parts of nuts, dried fruit, and a little something for extra crunch. To finish, a sprinkle of a few "bonus" ingredients. Make a big batch and store in an air-tight container for up to 1 month. Nuts are a good source of hunger fighting fiber and heart-healthy fats. Choose raw or dry-roasted and unsalted nuts to avoid too much extra fat and sodium. Walnuts will give you some omega-3 fats, while almonds are packed with

vitamin E and iron. Other good choices are pecans, pistachios and macadamia nuts. Dried fruit contributes natural sweetness as well as more fiber and vitamins to the mix. Dried apricots are high in iron and dried cranberries are packed with vitamin C. Other fun choices are dried blueberries, cherries, dates, mango, pear or pineapple. Whole grain cereal, mini pretzels, toasted soybeans ("soy nuts") or air-popped popcorn will give you a dose of crunch to balance out the flavors and give your mix some extra texture. Crunchy foods also help relieve stress making trail mix a wise choice to fend off an afternoon slump. Once you have your main ingredients, add in a few teaspoons of any of these flavor-packed extras. Toasted coconut Dark chocolate chips Sesame seeds Pumpkin Seeds Granola Chili powder or Cajun seasoning (just a sprinkle)

Keema ranks 5th on TasteAtlas' best ground meat dishes list

Keema, a beloved Indian dish made from minced meat, has gained global recognition after securing the 5th spot on TasteAtlas' list of the 100 Best Ground Meat Dishes. In its post on Instagram, the travel guide mentioned: "These are the best ground meat dishes in the world." This flavourful dish, commonly made with lamb or chicken, is cooked with a rich blend of spices, ginger-garlic paste, onions, and ghee. Often served with naan, pav, or as a stuffing for samosas and parathas, keema is known for its versatility and deep-rooted culinary significance. The name itself comes from the Urdu word for minced meat, reflecting its presence in Indian cuisine. While keema has been a staple in Indian households, its history and journey across cultures remain intriguing. Biraja Rout, food founder, Beamer Brands, tells anexpress.com, "Keema, derived from the Persian word 'qeema,' meaning minced meat, has deep historical roots that trace back to the Mughal era. The dish was introduced to India through Persian and Central Asian influences, particularly during the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal periods. Mughals, known for their rich and aromatic cuisine, incorporated keema into their royal kitchens, often preparing it with a blend of fragrant spices and slow-cooking techniques to enhance its depth of flavour." Over time, he states that keema became an integral part of Indian culinary traditions, especially in North India, Hyderabad, and Bengal, where it was adapted with regional spices and cooking styles. It evolved from a royal delicacy to a household staple, commonly used in curries, stuffed breads like keema naan, samosas, and even street food variations like keema pav. The key to keema's distinct taste lies in the balance of spices and the cooking method.



Know these safety precautions if you're traveling alone

Solo travel transforming traditional image of travel as only with company, offering liberation, adventure & responsibility for personal well-being. Traveling alone doesn't have start with cross-country trip stamp on your passport. Selecting locations easily accessible, welcoming to tourists, & culturally immersive promotes self-assurance without overpowering senses. McLeodganj tranquil Himalayan getaway; Pondicherry, renowned for its serene seaside air & French flair; Jaipur with its regal past & hospitable inhabitants. Choose these locations for international travel because they have excellent safety standards & are simple to navigate, making them ideal for first-time female solo travelers. Selecting appropriate sea-

son guarantees enhanced safety & service availability in addition to better travel conditions. During the monsoon season, mountain areas such as Manali or Darjeeling may be inaccessible & vulnerable to landslides. Coastal towns like Varkala and Gokarna may get very hot and congested. In India, the most comfortable seasons are typically autumn & spring. It is ideal to travel to foreign countries like Italy, Portugal, Japan between Apr & June or Sep & Nov. When traveling alone, being connected is essential. A hotel name, a dropped pin brief daily message to loved ones "reached safe" text gives additional degree of security. While away from home, it's also fantastic way to stay rooted & feel like you belong.



Pilots Fly Over Chenab Bridge and Make a Special Announcement



Highest railway-arch bridge in world Chenab Bridge in J&K is today well-liked tourist destination from the air as well as on the ground. Flying over the scenic valleys of Srinagar, passengers are observing this technological wonder from above. The Railway Ministry said in a press release that passengers are eager to snap photos of the engineering marvel while pilots announce things as they fly over the Chenab Bridge. "The Chenab Bridge draws admiration from every altitude, where pride rises from the earth and echoes through the

clouds," said Dilip Kumar, Executive Director, Information and Publicity, Railway Board. "These days, every flight that passes over the majestic valleys of Jammu and Kashmir witnesses a truly special moment. As the aircraft approaches the Chenab valley, the pilot's voice echoes through the cabin: 'Below you is the world's tallest railway-arch bridge, the Chenab Bridge,' he added. With their phones in hand, commuters rush to the windows as soon as the announcement is made. They started recording the old bridge and taking pictures of it. "A wave of pride

sweeps through the cabin -- passengers clap, smile and share words of admiration for the brilliance of Indian engineering," the press note added. The excitement is just as infectious on land. Locals from neighbouring towns and villages are snapping pictures and taking videos of the bridge from various angles, according to railway authorities. Part of the USBRL project, Chenab Bridge is the world's tallest railway bridge. Rising 359 meters over the Chenab River, bridge 1,315 meters long overall, with the main steel arch measuring 467 meters.

Let's arrange to trek through the Valley of Flowers

The announcement that the Valley of Flowers, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will be accessible to tourists from June 1 to October 31 gave nature enthusiasts one more reason to celebrate this month. With more than 600 different kinds of wildflowers and breathtaking Himalayan vistas, the trip is a verdant wonderland that even draws pilgrims who want to see Gurdwara Hemkund Sahib. Thousands of people visit this easy trip each year. There are a few things you should consider if you intend to visit.

How far is it possible to travel to Valley of Flowers in Private vehicle?

Traveling by bicycle, cab, or private vehicle is simple. But Joshimath or Govind Ghat would be the final stop. He recommended either staying in Govind Ghat or Joshimath, which is 14 km ahead of Govind Ghat. To start the Valley of Flowers trek, head 4 km from the Govind Ghat to Pulna hamlet. **Are you able to bring your children on the hike?**

This trek is easily doable by kids older than ten. However, because it is a high-altitude place, the temperature drops significantly at night, so it is always best to see a doctor and find out the children's health, heart condition, and endurance. **Is it possible to camp in the valley?** Since the Valley of

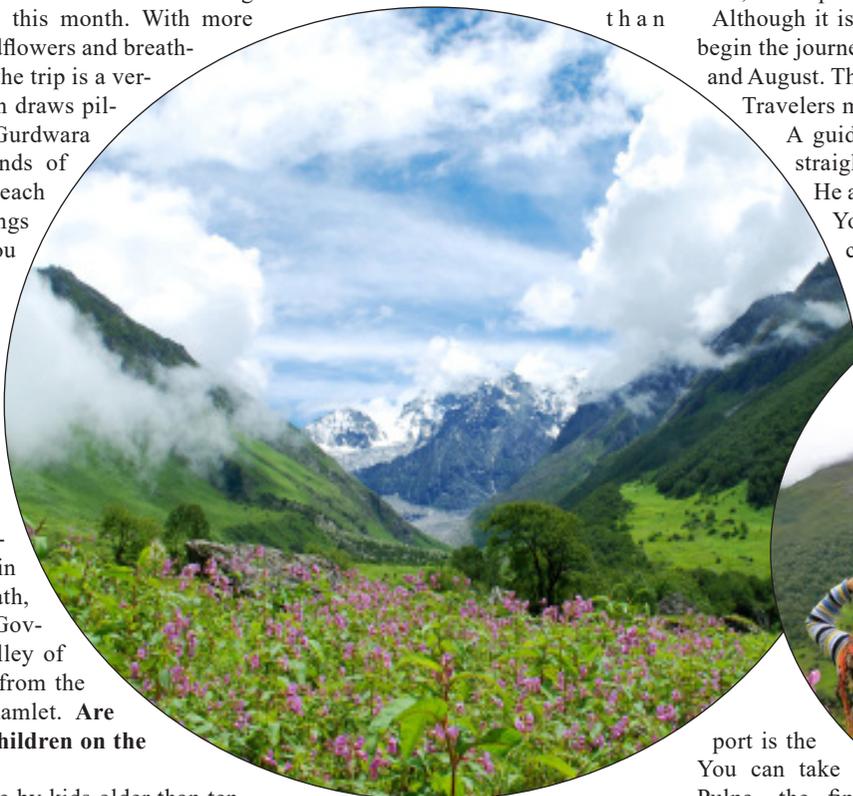
Flowers is a heritage site, camping is prohibited. Visitors are asked to go before or at this time, as the park shuts at 5 p.m. **When is the best time of year to visit the valley?**

Although it is feasible to travel at any time between June and October, it is advisable to begin the journey as early as possible because the monsoon season is most dangerous in July and August. The region between Rishikesh and Joshimath has frequent landslides as a result.

Travelers may be at risk from this. Do you require a manual?

A guide is not necessary in the Valley of Flowers because the hike is easy and straightforward. The trip's maximum budget would be between ₹7,000 and ₹8,000.

He also advised packing shoes and clothing that would be waterproof for the hike. You can also bring refreshments on the hike, but please don't litter and show consideration for the environment. Take a bus, auto-mobile, or rail from Delhi to Rishikesh, and from there go to Govind Ghat. Rishikesh is about 9 miles away from Govind Ghat. In the meantime, Dehradun's Jolly Grant Air- port is the closest airport. You can take a shared taxi to Pulna, the final port is the closest airport. You can take a shared taxi to Pulna, the final port is the closest airport. You can take a shared taxi to Pulna, the final port is the closest airport.



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Manolo Marquez gonna leaving from AIFF



New Delhi, June 11: Over the past 18 months, Indian men's football has been going through a very difficult time, with the team suffering greatly. India has only won once in 16 games since the start of 2024, and following 1-0 loss to lowly Hong Kong in Tuesday's AFC Asian Cup qualifier, the situation has reached a tipping point. National squad appeared completely useless in front of goal during run of embarrassing defeats in 2025 has greatly escalated fan dissatisfaction with Marquez. Three games in a row without goal been played against

comparatively easy competition in Bangladesh, Thailand, and now Hong Kong. There are expectations that Marquez will resign as head coach after India's football progress has stopped and their chances of qualifying for the 2027 Asia Cup are now in jeopardy. Sunil Chhetri's benching for this match against Hong Kong has been viewed as a managerial error & according to those with knowledge, Spaniard is considering leaving his job within a year of replacing Igor Stimac in July 2024. In the FIFA global rankings, India has dropped to 133.

Indian men's hockey squad hopes to defeat Argentina after losing to the Netherlands

Mumbai, June 11: With close defeats against Netherlands Indian men's hockey team hasn't had best start to European portion of FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-2025. Now that those outcomes are behind them attention will turn to their forthcoming matchup with Argentina in Amsterdam. Argentina & India have played each other frequently in recent years, with India having a better head-to-head record. India defeated Argentina twice in the previous Pro League (2023-24) season, with the second victory being



in a tough shootout. The two teams battled out an exciting draw at the 2024 Olympics in Paris. Speaking ahead of the upcoming matches, captain Harmanpreet Singh said, "We

are aware of the task at hand in the matches against Argentina. The team is working hard every day in training, and we are confident of doing well. Argentina is a strong team,

and at this level, no match is easy." India has 15 points, good for fourth place in the standings with six games left in the competition. Indian men are focused on playing well in the remaining games and earning as many points as possible against challenging opponents in order to earn a spot at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026. "The team has a good track record against Argentina, but we're not taking anything for granted. Those results are in the past, we need to perform in the present to stay on course for World Cup qualification.

Ben Duckett the star of England's T20 final

Mumbai, June 11: With scorching 84 off just 46 balls, Ben Duckett stole the show as England defeated the West Indies by 37 runs to complete the T20 series whitewash. Duckett, the England opener, set a frenzied tempo for the hosts' 248-3 score from 20 overs in Southampton by hitting 10 fours and two sixes. Despite West Indies' valiant reply of an undefeated 79, they were defeated, ending at 211-8 as England white-ball skipper Harry Brook won six straight to begin his reign. "The



pitch was excellent for batting on. Ball didn't perform well, so Jamie Smith and I tried to apply pressure right away. After win-

ning player of the match, Duckett remarked, "The way he took down the seamers made my life easier."

Magnus is Gukesh's favorite

Hyderabad, June 11: Magnus Carlsen and D Gukesh were playing chess when a video of the Norwegian hitting a table after losing to the Indian chess prodigy went viral. The next thing that happened was that social media was overrun with memes. Gukesh talked candidly about his favorite meme in a recent interview, saying it made him giggle for "more than 10 minutes." The host said in the interview that he can't browse Instagram without witnessing the amusing table slam moment that individuals in various circumstances have imitated. While watching the memes, Gukesh pointed out the one that left him laughing. It shows a cat sitting on the table getting shocked by Carlsen slamming the table. "I was laughing for like 10 minutes," the chess player adds. An individual wrote, "I love the traffic police meme." Another added, "My feed is still full of those memes." A third remarked, "My whole feed is blessed with this meme." A fourth added, "So wholesome, I love it." Several reacted to the video using laughing out loud emojis.

"It's not only about the moves; some people get attracted to the emotions, and all the memes and stuff really help. I'm glad I could contribute," Gukesh told Take Take Take. Viswanathan Anand explains that beating Gukesh significant for Carlsen, as it established a line in the sand and would have brought him happiness.

Brazil defeated Paraguay, with Vini Jr. scoring game-winning goal FIFA World Cup 2026

New Delhi, June 11: At Neo Química Arena, Brazil defeated Paraguay 1-0 to qualify for

are just hair away from qualifying. An enormous mosaic on Neo Química seats read



FIFA World Cup 2026, with Vini Jr. scoring game-winning goal. With excellent effort from Matheus Cunha, Vinicius Jr. gave Carlo Ancelotti his first victory in hot seat. With six-point lead over Venezuela, Paraguay entered match in second half & although losing

"Congratulations, Carletto" G&Y placed before game began as special gift for Ancelotti turned 66 & honored by Brazilian supporters. Brazil broke Paraguay's nine-game unbeaten run in qualifiers, becoming the first team to beat Paraguay in 10 qualifiers, and secured

their third World Cup spot at Neo Química Arena. Ecuador qualified for the fifth World Cup this century with goalless draw with Peru Uruguay & Bolivia struggled to secure qualification. This Uruguay's fifth consecutive World Cup appearance. On first, Rodrigo Aguirre left for home. The second was smashed home by Giorgian de Arrascaeta. With two rounds left, Marcelo Bielsa's Celeste are now six points clear of seventh-place Venezuela & significantly better goal differential. The prolific wonder goal scorer Luis Diaz put up one of his greatest performances to date. The Liverpool winger broke the tie by dancing past three opponents. After Enzo Fernandez was sent off in the 70th minute, Colombia appeared to be winning, but Argentina's Thiago Almada scored an equalizer.

Game 2 of Oklahoma City vs. Indiana Pacers NBA Finals



New Delhi, June 11: Game 2 of the 2025 NBA Finals saw an average viewership of 8.76 million, the lowest since 2007, due to weak national interest and COVID-19 disruptions. The last time Game 2 of the Finals had fewer viewers was in 2007, when only 8.55 million tuned in to watch the San Antonio Spurs face off against LeBron James's Cleveland Cavaliers. The only year since then with worse ratings was 2020, when the Finals were held in the Disney World bubble during the height of the pandemic. That Game 2, fea-

turing the Los Angeles Lakers and Miami Heat, drew just 7.54 million. Game 2's viewership dipped from 9.9 million to 8.84 million, a 24% drop from Game 1, which saw Indiana win with a buzzer-beater. The absence of big-market clubs or headline talents has obviously affected national interest, even though the Thunder and Pacers have exciting young stars and gripping stories. The NBA will be hoping for more competitive games & maybe bump in viewing as the Finals progress, with the series tied and returning to Indianapolis.

At the age of 29, Pooran abruptly retires from international cricket

Mumbai, June 10: At the age of 29, Nicholas Pooran, the former white-ball captain of the West Indies, has announced his retirement from international cricket. He ends with 2275 runs in 106 T20Is and 1983 runs in 61 ODIs. Pooran had not played in ODIs since West Indies' elimination from the 2023 ODI World Cup Qualifiers and had recently chosen not to be included in the West Indies' T20I series against England. His retirement, meanwhile, is unexpected because Pooran only hinted at playing 100 more Twenty20 Internationals in November of last year, when he received his 100th cap. Pooran announces retirement from international cricket, expressing joy, purpose, and memories from leading the West Indies team as captain.



“To the fans - thank you for your unwavering love. You lifted me in the tough moments and celebrated the good ones with unmatched passion. To my family, friends and teammates - thank you for walking the journey with me. Your belief

and support carried me through it all. Though this international chapter of my career closes, my love for West Indies Cricket will never fade. I wish the team and the region nothing but success and strength for the road ahead.”

MS Dhoni's initial response to ICC Hall of Fame Award

Pune, June 10: The International Cricket Council Hall of Fame announced seven new entrants on Monday, including South Africa's Hashim Amla and Graeme Smith and India's Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Matthew Hayden of Australia and Daniel Vettori of New Zealand were also featured, and Sarah Taylor of England and Sana Mir, the former captain of Pakistan, were honored for their achievements to the women's game. The Beatles recorded many of their popular songs at the Abbey Road Studios in London, where the induction ceremony was held. The World Test Championship final begins on Wednesday at Lord's, which is only a short stroll from Abbey Road. Both captains, Pat Cummins of Australia and Temba Bavuma of South Africa, were in the crowd. Dhoni, the former captain of India,



scored the winning runs on a historic night in Mumbai to lead his nation to one-day international World Cup success in 2011. After leading India to the first-ever 2007 T20 World Cup championship and the 2013 Champions Trophy, he is also the only captain to have won all three ICC white-ball championships. After playing 350 games and scoring over 10,000 runs, Dhoni concluded his ODI career with an average above 50. He frequently led a run-chase with skill.

Despite not making it to WTC final, India received INR 12.32cr from ICC

New Delhi, June 10: Team India will earn nearly as much as the winners of the previous two editions, Australia (2025) and New Zealand (2021), even though they did not make it to the World Test Championship (WTC) 2025 final. The ICC's decision to increase the WTC purse to \$3.6 million made this possible. India, the runner-up in the previous two editions, finished third in the WTC points table for the 2023-25 cycle, preventing them from making a hat-trick appearance at Lord's in the WTC final. After placing first and second in the points table, respectively, South Africa and Australia advanced to the final, which will take place at Lord's on June 11. The first

team to have a chance to defend the WTC championship will be Australia. Two years prior, they had won their first WTC title by defeating India in the championship match at the same location. The WTC Final between Australia and South Africa will have a prize of \$3.6 million, which is more than twice as much as what Australia (2023) and New Zealand (2021) took home after winning the first two finals. With a guaranteed payout of over \$2.1 million this time, the losing finalists will also get more than the previous top prize money. The losing finalists (India) received \$800,000, while the winners of the previous two competitions (Australia and New



Zealand) received \$1.6 million apiece. “The increase in prize money exhibits the ICC's

efforts to prioritise Test cricket as it looks to build on the momentum of the first three cycles of the nine-team competition,” the ICC said. India will receive \$1,440,000, or around ₹12.32 crore, for placing third this time. With 2-0 home series victories against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, South Africa concluded the third season with 69.44 percentage points. After dominating the standings for a considerable amount of time, India finished with 50.00 points, while defending champions Australia finished with 67.54 points. India's hopes of reaching their third consecutive WTC final were hampered by a 3-1 loss in Australia and a 0-3 setback at home against New Zealand.

In the FIDE chess, Arjun Erigaisi surpasses Gukesh

The new India No. 1



Chennai, June 10: Arjun Erigaisi becomes India No. 1 after surpassing Gukesh in FIDE rankings. After Norway Chess 2025, Erigaisi and Gukesh fell to fourth & 5th positions respectively. Magnus Carlsen wins Norway Chess 2025 for seventh time with 16 points, followed by Caruana, Gukesh, Nakamura, Erigaisi,

and Yi. Carlsen also had a warning for Gukesh, stating, “I think if Hikaru or Fabi probably Nepo for that matter, win the Candidates they would be at the moment they would be a favorite in match against Gukesh. Hikaru's come close twice. He's still extremely good so there's no reason why he couldn't.”

Two Grand Prix will be held in Spain as F1 releases its 2026 schedule

New Delhi, June 10: In 2026, Spain will host 2 Formula One Grands Prix, with new race in Madrid joining Barcelona. The schedule for season may see significant grid changes was revealed by organizers. Australia's Albert Park street circuit in Melbourne will host the 2026 season's opening for the second consecutive year from March 6-8. The season's European leg will conclude with the race in Madrid, Spain, which takes place from September 11-13. There will be both street and non-street sections at the new Madrid circuit. Abu Dhabi will host the 24-weekend campaign's last weekend from December 4-6. To reduce travel time for the teams, Montreal, Cana-



da, will now follow Miami in May. With Cadillac joining the grid as the eleventh team and sweeping new rules pertaining to power units and aerodynamics, the 2026 season is expect-

ed to look drastically different. “The FIA Formula One World Championship next year represents a significant new chapter for our sport,” stated Mohammed Ben Sulayem,

head of the FIA, which oversees racing. “A new race, new teams, and the arrival of new manufacturers, all ushering in a fresh era of innovation and competition.”