

- A meeting at Haflong's DC's Conference Hall discussed Dharti Aaba Janajatiya Utkarsha Janbhagidari Abhiyan, aiming for 100% welfare scheme coverage in remote & tribal areas.
- Dimasa language textbooks launched in Haflong, marking mother-tongue-based education in Dima Hasao, recognizing & including it in foundational education, aligning with NEP 2020.
- Assam Labour Welfare Tea Tribes & Adivasi Welfare Minister Rupesh Gowala held high-level review meeting in the district, discussing flagship schemes welfare initiatives, healthcare & challenges in executing tendered projects.

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## “Dharti Aaba Janajatiya Utkarsha Janbhagidari Abhiyan,” stakeholders gather in Haflong to Drive Forward

**Haflong, June 16:** Crucial stakeholders' meeting was held at the District Commissioner's Conference Hall NCHAC & attended by Hon'ble Executive Members of NCHAC along with HoDs from across the district. The



Haflong, to deliberate on the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janajatiya Utkarsha Janbhagidari Abhiyan. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble CEM of the gathering focused on aligning departmental efforts towards achieving 100% saturation of central and state welfare schemes, particularly in remote and trib-

al areas. The CEM emphasized Abhiyan's timely initiative to fill coverage gaps and ensure beneficiary inclusion, emphasizing effective communication and creating accessible materials for underserved populations. He further urged all departments to conduct focused outreach camps in areas with poor scheme penetration. Departments were instructed to identify these saturation gaps and take swift action in collaboration with the district administration. Reaffirming NCHAC's full support CEM encouraged coordinated efforts between all stakeholders to ensure the success of the Abhiyan. District Commissioner expressed gratitude for the proactive participation of all departments and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to the mission's success.

## ₹4.24 Cr Silk Samagra 2 project in Karbi Anglong is launched by KAAC

A huge cost of project of Rs 4,24,74,674

**Guwahati, June 17:** KAA C's Sericulture Department launched plan to expand eri silk industry in Karbi Anglong & West Karbi Anglong for 2024-2025. The project, funded by the central govt & beneficiaries will benefit 340 individuals across nine development blocks in Bengaluru. Executive member gave nursery seedlings of kesseru plants are food plants for eri silk worms & gave checks totaling Rs 9,382 as the first installment to each beneficiary during



the occasion. According to EM Rongpipi's speech, Silk Samagra-2 wants to support the eri business by enticing rearers to start rearing eri silkworms and making and selling eri silk threads &

cocoons. Programme was attended by MAC Kadam Terangpi Sericulture Development Board Chairperson Roshmi Teronpi, OSD Mohon Barman, & Superintendent Jaghat Rabha.

## ONGC Gas Leak, CM Prompt Action & Relief

**Sivasagar, June 17:** CM Sarma assured govt intervention & support families affected by gas leak incident at ONGC's oilfield assessing situation. CM Sarma declared he arranged vital meeting with Chairman of ONGC & UM of Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri. "This issue has our highest priority. We stand firmly with people of Sivasagar & will do everything possible to restore normalcy" CM Sarma assured.

## NEP 2020 Vision Reveals Dimasa Textbooks



**Haflong, June 14:** In a landmark step towards preserving indigenous language and aligning with NEP 2020, textbooks in the Dimasa language were ceremonially launched today at the Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong.

The NCHAC's CEM, Debolal Gorlosa, attended an event where headmasters of five Lower Primary Schools received newly printed Dimasa language textbooks, marking the official rollout of mother-tongue-based education in the district. Starting from the 2025-26 academic session, 278 government-designated Dimasa Medium Lower Primary Schools in Dima Hasao will use these textbooks. Gorlosa praised the Dimasa Sahitya Sabha, its Sub-Committee, and other organizations for their efforts. He emphasized that the promotion of mother tongues in early education is a key feature of NEP 2020 and that safeguarding the Dimasa language is vital to preserving the community's cultural identity. "Many of our Kachari community members have already lost their language. Losing a language is equivalent to losing

one's identity," Gorlosa stated, calling for collective efforts to revive and strengthen the language and advocating for its inclusion in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Executive Member in charge of Education, Donpainon Thaosen, noted that although 282 schools were originally proposed for Dimasa medium status, only 278 were approved due to four lacking UDISE codes. He thanked the gathering for the opportunity to participate in this historic occasion. The Dimasa language or Grao-Dima, is a Tibeto-Burman language with deep historical roots and cultural importance in North-east India.

Its recognition and inclusion in foundational education mark a major step in cultural preservation. The ceremony was attended by Chairman Mohet Hojai, Executive Members, Members of the Autonomous Council, Joint Secretary & i/c Education Rebecca Changsan, former ACS officer and President of Dimasa Sahitya Sabha Ramesh Thaosen, District Primary Education Officer Medhabi Thaosen, DIPRO Purabi Phonglo, civil society representatives, teachers, and other dignitaries.

## Ouguri forest charged with unlawful stone & sand exploitation

**Guwahati, June 18:** Residents of West Karbi Anglong district accused Ranger Harsing Kramsa of planning environmental damage at Khursing Hill, causing resentment and significant damage to Ouguri Forest Range. Tharakunchi Village Development Committee & Tharakunchi Land Protection Committee allege Kramsa collaborates with Guwahati stone mafias for illegal extraction, causing destruction & destruction of Khursing Hill. Kramsa a former In-Charge Ranger at the Southern Forest Range, Kheroni, has been implicated in a scandal involving illegal sand extraction, with locals accusing him of turning a blind eye or actively supporting these activities, further damaging the ecosystem. The Tharakunchi Land Protection Committee and Village Development Committee called for immediate halt to hill-cutting and stone extraction activities and strict action against Ranger Harsing Kramsa for environmental plunder. KAAC chief Tuliram Ronghang ordered the stop and halted vehicle movement.



## The Guardian Minister visits Dima Hasao for the first time & examines welfare programs

**Haflong, June 19:** Assam Labour Welfare Tea Tribes & Adivasi Welfare Minister & Guardian Minister for Dima Hasao Rupesh Gowala conducted high-level review meeting during his maiden visit to district. Attended meeting at NCHAC Secretariat Assam Power Sports & Youth Welfare Minister, local MLA Nandita Gorlosa & NCHAC CEM Debolal Gorlosa reviewed flagship schemes & departmental projects. Presentations were made by different departments

following overview by Principal Secretary in-charge Partha Sarathi Johori on council's structure & functions. Key issues discussed included the performance of Anganwadi centres with Minister Gowala directing strict action against non-performing staff. He also emphasized effective implementation of welfare initiatives like Orunodoi 3.0 & the Jal Jeevan Mission. Concerns regarding healthcare were raised, particularly the need for upgrading labour room at Jat-



inga Sub-Divisional Hospital to ensure better maternal care. Minister was also apprised of challenges in executing tendered projects due to the district's tough terrain, with suggestions from CEM Debolal

Gorlosa to involve more local contractors who are familiar with geography and logistics. Minister Gowala addressed the issue of a paddy procurement center in the district, addressing local farmers' concerns.

## As Iran-Israel confrontation intensifies, India offers new advice

**New Delhi, June 17:** As Israeli drones and missiles continued their aerial attacks on the Iranian capital, India on Tuesday issued a new advisory advising its citizens and PIOs living in Tehran to evacuate the city. Those having the means to do so were urged by the Indian Embassy in Tehran to leave the city immediately. "All Indian Nationals and PIOs who can move out of Tehran using their own resources are advised to move to a safe location outside the city," the advisory read. Indian nationals who have not yet registered their presence were also urged by the embassy to get in touch with the mission immediately. "All Indian Nationals who are in Tehran and not in touch with the Embassy are requested to contact the Embassy of India in Tehran immediately and provide their location and contact numbers," it said, sharing three emergency helpline numbers: +98 9010144557, +98 9128109115 & +98 9128109109. The



warning was issued as Israel and Iran began their fifth day of nonstop airstrikes have claimed hundreds of lives on both sides. Israel confirmed 24 civilian casualties in the five days of warfare, whereas Iran said 224 individuals, largely civilians, had died. There have been about 3,000 Israelis evacuated. India has initiated the evacuation of its citizens from Iran due to rising tensions, with the first batch of 110 Indian nationals crossing into Armenia on Monday and Tuesday.

## Delhi to Paris Air India flight canceled due to problems discovered during pre-flight inspections

**New Delhi, June 17:** Due to extra precautionary procedures, second Air India flight was canceled on Tuesday, June 17. Flight AI 143 from Delhi to Paris was canceled, according to a spokeswoman, after pre-flight inspections found certain problems with the aircraft. "Flight AI143 from Delhi to Paris of 17 June has been cancelled. The mandatory pre-flight checks identified an issue which is being presently addressed. However, in view of the flight coming under the restrictions on night operations at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport, the said flight has been cancelled...We are providing hotel accommodation and also offering full refunds on cancellations or complimentary rescheduling if opted by the passengers. Conse-



quently, flight AI142 from Paris to Delhi on June 17, 2025 also stands cancelled," an Air India spokesperson was quoted in an interview. The second Air India flight to be canceled on Tuesday is the one from Delhi to Paris. According to an Ahmedabad airport official, an Ahmedabad-London Gatwick flight (AI 159) was canceled earlier since there were

no Boeing 787-8 Dreamliners available. Additionally a technical issue prompted the passengers on an Air India flight from San Francisco to Mumbai to disembark during the planned stop at Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport. According to accounts, a problem with one of the engines caused the flight to be halted.

## Sambhal in UP will use Ralegaon Siddhi technique for collecting rainwater

**New step towards recycle nature**

**Lucknow, June 17:** Sambhal, Authorities in the Sambhal district of UP have started massive rainwater gathering campaign to replenish groundwater & meet irrigation demands, drawing inspiration from water conservation initiatives of Ralegaon Siddhi & Hiware Bazar in Maharashtra. District Magistrate Rajendra Pensiya said that 5,000 trenches will be dug in single day throughout district's eight blocks as part of the campaign's initial phase. Together, these trenches are 5 feet long, two feet wide, and 1.6 feet deep—will replenish up to 22.65 lakh liters of rainwater during

the current monsoon season. "We are carrying out trench-digging work under MGNREGA with community participation across multiple locations. Each trench is capable of recharging around 453 litres of groundwater during monsoon. These 5,000 trenches will be completed within a day or two. After that, we will expand the effort further to increase the total recharge capacity," Pensiya said. Over 900 trenches will be dug in the MGNREGA park in Behta Jaisingh village part of the Bahjoi block. This is the district's first model site. "The recharge from these trenches will be so effective

that the plants in the area may not need irrigation for the entire year," the district magistrate said. He also acknowledged that the effort was inspired by well-known water conservationists like Anna Hazare and Rajendra Singh, who is referred to as the "Waterman of India." Similar trench-based water collection techniques have been used by both in Rajasthan & Maharashtra's drought-prone areas. The village of Ralegaon Siddhi, located in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra is praised as national watershed development model. Hiware Bazar refilled its water supplies with money from govt programs.

## Little change in flying conditions in Kedar Valley

**Himachal, June 17:** India initiated evacuation of its citizens from Iran due to rising tensions with first batch of 110 Indian nationals crossing into Armenia. Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority recommended to prevent repeat of previous helicopter accident occurred near Himalayan temple in October 2022. 2 years after the report's submission little has been done to implement recommendations to reduce air accidents in treacherous Char Dham sector with recent crash causing seven deaths.

## PM turns down Trump's US invitation due to scheduling conflicts



**New Delhi, June 18:** India's PM Modi confirmed that Operation Sindoor launched against Pakistani terror sites, was halted due to Pakistan's request, not due to US mediation or trade deal offers. Following the halt in Operation Sindoor last month, this was the first meeting between President Trump & Prime Minister Modi. "PM Modi clarified that no topics related to trade were discussed in connection with Operation Sindoor. He asserted that India has never accepted third-party mediation and will not accept such mediation in the future," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said in a statement on the PM Modi-President Trump phone call. He claimed that on his way back from Canada, President Trump extended an invitation to PM Modi, who was in the US for the G-7 conference. PM Modi stated that he had prior commitment and was unable to attend the invitation. Probably later this year, PM Modi invited President Trump to come to India for the Quad Summit. As tensions between Israel & Iran

increased, President Trump left the meeting in the middle. The two leaders had spoken following President Trump's condolences and support for India in the battle against terrorism following the Pahalgam terror assault on April 22. PM Modi emphasized India's strong response to Pakistan's attack, urging Trump to stop the military campaign, and denied discussions of an India-US trade deal or mediation between India & Pakistan. PM Modi halted military action through direct talks with Pakistan, stating bipartisan unity and no mediation. President Trump expressed support for India's terrorism fight. "Modi told Trump that henceforth India will not treat terrorism as a proxy war but as an act of war, and Operation Sindoor was still continuing," Mr Misri said. PM Modi and President Trump were scheduled to meet during the G-7 meeting, but the meeting was postponed due to Trump's early departure. He made it clear that India's action was "measured, precise and non-escalatory".

## PM Narendra Modi visits Canada to prioritize security & economic concerns

**PM Modi on G7 mission**

**New Delhi, June 17:** PM Modi scheduled to meet with G7 leaders for discussions on economic & security issues as well as holding bilateral meetings with Canada, Germany, Italy & Ukraine. Following his visit to Cyprus, Modi arrived early Tuesday in the far-flung Canadian town of Kananaskis to take part in the G7 Summit outreach session. Modi's first meeting with Canadian PM Mark Carney being viewed as chance to mend bilateral ties following a protracted diplomatic spat over the murder of a Khalistani rebel, has received a lot of attention during his engagements in Kananaskis. A meeting with Modi ruled out by US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from G7 Summit. Prior to or following the outreach event Modi anticipated to meet bilaterally with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Italian PM Giorgia Meloni



& German Chancellor Friedrich Merz. India's premier, Modi, is invited to the G7 Summit's outreach session, focusing on economic and security issues, urging Iran and Israel to return to dialogue. G7 Summit's outreach segment aims to strengthen peace, security, counter foreign interference, build energy security, accelerate digital transition, fortify mineral supply chains, use AI for economic growth & mobilize private investment.

## This year, Amarnath Yatra pilgrims will not access to helicopter service

**Jammu, June 18:** J&K govt has ordered Yatis to reach holy cave shrine on foot or using ponies & palkis without helicopter service this year. Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan chaired security meeting involving intelligence officers, & declared Amarnath Yatra routes as 'No Fly' zones between July 1 & August 10. The Governor has issued strict security directives for upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025, declaring all Yatra routes as "No Flying Zones" from July 1 to August 10. Restrictions on Amarnath Yatra will not apply for medical evacuation disaster management or security forces surveillance. Detailed SOP will be issued for exceptions. Officials assure locals that security arrangements are in place for smooth Yatra's conduct. L-G Manoj Sinha urges cooperation.



## The return of “vintage” Prabhas widely welcomed by fans



**Mumbai, June 16:** If the responses to teaser for their new movie, *The Raja Saab*, are any indication, director Maruthi & actor Prabhas appear to have won over their critics. Fans have responded to sneak peek of horror comedy movie in variety of ways, from applauding the return of “vintage” Prabhas to overlooking any VFX they believe to be subpar. Teaser showed Prabhas back to showing off his goofy side and mouthing funny one-liners after doing serious films like *Saaho* and *Salaar*. Director Prasanth Varma of *HanuMan*-fame wrote on X, “LOOKS.. SWAG.. TIMING... VINTAGE DARLING!” Much like Prashanth, fans couldn't get enough of Prabhas' ‘vintage’ vibes, flooding X with their reactions. One fan on X wrote, “#Prabhas in Raja Saab is everything!!!! Loving him in the teaser. The undisputed Pan India superstar has arrived.” A Redditor thought, “This looks like if *Radhe Shyam* was made competent,” A fan even wrote, “Ni vintage Comedy Timing ni Humour ni chala Miss ayyamm anna #Prabhas.” When Sanjay Dutt appeared in the movie, some people were taken aback. One Redditor wrote, “Sanjay Dutt Hain????” Sanjay Dutt bhi hai, kabse image ban ri hai sidha teaser me pata chakra hai. “You should be more surprised if a movie doesn't have Sanjay Dutt these days,” one person joked. “Sanju Baba is in all the movies now!” concurred another. Fans on Reddit and X had mixed reviews for the VFX and CGI in the film, though most didn't seem to mind. One fan wrote, “Tacky production values but darling issa vibe myaan.” Another wrote, “the vfx animals and ghosts don't look great but the sets themselves are good. The fire looked good.”

## Amitabh Bachchan bows to his admirers who came to see him in Jalsa in spite of intense rain

**Pune, June 16:** Despite intense rain, actor Amitabh Bachchan thanked his followers for coming to see him on Sunday outside of Jalsa, his residence in Mumbai. Amitabh wrote on his blog that he prayed for those folks and bent down to them. In addition, Amitabh posted numerous photos of individuals standing in the rain. Amitabh also included a glimpse of himself and his house, Jalsa, in the pictures. Sharing it, he wrote, “Musla dhar barish, lekin woh khade rahe, ade rahe. Iss sneh ka mere paas koi uttar nahi, na koi shabd.” They stood there even after he urged them to return home, according to Amitabh. “Bas Ishwar ki kripa bani rahe-mujh par nahi-unpar jinka sneh koi bhi barish rok nahi sakti. Bohut kaha ki ghar jao, paani



baras raha hai, lekin nahi. Khade rahe, ade rahe. Main natmastak hoon unke saamne (Let God's grace be there, not on me, but on those whose love can't be stopped by any rain. I asked them to go home, it's raining, but no, they stood there. I bow down to them).” The actor expressed his respect who took the trouble to meet him. “The rain in the most heavy downpour .. and they stand there in disciplined re-

spect .. no not they .. I .. I express my respect to them ..from adjoining buildings they wave their love .. i try to notice them .. and ever attempt .. they acknowledge .. it is a moving feel,” he continued. “I do not wish to turn away .. but the rain .. they are getting wet .. when I turn away they shall too and avoid getting wet .. This be my home , my place , my residence .. for years it has been the gateway for the thousands that come - just for a glance ! This be the blessings of the Almighty .. may this affection and love from them, ever be .. my respect and my love ever,” concluded his note. For a number of years, Amitabh has been hosting hundreds of followers every Sunday outside Jalsa, his residence in Mumbai.

## CM Revanth presents the Gaddar Award for Pushpa 2 to Allu Arjun

**Hyderabad, June 15:** Allu Arjun received Best Actor award at first Gaddar Awards by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy moment of redemption following criticism following *Sandhya Theatre* stampede. Arjun looked proud as he received award from Revanth Reddy, even saying the famous ‘thaggede le’ dialogue on stage before getting down. He wrote on X, “Humbled and grateful to receive the Gaddar Award for Best Actor for #Pushpa2.” He thanked



the Telangana government, writing, “My heartfelt thanks to the Government of Telangana, The Honourable CM Sri @revanth\_anumula Garu, Deputy CM @Bhatti\_Mallu Garu,

Cinematography Minister @KomatireddyKVR Garu, #DilRaju garu & all the Jury members for this honour and for celebrating cinema through such a wonderful initiative.”

## Priyanka Chopra shares Malti's nickname for Nick

**Mumbai, June 16:** Priyanka Chopra honored Nick Jonas on Father's Day with a sweet and charming post. A preview of their daughter Malti Marie's Father's Day celebration is included. In addition to sharing some family photos, she told her father, Nick Jonas, about Malti's adorable nickname—it's really adorable! Sharing photos of Nick with Malti and herself, the ‘Citadel’ actor called Nick ‘the light’ of their lives. “He makes our dreams come true every day... The light of our lives, we love you so much Gaga, Happy Father's Day to the best of the best @nickjonas,” she wrote on her moving Instagram post. Nick Jonas used a red heart symbol to share the post on his Instagram Stories. On Father's Day, Malti created a sweet card for Nick that included his nickname. One image, which appears to have been taken during concert rehearsals, shows Nick wearing headphones over Malti's ears. Another image shows Nick holding his daughter in a basket, which is adorable. Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra were married in 2018 after dating for a few years after first meeting in 2016. In January 2022, they welcomed Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, their daughter.

## Samantha & Naga Chaitanya's Ye Maaya Chesave will re-released in July

**Chennai, June 16:** Ahead of its 15th anniversary, Samantha Ruth Prabhu & Naga Chaitanya's cherished romance drama “*Ye Maaya Chesave*” will make comeback to theaters on July 18. The movie debuted in 2010 & was the pair's first on-screen partnership, has particular position in Telugu cinema. Following followers posted a range of responses in the comments section. Given Samantha's personal connection to the movie, several people expressed concern about her feelings for the re-release, while others questioned its timing.

One user wrote, “It is going to be hard for Sam.” On February 26, 2025, “*Ye Maaya Chesave*” celebrated its 15th anniversary. Samantha's career

to Naga Chaitanya, with whom she subsequently started dating. After getting married in 2017, the couple split up in 2020, and their divorce was fi-

a crucial period in both her personal and professional lives by getting the movie's initials permanently inked on her body. Gautham Vasudev Menon's



‘*Ye Maaya Chesave*’ is a loving romantic drama that explores themes of fate, love, and desire. The film has earned its status as a contemporary classic because to AR Rahman's poignant music and moving cinematography, which will resonate strongly with

as a lead actor was inaugurated with the movie, which also introduced her

nalized in 2021. Notably, Samantha once paid homage to what was then

anybody who has ever known the warmth of first love.

## Tetley unveils India's first green tea with L-Carnitine and Biotin; Kriti Sanon leads #NotYourRegularGreenTea campaign

Guwahati, June 19: Tata Consumer Products' Tetley Green Tea has launched two innovative wellness offerings — Tetley Green Tea Slim Care with L-Carnitine and Tetley Green Tea Beauty Care with Biotin, aiming to redefine green tea for health-conscious consumers. This marks the first time green tea in India has been infused with these scientifically-backed natural nutrients.

Bollywood actor and fitness icon Kriti Sanon has been roped in as the brand ambassador, introducing the #NotYourRegularGreenTea campaign to showcase how the new variants combine functionality with flavor. "It's smart, simple, re-



freshing and makes every cup count," Sanon shared. L-Carni-

tine, known to help burn body fat, and Biotin, known to support glowing skin and healthy hair, position Tetley's new offerings at the intersection of taste and science. Puneet Das, President – Packaged Beverages, said, "Consumers today want efficacy with enjoyment — this range delivers both." In Guwahati, where demand for functional beverages has seen a sharp uptick, retailers have welcomed the launch as timely. With growing urban wellness trends, Tetley's innovation is expected to gain quick traction among health-aware buyers in the Northeast. The products are now available in stores and online across India.

## The Nifty at 50 on trade setup

New Delhi, June 19: Market consolidation led to a 0.17% decrease in the Nifty-50 Index, with Bank Nifty gaining 0.21%. Auto, consumer durables, IT, metals & FMCG indices also saw gains. The weak sentiment is likely to persist as long as the Nifty is trading below 24,800, and traders would find immediate support at 24,725. According to Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research at Kotak Securities, the market may decline to 24,500 below this level and rise to 25,000–25,100 above it. According to Bajaj Broking, the only option for the indices to continue rising is for Bank Nifty to close consistently above the 56,000 mark. "The domestic market failed to maintain the opening gains as the continuing tensions in the Middle East & volatility in oil prices dragged down the overall sentiment. However, auto & consumer discretionary gained in expectations of a demand revival, said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

## SATYA MicroCapital's collateral-free loans uplift rural women entrepreneurs in Assam

Guwahati, June 19: SATYA MicroCapital Limited, a leading microfinance institution in India, is driving financial inclusion for rural women in Assam through its collateral-free loan model. The company has supported over 1.6 million women across rural and semi-urban India, enabling them to start small businesses and achieve financial independence. In Biswanath, Sumitra Devi, once a homemaker, became an entrepreneur with a ₹40,000 loan from SATYA.

Unable to access formal credit due to lack of collateral, Sumitra launched a tailoring business from her home. With steady repayments, she qualified for higher loans, expanded her inventory, and now earns about ₹1,100 per day. She has also built savings and financial management skills. The impact of such microenterprises is also visible in Guwahati. As demand for fabrics and tailoring materials grows, women entrepreneurs like Sumitra are increasingly sourcing supplies from the city's wholesale hubs.

This has led to a noticeable uptick in local trade activity, especially in textile and sew-



ing-related sectors. SATYA MicroCapital's initiative highlights the growing role of microfinance in promoting grassroots entrepreneurship and strengthening local economies by bridging the credit gap for women often overlooked by traditional financial institu-

## Naga sadhus turn eye charts, win global honour for India at Cannes Lions 2025

Guwahati, June 19: India's Naga Sadhus have earned global acclaim with the 'Naga Saint Eye Test'—a unique diabetes and blindness awareness campaign that bagged the Silver Lion at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity 2025. The initiative, conducted during Maha Kumbh 2025 at Prayagraj, was led by Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. (GCPL) and Eyebetes Foundation. With diabetes affecting nearly 100 million Indians and being a major cause of preventable blindness, the campaign transformed Naga Sadhus into living eye charts by painting bold Hindi letters on their backs in Devanagari script. Those unable to read them were offered free eye screenings. The campaign screened over 400,000 individ-



uals and reached 600 million people globally. Swati Bhatnagar of Godrej Creative Lab called it "an idea that travelled from the world's biggest spiritual festival to the world's biggest creative festival." Dr. Nishant Kumar, founder of Eyebetes, hailed it as a culturally resonant innovation.

In Guwahati, market experts view this recognition as a reminder of the potential for culturally rooted campaigns to elevate India's global image. Healthcare entrepreneurs and advertising firms in the region are now exploring similar awareness models that blend tradition with innovation.

## Microsoft laying off 1000 more employees

Mumbai, June 19: Software giant Microsoft Corporation intends to lay off "thousands" more positions next month, especially in sales, after laying off 6,000 workers in May. The corporation also stated that it is looking to "trim its workforce" in light of rising AI expenditures. Microsoft declined to comment when asked about the issue by Bloomberg. Early in July, once Microsoft's fiscal year ends, the cuts are anticipated, according to sources who spoke to BB. They stated that layoffs are anticipated to occur across all teams, with sales staff likely to be the most hit. The dates of the layoffs can alter. Microsoft experienced a significant round of layoffs earlier in May that affected 6,000 positions, or 3% of its staff, primarily in engineering and product teams, leaving customer-facing positions like sales and marketing unaffected. The Silicon Valley behemoth had already told staff in April that it intended to hire outside companies to handle more software sales to small and mid-sized clients.

## Amway India strengthens wellness portfolio with Nutrilite Triple Protect amid surge in immunity supplement demand

Imphal June 19: Amway India has reinforced its presence in the growing health and wellness segment with the launch of Nutrilite Triple Protect, a plant-based supplement crafted to meet rising consumer demand for immunity support. The formulation blends Acerola Cherry, Turmeric, and Licorice—sourced from certified organic farms—to deliver triple-action benefits for immune, gut, and skin health. Designed to offer 100% of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of Vitamin C, Nutrilite

Triple Protect addresses the increasing consumer focus on proactive, holistic healthcare. The product is free from artificial additives and supports antioxidant protection, inflammation reduction, and immune defense—key needs identified by 52% of Indian supplement consumers, according to Amway.

Imphal, a growing hub for health-focused products in Northeast India, has shown strong early interest in the new launch. Retailers and Amway Business Owners in the re-



gion report a steady uptick in

demand for clean, plant-based supplements, particularly those that promote immunity and digestive wellness. With heightened awareness post-COVID, local consumers are actively seeking trusted brands like Nutrilite. Available exclusively through Amway Business Owners and online at www.amway.in, Nutrilite Triple Protect marks a significant addition to Amway's expanding wellness portfolio, underpinned by its seed-to-supplement philosophy and global nutrition expertise.

## Air India stops offering international services

**Mumbai, June 19:** Air India has implemented safety measures following the Ahmedabad-London Boeing Dreamliner crash, including a 15% reduction in international flights' wide-body use. In a statement today, the company said of their 33 Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft, the "Enhanced Safety Inspection" mandated by civil

aviation watchdog DGCA have been completed on 26. These, Air India said, have been "cleared for service, while inspection of the remainder will be complete in the coming days". "As a matter of added precaution, Air India will also undertake enhanced safety checks on its Boeing 777 fleet," the carrier said.

## Mastercard & EVA Live bring star-studded music fest to India, promises priceless experiences for cardholders

**Guwahati, June 19:** Mastercard has joined hands with premier live entertainment firm EVA Live to roll out over 20 high-profile music and performing arts events across India between October and December 2025. The landmark collaboration, Mastercard's first-ever performing arts sponsorship in South Asia, promises electrifying

performances from global icons like Enrique Iglesias, A.R. Rahman, and DJ Tiësto. The series kicks off in Mumbai on October 30 with Enrique Iglesias' return to Indian stages after 13 years. Mastercard cardholders from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and abroad will enjoy early ticket access, exclusive lounges, meet-and-greets, and a 10%

post-presale discount. Tickets are available to all Mastercard users—credit, debit, and prepaid—at [www.priceless.com/music](http://www.priceless.com/music).

In Guwahati, the collaboration is expected to energize the growing market for live music and premium experiences. With the city's youth increasingly engaging in global entertainment trends,

local demand for such mega-events is on the rise. Mastercard's exclusive benefits may well position Guwahati as a prime stop for future tour extensions. EVA Live's Deepak Chaudhary said the tie-up marks "a transformative era for live music in India," while Mastercard aims to deepen fan-artist connections with unforgettable moments.

## Birla Fertility & IVF launches India's first toll-free support line for fertility guidance

**Guwahati, June 19:** Birla Fertility & IVF has unveiled Fertility Circle, India's first toll-free, stigma-free fertility support line, at 1800 123 1515. Designed to provide unrecorded and confidential fertility guidance, the service is available in English and Hindi on weekdays from 9 AM to 6 PM. The initiative aims to offer judgment-free support to individuals and couples navigating fertility-related concerns—whether planning for parenthood or undergoing treatment. The support line addresses a critical gap, as an internal



study revealed that 90% of people facing fertility challenges feel emotionally exhausted, yet only 29% seek timely help. Fertility Circle ensures callers get compassionate, expert-led counseling without pressure, costs, or data tracking. In Guwahati, where awareness around fertility care is gradually increasing, Fertility Circle

is expected to play a crucial role in normalising conversations around reproductive health. Medical professionals in the city see this as a step forward in bridging the emotional and informational gap that many face in their fertility journeys. With plans to expand the service into regional languages, Birla Fertility & IVF strengthens its mission of combining compassionate care with clinical reliability. The initiative reflects the group's larger commitment to holistic, accessible healthcare across India.

## Kingfisher scores big with AFA sponsorship, eyes growth in key football markets

**Itanagar, June 19:** Kingfisher Premium Packaged Drinking Water, a flagship brand under United Breweries Ltd (a HEINEKEN company), has entered a strategic partnership with the Argentine Football Association (AFA) as Regional Sponsor in India. Announced at River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires, the collaboration underscores Kingfisher's focus on capturing high-engagement football territories such as West Bengal, Kerala, Goa, and the Northeast. The campaign rollout will include immersive digital and physical activations, aimed at enhancing consumer engagement and fostering grassroots football. As part of the initiative, the Argentine National Team will play a high-profile international friendly in Kerala in October 2025, expected to attract substantial footfall and media coverage.



## Sony India launches BRAVIA 8 II QD-OLED series, elevates home entertainment experience

**Guwahati, June 19:** Sony India has launched its latest BRAVIA 8 II QD-OLED TV series, setting new benchmarks in home entertainment with cutting-edge technology and cinematic precision. Available in 65-inch and 55-inch variants, the series is powered by the XR Processor™ with AI, delivering lifelike visuals, superior contrast, and immersive sound. The BRAVIA 8 II supports Dolby Vision, Dolby Atmos, and Studio Calibrated Modes including Prime Video Calibrated Mode, ensuring content is displayed exactly as creators intended. With perfect blacks, XR Contrast Booster, and XR Triluminos Max, viewers experience vivid colours and sharp details. Acoustic Surface Audio+ turns the screen into a speaker, syncing audio directly with on-screen action. For gamers, the BRAVIA 8 II is optimized for PlayStation 5, of-



fering features like 4K/120fps, VRR, and ALLM. Its eco-friendly design features recycled materials and power-saving innovations. The TV also includes the Sony Pictures Core platform, offering access to 4K HDR and IMAX enhanced films. In Guwahati, the BRAVIA 8 II series is expected to gain traction among premium

buyers seeking high-end cinematic experiences at home. Retailers report strong early interest, particularly from tech-savvy consumers and gamers eager for immersive visuals. The TVs are priced at ₹3,41,990 (65-inch) and ₹2,46,990 (55-inch), and available at Sony Centers, major retailers, and online platforms.

## Deals of \$1.7b expected to make Indian IPO market busy week

**New Delhi, June 19:** At least four firms intend to raise a total of roughly 150 billion rupees through IPOs next week, marking the busiest time of the year for India's primary market. Globe Civil Projects Ltd., Ellenbarrie Industrial Gases Ltd., and Kalpataru Ltd. will begin selling shares on Tuesday. This week, Moneycontrol reported, citing unnamed sources, that HDB Financial Services Ltd., a division of India's largest private lender HDFC Bank Ltd., is also preparing to conduct its \$1.4 billion initial public offering (IPO) on Wednesday. The offerings show that, thanks to a 12% increase in the benchmark NSE Nifty 50 Index from its March low, share sales in India are rebounding from a slump in the first quarter. Companies are also accelerating their plans for

public listings as a result of the Reserve Bank of India's liquidity infusions into the financial system and an unexpected 50 basis point rate decrease this month. "India's secondary market has rebounded in recent weeks, buoyed by strong liquidity. With a strong secondary market, IPOs fairly priced may see good demand from both domestic and foreign investors," said V Jayasankar, managing director, Kotak Investment Banking. Since the \$3.3 billion transaction with Hyundai Motor India Ltd. last year, HDB's IPO will be the biggest sale in the country's equities market. The goal of Mumbai-based real estate developer Kalpataru is to fund up to 15.9 billion rupees, while industrial gas supplier Ellenbarrie wants to raise up to 8.52 billion rupees.

## For Rs 104.54 crore, Jio Financial purchases 7.90cr JPBL shares from SBI

**Mumbai, June 19:** The Jio Financial Services declared that, for a total value of Rs 104.54 crore, it has purchased a 7.90 crore equity shares of the Jio Payments Bank Ltd (JPBL) from State Bank of India. The transaction comes after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the share transfer on June 7, 2025. Jio Financial Services currently owns JPBL

in its entirety. The Reserve Bank of India has recognized Jio Financial Services (JFSL) as a core investment company (CIC). Through its customer-facing businesses, Jio Finance, Jio Insurance Broking, Jio Payment Solutions, Jio Leasing Services, Jio Finance Platform and Service, and Jio Payments Bank, JFSL is a cutting-edge organization that runs a

full-stack financial services business.

With an 18% increase in operating revenue to Rs 493.24 crore in Q4 FY25 compared to Q4 FY24, the company recorded a 1.8% increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 316.11 crore. Jio Financial Services' stock dropped 1.20% to Rs 284.55 on the BSE.

## DGT and Shell India launch EV training program to power India's green workforce

**Guwahati, June 19:** The Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, has partnered with Shell India to launch a nationwide training program focused on Electric Vehicles (EV) and Green Skills. Implemented by the Edunet Foundation across Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, the initiative will equip thousands of ITI and NSTI students with industry-ready skills in electric mobility and renewable energy. Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, hailed the initiative as "a generational opportunity" for India's youth to lead the global green economy. "This program



aligns skilling with sustainability, preparing climate-ready citizens," he said. The curriculum includes a 240-hour advanced technician course, job-oriented modules, foundational green skills, and joint certifications from Shell and DGT. Over 250 instructors will also be trained under this program, which includes hands-on labs and structured placement support. In Gu-

wahati, stakeholders see immense potential for growth in EV services and green startups, especially as Assam intensifies its focus on sustainable mobility. The program is expected to fill a critical skill gap and stimulate green job creation in the region. This initiative supports India's net-zero goals by preparing a future-ready, climate-resilient workforce.

## Nissan expands Rajasthan footprint with five new touchpoints, eyes regional growth

**Guwahati June 19:** Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. has taken a major step in strengthening its regional presence by launching five new customer touchpoints across Rajasthan in a single week. With this expansion, the company now boasts 283 touchpoints nationwide and 19 in Rajasthan alone, reflecting its aggressive network growth strategy in high-potential markets. The newly inaugurated facilities include a showroom and workshop in Jaipur, a 3S (Sales, Service, Spare Parts) centre in Udaipur, and a showroom in Ajmer. These modern centres are equipped to deliver a seamless and enriching customer experience and were inaugurated by Nissan India Managing Director Saurabh Vatsa, who emphasized the company's commitment to service and accessibility in emerging Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. Meanwhile, in Guwahati, Nissan's expansion move has sparked



interest among dealers and customers alike. Industry experts believe that such regional strategies could lead to similar growth in Northeast India, where demand for compact SUVs like the New Nissan Magnite is steadily rising due to affordability and urban mobility needs. Nissan has also announced plans to roll out its government-approved CNG retro-fitment kit in Rajasthan, tapping into the growing demand for eco-friendly fuel alternatives as part of its sustainable mobility mission.

## Despite poor Indian stock, Swiggy's share price increased by 5%

**New Delhi, June 19:** Stock Market Today: In spite of the poor Indian stock market, Swiggy's share price increased by over 5% during intraday trading. The price of Swiggy shares is still a concern. News about Amazon's foray into the QC service market circulates together with those of other rapid commerce service providers. Nonetheless, Swiggy's stock price is recovering

nically following a slight drop from June 6-13. Despite range-bound Indian stock markets, Swiggy's share price increased by almost 5% on Thursday, reaching intraday highs of ₹385 on the BSE. Compared to the closing price of ₹1,444.66, the benchmark S&P BSE Sensex fluctuated between intraday highs of ₹1,583.94 and intraday lows of ₹1,191.04 until noon.

## Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance unveils super term plan with health, income and life cover in one

**Guwahati, June 19:** Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI), a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital, has launched its all-in-one term insurance solution — ABSLI Super Term Plan — offering comprehensive life protection, health services, and income security under one policy. Designed to align with evolving customer needs, the plan underlines ABSLI's focus on

a holistic, goal-based protection approach. The Super Term Plan features three coverage options — Level Cover, Increasing Cover, and Level Cover with Return of Premium — allowing policyholders to customise benefits according to their life goals. Notably, it provides built-in health management tools throughout the term and the option to increase sum assured at major life events like



marriage, childbirth, or home purchase. A standout feature is the Instant Payment on Claim Intimation, which pays a part of the claim within one working day. It also offers flexible death benefit dis-

bursements including lump sum, monthly income, or a combination. Nominees can opt for staggered monthly payouts or convert them into a lump sum later. In Guwahati, ABSLI expects strong traction for the Super Term Plan, particularly among the growing urban middle class seeking integrated financial solutions that offer both protection and wellness support in a single package.

## India launches Operation Sindhu to ensure the safety of its citizens amid escalating Iran-Israel tensions



**New Delhi, June 19:** In response to the evolving situation between Iran and Israel, the Indian Government has launched Operation Sindhu to ensure the safety of its citizens. This is following a series of advisories issued earlier by the Indian Embassy in Tehran, efforts are now underway to relocate Indian nationals, including students, from high-risk zones to safer areas. As part of the operation, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed that 110 Indian students were evacuated from northern Iran on 17th June 2025. They were assisted by the Indian Embassy in safely crossing into Armenia by road, under the supervision of Indian missions in both Iran and Armenia. The stu-

dents then traveled to Yerevan, the Armenian capital. On the morning of 19th June, the students arrived in New Delhi, where they were received by the Minister of State, Kirti Vardhan Singh. The Indian Government expressed its deep appreciation to the Governments of Iran and Armenia for their cooperation in facilitating the evacuation. The MEA also stated, "India accords the highest priority to the safety and security of its nationals abroad. As part of the ongoing operation, our Embassy in Iran continues to assist large numbers of Indian citizens in relocating from areas affected by hostilities to safer zones, with the aim of evacuating them through feasible routes."

## Bajaj Allianz unveils 'Aponar Babe', a pioneering health insurance product for the residents of Assam

**Guwahati, June 19:** Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of India's leading private general insurers, has introduced 'Aponar Babe'—a pioneering health insurance product meticulously designed to meet the specific healthcare needs of the residents of Assam. More than just a health plan, Aponar Babe is a commitment to the people of Assam, ensuring access to quality healthcare with coverage tailored to the state's unique medical landscape. Understanding that healthcare challenges, costs, and treatment availability vary across regions, Bajaj Allianz has developed Aponar Babe to offer personalised coverage rather than a generic, one-size-fits-all solution. This plan is crafted for the people of Assam, keeping in mind hospital infrastructure and affordability, ensuring that residents get the protection they need. The Aponar Babe health insurance plan offers extensive coverage, including inpatient hospitalisation, pre- and post-hospitalisation expenses, and day care procedures.

It also covers advanced treatments such as robotic surgeries and stem cell therapy, ensuring policyholders receive access to modern medical care. Speaking on the launch, Dr.



Tapan Singhel, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, said, "India's diversity is its greatest strength, and healthcare needs are no exception. With Aponar Babe—Insurance made for you—we are redefining health insurance by tailoring it to each state's unique medical ecosystem." To make Aponar Babe even more accessible, Bajaj Allianz offers special discounts for family coverage, loyalty benefits, and direct online purchases. It is also available online at [www.bajajallianz.com](http://www.bajajallianz.com) and via the Bajaj Allianz 'Caringly Yours' mobile app.

# ISRL closes rider registrations for its much-anticipated Season 2 mega auction

**Guwahati, June 19:** The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL), the world's first franchise-based Supercross league, has officially closed rider registrations for its much-anticipated Season 2 mega auction, set to take place in August 2025. This year, ISRL has attracted a record-breaking 155 riders - registering over 50% growth from Season 1 and establishing itself as a serious international platform for elite Supercross athletes.

With riders hailing from 21 countries from across 6 continents, the 2025 roster showcases a powerful blend of world champions, rising stars, and homegrown Indian talent.

The league's exponential growth signals a pivotal moment in the evolution of motorsports in India. Joining the league for the first time are



globally renowned Supercross athletes such as: 1) Greg Aranda (France) - 6X German Supercross Champion, 2) Anthony Bourdon (France) - Vice Champion, French SX1, 3) Maxime Desprey (France) - French MX & SX Champion, 4) Justin Starling (USA) - AMA SX veteran with 106 main events, 5) Alexander Fedortsov (USA) - 2025 SMX

Next AMA National Champion, 6) Luke Clout (Australia) - AMA SX top 5, World Supercross Championship rider. Eeshan Lokhande, Co-founder of ISRL, said: "Supercross in India is clearly on a sharp growth trajectory, and this year's volume and quality of rider registrations reflect that momentum." John Short, USA (Top 10 AMA SX) who will

be racing at ISRL for the first time, shared, "I've competed in leagues in various countries, and when I saw what the ISRL accomplished in Season 1, I knew I wanted to be part of it." With superstar Salman Khan as Brand Ambassador, Season 2 is set to be bigger, bolder, and faster. Some quotes from Global Champions who join the lineup for ISRL Season 2 following standout performances in season 1. Matt Moss (9X Australian Champion) - "Season 1 was a fantastic experience.

Coming to India was a cultural shift but in the best way." Rugved Barguje (India SX/MX Champion) - "Racing on a proper Supercross track in India was a dream." Jordi Tixier (MXON World Champion) - "ISRL's debut season really impressed me."

## Bajaj Allianz General Insurance introduce 'Opuni Karoni'

**Kohima, June 19:** Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of India's leading private general insurers, has introduced 'Opuni Karoni'—a pioneering health insurance product meticulously designed to meet the specific healthcare needs of the residents of Nagaland. More than just a health plan, Opuni Karoni is a commitment to the people of Nagaland, ensuring access to quality healthcare with coverage tailored to the state's unique medical landscape. Understanding that healthcare challenges, costs, and treatment availability vary across regions, Bajaj Allianz has developed Opuni Karoni to offer personalised coverage rather than a generic, one-size-fits-all solution. This plan is crafted for the people of Nagaland, keeping in mind hospital infrastructure and afford-

ability, ensuring that residents get the protection they need. Dr. Tapan Singhel, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, said, "India's diversity is its greatest strength, and healthcare needs are no exception. With Opuni Karoni—Insurance made for you—we are redefining health insurance by tailoring it to each state's unique medical ecosystem. From treatment costs to disease patterns, healthcare challenges vary across regions, and insurance must evolve to reflect this reality." Customers can easily purchase Opuni Karoni through Bajaj Allianz General Insurance's extensive network of branches, partner banks, agents, and digital platforms. It is also available online at [www.bajajallianz.com](http://www.bajajallianz.com) and via the Bajaj Allianz 'Caringly Yours' mobile app.

## IIMA Ventures & SAP back 90 startups to transform Northeast innovation landscape

**Mumbai, June 19:** Consumers across Northeast India can expect to see a wave of exciting homegrown brands, thanks to the launch of the North East Growth Lab (NEGL) by IIMA Ventures in collaboration with SAP.

This new initiative will support 90 startups and social enterprises with funding, mentoring, and business training across all eight northeastern states bringing locally made, innovative products closer to your doorstep. NEGL builds on the success of the Assam Agri-business Growth Lab (AAGL)

and aims to create ₹100 crore in enterprise value while positively impacting over 5 lakh individuals from low- to middle-income backgrounds.

Expect to see more unique, high-quality offerings like honey-based mead from Dream Hives, eco-friendly pots from Fuloni, and healthy Joha rice cookies from Pustikor Foods hitting the market.

With partnerships including NABARD, NEDFI, and DoNER, NEGL is not just empowering businesses it's helping consumers discover and trust local innovations.

## Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance unveils insightful findings from its latest study, Bajaj Allianz Life Women Term Survey

**Guwahati, June 19:** Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, one of India's leading private life insurers, has unveiled insightful findings from its latest study, Bajaj Allianz Life Women Term Survey, in collaboration with Pixis Global and Qualls.AI. The survey deployed a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies covering over 1,000 salaried and self-employed women across metro, tier 1, and tier 2 cities. It assessed their top financial priorities, preparedness for emergencies, and approach to long-term financial security. The survey highlights a significant shift in financial priorities—with children's future, education expenses, and health surfacing as top concerns. Term insur-



ance emerged as the preferred financial product for women to secure their child's future. 53% women expressed concern about unexpected health expenses impacting their family's savings, showing growing awareness around health-related risks. Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life insurance, said, "The findings from Bajaj Allianz Life's Women Term Survey 2025 highlights that women view term insurance

as more than just a life cover. They see it as a comprehensive financial solution that aligns with their well-defined financial priorities."

**KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:** Children's Financial Future is a Top Financial Priority, Term Insurance Emerges as the Preferred Choice for Child's Financial Security, Women worry about unexpected health and medical expenses impacting savings, High Interest in Child Income Protection Feature in Term, Other Features Women Want in Term Insurance, Perceived Gaps in Current Term Plans. The survey underscores the need for tailored term insurance solutions that align with women's evolving financial aspirations.

## Legal dispute arises, Sun TV Network's stock price plummets by 5%

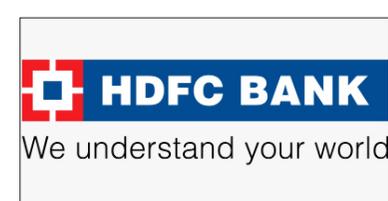
**New Delhi, June 19:** After a family quarrel between brothers Dayanidhi and Kalanithi Maran surfaced, Sun TV Network's shares fell more than 5% in early trading on Friday. Dayanidhi accused Kalanithi of employing fraudulent tactics to seize control of the ₹23,000 crore company. Investor anxiety over the legal dispute has caused Sun TV Network's stock to trade lower. Dayanidhi, a Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) member of parliament, has accused Kalanithi Maran and a number of other people of engaging in "fraudulent practices" and "misgovernance" after they took over Sun TV following the passing of their father, Murali Maran, in 2003. Additionally,

Dayanidhi wants to return the company's ownership structure to what it was prior to September 2003. Given that Kalanithi did not possess any shares in Sun TV 22 years ago, a Mint story suggests that Dayanidhi and his sister, Anbukarasi Maran, as well as M.K. Stalin, the current chief minister of Tamil Nadu, and his two brothers and sister would be the company's proprietors. Dayanidhi claims that after their father passed away, Kalanithi, who at the time had no shares, acquired approximately 75% of the business, while their parents' 50% stake was lowered to just one share. He asserts that Kalanithi accomplished this without using any of his personal funds. If Kalanithi does not agree to resolve

the matter, he has vowed to ask the SFIO to conduct a government probe. Kalanithi and seven other people, including Kalanithi's wife Kaveri Kalanithi, Sun TV's compliance officer Ravi Ramamoorthy, two chartered accountants, and other senior finance workers at Sun TV, received the legal notice, dated June 10, from Dayanidhi's attorney K. Suresh. According to the notice, M.K. Dayalu, Karunanidhi's second wife, and Mallika Maran, Murali Maran's wife, were the only shareholders of Sun TV when it was established in 1985. Kalanithi currently controls 75% of Sun TV, which is valued at approximately ₹24,356 crore. Forbes estimates his personal net worth to be \$2.9 billion.

## HDFC Bank Unit Submits RHP for Offer of Rs 12,500-Crore

**Mumbai, June 19:** On Thursday, HDB Financial Services, a division of HDFC Bank Ltd., submitted the red herring prospectus for an IPO for Rs 12,500 crore. On June 25, the day after the company raises money through the anchor financing round, the IPO will go live for subscriptions. The issue's subscription period will end on June 27. HDB Financial intends to generate Rs 10,000 crore through an offer to sell HDFC Bank shares and Rs 2,500 crore through a new share issuance. For the IPO, the company has established a price range of Rs 700 to Rs 740 per share. Twelve investment banks—including JM Financial, BNP Paribas, BofA Securities, Jefferies, Goldman Sachs, HSBC Securities, Nomura, IIFL Securities, Morgan Stanley, Nuvama,



Motilal Oswal, and UBS—are the top book runners for the IPO. The DRHP states that Link Intime India Pvt. will serve as the registrar and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas as the company counsel. The proposed new issue will be utilized to increase the company's Tier-I Capital base in order to meet its future capital needs, including further lending for business expansion. Additionally, the filing states that offer fees will be covered by a percentage of the revenues from the new issuance.

# Consume coconut water every day to increase your metabolism

One of the most popular fruits in India, particularly in the south, is the coconut. It can be added to rice meals, curries, drinks, and desserts in addition to being consumed on its own. Its rich flavor and unique scent are just irresistible. Furthermore, coconut is a veritable gold mine of vital elements. In fact, its benefits might be even more apparent if you drink its water first thing in the morning on an empty stomach. Here are five potential benefits of making this cool beverage a regular habit, ranging from improving skin clarity to increasing metabolism and heart health. Coconut water may provide the necessary boost if your metabolism is slow. This is because it stimulates your digestive system, which is necessary to increase metabolism, when you consume it on an empty stomach. Enzymes that support metabolic activities, such as catalase and dehydrogenase, are found in coconut. It's coconut water's high potassium concentration! It is well known that potassium lowers blood pressure and cardiac strain. It helped reduce blood pressure in hypertensive rats, according to research published in the West Indian Medical Journal. Coconut water provides

a mild but long-lasting energy boost because of its combination of natural sugars and electrolytes. It hydrates more effectively than regular water and doesn't have the caffeine crash. It works well for recuperation and rehydration, particularly after exercise, according to studies. Coconut includes cytokines, which may promote cell repair and slow down aging, and it has strong anti-inflammatory qualities. Restoring electrolyte balance is another advantage of consuming coconut water on an empty stomach. Coconut water's natural potassium and sodium blend aids in replenishing the electrolytes our bodies lose over night.



# Lemon Pickle from South India

Lemon pickle, a standout with unique flavors, is prepared in various ways, including spicy and sweet, with a South Indian twist that transforms your plate. Lemons without defects or stains should always be chosen. Spotted lemons may be internally ruined, which could shorten your pickle's shelf life. To examine the juiciness of each lemon, lightly press it. Lemons might look fresh on the outside but be dried on the inside. The flavor is significantly altered by this minor change. Wash all lemons well and use a dry cloth to wipe them clean before slicing.

You can also let them dry in the sun for a little while. If there is any moisture in the lemons, the pickle will go bad sooner and have a shorter shelf life. Before usage, cut the lemons in half and remove the seeds. Over time, seeds may cause the pickle to taste bitter. In a pan, heat 60 gm of oil, sauté lemons, add fenugreek seeds, asafoetida, and turmeric, then add the remaining oil. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook for another 10 minutes. Cool, transfer to a jar, and let mature for 10-15 days. Pair with parathas, chapatis, and steamed rice. Add ginger or green chillies for extra flavor.



## 3 Indian dishes were listed among top 50 breakfasts worldwide



India's breakfast delicacies, deeply rooted in local cultures, have been named among the 50 Best Breakfasts in the world by Taste Atlas. One of the most well-known Maharashtrian meals is misal. According to Taste Atlas' description of delicacy on its website, "A real misal must have a crunchy basis and be spicy. It should have a lot of colors, usually red, brown, orange, and green, and appear to be a work of art. Chole bhature and paratha, the other two items on the list, are typically connected to North Indian cooking. They do, however, have regional differences and are also well-liked in other parts of the nation. One of the most interesting street food combinations in Delhi is chole bhature. To see some of the best locations for the same, click here. Taste Atlas recently posted a list of breakfasts ranked from 51 to 100 on its website, even though it only disclosed the names of the top 50 on Instagram. Additional Indian delicacies, such as Nihari, Shrikhand, and Palak Paneer, have been highlighted here. Prior to this, a number of Indian specialties were listed among the world's greatest breads by Taste Atlas.

# Several cool mango cocktails from various regions of India

Summer is time for refreshing drinks, and mangoes are a perfect choice due to their added sweetness. Enjoying mango drinks on a hot day instantly rejuvenates us. There are various mango-based summer drinks available across the country. One of the most well-liked mango-based beverages is mango lassi. Although it is a mainstay in Punjab, it is now very well-liked nationwide. It is made by blending mangoes with sugar and thick curd to create a luscious, creamy drink. It's quite decadent and best savored cold, which makes it ideal for summer. Another popular mango beverage is aam panna. This traditional summertime beverage, which originated in Uttar Pradesh, is made with boiled raw mangoes, black salt, roasted cumin, and fresh mint. On hot

days, it keeps you hydrated and helps you calm down in just a few minutes. Mangoes are enjoyed in Bihar in the shape of this mouthwatering mango sattu cooler. Making it is a rather easy process. Simply combine raw mango, sattu, lemon juice, water, and a dash of salt. This drink is quite satisfying since sattu is strong in protein. You can eat it for breakfast or at any time of day. A well-known mango beverage from Maharashtra called Kairi Panha. Made with only four ingredients—raw mango pulp, jaggery, elaichi, and

water—it is adored for its sweet and tart flavor. Saffron is occasionally added to the beverage as well to give it a unique flavor. Your summer will be much better with Kairi Panha's mouthwatering flavors. Aam Pora Sharbat is the quintessential summertime beverage for Bengalis. Sugar, cumin, black salt, and roasted raw mango are the ingredients for this beverage. Why is it so special? It's because roasting the raw mango gives it a unique smokey flavor. If you dislike overly sugary mango drinks, you should definitely try this one! Andhra Pradesh's Mami-dikaya Panna is another beverage you should try. This has a spicy twist and is similar to aam panna in certain ways. Green chillies, curry leaves, mustard seeds, and raw mango are all included. You may anticipate a combination of sweet, tart, and spicy flavors!



## Dortmund debuts Jobe Bellingham in draw with Fluminense

**New Delhi:** Borussia Dortmund and Fluminense played a 0-0 draw in the Club World Cup at MetLife Stadium, with Fluminense's best chance saved by goalkeeper Gregor Kobel. Fluminense's new signing, Jobe Bellingham, made his debut for Dortmund in the 59th minute. Fluminense qualified as the 2023 Copa Libertadores champion, while Dortmund qualified for the Club World Cup with a top-four finish in the Bundesliga. Fluminense faces Ulsan Hyundai in South Korea. River Plate secured a 3-1 win over Urawa Red Diamonds in their Club World Cup campaign, thanks to goals from Facundo Colidio, Sebastián Driussi, and Maxi Meza. River faces Monterrey in Mexico and Inter Milan in Group E. Mamelodi Sundowns se-



cured a 1-0 victory over Ulsan HD, thanks to goals from Iqraam Rayners and Ronwen Williams, giving them an unexpected lead in Group F. Monterrey secured a 1-1 draw against Inter, thanks to goals from Sergio Ramos and Lautaro Martinez. Inter, having lost to Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League final, equalized through a well-executed set piece, with Martinez's goal in the 42nd minute.

## During Commissioner's Cup, Jacy Sheldon & Caitlin Clark's heated arguments took center stage

**Agency:** In Commissioner's Cup game between Indiana Fever & Connecticut Sun Jacy Sheldon Sun rookie got into heated altercation with Fever superstar Caitlin Clark. Incident was quickly diffused but rivalry continued. Sheldon poked Clark in the eye as Clark pushed him away angrily as he backed him down at top of key. Sun guard Marina Mabrey pushed Clark to the ground from behind as she turned to argue her case to the officials, further escalating the situation. Both teams' players hur-



ried in to break up altercation. Sheldon's foul was upgraded to a flagrant & Clark & Sun veteran Tina Charles received techni-

cal fouls Mabrey was also technical for shove. Sophie Cunningham guard for the Fever, gave Sheldon hard foul under the

hoop later in 4th quarter, putting her at center of another altercation. When they clashed, Sheldon and Cunningham were both sent out. But in her second game back from injury Clark scored 20 points & disheveled six assists as Fever won 88-71. Despite not posting particularly high stats Sheldon undoubtedly disruptive defensive force all night long. Sheldon & Clark have been rivals since their Big 10 college years when Sheldon played for Ohio State & Clark was a standout for Iowa.

## Ice hockey, Edmonton loses in the Finals prolonging Canada's Stanley Cup drought

**Mumbai:** Florida Panthers extend Canada's Stanley Cup drought to 32 years with 5-1 win over Edmonton, causing fans and players to search for answers, marking the eighth time a Canadian team reached the Finals. The Panthers defeated the Oilers for the second consecutive Stanley Cup Final, becoming the first team to lose back-to-back finals since 1977-1978. "Nobody quit, nobody threw the towel in," he added. "They're a heck of a team. They're Stanley Cup champions back-to-back for a reason. "Never really able to generate any momentum up the ice. We kept trying the same thing over and over again, banging our heads against the wall," he told to the sources. "Still a lot of confidence and belief. I don't think people thought we were going to make it this far - we obviously believed. Came up just short again," added McDavid, who last year won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the MVP of the playoffs. From "the Great One" Wayne Gretzky to Mark "the Moose" Messier and "Mr. Hockey" himself, Gordie Howe, the proud sons of the Great White North have created ice hockey lore to last gener-



ations. Canadian teams struggle to win Olympic gold medals, with Oilers having home advantage in series, but Panthers won seven of eight games on the road. Goaltender Stuart Skinner, who got the nod over Calvin Pickard for Game Six, said the Oilers had to find out what went wrong. "We need to learn from this right away, right now. Letting it happen two times in a row is devastating," he said. Mark Carney, the prime minister, encouraged his countrymen to be hopeful on social media.

## Liverpool takes on Bournemouth to begin defending Premier League championship

**New Delhi:** Manchester United will host Arsenal in the first round of the upcoming season, while Liverpool will start its most recent Premier League championship defense on August 15 at home against Bournemouth. Less than a month after the conclusion of the previous season, teams and their supporters have an opportunity to begin planning as the Premier League unveiled its 2025-26 fixture schedule on Wednesday. Liverpool is bidding for third league championship in six years, likely with Florian Wirtz in the squad. They will face Bournemouth in their first match at Anfield. Arsenal finished 2nd last season will



play against Liverpool, Manchester City & Newcastle in its opening six matches. Everton play its first game in its new, 53,000-capacity stadium at Bramley-Moore Dock against Brighton on Aug. 23 after leaving Goodison Park.

Thomas Frank's first Premier League game will be against Burnley on Aug 16, following his competitive debut against Paris Saint-Germain in the UEFA Super Cup. Sunderland's first game since 2016-17 is at West Ham.

## England vs. India, the first Test series

**New Delhi:** The Indian cricket team confronts a formidable challenge in the forthcoming five-match Test series against England, which marks the beginning of their new World Test Championship cycle, following the retirements of veteran players Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, and R. Ashwin. India will start a new era under Shubman Gill's leadership when they play a top-tier England team captained by the always-exciting Ben Stokes. In order to put on impressive performances against a formidable England team, the Indian team will mostly rely on their senior players, KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Jasprit Bumrah, and Rishabh Pant. How this youthful Indian team responds

to England's aggressive 'Bazball' style will be interesting to watch. As he assumes Rohit Sharma's leadership position, new captain Shubman Gill will be both excited and under pressure. Since Virat Kohli's retirement, the No. 4 spot has been open, and Gill is anticipated to bat there. Ben Stokes, the captain of England, will be hoping that his squad can maintain their winning streak against a relatively inexperienced Indian team at home. The first Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy Test match between India and England is scheduled for June 20-24. At 3:30 PM IST, the first Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy Test match between India and England will begin. At 3 p.m. IST, the toss will occur.

## Junior archers from India advance to the Asia Cup Stage 2 finals

**Agency:** Indian junior archers advanced to three team finals at Asia Cup Stage 2, defeating Bangladesh 5-1 and Japan in a one-sided semifinal. India secured a medal in the compound men's team event after defeating Australia in a tiebreaker. The top-seeded Indian compound women's team also secured another medal after defeating Kazakhstan in a thrilling semifinal. The Indian women's recurve team experienced heartbreak. After a five-set fight, the troika of Vaishnavi Pawar, Kirti, and Tamanna, who were seeded fifth,



succumbed to fourth seeds Japan 4-5 in the shoot-off in an exciting quarterfinal. They fell deeper after only

managing 34 in the second set against Japan's 55, losing the first set 47-49. However, after winning the

fourth set 54-52, the Indians shown incredible tenacity to win the third set 55-53 and tie the game at 4-4. On Friday, the last day, Indian archers will also compete for four individual medals. Shanmukhi will compete against Tejal for gold in the women's compound final, which will be an all-Indian event. India will compete for both the gold and bronze medals in the men's compound division. Sachin Chechi will compete against Himu Bachhar of Bangladesh for bronze, and Kushal will face Joshua Mahon of Australia for gold.

# India vs. England First Test XI, Shubman Gill & Gautam Gambhir Get Insightful Counsel

**New Delhi:** Indian cricket team considers Jasprit Bumrah's workload management for upcoming Test series against England with Brad Hogg suggesting rested Bumrah for first match & strategic use in subsequent matches. "You've got to be very strategic with those three Test matches," Hogg told RevSportz. "Where are you going to get the most benefit out of him? Because he can turn the game, he can turn the series on its head. So you want to make sure that you play him at Lord's, definitely, and probably Warwickshire." "And I don't know where



you'd play him in the other three Test matches, but you want to make sure you play him in those crucial games. I probably wouldn't even play him in the first Test match, actually. I'd just go, 'Right, England, we don't have Bumrah.' & you could just see England

thinking, 'Oh, they don't have Bumrah - that's good, we don't have to face him.' But then they're going to start worrying about him in the second Test match. And if he turns the tide in the second match, then all of a sudden England are playing catch-up. So I'd add a bit of by-play there," Hogg added. Head coach Gautam Gambhir & chief selector Ajit Agarkar have no expectations for Shubman Gill, who will start a new era as India's Test captain with a five-Test series against England on June 20. They want him to be a leader and not expect him to do something he can't.

# Ahead of Aaron Rodgers' Steelers debut, Joe Haden gives him vital tip

**Mumbai:** As Aaron Rodgers & Pittsburgh Steelers enter the 2025 season with single objective winning Super Bowl former Steelers CB Joe Haden provided some crucial guidance. Squad obviously in win-now mode because they brought in quarterback is 41 years old. Rodgers still have the skill to assist them in pursuing championship. As head coach, Mike Tomlin has performed admirably. Since taking over the Steelers, he has never had a losing season. However, merely having a strong record is insufficient this year. Last season, Rodgers demonstrated potential, completing 63% of passes, completing 3,897 yards, 28 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions. Effective communication with the team is crucial for his success. "You just got to be a grown man, go there, be honest," Haden said. "Coach Tomlin does a great job of being able to build real, genuine relationships with people. Me and him had a relationship where you could just talk... One thing he's going to do, he's going to be blatantly honest with you, so you just need to be honest with him. Coach Tomlin is so real. There's no fluff, there's no fake, so when he tells you something, he means it."



# FIFA Club World Cup record by defeating Auckland City FC in first round of competition

**Pune:** Although few would have predicted that New Zealand's semi-professional Auckland City FC would be able to match Bayern Munich in the first match of their FIFA Club World Cup campaign, it was essentially a worst-case scenario as the German powerhouses crushed them 10-0 at Cincinnati's TQL Stadium. Given that Bayern was playing against an Auckland squad whose first team players only play semi-professionally and were therefore not playing at their best, it will be viewed as business as usual. Even though the Kiwi squad lost by a record score of six goals in the first half and four more in the sec-



ond, it was still a very convenient loss. Bayern's recent win over Al Hilal and defending New Zealand National League champions outpaced the previous 6-1 margin of victory. Bayern scored four goals in a rout against Munich, with Kingsley Coman, Michael Olise, Jamal

Musiala, Thomas Muller, and Sacha Boey contributing to the victory. Auckland City secured a small victory over Bayern Munich, despite a long trip to the USA. Auckland City's financial clout is significant, but they are due 2.6 million pounds in prize money.

# Following World Cup, Devine will retire from ODIs

**Agency:** New Zealand captain Sophie Devine will retire from ODI cricket after the 50-over World Cup, but will remain available for T20Is under casual playing agreement. Devine will captain the team in the World Cup. Devine, a New Zealand women's all-time ODI wicket-takers, plans to continue playing T20I cricket casually due to overseas franchise contracts. "It feels like the right time for me to start stepping away," Devine said. "I feel very fortunate to have NZC's support in finding a solution that means I can still give to the White Ferns."

# Lewis Hamilton Was Heartbroken Following an Odd Event



**Mumbai:** Lewis Hamilton, who finished sixth in the Canadian Grand Prix, claimed he was saddened to hear that he had damaged his Ferrari car by hitting and killing a groundhog. After strong start on Sunday, Hamilton, who frequently attends Grands Prix races with his French bulldog Roscoe, claimed he did not see the groundhog and that the incident affected his car's performance. "It was feeling pretty decent up until then," said the seven-time world champion. "I got a good start, I held position and I was holding onto the leading group. I was managing the tyres well, so I was feeling optimistic. I didn't see it happen, but I heard I hit a groundhog. That's devastating because I love animals and I'm so sad about it. It's horrible. That's never happened to me before here, but the floor

-- basically the right-side -- there was a hole in it. Given that, and we had a brake issue halfway through as well, and then we probably stayed out too long in the first stop and came out behind traffic... it went from one thing to another." Hamilton, who recently joined Ferrari, was growing increasingly irritated with the team's poor start to the season after going 10 races without a podium for the first time in his Formula One career. "I'm grateful that I finished, particularly with the brake issue I had. We are really in need of an upgrade, but there are a lot of things that need to change in order for us to compete at the front." Charles Leclerc, a teammate who crashed in the first session and missed much of Friday's practice, finished sixth but expressed frustration with the way his race went.

# Shubman Gill has no idea what it means to captain India in Test matches

Former Indian cricket player Dinesh Karthik said

**New Delhi:** Former India cricketer Dinesh Karthik believes Shubman Gill appointed as India's new Test skipper may not fully understand responsibilities of captaining country. Dinesh Karthik India's Test skipper believes youngster lacks understanding of batting position and challenges citing previous struggles with strong teams in England. "I really don't think he has realized the enormity of what it means to be a test captain for India as of now. He's walking into the

lion's den. Coming to England as cricketing nation not easy. There has been many team with superstars have come in and have found it really hard." Karthik said that Gill and his squad may benefit from England's weak bowling attack, which may potentially work in India's favor. Speedster Mark Wood has been sidelined for at least the first three Test matches because of injury, adding to England's already mounting injury problems ahead of the crucial series. Gus Atkinson



is still recovering from a hamstring strain, therefore Jofa Archer will also miss the first game.