

Bharat Parv 2025

Governor Parnaik demands a collaboration between Gujarat and Arunachal

Itanagar, Nov 16: In honor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birthday, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), took part in Bharat Parv 2025 at the Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. In his speech, the governor urged Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh to work together for mutual gain and a shared dedication to nation-building. According to him, shared mythology, especially the tale of Lord Krishna and Rukmini, brilliantly reflects the profound cultural underpinnings of the two States' connection.

Given that Rukmini is thought to have been born in Bismaknagar, Arunachal Pradesh, he pointed out that the Madhavpur Fair in Gujarat, which honors their heavenly marriage, acts

as a living cultural connection between the two states. The Governor referred to Gujarat as the "land of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel" and emphasized how Patel's legacy continues to motivate young and civic activities in Arunachal Pradesh. He claimed that Patel's vision and Major Bob Khating's resolute actions guaranteed Tawang's continued status as an essential component of India, a legacy that continues to inspire Arunachal Pradesh's strong sense of identity and patriotism.

The governor praised the Gujarati community's services in Arunachal Pradesh, characterizing them as living examples of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. He recalled the Gujarat Foundation Day event at Raj Bhavan, where kids, including those with special needs, were invited as special



guests to enjoy Gujarat's colors and customs. Such cultural exchanges, he said, are nurturing a generation of Arunachali youth who are confident, curious, and connected to India's diversity. Highlighting Arunachal Pradesh's development journey, Governor Parnaik noted that over 4,000 km of roads have

been constructed in the last five years across challenging terrain, improving mobility, security, and connectivity for remote communities. He emphasised the State's immense potential in tourism — including spiritual, adventure, and eco-tourism — supported by its pristine landscapes and vibrant culture. The Governor also underlined that Gujarat's success in cooperative development, dairy management, horticulture, and tourism offers valuable models for Arunachal Pradesh, while Arunachal brings its own strengths — being India's largest kiwi producer and a key cultivator of mandarin oranges and large cardamom, alongside its vast hydropower potential. Calling for deeper cooperation between the two States, the Governor extended an invitation to the Chief Minister, ministers, and officials from Gujarat to visit Arunachal Pradesh, reinforcing a shared vision of unity, growth, and nation-building.

In Brief

Honeymoon murder trial begins

Shillong: On November 11, Vipin Raghuvanshi, the brother of Indore businessman Raja Raghuvanshi, testified as the first prosecution witness before the Court of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Judicial), Shillong, in the murder trial. Sonam Raghuvanshi, the wife of Raghuvanshi, her alleged boyfriend Raj Kushwaha, and his friends Vishal Singh Chauhan, Aakash Singh Rajput, and Anand Kurmi are accused of plotting and killing the 30-year-old businessman earlier this year in a remote area close to Wei Sawdong Falls in Sohra, Meghalaya. When the accusations were formally framed on October 28, all five entered not guilty pleas.

District Council Elections

Aizawl: The candidates for the Lai Autonomous District Council (LADC) elections, which are set for December 3, have been formally announced by the three main political parties in Mizoram: the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), the Mizo National Front (MNF), and the Indian National Congress (INC). The ruling ZPM has declared its intention to hold a full-scale contest throughout the district by releasing a comprehensive list of candidates for each of the 25 constituencies.

Traffic management

Aizawl: According to an official announcement, Mizoram received a special award for exceptional achievement in traffic management at the 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference, which was recently held in Gurugram, Haryana. During the event's closing session, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu handed the award to Lalmalsawma Pachau, Secretary of the Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UD&PA) Department. This deeply ingrained culture of respect and patience continues to make Mizoram a model of road discipline for the rest of the country.

Manipur security forces arrest PREPAK (PRO) cadre in Imphal, mobile phone seized

Imphal, Nov 16: Security forces in Manipur have arrested an active cadre of the banned outfit People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (Progressive), popularly known as PREPAK (PRO), during a coordinated operation in Imphal West district. The arrest comes amid intensified efforts to curb insurgency and extortion activities in the state. The apprehended individual has been identified as Ksh. Laiba Meitei, 40, a resident of Lamdeng Khunou under Lamshang Police Station. Acting on credible intelligence, security personnel raided his residence on Wednesday and took him into custody without any resistance. Officials said Meitei was allegedly involved in extortion targeting schools, colleges, business establishments, and government em-



ployees across the Imphal area. His activities reportedly created fear and intimidation within the local community. During the operation, authorities seized a mobile phone believed to contain critical information about the group's network and operations. Investigators are currently examining

the device to identify other members and potential funding channels linked to the banned outfit. "The arrest of Ksh. Laiba Meitei marks an important step in our ongoing mission to dismantle insurgent networks and ensure public safety," said a senior official involved in the operation.

Tripura and IIM Calcutta collaborate to establish 250 "Crorepati Didis"

Agartala, Nov 16: A new phase in women's economic empowerment in the state will begin when the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM) and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta collaborate on an ambitious plan to assist 250 women-led businesses in becoming "Crorepati Didis."

The effort entails a Rs 10.60 crore incubation plan that would be carried out over three years with technical and strategic support from IIM Calcutta, according to TRLM Chief Executive Officer Tarit Kanti Chakma. The project's goal is to support and grow rural women's individual and group businesses so they can reach turnover levels of crores. "Initially, we planned to create 150 Crorepati Didis, but the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) suggested expanding the target to 250, recognizing Tripura's impressive progress in empowering women through Self Help Groups (SHGs)," Chakma told.



PM Modi, CM Rio lead tributes as veteran Nagaland leader Imkong L. Imchen

Kohima, Nov 16: Veteran Nagaland politician and BJP legislator from Koridang Assembly constituency, Imkong L. Imchen, passed away in Guwahati on November 11 at the age of 75. At the time of his death, he was serving as the state government's Advisor for Information and Public Relations (IPR) and Soil and Water Conservation. Officials said Imchen suffered a suspected heart attack and was admitted to a hospital in Kohima on November 7. He was later airlifted to Guwahati on November 10, where he breathed his last the following day. A state funeral was scheduled for November 12 at 9:30 a.m. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation

in mourning, describing Imchen as a dedicated leader who made significant contributions to Nagaland's development. "Imkong L. Imchen Ji will be remembered for his outstanding contribution to Nagaland's growth. He had been active in public life for several years and was particularly passionate about the welfare of tribal communities. His legislative and ministerial tenures will be fondly remembered," Modi wrote on X. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla expressed deep sorrow, stating that the state had lost a "dedicated and sincere leader." Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio offered an emotional tribute, recalling his long association with Imchen. "He



was not only a colleague but also a dear friend. I knew him as a warm, cheerful, and outspoken person who stood up for what he believed in. He was a visionary leader with the rare ability to connect with people from all walks of life,"

Rio said. Born in Mangmetong village of Mokokchung district, Imchen began his public life through student activism, serving as chairman of an action panel at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, and as general secretary of the Naga Students' Federation.

He entered politics in 1989 as secretary of the Mokokchung District Congress Committee and was first elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly in 2003. Over his political career, Imchen held multiple ministerial portfolios, including Rural Development, Health and Family Welfare, Power, School Education, Forest and Climate Change, and Home.

Assam takes major step for linguistic inclusion: 278 schools to adopt Dimasa medium

Guwahati, Nov 16: In a landmark move to preserve and promote the Dimasa language, the Assam government has announced that 278 Lower Primary schools across the state will operate as Dimasa Medium schools from the 2025-26 academic session. This initiative is aimed at providing children from the Dimasa community the opportunity to learn in their mother tongue during their formative years. The official notification, issued by the Department of School Education (E.No. 632888/79), confirms that the listed schools will now adopt Dimasa as the medium of instruction at the foundational level. "In the interest of the public in general and for preserving and promoting the Dimasa language, the government

is pleased to introduce Dimasa as the official medium of instruction in these schools," the order stated. The transition will initially cover schools under the administrative control of the



North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC), with plans to expand to other areas having significant Dimasa-speaking populations. Authorities including the Director of

Elementary Education, the Director of SCERT, and the Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha Assam have been instructed to ensure a smooth and effective implementation of the initiative. Educationists and cultural experts have lauded the decision, calling it a significant step toward linguistic inclusion and cultural preservation in Assam.

Tripura CM Manik Saha to launch key infrastructure and health projects in Dhalai

Agartala, Nov 16: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha is set to visit Dhalai District on November 13 to inaugurate a series of major infrastructure and development projects aimed at boosting connectivity, healthcare, and civic amenities across the region. According to Dhalai District Magistrate Vivek HB, the Chief Minister will lay the foundation stones for Harat Chandra HS School and the Durga Chaumuhani RD Block during his visit.

A key highlight of the programme will be the virtual inauguration of eight Health and Wellness Centres across the Salema, Durga Chaumuhani, and Ambassa RD Blocks, along with three new Sub-Centres



under the Ambassa Block. In a major step to enhance healthcare infrastructure, CM Saha will also virtually inaugurate 48 newly built staff quarters for health officials at Ambassa Dhalai

District Hospital. "These initiatives will strengthen healthcare delivery in the region," said the DM. The visit will also include the inauguration of a double-storey shelter home for

urban homeless residents and the newly constructed RTC building developed by Punjab National Bank. Additionally, the Chief Minister is expected to lay the foundation stone for the

Ganganagar-Gandachara Road and inaugurate an RCC footbridge under the Ambassa Block. Several development works under the Ambassa Municipal Council will also be launched virtually. The projects, undertaken by the departments of Rural Development, Urban Development, PWD, and Health, form part of the state government's wider effort to ensure balanced regional growth. Officials said the initiatives are expected to improve road connectivity, expand access to healthcare, and enhance overall living standards in Dhalai District, reflecting the government's focus on inclusive development across Tripura.

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Senior BJP leaders visit Manipur, meet party MLAs



New Delhi, Nov 16: BJP Northeast In-charge Sambit Patra and National General Secretary BL Santosh of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) arrived in Imphal on Tuesday for a three-day visit to assess the political and organizational state of Manipur and consider the possibility of forming a government before the prolonged President’s Rule expires. In response to a question from reporters regarding the possibility of reestablishing an elected government in the state, BJP MLA BL Santosh succinctly stated, “Everything will be known.” In order to evaluate political preparedness and talk about organizational strategies, the leaders started meeting with party MLAs and office-bearers during the tour. Additionally, they are anticipated to meet jointly with MLAs from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to discuss ways to improve coordination among alliance partners and restore political normalcy. Former Chief Minister N Biren Singh said the discussions covered several issues, including the condition of internally displaced persons (IDPs), problems along highways, and challenges faced by citizens amid the ongoing conflict. “There is a positive response regarding the formation of a popular government as soon as possible,” he said after the meeting.

RAW Chief Parag Jain is given further responsibility as Secretary (Security)

New Delhi, Nov 16: An official order released on Wednesday states that Parag Jain, the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), has been given the additional responsibility of Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat. On July 1, Jain, a Punjab cadre Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the 1989 batch, assumed leadership of India’s foreign intelligence agency for a two-year term. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) issued an order stating,

“The Competent Authority has approved the assignment of additional charge of the post of Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat to Shri Parag Jain, IPS (PB:89), Secretary, Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW) under Cabinet Secretariat with immediate effect and till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier.” Ravi Sinha, whose term ended on June 30, was replaced as head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) by Parag Jain, who was appointed by the Narendra Modi administration in June. During Operation Sindoor, he led intelligence inputs that made it possible for precision missile strikes against militant infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. This was one of his most significant achievements. Known as a “super sleuth” in intelligence circles, Jain is credited with successfully fusing technological information (TECHINT) with human intelligence (HUMINT), a combina-



tion that officials claim has been essential to multiple high-stakes operations. Jain’s extensive on-ground experience in Jammu and Kashmir, one of India’s most sensitive security theatres, is also expected to bolster India’s external intelligence efforts as the nation navigates an increasingly complex global security environment.

Described by senior officials as methodical and discreet, Jain has held several key roles throughout his career. He was promoted to the rank of Director General of Police (DGP) in Punjab on January 1, 2021, though he was serving on central deputation at the time and received notional benefits. He has also been empanelled for posts equivalent to a central DGP, underlining his leadership credentials in the national intelligence framework. Jain has previously represented India in Canada and Sri Lanka, and is regarded as one of the architects of strategic intelligence planning in recent years.

Manoj Gaur, MD of Jaypee Infrastructure, is detained by the ED in a money laundering case for Rs 12,000 crore

New Delhi, Nov 16: According to sources on Thursday, Manoj Gaur, Managing Director of Jaypee Infratech Ltd (JIL), has been detained by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in relation to a money laundering case worth Rs 12,000 crore. Investigators said that Gaur was involved in the misappropriation and diversion of money obtained from homeowners, leading to his arrest under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Officials claim that the case is connected to alleged widespread financial irregularities involving Jaypee Infratech Ltd. and Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. (JAL), two subsidiaries of the Jaypee Group. Thousands of homebuyers who had invested in the company’s real estate endeavors but never obtained possession of their apartments are the main target of the investigation, which focuses on possible fund diversion from housing projects. Following major protests by homeowners in 2017, several First Information Reports (FIRs) were

Manoj Gaur was taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after investigators alleged his involvement in the diversion and misuse of funds collected from homebuyers.

submitted, which led to the money laundering investigation. The FIRs claimed that money obtained from investors for housing projects was misappropriated or misdirected, and they accused the Jaypee Group of criminal conspiracy, deception, and dishonest inducement. According to the ED, the alleged fraud includes funds raised for prominent projects such as Jaypee Wishtown and Jaypee Greens, where buyers were promised homes that were never delivered. Many of these flats were sold as early as 2010–11, but construction delays and alleged misappropriation of funds left investors without possession for years. Officials said that Gaur, as the managing director, played a key role in the management and financial decisions of the company, and that the investiga-



tion revealed evidence of siphoning off homebuyers’ money into other group ventures.

As part of the ongoing probe, the ED conducted searches at 15 locations connected to Jaypee Infratech, Jaiprakash Associates, and related companies across Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, and Mumbai. During these operations, the agency seized Rs 1.7 crore in cash, along with several financial documents, digital records, and property papers linked to promoters, their family members, and associated entities.

State appoints IPS officer as B’luru jail chief



Bengaluru, Nov 16: Anshu Kumar, an IPS officer, was named Chief Superintendent of Bengaluru Central Jail by the Karnataka government after a number of widely shared films exposed unlawful privileges, security breaches, and widespread wrongdoing within the biggest prison in the state. After two consecutive videos from Parappana Agrahara Central Prison caused public outrage—the first showed high-risk inmates using cell phones and watching television, and the second showed inmates singing, dancing, and yelling “party all night” while banging plates and mugs as makeshift instruments—Anshu Kumar takes K. Suresh’s place. Following a high-level review with senior police and jail officials, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, who had previously promised that an IPS officer would oversee the institution, confirmed Anshu Kumar’s appointment. Parameshwara declared, “The government will not tolerate this at any cost,” calling the infractions “unacceptable” in a high-security facility designed to contain some of the most delicate prisoners in the state. Amid mounting criticism, the government has suspended Jail Superintendent Mageri and Assistant Superintendent Ashok Bhajantri. The scandal deepened after videos surfaced showing inmates -- including an ISIS recruiter, serial rapist Umesh Reddy, and actor Tarun -- enjoying VIP-style treatment inside their cells. The revelations prompted the state to order a sweeping inquiry into systemic failures within the prison department. A high-powered committee has been formed to inspect prisons across Karnataka and submit a report within a month. The panel, headed by ADGP Jitendra with IG Sandeep Patil, SP Amarnath Reddy, and SP Rishanth as members, will investigate security breaches, staff collusion, and structural vulnerabilities.

India calls the automobile explosion at Red Fort a “terrorist incident”
Union Cabinet passes resolution

New Delhi, Nov 16: The automobile explosion outside Red Fort on November 10 has been formally classified by the government as a terrorist incident. Investigating agencies have been instructed to pursue the matter “with the utmost urgency and professionalism” in order to guarantee that the culprits and their sponsors face justice as soon as possible. On Wednesday, November 12, during a Union Cabinet meeting presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his return from Bhutan, ministers observed two minutes of silence in remembrance of the 12 people who perished in the explosion on the evening of November 10. A resolution denouncing the “dastardly and cowardly act” committed by anti-national elements was adopted by the Cabinet. Numerous individuals were also hurt in the explosion, which happened close to the famous Red Fort landmark. Modi met the attack victims at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital before the Cabinet meeting. He then called a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security to assess the situation. Significant findings have already come from the probe. Following the discovery of an interstate “white-collar” terror module on the day of the explosion, officials detained eight people, in-



cluding three doctors. As she read the Cabinet resolution, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw expressed “heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families” and praised the emergency services’ quick response. The Cabinet recorded “statements of solidarity and support from many governments around the world,” expressing gratitude for global solidarity. The resolution emphasised India’s “unwavering commitment to a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,” adding that authorities, security agencies and citizens who responded with “courage and compassion” deserved recognition for their dedication. The government confirmed the situation “continues to be closely monitored at the highest levels” as investigators work to identify the full network behind the attack. The Cabinet reaffirmed its “steadfast resolve to safeguard the lives and well-being of all Indians.”

An electric farm fence in Tamil Nadu electrocuted two people

Chennai, Nov 16: On a farm in the Thiruvannamalai region of Tamil Nadu, two people—including a minor—were electrocuted after getting into contact with an unauthorized electric fence. The victims were allegedly hunting rabbits when the tragedy happened. Samundi and a 17-year-old kid have been named as the deceased. They were close to a Basha’s farm in Kuppantham village when they came into contact with an illicit power fence, which led

to their electrocuted death. The remains were thrown into a nearby well on the farm in what appeared to be an attempt to hide the crime. After receiving a tip, Chengam Police raced to the area, retrieved the remains, and transported them to the District Government Hospital for a postmortem. Basha, the farmland owner, has been detained for questioning as investigations continue into the illegal fencing and the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

Police begin a wide search for EcoSport DL10CK0458, the second automobile owned by a Delhi bomber

New Delhi, Nov 16: A large man-hunt has been initiated by police teams in Delhi, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh for a red Ford EcoSport that is thought to have been involved in the Red Fort explosion on Monday night, which resulted in at least 12 fatalities and multiple injuries. Security agencies issued a nationwide high alert in response to the explosion, which sent shockwaves across the capital, and major cities tightened border checks and monitoring. The red Ford EcoSport in question is registered to Umar Un Nabi, also known as Dr. Umar Mohammad, who was identified as the vehicle’s second owner. The registration number is DL-10CK0458.



even explosives. In response, all law enforcement units have been instructed to intercept any red Ford EcoSport, with particular attention to the one bearing DL10CK0458. Police on patrol and picket duty have been ordered to remain fully armed and vigilant, ready to act immediately upon spotting the vehicle.

The Delhi Police, in coordination with central security agencies, are scanning CCTV footage, toll booth records, and mobile tower data to trace the car’s movements. As the investigation intensifies, authorities continue urging the public to remain alert and report any suspicious vehicles or activities without delay.

Dr Umar is believed to be the man driving the white Hyundai i20 that exploded near the 17th century monument. Investigative agencies have already collected DNA samples from the members of his family, which are being compared with evidence from the blast site to confirm the driver’s identity.

Dr Umar allegedly used a fake address, which belonged to a house operated by a madrasa, in Northeast Delhi to purchase the car. Acting on this lead, Delhi Police conducted a late-night raid on the location. When the India Today team visited the site, they spoke with the homeowner, Maulvi Tasavvur, who runs the madrasa. He confirmed that police had arrived late at night and conducted inquiries. Investigators revealed that Dr Umar had falsely provided this address during the car purchase, linking the property to the ongoing terror-related investigation.

Earlier, sources told India Today that Umar planned the attack along with two of his associates. He, however, carried it out alone in panic after his accomplices were arrested in Faridabad earlier on Monday. According to reports, after his expulsion from the hospital in Jammu and Kashmir’s Anantnag due to the death of a patient, he joined the Al-Falah School of Medical Science in Faridabad in 2023. The bomber, Dr Umar, along with Dr Muzammil and Dr Shaheen, who were earlier arrested from Faridabad with 2900 kgs of explosives recovered from them, is reported to have been part of a 9-10 member terror logistics network, reportedly comprising five to six doctors.

Tejashwi Yadav criticizes the Bihar exit polls

Patna, Nov 17: The Bombay High Court has severely penalized a Pune-based businessman for hiding his actual financial situation by raising the interim maintenance due to his estranged wife from Rs 50,000 to Rs 3.5 lakh per month—a sevenfold increase. The individual, a partner in multiple real estate endeavors, had given a “dishonest picture” of his income while claiming poverty, according to a bench of Justices BP Colabawalla and Somasekhara Sundaresan, who issued the decision. Before splitting up in 2013, the pair lived together for 16 years after getting married more than 20 years ago. Their daughter resides with the mother, and their boy stays with the father.



In 2023, a family court granted the husband’s divorce plea and ordered him to pay perpetual alimony of Rs 50,000 per month.

Supreme Court prohibits mining within one km radius of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries



The top court clarifies that the rights of the tribals and forest dwellers in the region should be protected as per the Forest Rights Act and asked the state government to widely publicise it

New Delhi, Nov 16: The Supreme Court prohibited mining operations within a kilometer of national parks and animal sanctuaries on Thursday, citing the potential risks to wildlife. The notification of territories within Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary (SWL) and the Sasangdaburu Conservation Reserve (SCR) as a conservation reserve in Jharkhand was being considered by a bench made up of Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran. This court has consistently held that mining operations within a kilometer of the protected area will endanger animals. We find that such directives should be issued on a pan-Indian basis, even though in the case of the Goa Foundation, they were issued with regard to the State of Goa. “We direct that mining within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and within an area of one km from boundary of such national park or

wildlife sanctuary shall not be permissible,” the court stated. The Jharkhand government was also ordered by the top court to declare the area a wildlife sanctuary. It made it clear that the Forest Rights Act should protect the rights of the local tribal people and forest residents, and it requested that the state government make this publicly known. The bench had previously requested that the Jharkhand government decide whether to designate the Saranda region, which is rich in natural resources, as a protected forest. The issue concerned a long-pending plan to designate the West Singhbhum district’s Saranda and Sasangdaburu forest tracts as conservation reserves and wildlife sanctuaries, respectively. The state government, in its affidavit, had earlier said it proposed to notify an area of 57,519.41 hectares, as against the original proposal of 31,468.25 hectares, as wildlife sanctuary.

Assam empowers 4,673 tribal families with forest land titles, securing rights and heritage

Guwahati, Nov 16: In a landmark initiative to strengthen land rights for indigenous communities, the Assam government handed over forest land title deeds to 4,673 tribal families on Monday. The event, held at Pantan High School playground in Chaygaon, Kamrup district, was organized jointly by the Kamrup District Administration and the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain). The distribution coincided with the ongoing “Jatiya Gaurav Varsh Fortnight”, celebrating tribal heritage and the 150th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Birsu Munda. Beneficiaries from the Garo, Rabha, Bodo, and Karbi communities, residing across forest ranges such as Lokhara, Bondapara, Kulshi, Loharghat, Banunigaon, Boko, and Singra, received legal recognition of the lands they have traditionally occupied for generations. Chief Minister Himanta



Biswa Sarma described the initiative as a major step toward granting permanent land rights to tribal populations. “Our goal is to ensure land ownership for every tribal person living in forest areas. This effort has provided relief to thousands of families and helped reduce disputes over land,” he said. The Chief Minister highlighted that the government has been implementing provisions of the Forest Rights Act, 2005, since 2021, benefiting families across Sonitpur, Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, and the Bodoland Territorial Region.

Nagaland CM requests that the IISER project be revived

Kohima, Nov 16: In order to guarantee the state’s equal growth, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio made a forceful plea to the Central government for increased assistance in vital areas including infrastructure, education, and connectivity.



Rio urged the Center to re-evaluate the creation of an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Nagaland while speaking as the honored guest at the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III Conference, which was hosted at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

200 acres of land in Sukhovi, close to Dimapur Airport, have already been set aside for the project, which was mentioned in the Union Budget 2015–16 but never came to pass. Rio also ad-

vocated for the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) to be upgraded into an AIIMS-like institution, claiming that this would greatly increase access to healthcare in the state and surrounding areas. He emphasized Nagaland’s inadequate railway connectivity, pointing out that the state currently has only eight kilometers of railway line. He also urged the Dimapur–Tizit railway project, which will pass through the districts of Wokha, Mokochung, Longleng, and Mon, to be completed as soon as possible.

Assam CM inquiries Congress’s priorities for welfare

Guwahati, Nov 16: At an event in Guwahati, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma responded to the Congress party’s criticism of the state government’s financial aid program, which gave Rs 10,000 to each beneficiary who was a woman. “Congress people said that the amount of Rs 10,000 which we have given is a waste of money,” Sarma remarked in front of the assembly. Is it not a waste when they provide lungi-dhoti? Is it preferable to give Assamese women Rs 10,000 or a lungi and dhoti? “They give lungi, dhoti, and mosquito nets once every five years,” he continued.



However, we never inquired about the women’s congressional votes when we phoned them here. Making every lady in Assam a Lakhpati Didi is our straightforward objective.

The Chief Minister’s comments coincide with the continuing verbal sparring between the Congress and the ruling BJP government regarding welfare programs and the efficient use of public monies.

One of the main initiatives of the Assam government under Sarma’s direction is the “Lakhpati Didi” program, which aims to empower women economically.

Tripura to upgrade Rukhia Power Plant with new technology

Agartala, Nov 16: In a major move to strengthen Tripura’s power generation capabilities, the state government has announced plans to modernize the Rukhia Power Plant using advanced technology to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply despite the ongoing gas crisis. The bhumi puja for the project is scheduled for November 26, marking the beginning of this transformative upgrade. Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath stated that the plant will adopt Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) technology, enabling it to generate 120 megawatts (MW) of electricity using the same amount of gas. “The introduction of this technology will allow us to produce 120 MW of power efficiently, with lower emissions,” he said, high-



lighting the dual benefits of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. The Minister recalled that the Rukhia Power Plant, which originally had an installed capacity of 63 MW, had been producing only around 40 MW between 2017 and 2019 due to operational challenges. In 2019–20, the plant managed 56 MW despite

the gas shortage, but environmental clearance issues forced a shutdown in 2022–23.

Nath credited his efforts in New Delhi for resolving the clearance problems, allowing the plant to resume operations, currently producing 19 MW. The project is estimated to cost ₹1,119 crore (excluding GST). While gas will remain an essential resource, the state government is also expanding into renewable energy, particularly solar, to ensure long-term sustainability.

Minister Nath emphasized the government’s vision of making Tripura self-sufficient in energy, reducing reliance on imported electricity, and delivering reliable, affordable, and eco-friendly power to residents.

Mizoram’s Dampa by-election sees 83% turnout; polling concludes smoothly

Agartala, Nov 16: The Dampa (ST) Assembly Constituency by-election in Mizoram concluded peacefully on Monday, recording a voter turnout of 83.07 per cent, according to the Election Commission of India. Polling was conducted across 41 stations, starting at 7 am and continuing beyond 8 pm at Marpara Pokling, where voters queued well into the evening.



Despite minor technical issues with VVPAT machines at a few polling stations, officials confirmed that all glitches were promptly resolved, ensuring uninterrupted voting. The District Election Office monitored 40 webcast-enabled stations, though poor network connectivity at Zopui prevented live transmission from that location. The by-election was necessitated by the demise of sitting MNF legislator Lalrinluanga Sailo in July.

The outcome is seen as a critical test for the ruling Zoram People’s Movement (ZPM) ahead of the Lai Autonomous District Council elections on December 3 and the Aizawl Municipal Corporation polls early next year. For the opposition Mizo National Front (MNF), retaining the seat is key to maintaining its standing in the 40-member Assembly, where it currently holds nine seats, one short of the ten needed to claim the Leader of Opposition post.

Meanwhile, the BJP, with two MLAs in the state, aims to strengthen its presence in the Christian-majority region. Chief Electoral Officer Lalrozama confirmed that polling remained peaceful at all locations, including the critical stations Silsury I, II, and III. Rulpuhlhim recorded the highest turnout at 89.30 per cent, closely followed by Chhippui at 89.29 per cent. The Dampa constituency, in Mamit district bordering Bangladesh and Tripura, has a diverse electorate comprising Mizo, Chakma, and Bru communities, with a total of 20,888 eligible voters. Vote counting is scheduled for November 14, with results expected to indicate the political trend ahead of upcoming local elections.

Donyi Polo Airport’s air cargo services have resumed



Itanagar, Nov 16: Traders, MSMEs, and exporters in Arunachal Pradesh now have much-needed relief as air cargo services have officially restarted at Donyi Polo Airport in Itanagar. After flight operations moved to the airport’s recently opened terminal building, the services were briefly halted. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) Regional Director has approved the restart of air cargo operations, according to a statement released on Tuesday by the office of Arunachal Pradesh

Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja. The IndiGo Services Manager and the Director of Donyi Polo Airport have been informed of the decision, allowing for an immediate commencement of operations. The suspension of cargo services had caused significant logistical challenges for the Department of Trade and Commerce and several MSMEs in the state. Responding swiftly, Minister Balo Raja wrote to the Donyi Polo Airport authorities, urging immediate restoration of cargo services.

Tripura emerges as Northeast’s next IT and data hub: MeitY Secretary

Agartala, Nov 16: Tripura is steadily positioning itself as a major IT and data hub in Northeast India, supported by government initiatives and improving infrastructure, said S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), during an event in Agartala on Monday. Krishnan made the remarks while launching the Tripura Cyber Security Policy 2025 (TCSP 2.0) and the Tripura Cyber Security Awareness Month Campaign 2025



(TCSAM 2025) at Pragna Bhavan. He highlighted that the state’s strategic location and expanding infrastructure offer “ideal conditions for setting up data centres,” adding that access to international internet connectivity through Bangladesh,

NORTH EAST Indian Army conducts high-intensity training on Eastern Arunachal frontier

Itanagar, Nov 16: In a robust display of operational readiness, the Indian Army carried out high-intensity training exercises across Arunachal Pradesh’s eastern frontier, reinforcing combat preparedness and strengthening border security. The large-scale drills, conducted by troops from the Dao Division, focused on tactical manoeuvres, unit coordination, and inter-agency collaboration in challenging terrain. According to official sources, the exercises tested troops under harsh weather and difficult topography, simulating real-world operational scenarios. Key aspects of the drills included synchronised movement, rapid communication, logistics management, and mission execution under operational stress, aimed at maintaining a high state of readiness to counter any contingency along the sensitive frontier. In a show of integrated capability, attack helicopters of the Spear Corps conducted joint flying operations with infantry units, demonstrating all-weather opera-



tional effectiveness for both day and night missions. In a post on X, the Spear Corps described the manoeuvres as a “powerful display of aerial dominance,” highlighting the seamless integration of air and ground assets in modern combat operations. Meanwhile, on India’s Western seaboard, formations of the Sudarshan

Chakra Corps participated in Exercise Trishul, a major tri-service amphibious operation alongside the Indian Navy. The exercise tested multi-domain coordination, combining land, sea, and air elements, and showcased the armed forces’ growing synergy in executing complex missions.

Demonstration in Haflong calling for the division of the Dima Hasao district

Guwahati, Nov 16: Reiterating its long-standing demand to split the current Dima Hasao district into two distinct districts, the Indigenous Peoples Forum (IPF) held a sit-in protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner’s office in Haflong on November 11. Since the former Congress administration renamed the former North Cachar Hills district as Dima Hasao on March 30, 2010, the organization has been making this demand for the past fifteen years. The Forum claims that numerous other indigenous tribes living in the hill district were marginalized by the renaming, which was done along communal lines. Since then, the Indigenous Peoples Forum has called for the establishment of two distinct districts and two autonomous councils in order to guarantee the development and fair representation of all ethnic groups in the area. The group acknowledged that earlier stages of the agita-



tion had caused instability in the hill district, but it accused the government of doing little to address their justifiable demand. IPF General Secretary L. Lima Kevme told reporters that the Forum has been pursuing bifurcation to protect the political and cultural rights of 12–13 indigenous groups in Dima Hasao. “Despite repeated discussions and even the formation of committees by the state government, no step has been taken so far,” Kevme said, warning that if the government

fails to act within November, the Forum will launch a stronger agitation, including district shutdowns and economic blockades. He added that the state government would be held responsible for any untoward situation that may arise. IPF’s Working President Shamsuddin Bey Jemie also expressed disappointment over the government’s inaction. “We have been raising this demand since 2010. The Chief Minister himself gave us assurances, but till

now nothing has moved forward. If the government continues to ignore our demand, the situation in Dima Hasao could once again turn tense,” he warned, while maintaining that the Forum does not wish for unrest. The IPF submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through Deputy Commissioner Munindra Nath Ngatey, urging immediate steps to divide Dima Hasao into two administrative districts and establish separate autonomous councils for each

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates 22nd CPA Conference in Kohima Strengthening democratic institutions

Kohima, Nov 16: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday inaugurated the 22nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Zone-III Conference at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, urging political parties to uphold the dignity of democratic institutions and ensure smooth, disciplined legislative proceedings. Addressing the media on the sidelines, Birla emphasized that while democracy allows for vigorous debate and discussion, planned disruptions weaken the legislative process and compromise citizens’ accountability. “The orderly conduct of legislative proceedings is paramount,” he stated, highlighting the crucial role of parliamentary committees, described as “mini-parliaments,” in ensuring transparency and non-partisan policy scrutiny. With the Winter Session of Parliament scheduled from December 1, Birla appealed to all parties to



maintain discipline and cooperation, underlining that legislatures must translate public aspirations into actionable policies. He also lauded the Nagaland Legislative Assembly for becoming fully paperless, calling it a model of transparent governance, and cautioned against irresponsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), advocating its deployment to strengthen democratic processes. On Centre–State relations, Birla stressed that collaboration is key for inclusive development, noting that re-

cent cooperation between the Centre and Northeastern states has brought visible progress in infrastructure, connectivity, and public services. He also urged a comprehensive action plan addressing the Northeast’s unique geographical and climate-related challenges, promoting green infrastructure, climate resilience, and community participation. Describing the region as a vital partner in the vision of a self-reliant India, Birla highlighted the Northeast’s rapid progress in road, rail, and air connectivity. He further emphasized the potential of the region’s rich culture, traditions, and natural beauty to drive economic growth through local industries, crafts, and entrepreneurship. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkümer, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister K.G. Kenye also addressed the gathering.

Lupin's stock increases by 2% when the Vizag facility's oncology block is commissioned

Mumbai: On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, the share price of the pharmaceutical business Lupin increased by 2.17 percent, reaching an intraday high of ₹2,018.70 per share. Lupin's share price was 1.90 percent higher at ₹2,013.20 a share at 1:15 PM. By contrast, the BSE Sensex was up 0.91 percent at 84,632.82. Lupin shares increased following the commissioning of a dedicated Oncology Block at its Vizag facility in India by its fully owned subsidiary, Lupin Manufacturing Solutions (LMS). In order to meet the growing demand for oncology medication development worldwide, the new high-containment unit significantly improves



LMS's Contract Development and Manufacturing (CDMO) capabilities for High Potent Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (HPAPIs). The facility, which is 4,270 square meters in size, has 20 reactors (250L–2000L) and more than 20 isolators with sophisticated containment systems that guarantee exposure levels of ≤0.05 µg/m³. For safe and compliant API manufacturing that satisfies international quality requirements, it allows

flexible scale-up (1-35 kg batches) and upholds strict environmental controls (≤25°C, ≤45% RH). Route reconnaissance, analytical development, process optimization, and validation are made possible by the Oncology Block's integration of a Process Development Laboratory and Quality Control Laboratory under one roof. It guarantees a smooth transition from lab-scale to commercial manufacturing and is run by scientists with HPAPI expertise. Equipped with isolator-based operations, integrated SCADA systems, and a robust effluent detoxification system, the facility adheres to global regulatory and environmental safety standards.

10% increase in RIL shares in a month

Mumbai: Reliance Industries' shares gained 1% on the BSE during Wednesday's intraday trading, reaching a four-month high of ₹1,513.3. On July 9, 2025, the stock price of the nation's most valuable firm in terms of market capitalization was trading around its 52-week high of ₹1,551. On July 8, 2024, it reached a record high of ₹1,608.95. RIL stock has surged 10% over the last month, outperforming the market, while the BSE Sensex has increased by 2.3%. Due to favorable margins on domestic fuel retail and improvements in transportation fuel cracks as well as polypropylene (PP) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) deltas, RIL's oil to chemicals (O2C) business saw a robust recovery in the first half of fiscal 2026. Due to favorable mar-



gins on domestic fuel retail and improvements in transportation fuel cracks as well as polypropylene (PP) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) deltas, RIL's oil to chemicals (O2C) business saw a robust recovery in the first half of fiscal 2026. RIL reported healthy year-on-year (YoY) growth of 15 per cent in operating profits in the first six months of fiscal 2026 even as revenue grew by 8 per cent for the same comparative period.

ONGC Q2 show misses estimates on higher costs

New Delhi: The September quarter (Q2FY26) results of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) were mixed, with higher operating costs outweighing the gains in volumes and realizations. However, the price of ONGC shares increased by 2.42 percent on the bourses, reaching an intraday high of ₹255.50 a share. ONGC shares were up 1.66 percent at ₹253.60 a share at 12:35 PM.



In contrast, the BSE Sensex was trading at 84,559.73, up 0.82 per cent. Amidst limited production growth and a pessimistic prognosis for crude oil prices, the majority of brokerages remained apprehensive about the stock. Japan-based brokerage Nomura said ONGC's Q2 performance was 'decent despite a sharp drop in crude oil realisations,' though results missed estimates due to elevated operating expenses. The brokerage noted that standalone net revenue rose 3 per cent sequentially (-3 per cent Y-o-Y) to ₹33,000 crore, supported by higher sales volume and realisations. Ebitda declined 3 per cent quarter-on-quarter (Q-o-Q) to ₹16,600 crore as operating costs, including ₹1,050 crore in foreign exchange (FX) losses, weighed on margins. Net income, however, rose 23 per cent Q-o-Q to ₹9,840 crore on higher other income.

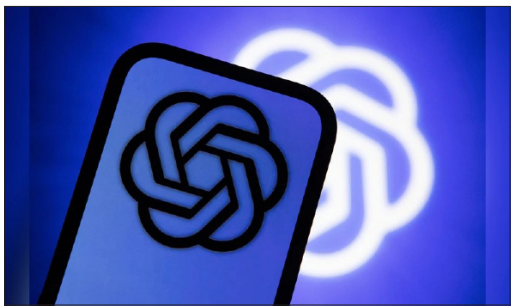
Adani Group will meet with investors in Singapore



Mumbai: According to persons familiar with the situation, Adani Group is organizing an investor meeting in Singapore later this month in an effort to boost confidence among international investors and increase the group's global shareholder base. On November 24 and 25, management teams from billionaire Gautam Adani's ports-to-power enterprise will meet with banks, bond rating agencies, and equity and credit investors, according to persons who asked not to be named discussing private topics. According to the sources, officials from Adani enterprises and senior leadership, including Group Chief Financial Officer Jugheshinder Singh, will attend the discussions. On the sidelines of a similar event in London, Singh outlined the group's aim to cut leverage over the next five years, while speaking in an interview with Bloomberg. The latest outreach underscores the conglomerate's efforts to regain momentum after a shortseller report in 2023 and an investigation by the US Department of Justice into an alleged bribery scheme, which the group has denied.

OpenAI, the parent company of ChatGPT, leases its first 50-seat office in New Delhi

Mumbai: According to a report by the Economic Times, workspace provider CorporatEdge and artificial intelligence (AI) giant OpenAI have rented a 50-seat office space in Delhi. The parent business of ChatGPT, which declared earlier this year that it would create its first office in India, is concentrating on Delhi and is not looking for office space in nearby cities like Noida or Gurugram. The acquisition represents the increasing significance of AI enterprises, which can be a big driver of commercial real estate absorption, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who told the Economic Times that these companies frequently prefer managed workspaces. Given that India has the second-largest ChatGPT user base, OpenAI intends to establish its first office there. Along with creating a local team to collaborate with the government, companies, and developers, the company is also introducing initia-



tives aimed at India, such as the reasonably priced ChatGPT Go plan, which costs ₹399 a month. India's large student population and quick adoption of AI have made it an important market for OpenAI. In August, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said that opening the first office in India and building a local team is an "important first step in our commitment to make advanced AI more accessible across the country and to build AI for India, and with India." In an X post in August, he also said, "AI adoption in India has been amazing to watch. ChatGPT users grew 4X in the past year, and we are excited to invest much more in India."

CorporatEdge is a premium workspace provider offering fully furnished, ready-to-move offices with internet, housekeeping, meeting rooms, security, and backup facilities in strategic locations. The company has leased 42,000 sq ft of premium office space at the World Trade Centre, Narouji Nagar, Delhi, featuring over 500 workstations, five state-of-the-art meeting rooms, private phone booths, collaborative nooks, concierge services, and the vibrant Workbench Café, designed to foster productivity and collaboration. The company is expected to close this financial year with 590,000 sq ft of operational and signed portfolio.

Bajaj Finance anticipates a 10–12% increase in AUM from MSME businesses

Bajaj Finance reduced its growth forecast for FY26 from 24–25% to 22–23%, which caused its shares to drop more than 7% on Tuesday. In an analyst call following earnings, Rajeev Jain, vice-chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finance, stated that the non-bank lender anticipates its asset under management (AUM) from MSME segment to rise 10–12% in FY26, as opposed to 18% in the second quarter. One of the biggest and most varied non-banking financial organizations in India saw its shares settle 7.46 per cent lower at Rs 1,005.35 on the BSE. According to Jain, the corporation has reduced the amount of unsecured MSME (micro, small, and medium-sized organization) loans by 25%.

"In addition, the captive two- and three-wheeler [segment] is in a phased-out zone to strengthen overall asset quality trends from FY27 onwards." "Due to a set of risk actions taken in MSME business, the company decided to take a prudent and balanced stance on AUM



growth for FY26, with growth in the region of 22-23 percent as opposed to our earlier assessment of 24-25 percent," Jain stated. MSME credit reached Rs 51,718 crore as of September 30, an 18% increase over the previous year. "While it is already running down its captive auto book, as a further corrective action, Bajaj Finance has cut 25 per cent of its loan volume for the MSME segment. Accordingly, Bajaj Finance cut its growth guidance for FY26 to the 22-23 per cent level from 24-25 per cent previously, despite the strong volume seen during the festive season," said Suresh Ganapathy, an analyst with Macquarie Capital. Jain said non-performing assets (NPAs) ratios

are expected to improve through FY27 as the company moderates its captive two-wheeler and three-wheeler segment, which currently causes 9 per cent of total loan loss while accounting for just 1.5 per cent of AUM. Gross and net NPAs stood at 1.24 per cent and 0.60 per cent, respectively, as of September 30, compared to 1.06 per cent and 0.46 per cent at the same time the previous year. Bajaj Finance expects credit cost to be around 1.85-1.95 per cent in FY26 and improve significantly the next year. Cost of funds improved 27 basis points to 7.52 per cent in Q2 FY26 and is expected to be around 7.5-7.55 per cent in the year. "We should see a much lower credit cost in FY27. If the trajectory that we are seeing today should continue for the next year, we should definitely see a significant improvement in the credit cost ratio," said Jain. Looking ahead, the company's focus will be on new lines of business such as gold loans, new car loans, commercial vehicles, and tractor financing.

Swiggy's Crew travel and leisure app has grown

New Delhi: Following a pilot program, Swiggy has now made its travel and lifestyle concierge service app Crew available to users in three major cities: Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. It occurs at a time when the online grocery and food delivery service is actively growing beyond its primary industry of speedy commerce and food delivery. A few months ago, the company began trial testing the new app. The app could only be accessed by invitation at that point, even though it was available on the Apple Store and Google Play Store. However, after paying a three-month subscription cost of ₹999, consumers can now enjoy its services. According to



the app's description, users may make bookings for restaurants, plan trips, plan birthday celebra-

tions, find presents, update papers like Aadhaar, and reserve taxis, among other features. Swiggy co-founder Phani Kishan Addepalli described Crew as the company's most audacious move to yet toward becoming the "operating system" for contemporary life in a social media post. He said that consumers have been using the app for planning getaways, exploring gifts, getting watches repaired, or even arranging kid-friendly transfers on overseas holidays. "At Swiggy, our north star has always been to give time, energy, and space back for people to do the things they love doing, be it taking care of their kids, picking up a new hobby, watching a cricket match, or anything else really. It's our ambition to be the operating system that powers your life," Addepalli wrote. Rohit Kapoor, chief executive officer of food delivery at Swiggy, too, said that users are increasingly leveraging the app to simplify everyday errands and high-end experiences. Notably, the company had earlier launched a similar service last year, called Rare Life, which targeted premium users. However, the service is now shuttered.

Amidst a poor mood in the market, fintech giant Pine Labs' IPO subscribed 2.5 times

New Delhi: The initial public offering (IPO) of fintech giant Pine Labs received a meek 2.5 times subscription, indicating a lackluster investor appetite amid a series of poor market debuts. The retail quota received 1.2 times as many bids as the institutional investors' portion, which was subscribed four times. The high-net-worth individual (HNI) segment remained



undersubscribed at 0.3 times. Less than two-thirds of the issue's shares had received bids by the end of the second

day, as sentiment was affected by worries about profitability and valuations. A new issuance valued at Rs 2,080 crore and an offer for sale of Rs 1,820 crore made up the Rs 3,900-crore IPO.

The company was valued at Rs 25,377 crore (\$2.9 billion) at the upper end of the price range of Rs 221 per share. The merchant payments firm had trimmed both its IPO size and

valuation ahead of the issue.

Pine Labs was valued at about \$5 billion during its last funding round in 2022. For FY25, it reported a net loss of Rs 145 crore on revenue of Rs 2,274 crore. Backed by Peak XV Partners, Temasek, PayPal, and Mastercard, Pine Labs provides payment solutions, including point-of-sale terminals and merchant financing.

Tenneco Clean Air India IPO off to a muted start

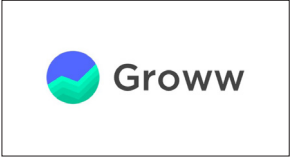


New Delhi: Tenneco Clean Air India IPO started for subscription today, Wednesday, November 12, 2025, but had a subdued start. By 11:40 AM on Day 1, the issue was subscribed 0.11 times, with NIIs at 0.24x and retail investors at 0.12x. On November 14, 2025, the ₹3,600 crore IPO will close as an offer for sale (OFS) of 90.7 million shares. Founded in 2018, Tenneco Clean Air India Ltd, a subsidiary of Tenneco Inc., designs and manufactures clean air and powertrain products for automotive applications. It focuses on emission control systems such as catalytic converters, diesel particulate filters, mufflers, and exhaust pipes, supporting automakers in meeting Bharat Stage VI norms. The company operates 12 manufacturing facilities across India and employs 145 R&D professionals, stressing upon innovation, sustainability, and regulatory compliance. Tenneco India, part of the global Tenneco Group, supplies critical, high-technology clean air, powertrain, and suspension solutions with leading market positions. The company leverages its parent's 5,000 patents and 7,500 trademarks to design products tailored for Indian OEMs and is well placed to benefit from the growing premiumisation trend in the Indian auto industry.

Groww shares list at 14% premium on BSE, 12% on NSE

New Delhi: Billionbrains Garage Ventures, the parent company of online investment platform Groww, made a positive debut on Dalal Street on Wednesday, listing at a premium to its issue price amid strong institutional demand and solid anchor participation. Shares of Groww opened at ₹114 per share on the BSE, marking a 14 per cent gain over the issue price of ₹100. On the NSE, the stock debuted at ₹112 per share, up 12 per cent. The listing performance exceeded grey market expectations, where the stock was quoted around ₹105 ahead of its debut, indicating a 5 per cent premium in the unofficial market. Analysts remain upbeat on Groww following its listing, citing the company's strong long-term growth outlook.

Calling the Groww listing "very good," Ravi Singh, chief research officer at MasterTrust, said, "Investors who want to book profits can do so. Over the



longer term, there may be some corrections, but I expect that in the next six months, the stock could rise another 15-17 per cent from current levels. Investors can wait for any short-term dips before entering." He added that those who were not allotted shares during the IPO should wait for a correction before buying. Post-listing, Prashanth Tapse, senior vice-president (Research), Mehta Equities, continues to see Groww as a strong long-term structural story and a potential proxy for India's expanding capital market participation. "Investors should therefore treat it as a medium-to long-term investment opportunity," he said. For allotted investors, Tapse suggested holding for the long term, citing the company's structural strengths and growth potential, while acknowledging short-term market risks, with a medium-term target of Rs 125-130.

Tata Motors' CV arm is listed at Rs.330 on the BSE and Rs. 335 on the NSE

New Delhi: Today, Tata Motors' demerged commercial vehicles (CV) division made its eagerly anticipated stock market debut, a major turning point in the company's reorganization process. TMCV stock made its debut on the NSE at ₹335, up 28% from its previous price of ₹260.75. The shares started trading at ₹330.25 on the BSE, a 26% premium. Following its IPO, Tata Motors (TMCVL) emerges as the biggest producer of commercial vehicles in India, offering a wide range of vehicles, including buses, heavy commercial vehicles, intermediate trucks, and small cargo carriers. The demerger is a component of the company's plan to create two separately listed companies that are concentrated on different business verticals, such as passenger cars and commercial vehicles, in order to generate value for shareholders. The recently purchased Iveco Group NV is also located in the demerged CV business. According to analysts, the change will improve capital allocation, sharpen operational focus, and open the door for more robust growth in both domestic and foreign markets. The parent company still operates its passenger car, electric vehicle (EV), and luxury segment businesses, including Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), under the name Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPV). The Tata Motors CV



share price movement is being actively monitored by market participants as it is anticipated to determine the direction of the company's upcoming growth phase. The Tata Motors demerger took effect on October 1, 2025, resulting in two independent listed entities: Tata Motors PV, comprising the EV and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) businesses, and Tata Motors CV, the group's commercial vehicle division. The company had earlier fixed October 14, 2025, as the record date to determine shareholder eligibility. Under the approved scheme, Tata Motors shareholders received one equity share of ₹2 in Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Ltd (TMLCV) for every one equity share held in Tata Motors Ltd as of the record date.

Dhurandhar

The first impression of Sanjay Dutt as Jinn is one of fury

New Delhi: Following the release of R Madhavan and Arjun Ranpaml’s outfits from “Dhurandhar,” the producers gave fans a first glance at Sanjay Dutt. Ranveer Singh will star in the film, which is directed by Aditya Dhar. The upcoming movie will feature Sanjay Dutt in a major role.

Dutt’s appearance preceded the November 12 release of the “Dhurandhar” trailer. Sanjay Dutt is seen donning a white suit and giving the camera a stern expression in his first appearance. Dutt was introduced as “The Jinn” on the poster. Ranveer has previously presented R Madhavan as “the charioteer of



Karma” and Rampal as the “Angel of Death.”

Aditya Dhar wrote and directed “Dhurandhar,” which is said to be based on real-life incidents. According to sources, Ranveer Singh plays an undercover spy in a story honoring

the bravery of Indian spies in Pakistan, albeit the premise is still unknown. On December 5, 2025, the movie—which also stars Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, R Madhavan, and Arjun Rampal in important roles—will hit theaters.

MLA urges Rajasthan chief minister to exempt Farhan’s movie from taxes

New Delhi: In a letter to Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Rajasthan MLA Ravindra Singh Bhati asked that Farhan Akhtar’s “120 Bahadur” be made tax-free. On November 21, the movie is scheduled to open in theaters. Ravindra Singh Bhati asked Bhajan Lal Sharma to make “120 Bahadur” tax-free since it tells the tale of the sacrifice made by our troops to defend the country. The Honorable Chief Minister has received a letter asking for the state to make the movie “120 Bahadur,” which is slated to be released in theaters nationwide on November 21, tax-free.

This film is dedicated to the saga of valor, sacrifice, and bravery of Param Vir Chakra Major Shaitan Singh Ji and Mother India’s 120 heroic sons (sic),” he wrote. “It is



essential to reach such inspirational, patriotism-infused films to as many people as possible, so that the new generation can become acquainted with the sacrifices and dedication of our soldiers. It is expected from the state government that it will take a sensitive decision on this mean-

ingful initiative and work to further strengthen the spirit of nationalism in society (sic),” he added.

Showcasing a fierce, inspiring, and untold chapter of India’s biggest war, where 120 heroic Indian soldiers held their ground against 3,000 Chinese troops, the trailer has reso-

Rajasthan MLA Ravindra Singh Bhati requested the chief minister to declare Farhan Akhtar’s ‘120 Bahadur’ tax-free. The film will release in theatres on November 21.

nated deeply with audiences, earning widespread praise. ‘120 Bahadur’ recounts the extraordinary courage of 120 Indian soldiers from the 13 Kumaon Regiment, who fought in the legendary Battle of Rezang La during the 1962 war. Farhan Akhtar plays the role of Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, Param Veer Chakra, who, along with his men, stood against all odds in one of the most defining battles of Indian military history. Directed by Razneesh Ghai and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani, Farhan Akhtar, and Amit Chandra, the film is set to release in cinemas on November 21.

Shefali Shah about being Delhi Crime 3’s executive producer

New Delhi: The opening titles of “Delhi Crime Season 3” were unexpected for the few journalists who were able to view it. Shefali Shah, the show’s main star, is listed as one of the executive producers for this season. The actor stated that it seemed like a logical step for her in an exclusive interview with India Today. She also expressed her desire to take full ownership of this project. Shefali said, “I don’t know,” in response to our inquiry on how she assumed the role of producer on the program. It simply appeared to be a development. All I want is to have as much of this show as I can.” “I’m not stating this in a way that suggests it belongs to all of us.

However, I would participate in everything and do [anything] if I could. I even persisted in asking Tanuj Chopra, the director, if I might join the writers’ room. I’ll listen to what’s going on as I sit quietly. All I want is to be connected to everything related to this show.

The actor continued, “I’m so happy this could happen.” It’s hardly surprising that Vartika Chaturvedi appears to have developed a different personality given her passion for the show. In addition to receiving a lot of affection, “Delhi Crime” has served as an inspiration to many. She also re-



sponded to a question on whether she had met a fan whose life was impacted by the show. Shefali said, “Oh, so many. I remember somebody who had messaged me and said that they had taken the civil service exams but could not get through. While she was figuring out what else to do, she came across the show. She said, ‘I saw Vartika, and wanted to be like her. So now I will reapply.’” “I also remember somebody saying that if there was a Vartika on the streets, she would really clean up the crimes. I keep reading these things, and it’s so humbling,” she further said. Shefali added that she has now started seeing Vartika Chaturvedi as a third person, and not the character that she plays. “I definitely don’t see her as Shefali. And then I am like, wow, this is really one impressive, one hell of a person,” she said with a chuckle.

Karan Johar raves about ‘marketing genius’ Kartik Aaryan

New Delhi: Filmmaker Karan Johar has praised Kartik Aaryan profusely and called him a marketing genius. The head of Dharma Productions recently complimented Kartik on how “strategically” he had established his reputation in the Hindi film industry. Karan recently discussed entrepreneurship with Curly Tales for their YouTube channel. In one portion, the filmmaker was asked which Bollywood celebrities he would hire for a company based on certain needs or job titles. Karan quickly responded, “Kartik Aaryan,” when asked who he thought was the industry’s “marketing genius.” The filmmaker then explained his answer, “Great marketing mind! How he has built his own brand so smartly, superbly and strategically.” In the same Q&A, Karan conferred the title of ‘finance guru’ on Shah Rukh Khan, while calling himself the best choice for the HR head of a company. Karan Johar and Kartik Aaryan have a chequered past. The actor had famously signed Dostana 2 under the filmmaker’s banner, Dharma Productions, back in 2021. But the film was shelved with reports stating that Kartik was ousted after a disagreement. After reports of a tiff between the two, the actor and filmmaker reunited last year at an awards show, appearing cordial. Then earlier this



year, Kartik returned to the Dharma fold as the lead star of the production house’s fantasy thriller Naagzilla. But before that, Kartik will appear in Dharma’s Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri, a romantic drama directed by Sameer Sanjay Vidwans. The film also stars Ananya Panday in the lead and is slated to release in theatres on 25 December.

Rashmika Mandanna tears down the patriarchal veil for all women

The Girlfriend

New Delhi: For a long time, patriarchy has acted as a curtain, preventing women from achieving greatness. When Bhooma, played by Rashmika Mandanna in “The Girlfriend,” finally takes off her dupatta, it’s more than just a piece of cloth falling; it’s the disintegration of twenty years of patriarchal training. This intentional act of removing the fabric, which is a recurring feature of her outfit throughout the movie, is a powerful assertion of her liberation and rejection of the bonds that formerly bound her. “The Girlfriend” is a scathing work of art that exposes patriarchy in all its subtleties. The impact of the Rashmika Mandanna-starring film is so strong that it’s hard to ignore the sense of seeing Bhooma come to terms with the chauvinism that formed her for more than 20 years.

For a very long time, the male viewpoint has always been portrayed in romance movies and the painful break-ups that followed. The positive, negative, and ugly aspects of Bhooma’s viewpoint are all presented here. As Bhooma enrolls in MA Literature with hopes, her eyes are filled with compassion and optimism. When she gets into a relationship with the narcissistic Vikram, her lifeless eyes always exude doubts and confusion. In a scene where



Vikram takes Bhooma to his house, she asks if his mother is mute. The question startles Vikram, and he dismissively normalises his father’s abusive behaviour towards his mother. In another profound scene where Bhooma sees herself as her mother-in-law in the mirror, you are left feeling the weight of her realisation. It is one of those moments Bhooma truly understands the trap that she’s fallen into. With these instances that lay out Vikram’s sexist and narcissistic behaviour, there’s a sense of unease that the film puts you in. It’s the stomach-curling urge to stop Bhooma and plead with her to step out of the relationship. Bhooma isn’t naive,

but the strength it takes to leave behind your old self and to break the relationship scares her. What we see are days of Bhooma being a lifeless person tending to Vikram while he thinks only of himself. The film’s horror isn’t about what happens to Bhooma – it’s the suffocating dread of watching her lose herself, and the desperate hope that she’ll find her way back. You are scared for Bhooma, but not for her well-being, but for her to embrace the woman she wants to be. To embrace the woman, the men in her life never let her be. Through ‘The Girlfriend’, director Rahul Ravindran gives Bhooma the arc to be that woman.

In Vijay Varma and Fatima Sana Shaikh’s latest film, poetry takes center place

New Delhi: The trailer for Gustaakh Ishq, a romantic historical drama starring Vijay Varma and Fatima Sana Shaikh, promises to transport us to a time when romantic stories and poetry filled the alleyways of old Delhi. The teaser, which was released on Monday, provides a peek of Naseeruddin Shah as a renowned Urdu poet. In order to learn how to write shayari, Nawabuddin (played by Vijay Varma) goes to the home of Urdu poet Ajiz (Naseeruddin Shah). Romance quickly takes center stage once Ajiz introduces Nawabuddin to his daughter, played by Fatima



Sana Shaikh. Before unanticipated events and miscommunications cause a split between Vijay and Fatima’s characters, the three frequently bond over poetry and cups of tea on winter mornings. “Jo reh jayegi dil mein

nishaani ki tarah ek kahani.”

Purani Dilli ki galiyon mein likhi gayi yeh pehle se ishq ki dastaan. The trailer for Gustaakh Ishq is currently out. “Coming to theaters on November 28, 2025,” Stage 5 Production, the

home banner of Manish Malhotra, posted on Instagram with the teaser. Manish Malhotra’s Stage5 Production, established in 2023, is working on its third project, Gustaakh Ishq. Saali Mohabbat and Bun Tikki, two other unreleased films, have been supported by the production banner. In April of last year, filming on Vibhu Puri Dehalvi’s Gustaakh Ishq came to an end. Gulzar wrote the lyrics, and Vishal Bhardwaj composed the music for the movie. The film, which is set to release on 28 November, also stars Sharib Hashmi in a pivotal role.

On “Two Much,” Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon will be open with Kajol and Twinkle Khanna

New Delhi: The streamer revealed on Monday that Bollywood actresses Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon will make special appearances in the season finale of Prime Video’s celebrity conversation program Two Much with Kajol and Twinkle. A poster with the stars and Twinkle Khanna and Kajol, the hosts of the show, was released by the streamer. Alongside the poster on Instagram, Prime Video said, “Charm, charisma, and chaos incoming this Thursday #TwoMuchOnPrime, New Episode This Thursday.” Fans should expect an episode full of chemistry, humor, and tease.

Vicky Kaushal, the new father, lights up the floor with his signature Tauba Tauba dance moves. Additionally, he openly admits that he is “very scared” of Twinkle and Kajol. Kriti will be spilling the beans about her beau, who is not from the Bollywood industry, to which Twinkle claimed that she already knows his name. The episode, conceptualised and produced by Banijay Asia, is set to premiere on



Thursday on Prime Video across 240 countries and territories. On the work front, Kriti will be next seen in Anand L. Rai’s upcoming romantic drama Tere Ishk Mein alongside Dhanush. On the other hand, Vicky Kaushal, who recently became a parent with Katrina Kaif is shooting for his upcoming Sanjay Leela Bhansali film Love & War.

Singer Palak Muchhal enters Guinness records

New Delhi: Singer Palak Muchhal, who was born in Indore and is well-known for her golden voice and soulful tunes, has now been inducted into both the Guinness Book of World Records and the Limca Book of Records—not for her singing, but for her exceptional humanitarian efforts. Her love of music has become a lifelong goal of compassion as she has contributed to the funding of over 3,800 heart surgeries for impoverished children in India and abroad through her Palak Palash Charitable Foundation. Palak started giving at a very young age. On a train ride as a child, she came across impoverished kids; that experience altered the trajectory of her life. That day, she silently vowed to



herself, “I will help them someday.” Years later, the pledge served as the inspiration for her foundation, which donates all proceeds from concerts and personal savings to treatments that can save lives. Her generosity isn’t confined to one cause. Over the years, Palak has supported the families of Kargil martyrs and contributed Rs 10 lakh towards relief for Gujarat earthquake victims. Her commitment to social welfare runs deep-rooted in empathy and fuelled by consistent action.

Nora Fatehi refers to Shreya Ghoshal as walking autotune

New Delhi: Actor-dancer Nora Fatehi has praised singer Shreya Ghoshal, referring to her as the “walking autotune.” She suggested listening to her songs if you’re not familiar with Bollywood. The remarks were made when Nora was asked to suggest a Bollywood performer to those who were unfamiliar with the genre on a podcast.

“If you’re a Bollywood virgin and you’re just trying to figure out what’s up, I would say you listen to Shreya Ghoshal,” Nora stated in a recent episode of Ciara’s podcast. She is a symbol. She performs the Hindi portion of the song “Oh Mama! TETEMA,” which I just sang with her. “I



promise you, Ciara, you will message me in a few days saying, ‘Wow!’ She has the most beautiful voice I have ever heard. She sings the most iconic tracks of some of the most iconic movies. Besides that, she also sings music singles. She is like a walking autotune. It’s magnificent the way she sings. Anyone who wants to understand Bolly-

wood music and culture, the spirit of Bollywood, should listen to her,” she said. She further reflected on her experience of recording the song with the singer. The 33-year-old said, “When they told me I was going to sing with her, I was scared. I’m not going to lie. I’m not a vocalist. I’m a vibe-ist. I give the vibe. But she is a true vocalist.”

Shehnaaz Gill says Salman Khan is very desi, spills the beans about partying at his farmhouse

New Delhi: Actor and singer Shehnaaz Gill made her Bollywood debut alongside Salman Khan in Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan after becoming well-known during her time on Bigg Boss 13. Shehnaaz recently discussed partying with Salman at his estate in an interview with Ranveer Allahbadia for his podcast. Shehnaaz responded, “Yes, we all went to his farmhouse during Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan,” when asked if she had ever attended a party at Salman’s farmhouse.

Salman continues to gather berries from the nearby trees, which he then gives to us all. “Salman sir toh bhut desi hai (he’s very desi),” Shehnaaz continued. He is completely



Desi. He operates in a manner similar to that of farmers. He has a whole system. He is really desi. He just discusses his job.

He discusses action in movies and is quite knowledgeable about it. When Shehnaaz was in Bigg Boss 13, Salman was quite protective of her. He used to have fun interactions with Shehnaaz on the Weekend Ka Vaar episodes, which en-

tertained the audience. Even though Shehnaaz didn’t win the season, she became a sensation and a household name. Directed by Farhad Samji, the action-comedy film featured Salman Khan, Pooja Hegde and Venkatesh Daggubati in lead roles, along with Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Palak Tiwari, Vinali Bhatnagar and Bhumika Chawla in key roles.

Traditional Kerala Seafood Recipes Worth Travelling For



The backwaters of Kerala are a world unto themselves — slow moving canals, coconut palms mirrored in still water, and the call of distant herons. Yet it isn't only the scenery that stays with you here; it's the food. Each dish at the resort celebrates the flavours of the land and lake. The seafood is caught fresh from Vem-

banad's shimmering waters, the produce sourced from nearby farms. But what sets the experience apart is the reverence with which every recipe is prepared — preserving Kerala's culinary heritage while embracing mindful, local cooking.

Kayal Virunnu: The Lakeside Celebration

At Aymanam, the lakeside restaurant, I discovered Kayal Virunnu, a celebratory seafood lunch served on a banana leaf. Executive Chef Shinoj John, who meticulously curated the meal, described it as a tribute to Kerala's fishing communities — "a meal that honours the spirit of the lake, prepared using authentic techniques such as pacha aracha — a fresh ground paste of coconut, shallots, and spices — which forms the base for many curries. The menu features local, time-honoured combinations using cherry tomatoes, bird's eye chilli, tamarind, and coconut for bold, well-balanced flavours. Fish is often marinated raw with crushed spice blends and wrapped in turmeric leaves or cinnamon leaves, then gently steamed to retain moisture and earthy aroma. Traditional methods like slow-cooking, banana leaf wrapping (pollichathu), enhance both taste and authenticity." The first course — Kallappam with Karimeen Pollichathu — paired a soft, fermented rice pancake with pearl spot fish, marinated in a regional spice blend and seared inside banana leaves for a smoky finish. The next course, Kappa Kuzhacha and Manithakkali Meen Pirattiyathu, brought buttery tapioca mash with a fiery fish curry flavoured with sun-dried black nightshade berries.

Konchu Chuttathu, spicy grilled prawns; Meen Peera, fish with coconut and crushed spices; Kozhuvu Varuthathu, crisp anchovies; and Kakka Ularthu, clams stir-fried with coconut slivers and curry leaves. These were served with Aymanam Meen Curry — a bold, tangy fish curry — and Kuthari Choru, Kerala's red boiled rice. Each bite carried the soul of the backwaters — earthy, fiery, and fresh. And when the finale arrived — Elaneer Payasam, a tender coconut pudding infused with cardamom — it was as cooling and gentle as the breeze outside. The following day brought a different kind of feast at Ettukettu, the resort's heritage restaurant— an eight-courtyard traditional Tharavad house. Here, Thenen Mura — literally "meal course by course" — offers a window into Kerala's Syrian Christian (Nasrani) cuisine.

Each meal is a sensory journey, but also an ethical one — rooted in sustainability, community, and respect for provenance. The fishermen who bring in the day's catch, the farmers who supply the red rice, the cooks who still grind their masalas by hand — all are part of a larger narrative that the resort has nurtured for decades, ensuring every meal reflects Kerala's seasonality and spirit



How To Make Kanji, And Why It Is Good For Your Health

Kanji, a nourishing dish traditionally enjoyed in many parts of India, is the ultimate comfort food, especially when you're looking for something light yet satisfying. This warm, tangy, and slightly spicy porridge is a go-to for many when feeling under the weather or seeking something soothing during chilly weather. Made with rice, lentils, and a few spices, kanji is simple yet packed with flavour and health benefits. It's also a great option for those looking for a gluten-free and easy-to-digest meal. The best part? It's incredibly versatile and can be adjusted according to your taste preferences. Here's how to make this comforting dish at home, along with some insights into its amazing health benefits.

Recipe for Kanji I How To Make Kanji At Home

Making kanji is a straightforward process, and the dish can be prepared in just a few steps. Begin by soaking rice and lentils separately for a few hours to ensure they cook evenly and become easier to digest. Once soaked, start by cooking the rice and lentils together in a pot, adding water to achieve a consistency that's neither too thick nor too watery.

Next, bring the mixture to a gentle boil and let it simmer until the grains and lentils are soft and fully cooked. Once the base is ready, you can temper the dish with a variety of spices. Heat a little oil in a separate pan and add mustard seeds, cumin, ginger, and a pinch of asafoetida (hing) for an aromat-

ic and flavorful twist. After letting the spices sizzle, pour them over the cooked rice

and lentil mixture.

Finish the dish with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice to give it a tangy kick, and garnish with fresh coriander for an added burst of freshness. For variations, you can experiment with adding vegetables like carrots or spinach, or even make it a richer dish by incorporating ghee or yoghurt. Kanji can be enjoyed warm or at room temperature, making it a versatile dish for any season.

Health Benefits of Kanji

Not only is kanji delicious, but it also comes with a host of health benefits that make it a fantastic choice for a wholesome meal.

1. Easily Digestible: Because kanji is made with rice and lentils, both of which are easy

to digest, it's an excellent option for those with sensitive stomachs or anyone r e -



covering from an illness. The soft, soupy texture aids in smooth digestion, making it gentle on the gut.

2. Rich in Protein: The combination of lentils and rice provides a complete protein profile. Lentils, in particular, are an excellent source of plant-based protein, which helps in muscle repair and maintaining a healthy body.

3. Boosts Immunity: The spices used in kanji, such as cumin, mustard seeds, and ginger, not only enhance the flavour but also offer health benefits. These spices are known for their anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which can help strengthen the immune system and reduce inflammation in the body.

4. Hydrating and Soothing: Kanji is often consumed when people are feeling under the weather due to its hydrating properties. The warm, soupy nature of the dish helps replenish fluids and soothes sore throats, making it an ideal meal when you're feeling slightly off or need comfort.

5. Promotes Gut Health: The fermented nature of kanji, if allowed to sit overnight, can help foster beneficial bacteria in the gut, supporting overall digestive health. The presence of cumin and ginger also helps promote healthy digestion, reducing bloating and gas.

6. Low in Fat and Calories: Because kanji is light and often made with minimal oil, it's a low-calorie, low-fat dish that can easily fit into a balanced diet. If you're watching your caloric intake, this is a perfect meal to enjoy without worrying about overindulgence.

7. Perfect for Weight Management: Kanji, being rich in fibre and protein, helps keep you fuller for longer. The combination of lentils and rice creates a satisfying meal that controls hunger and reduces cravings, making it an excellent option for those looking to manage their weight. Kanji is a powerhouse of health benefits. From aiding digestion to providing essential nutrients and boosting immunity, it's a meal that nurtures the body and soul. Whether you're looking for something soothing when you're unwell or a light meal to kickstart your day, kanji fits the bill perfectly. Try it today, and experience the warmth and nourishment that only this traditional dish can offer.

Sobhita Dhulipala showers praise on Bad Girl

New Delhi: The Tamil movie "Bad Girl," which was just made available for streaming on Jio Hotstar, has been highly praised by actor Sobhita Dhulipala. The film, which debuted in theaters on September 5 and was produced by Vetri Maaran and directed by debutante Varsha Bharath, has generated debate because of its daring plot and contentious subjects. The movie has drawn a lot of interest from both viewers and business leaders since its digital release on November 4. On Instagram, Sobhita Dhulipala expressed her gratitude, writing, "Bad girl had me smirking AND tearing up." I felt observed. Held. A movie that gets better every minute. Strongly advised for everyone, but especially for girls. This is for all of us. Special thanks to @varsha_bharath03 and @anjalisivaraman, who are just amazing. Her comment's intimate tone emphasizes the emotional effect of the movie. Anjali Sivaraman, Hridhu Haroon, Teejay Arunasalam, and Shan-thipriya play key parts in "Bad Girl." A wide range of people can watch the movie because it is available in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi with English subtitles. The movie was criticized by some viewers prior to its theatrical release because they thought it presented some subjects in an inappropriate way. In spite of this, the movie was released and went on to become well-known throughout the world after taking home the NETPAC Award at its Rotterdam, Netherlands, premiere.

Arjun Rampal is introduced by Ranveer Singh as the Angel of Death

New Delhi:

Ranveer Singh presents Arjun Rampal as An Arjun Rampal's first appearance from "Dhurandhar" has been released, and it's already causing a stir. Ranveer Singh unveiled the new poster for his eagerly awaited movie on Instagram on Saturday, revealing Rampal's lethal persona. The actor is depicted with dark glasses, a cigar, a long beard, short hair, and a ferocious stare. Ranveer announced that the teaser will be released on November 12 and made fun of Rampal's character in his post, re-



ferring to him as a "Angel of Death." The film "Dhurandhar," which was written and directed by Aditya Dhar, is reported to be based on actual occurrences. The film made headlines earlier in August when over 100 crew members were hospitalised in Leh following a suspected case of food poisoning on the sets. Fortunately, no casualties were reported, though the shoot was briefly halted. "Dhurandhar" is slated to hit theatres on December 5, 2025.

The Best Slow Cooker Recipes To Make in Your Crock Pot

The slow cooker is surprisingly versatile. We rely on it for comfort food season (think soups and stews, hearty chilis and fork-tender roasts) as well as Sunday dinners—like meatballs and red sauce with that simmered-



all-day flavor. But, this handy countertop appliance can do so much more. It's capable of cooking chicken in so many different ways, can produce a fluffy loaf of no-rise bread and is essential when you need to get a healthy meal on the table without too much effort. It can even be used to make dessert! All you need to make the most of your slow cooker is the right recipes—like these irresistible chicken thighs. Soy sauce, honey, garlic and ginger (along with the natural juices of the chicken) create a flavorful sauce to serve over chicken thighs and rice. If you like a thicker sauce, simply add cornstarch at the end and cook a little longer.

Slow Cooker Spiced Turkey Breast and Couscous

This healthy slow-cooker dinner is packed with flavor thanks to sweet apricots, tangy orange juice and a warm blend of spices that infuse the turkey breast and hearty vegetables with vibrant yet comforting flavor. The couscous stirred in at the end soaks up all the delicious juices and gets studded with tender carrots, butternut squash and onions. Enjoy it as a satisfying weeknight meal or cozy weekend dinner.

Slow-Cooker Pinto Beans

If you have yet to cook beans from scratch and own a slow cooker, this is the recipe for you! It comes together with pantry ingredients, requires minimal prep and thanks to the slow cooker, you'll be rewarded with plump, perfectly tender beans with almost zero hands-on time. (Navy beans would also work well here.) Seasoned with warm spices and pickled jalapenos, they are a great side dish. Or serve them over rice or with warm tortillas as a meal **Slow-Cooker Pork Chops** Enjoy this simple cozy recipe with the flip of a

switch. With a few easy-to-find ingredients and minimal prep, you can enjoy a pork chop dinner for four. Serve with creamy grits or buttered rice for a filling family meal.

Slow-Cooker Italian

Meatballs

These meatballs taste just like your nonna's without any pre-cooking or tending to—just throw them in the slow cooker with the rest of the ingredients. The recipe makes enough meatballs and sauce to serve with two pounds of pasta. They are also delicious over polenta, stuffed into sub rolls or as a pizza topping.

Healthy Slow Cooker Meatloaf

This healthy one-pot meal feeds a crowd and cooks while you go about your day. If your crowd's a smaller one, the meatloaf makes amazing leftovers for sandwiches as well. The vegetable purée of scallions, carrot, garlic, parsley and thyme flavors the meatloaf and adds moisture without adding excess fat or calories, so this easy dinner feels light yet hearty. It's perfect for busy days when you need a hands-off, family-friendly meal.

Slow-Cooker Beef Tinga Tacos

Featuring tender shredded beef, tomatoes and smoky chipotle peppers, Mexican beef tinga served with warm tortillas and all your favorite toppings makes for a satisfying family dinner. For this no-fuss slow cooker version, you simply throw everything together in the slow cooker — there's nothing to sear or cook ahead of time. While testing this recipe, we found that not all canned chipotles are created equally. Make sure that the one you use is a product of Mexico for the best flavor.

Slow-Cooker Stuffed Peppers

Stuffed bell peppers have never been simpler to prepare, thanks to your slow cooker! Just stir all the filling ingredients together (raw ground beef included), then stuff the mixture into the peppers and let the cooker do the rest. Top with sour cream



for a comforting, nourishing dinner your whole family will love.

Slow-Cooker Brothy Beans

Beans shouldn't just be relegated to a side dish. Let them be the star of a hearty but light meal full of flavor by slowly cooking dry beans with tons of aromatics. You may have extra bean liquid left over, so you need a generous amount to cook the beans properly. Simply use it in place of vegetable stock in another recipe or add to your next pot of beans.

Grape Jelly Slow-Cooker Meatballs

Many versions of this dish live on the Internet and for good reason—it's quick, easy and a real crowd pleaser. We find some of them a bit too cloying though, so we scaled down the jelly and added a little acidity and heat in the form of Dijon mustard, cider vinegar and hot sauce to create the perfect balance of sweet and tangy. We use beef meatballs, but you can substitute turkey or veggie ones.

Yami Gautam, Emraan Hashmi's film nears Rs 10 crore mark

New Delhi:

With consistent weekday box office receipts, Yami Gautam and Emraan Hashmi's "Haq" is maintaining its position. On its fourth day (Monday), the courtroom drama, which has resonated with viewers due to its social relevance and emotional depth, brought in Rs 1 crore, bringing its total domestic revenue to Rs 9.95 crore. The movie made Rs 3.35 crore on Saturday and Rs 3.85 crore on Sunday after debuting at Rs 1.75 crore, indicating that good word-of-mouth was driving attendance. 'Haq' recorded an estimated Rs 1 crore net on Monday with an occupancy rate of 9.7%, reaching



a peak of 12.91% during night shows, according to trade tracker Sacnilk. Directed by Kunal Deshmukh, 'Haq' follows Shazia (Yami Gautam Dhar), whose husband Abbas Khan (Emraan Hashmi) ends their marriage through triple talaq after taking

a second wife. What follows is Shazia's fight for justice and dignity through the legal system. Sheeba Chaddha and Vartika Singh deliver strong supporting performances, reinforcing the film's message of resilience and empowerment.

Working alongside Irrfan Khan is a blessing, according to Parvathy

New Delhi:

"Qarib Qa-has a particular place in both spectators and actor ruvothu, eight years after made her Bollywood debut Irrfan Khan in the 2017 Parvathy found herself that was as compassionate as the persons it fol- the experience both pro- al and transforming. In a with IANS, Parvathy her time spent working expressed gratitude and compassion for him. "I believe the most important lesson I learned from working with Irrfan, sir, is the importance of being present.

Without ever trying too hard, he gave you the impression that every moment mattered. That sense of ease and authenticity built a beautiful chemistry on-screen. As Jaya and Yogi, Parvathy and Irrfan, with their awkward charm, honest conversations, and the gentle discovery of two imperfect people finding comfort in each other's company, made their way into people's hearts and created a space for the film to gradually grow on audiences as a soothing watch. Parvathy believes this sincerity is what makes 'Qarib Qarib Single' timeless.

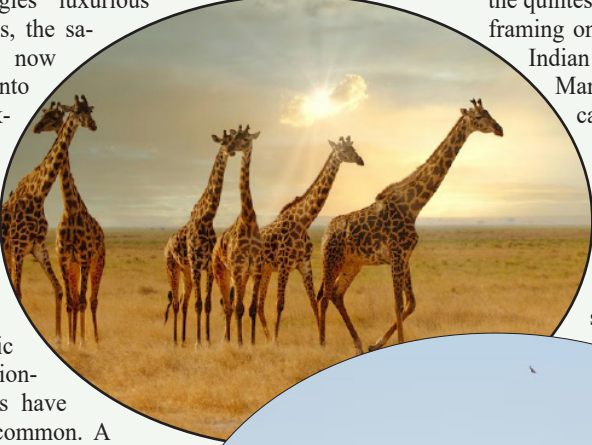
"I think people still go back to the film because it's not trying to be anything else. It's just a simple, honest story about two imperfect people finding a little bit of hope in each other. That kind of sincerity really lasts. Every time I rewatch it, I notice something new, some quiet little detail I missed before," she added. On the work front, Parvathy recently wrapped up shooting for 'i, Nobody', which also stars Prithviraj Sukumaran. She is currently shooting for the film 'Pradhama Dhrishtya Kuttakkar', and both these films are scheduled for release in 2026.



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Indian tourists seek the best safari experience in Africa

Indian travellers have definitely expanded their travel scape. Right now, they are checking off some roaring adventures – the African savannahs. Thanks to Alia Bhatt - Ranbir Kapoor’s viral proposal, Kareena Kapoor - Saif Ali Khan, and several other Bollywood ‘biggies’ luxurious family vacations, the safari dream has now found its way onto everyone’s bucket list. At a time when people are expanding travel budgets and planning frequent weekend getaways (both domestic and international), luxury trips have become more common. A recent survey by travel platform Thrillophilia shows affluent Indians are increasingly looking at Africa for their next big trip, with a 21 per cent year-on-year rise in bookings for Tanzania and 17 per cent for Botswana. Visa process is one of the most challenging aspects when it comes to planning an international trip. While Indian passport holders can apply online for an e-visa for Tanzania, Botswana requires a visa in advance through consulates or online applications. From zoos to safaris, and now luxury jungle retreats, the trend to explore the wilderness is steadily expanding. In fact, several safaris offer luxury stays, exclusive retreats, water safaris, and other experiences, making them sought-after destinations. And Indians are ready to splurge. Interestingly, the survey also highlights that travellers are willing to pay for exclusive safaris priced between Rs 1.6 and Rs 2.5 lakh per person for five to seven nights. What makes African safaris different are the endless savannahs, scattered trees, and wildlife roaming wild and free against the backdrop of a sunset – just like in ‘The Lion King’. Africa is celebrated as the home of the Big Five – the lion, leopard, African elephant, rhinoceros, and Cape buffalo. It is also where one can witness the Great Migration, the time when animals move in huge herds from one place to another in search of food and water. While Tanzania and Botswana are



top picks for Indians, Kenya, Namibia, and South Africa are also some of the popular places. Let’s begin with Bollywood’s favourite! Ever since “Ralia’s” much-talked-about proposal, the Mara has become a trendy destination. It is often seen as the quintessential safari dream, with an endless expanse of land framing one of the most breathtaking wildlife spectacles. For Indian travellers seeking cinematic safari moments, the Mara offers an unmatched blend of drama, luxury tented camps, and close encounters with the Big Five.

Serengeti National Park, Tanzania: This is where the iconic Great Migration unfolds. Each year, over two million wildebeest, zebras, and other species journey in search of greener pastures, creating one of the most awe-inspiring natural views. It’s almost like those travel documentaries. With its vast landscapes dotted with acacia trees, the Serengeti offers a stunning display of both flora and fauna.

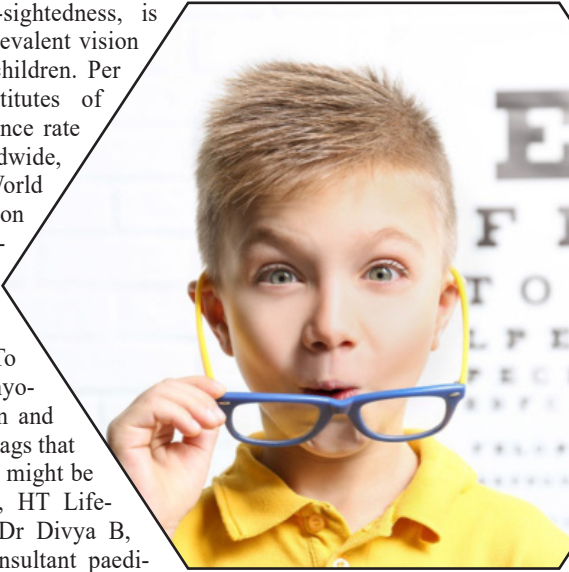
Chobe National Park, Botswana: Located along the Chobe Riverfront, this park is home to the world’s largest population of elephants. Here, the heavy thud of hooves on the sand is often accompanied by the trumpeting of mighty herds. At sunset, gatherings of elephants by the water’s edge make for unforgettable safari moments. One can also enjoy a short river safari too.

Kruger National Park, South Africa: If spotting the Big Five is on your list, Kruger National Park is another place to be. As one of Africa’s oldest and most accessible reserves, Kruger combines adventure with comfort. It offers visitors a chance to witness wildlife in their natural habitat, with well-developed infrastructure for an effortless safari experience.

Etosha National Park, Namibia: Etosha is famed for its vast salt pan, abundant waterholes, and dense populations of elephants, rhinos, lions, and rare antelope. With over 340 bird species, it’s also a paradise for birdwatchers. It is considered one of the biggest breeding grounds for flamingos. These are just a handful of the several national parks and wildlife reserves in Africa. And honestly, there’s definitely something about the vast green expanses, the setting sun, and wildlife roaming wild and free – just the way they are supposed to be.

Ophthalmologist shares 5 major red flags that indicate a child may be struggling with myopia

Myopia, or near-sightedness, is one of the most prevalent vision disorders among children. Per the National Institutes of Health, its prevalence rate is increasing worldwide, and as per the World Health Organisation (WHO), it is projected to go up from 22 percent in 2000 to 52 percent by 2050. To understand how myopia affects children and recognise the red flags that indicate your child might be struggling with it, HT Lifestyle spoke with Dr Divya B, MBBS, MS, a consultant paediatric ophthalmologist. According to Dr Divya, when one has myopia, distant objects appear blurry while close objects can be seen clearly.



usually close to the television or hold books and devices near their faces. “This behaviour is a way to compensate for blurred distance vision, and they may also prefer to sit at the front of the classroom or move closer to screens,” she added.

3. Complaints of headaches
“Frequent headaches, especially after activities requiring distance vision, are a common sign of uncorrected myopia,” Dr Divya cautioned. “Eye strain and fatigue can occur when a child repeatedly struggles to see

clearly, sometimes resulting in discomfort following tasks like watching a movie or attending school.”

4. Excessive blinking or eye rubbing
Dr Divya noted that another sign which is often observed in children with myopia is excessive blinking or eye rubbing. “This particularly occurs when they are focusing on distant objects. This response to blurred vision or strain is common during homework or screen time and should not be overlooked,” she added.

5. Poor academic or sports performance
Lastly, a drop in academic performance or difficulty with sports and activities that require good distance vision may be linked to undiagnosed myopia. She explained, “Children may struggle to read the board at school or to participate in activities that involve tracking objects at a distance, such as catching a ball.”

Preventing the progression of myopia involves lifestyle and behavioural strategies at home and school, the ophthalmologist shared. She suggested encouraging children to spend at least two hours outdoors daily, as exposure to natural sunlight produces dopamine in the retina, which helps inhibit the abnormal elongation of the eye that causes myopia. “Limiting continuous near-sighted work, such as reading or screen time, by implementing the ‘20-20-20’ rule, taking a 20-second break to look at something 20 feet away every 20 minutes, can reduce eye strain,” Dr Divya advised. Lastly, she advised parents, “Maintaining proper reading distances and good lighting conditions is also important to prevent worsening myopia. Timely diagnosis and management can help maintain clear vision.

The best Christmas markets taking place around the world in 2025



There’s nothing quite like a festive market to bring out the Christmas spirit in people. While these events can be traced back to Vienna — the Austrian city’s first recorded December market was in 1298 — the tradition has spread across the world over the centuries. From Germany and Switzerland to Singapore and New York, it’s difficult to find a coveted destination that doesn’t hold an impressive annual market. In fact, some have grown so popular that they’ve become tourist attractions in their own right. Here’s CNN Travel’s rundown of some of the top Christmas markets taking place around the world this year:

Wiener Christkindlmarkt, Austria
With a reindeer train, a giant Ferris wheel and a giant Advent wreath, Vienna’s magical spectacle encapsulates the festive spirit fantastically. Although the Austrian capital holds around 20 Christmas markets, Wiener Christkindlmarkt (or Rathausplatz) is one of its oldest and most traditional events. The event, also known as Viennese Dream Christmas Market, is held in front of City Hall and features a 110-square-meter children’s ice rink. The famous Tree of Hearts, a giant maple tree decked out with hundreds of glittering hearts, is a favorite with visitors and a great photo opportunity. Plenty of stalls offer tasty treats such as Austrian sausages and gingerbread cookies, along with homemade Christmas punch.

Basel Christmas Market, Switzerland
It’s hard to find a destination that does Christmas better than Switzerland. Most Swiss towns are taken over by festive markets at this time of year, and the atmosphere is incredible. Basel Christmas Market is the biggest and arguably the best around. Separated into two sections, at Barfüsserplatz and Münsterplatz, it hosts around 150 decorated stalls selling everything from Christmas spices, decorations and candles. Family attractions include the Christmas fairytale forest at Münsterplatz with activities such as gingerbread and candle decorating, a star-making workshop and a puppet show. Attendees can take a walk up the stairwell of St. Martin’s tower for views of the lights illuminating the old town or sip on mulled wine at the 13-meter-high Christmas pyramid on Barfüsserplatz.

Strasbourg Christmas Market, France
One of Europe’s oldest Christmas markets, Strasbourg’s began back in 1570, but has evolved considerably since then. Spread over more than 10 locations, the hugely popular market lights up the city with thousands of twinkling lights and festive ornaments. Drawing in over 2 million people a year, it features hundreds of wooden chalet stalls selling everything from decorations and presents

to local Alsatian wine. Place Kleber is probably its most popular spot thanks to the Great Christmas Tree. But visitors will be treated to countless magical sights while wandering through the city’s narrow alleyways and pretty squares.

Brussels Winter Wonders, Belgium
Brussels really comes to life at Christmas time thanks to Winter Wonders, which is more akin to a festival than a market. One of Belgium’s biggest and most popular events, the annual extravaganza extends across the open spaces of the Bourse, Place de la Monnaie, Grand Place, Place Sainte Catherine and Marche aux Poissons. A light and sound show, ice skating and fairground rides are among the activities and places to enjoy. Visitors can also browse through about 200 chalets serving glühwein (mulled wine), Belgian beers and waffles while staring in wonder at the enormous Christmas tree in Grand Place.

Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square Christmas markets, Prague, Czech Republic
To say the city of Prague goes all out at Christmas is an understatement. The Czech capital is the very definition of a winter wonderland during the festive period. While there’s no shortage of markets throughout the city, the main ones



can be found in Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square. Thankfully these spots are only a few minutes’ walk apart, so revelers can easily visit both in a day. Old Town Square provides entertainment in the form of live shows, dance performances and creative workshops. Wenceslas Square is great for handmade gifts and local treats such as klobasa (Czech sausage) and mulled wine.

Fira de Santa Llucia, Barcelona
Dating from 1786, Fira de Santa Llucia has grown from a one-day event to commemorate the December 13 feast day of Santa Llucia to a three-week fair. Held right outside Barcelona Cathedral, the bustling market is separated into four sections. The first is Nativity and Figurines, where visitors can pick up decorations and models to create traditional Bethlehem manger scenes. The Greenery and Plants section is packed with both natural and artificial trees and, of course, plants. The Crafts section features handmade products and jewelry, while the Simbombes section is mainly made up of musical instruments. There are also many festive activities such as storytelling, a Christmas parade and the Caga Tió, an enormous, piñata-style Christmas log that spills out candy and gifts when beaten with a stick.

I Mercati Natale, Piazza Santa Croce, Florence
There’s much to see at this enchanting market, but nothing can top the beautiful backdrop supplied by Santa Croce’s Franciscan Basilica. Although this traditional fair, also known as Weihnachtsmarkt, is based on German street

markets, it’s a very Italian affair in many ways thanks to the scenery and the many local treats, such as panforte, for sale. However, there’s certainly no shortage of gingerbread, strudel and traditional Heidelberg Lebkuchen cookies. Those who take a walk to the nearby Piazza del Duomo will be treated to a magnificent nativity scene, as well as an impressive Christmas tree that’s lit up ahead of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Advent in Zagreb, Croatia
It’s easy to see why Zagreb was voted the “best Christmas market destination” in travel portal European Best Destinations’ online poll for three consecutive years. Made up of around 25 Christmas markets spread across the Croatian capital, Advent in Zagreb is a magical sight. Think live Nativity scenes, ice sculpture carvings, outdoor gigs, pop-up bars and a Christmas tram complete with Santa and his elves. Advent in Zagreb also has an area devoted to “fooling around” (or “fuliranje”) where you’ll find delighted revelers dancing in the street while eating street food and listening to live entertainment.

Christmas in Tivoli, Copenhagen, Denmark
Visited several times by Walt Disney before he developed Disneyland, this Danish amusement park and pleasure garden is a dazzling place to visit any time of year. But you’ll struggle to find anywhere as enchanting as Tivoli Gardens during the festive period. With more than 1,000 beautifully decorated Christmas trees adorning the beautiful grounds, and everything from fairground rides to a traditional Pixie Band for entertainment, it’s a winter experience like no other. This year’s line up of activities also includes a magical light installation of luminous “fireworks.” The annual Lucia procession on December 13, where more than 100 girls process through the gardens carrying candles and singing to mark St. Lucia’s Day, is a particular highlight, along with the firework displays that take place between December 25 and 26, as well as New Year’s Eve.

Tallinn Christmas Market, Estonia
The Estonian capital’s annual affair is one of the more modern European Christmas markets. Set inside Tallinn’s Town Hall Square, it’s packed full of stalls with traditional Estonian cuisine, artisan bread and handicrafts for sale. On the entertainment front, there are carousels, a winter grotto and a Santa who rolls up on a sleigh complete with reindeer. Visitors are also treated to



performances by dance troupes and choirs. But as with many such markets, the Christmas tree is the main event. Tallinn’s tree has been displayed here since 1441.

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Fifa will award the inaugural Peace Prize during the 2026 World Cup draw in Washington DC

New Delhi: World soccer’s governing body, FIFA, announced on Wednesday that a new yearly honor named the FIFA Peace Prize will be handed to its first laureate during the 2026 World Cup finals draw in Washington, D.C. next month. FIFA stated that the “FIFA Peace Prize – Football Unites the World” was established in order to “reward individuals who have taken exceptional and extraordinary actions for peace”. “In an increasingly unsettled and divided world, it’s fundamental to recognise the outstanding contribution of those who work hard to end conflicts and bring people together in a spirit of peace,” Gianni Infantino, president of FIFA, said.

“Football stands for peace, and on behalf of the entire global football community, the FIFA Peace Prize – Football Unites the World will recognise the enormous efforts of those individuals who unite people, bringing hope for future generations.” U.S. President Donald Trump had announced in August that the World Cup draw will take place on December 5 at the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, where 48 teams will



learn their group stage opponents. “We are uniting the world, Mr President, uniting the world, here in America, and we are very proud of that,” Infantino had told Trump before letting him hold the World Cup trophy. Trump had aggressively lobbied for the Nobel Peace Prize this year and the White House had criticised the Nobel Committee’s decision to grant it to Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado last month.

South Africa exposes India’s Test bowlers A chase of 417 prior to the Eden Gardens Test

New Delhi: Not barely a week remains until the Test series against South Africa. However, it appears that Team India will have a lot of work ahead of the first game, which is set to begin on Friday at Eden Gardens. This is due to the fact that during the second four-day encounter between India A and South Africa A at the BCCI Centre of Excellence field in Bengaluru, India’s top Test bowlers were thoroughly defeated. The combination of Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep, and Kuldeep Yadav had virtually little effect on the South Africa A batsmen, who chased down an unlikely goal of 417 runs and won by five wickets, turning what was supposed to be a pre-Test practice



into a nightmare. Five of the top six players in South Africa A’s batting order hit half-centuries. The visitors were ruthless against the Indian bowlers when they returned on Sunday from an overnight score of 25/0. The hosts were stunned by the brilliant stroke-play of Jordan Hermann (91), Lesego Senokwane (77), Tem-

ba Bavuma (59), Zubayr Hamza (77), and Connor Esterhuizen (52 not out). In the “A” games, it was the greatest run chase. The series finished in a 1-1 draw. Even if the surface did not provide much support for the bowlers, the performance of India’s elite bowlers, who would be facing South Africa’s world champion side in a few days, was unsatisfactory. As he was thrashed for 4.81 runs per over, pacer Akash Deep appeared listless, while fellow. For left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep, the job was even more difficult as the pitch did not allow him to flaunt his tricks. He bled 81 runs in 17 wicketless overs. Seamer Prasidh Krishna, who is not in India’s Test

squad, was the best bowler on the day with figures of 2/49. In what could be even more worrisome for Team India, Siraj also suffered an injury when he took a painful blow on his bowling hand while fielding. He grimaced in pain as the physio took him out of the ground. Though he later came back and bowled four overs as well, such injuries may often be tricky and disturbing. This was the second scare from the game as keeper-batter Rishabh Pant had injured himself during Saturday’s play. As for the positives, Dhruv Jurel’s rich form with the bat will surely be a boost for India. The keeper-batter slammed centuries in both innings of the game.

Vassily Ivanchuk supports the organizers of the Chess World Cup

New Delhi: The ongoing Chess World Cup 2025 in Goa has seen some controversies. The biggest controversy is probably Ian Nepomniachtchi’s reaction after getting eliminated. The Russian GM lost to Diptayan Ghosh in the second round and left the venue immediately. Within an hour, he checked out of his hotel, and later slammed the tournament and its organisers in his Telegram channel. His statement was cryptic, without pointing to any direct reason, and he slammed the ‘conditions’ of the



tournament, saying he would never return to India again. Chess legend Vassily Ivanchuk was also knocked out of the tournament in a second-round exit. But unlike Nepomniachtchi, he praised the tournament in Goa. Speaking at a press conference, he said, “Excellent, excellent, excellent. I just want to say thank you to the organisers for the correct atmosphere, and to the arbiters of course. I have no complaints. I can only say thank you to everybody, especially those who supported me.”

Shearer’s all-time Premier League mark

New Delhi: The Premier League’s single-season scoring record is already held by Erling Haaland. With 13 goals in 10 games so far this season, he has more than twice as much as any other player in the league. Additionally, he reached the 50-goal milestone the fastest. What more can the Manchester City striker do to break individual records in the top league in the world? Haaland disclosed on Tuesday that although he doesn’t really strive for certain milestones, he is familiar with Alan Shearer’s 260 Premier League career goals. Haaland, 25, has already scored 98 goals in 107 league games for City, and if he maintains his present pace, he might surpass Shearer’s record. “I know this record. I don’t really know any records, but this one I know. That’s his Premier League record, yeah,” Haaland said ahead of facing his former team Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Wednesday. Shearer, who required 441 matches to compile his record, said recently that he thinks Haaland will break his mark if he stays at City. Haaland, however, wouldn’t go as far as to even consider his chances of reaching or breaking one of the league’s most revered records.

Khawaja’s new girlfriend is having “pinch-me” time as Weatherald receives ashes

New Delhi: Jake Weatherald thinks he has earned a Test call-up for the Ashes because of his maturity as a cricket player. Having scored 1,391 runs at 53.5 from his past 15 first-class games since his arrival to Tasmania, the 31-year-old is poised to start the batting with Usman Khawaja. Weatherald stated in Hobart on Friday that “playing for Australia is the hardest thing to do in Australian sport.” It was always a goal that occasionally seemed a little bit unattainable. However, at the same time, I probably became at ease with the knowledge that I would be prepared if I took advantage of my opportunities and did the right things at the appropriate times. “It is a pinch-yourself moment. “As a kid



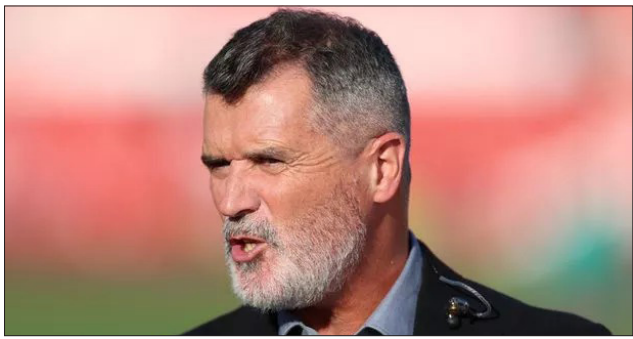
in Australia, you grow up wanting to play professional sport; representing Australia in cricket is the highest honour, and something that I’ve aspired to my whole career.” Despite backing his Queensland teammate Matt Renshaw for the task, Khawaja is now fully behind the newest member of the Australian squad. “He didn’t have me in four days

ago,” Weatherald joked. “You get the backing of someone like that who’s played so much first-class cricket, so much Test cricket.” He’s made so many hundreds for Australia and is such a respected cricketer within our community. “I’d be really excited to partner up with him at some point.” Stressing on maturity, Weatherald said: People laugh about it, talking about the old team that we have. “But at the same time, I think that’s the biggest blessing ... we’ve all matured as cricketers. “We’ve got to a point in our careers where we understand our games and how to handle the media, how to handle the pressures of playing first-class cricket. Hopefully, that keeps me in good stead.”

Roy Keane makes a major accusation following Manchester City’s defeat

New Delhi: Following Manchester City’s defeat, Roy Keane makes a significant allegation- Roy Keane, a great of Manchester United, believes that Liverpool is in trouble after their most recent Premier League defeat to Manchester City.

Manchester City crushed Slot’s squad 3-0 in the Etihad Stadium, marking their fifth defeat of the season. This already surpasses the total amount of games they lost throughout the previous season. Slot’s club is far behind in the race for the championship, already trailing Arsenal by eight points. Speaking to Sky Sports, Keane slammed the performance by Liverpool, saying that they looked like a weak team. “I think it is crisis time for Liverpool. It’s okay to lose to a club like Man City - it’s a tough place to come. But to lose seven in 10-five league losses already - it has to be a crisis for a club like Liverpool.” Keane was also critical



of Slot’s assessment of the second half, saying that the game was already over by then as City held a 2-0 lead by the end of the first 45 minutes. The former United captain also slammed the way Liverpool conceded the goals on Sunday, saying that the decision-making from the team wasn’t good enough. “The manager said he was pleased with the second half, but the game was over! It’s easy to play well when you’re not playing for anything. I thought [Slot’s] assessment of the game was spot

on. City looked stronger, technically better and more physical than Liverpool today.” [Liverpool] still had moments, they’ve always got quality, but the goals they’re giving away - their decision-making - was not good enough. There was a lack of intensity, a lack of energy. The subs, when they came on, looked really soft.” “I think it is a crisis for Liverpool,” said Keane. Liverpool will face Nottingham Forest after the international break on November 22.

Novak Djokovic withdraws from the ATP Finals after winning his 101st championship

New Delhi: At the Vanda Pharmaceuticals Hellenic Championship in Athens on Saturday, Novak Djokovic defeated Lorenzo Musetti in a tough three-hour final to win his 101st career title. Despite the victory, Djokovic later declared that he would not compete in the ATP Finals in Turin because of a persistent shoulder ailment. This is a significant development in the ATP season that allows Musetti to replace him at the year-end competition. With his victory, which was his 72nd on hard courts, Djokovic broke his tie with Roger Federer to become the only player with the most tour-level hard court titles in the Open Era. Djokovic overcame Musetti 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the tough, excellent match that took place in the Athens final. In a match featuring 13 break points and five service breaks in the deciding set, the Serbian veteran dug deep to prevail. “An incredible battle - three hours of a gruelling match, physically,” Djokovic said after the win. “It



could have been anybody’s match, so congrats to Lorenzo for an amazing performance.

I’m just very proud of myself to get through this one.” Djokovic’s triumph at age 38 also denied Musetti a chance to qualify for the ATP Finals by ranking, as the Italian needed to win the Athens title to surpass Felix Auger-Aliassime for the final spot. Seeded No. 1, Djokovic once again reinforced his reputation

as one of the game’s most consistent competitors, extending his storied legacy with career title No. 101. After trading breaks in the 10th and 11th games, Djokovic held serve to love to seal the match. Both men displayed remarkable endurance, but it was Djokovic’s experience and mental poise that proved decisive in the clutch moments.

Strategically, the contest was marked by aggressive baseline ex-

changes and frequent ventures to the net. Musetti’s early pressure unsettled Djokovic, but the Serb’s tactical adjustments - particularly in return positioning and serve variation - helped him turn the tide. After the match, Djokovic confirmed his withdrawal from the ATP Finals, citing an “ongoing” shoulder issue that prevents him from competing in Turin, where he has previously claimed seven titles. It will be the second straight year he misses the event due to injury. Musetti, who has now lost six consecutive ATP Tour finals, will nevertheless make his ATP Finals debut in Turin. Reflecting on the match, the Italian was gracious in defeat: “Novak, there are not many words to say about you and your career,” said Musetti, who now trails Djokovic 1-9 in their Lexus ATP Head2Head. “You are proving, still at your age, that you can kick us - like me today. Every time I share the court with you, I take it as a lesson, so thanks for that.”

Lenny Wilkens, Hall of Famer, dies at 88

New Delhi: At the age of 88, Lenny Wilkens, one of the most revered figures in basketball and one of the few individuals to be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach, passed away. His family did not reveal the cause of death, but they did confirm the news on Sunday. With Wilkens’ demise, an incredible NBA career spanning over 40 years comes to a close.

He crossed decades of the game, from the 1960s to the present, and shaped basketball with his grace both on and off the court. He was a man known for his calm brilliance, leadership, and lasting effect. Wilkens, a nine-time NBA All-Star point guard from 1960 to 1975, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989 as a player and again in 1998 for his coaching accomplishments. After leading the Seattle SuperSonics to their lone NBA championship in 1979, he retired with a record 1,332 wins, which stood for more than ten years. After Don Nelson and Gregg Popovich, he is presently ranked third on the list of all-time coaching victories. Over 1,077 regular-season



games as a player, Wilkens averaged 16.5 points and 6.7 assists per game. Selected sixth overall by the St. Louis Hawks in the 1960 NBA Draft, the New York native quickly established himself as one of the league’s most cerebral playmakers. In the 1967-68 season, he finished second to Wilt Chamberlain in the MVP voting, underlining his standing among the game’s elite. Wilkens moved to the expansion Seattle SuperSonics in 1968 and became the heartbeat of the young franchise.

Averaging a career-best 22.4 points in his first season, he soon became one of the most popular figures in the city’s sporting history. His role expanded further when he took over as player-coach, a dual responsibility he managed with characteristic poise, leading the team to a 47-35 record in the 1971-72 campaign.

Barcelona defeats Celta Vigo handily thanks to a hat-trick from Robert Lewandowski

New Delhi: Barcelona strengthened their position in the title race after defeating Celta Vigo 4-2 on the road in La Liga. Lamine Yamal scored another goal before half-time, while Robert Lewandowski led the visitors with a hat-trick. With this outcome, Barcelona’s lead over Real Madrid at the top is reduced to only three points, with 28 points. With 13 points, Celta Vigo is still in 13th place, five points off qualifying for Europe. Lewandowski scored in the tenth, thirty-seventh, and seventy-third minutes of the game, making him the main performer. His third goal, which came from a corner, demonstrated his effect, and his precision finishing ensured Barcelona kept control.

Celta Vigo struck back through Sergio Carreira, who equalised in the 11th minute after Lewandowski’s opener, and Borja Iglesias, who scored in the 43rd minute. However, Barcelona’s attacking efficiency kept them ahead for most of the match. Marcus Rashford played a crucial supporting role, providing assists for two of Lewandowski’s goals. His involvement, particularly from set pieces, proved effective in unlocking the Celta defence. Barcelona managed the match tempo well, capitalising on early pressure and set-piece opportunities.

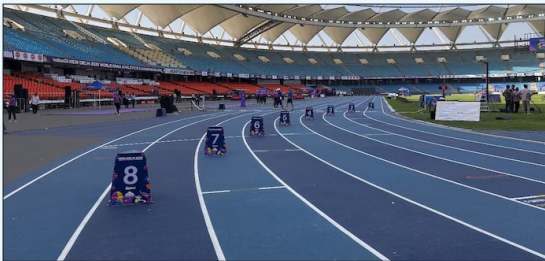


Celta Vigo responded with two timely goals but struggled to contain Barcelona’s attacking threats. The result leaves Barcelona two points clear of Villarreal in third place. There was late drama as Frenkie de Jong was sent off in stoppage time after receiving a second yellow card. This incident did not affect the result, but could impact Barcelona’s squad options after the international break.

Barca manager Hansi Flick was thrilled with Lewandowski’s performance, saying that he has seen a different version of the Polish striker after his return from injury. “After his injury, I’ve seen a differ-

ent Lewandowski, a positive one,” Barcelona coach Hansi Flick told reporters. “He came back ahead of schedule. It’s great that he’s scored three goals to boost his confidence. Last season he was very important for us.” Speaking about the De Jong red card, Flick said that it is unfortunate to see the midfielder miss the next game. “(De Jong) had a great game, he controlled the match. He’s playing at an incredible level. It’s not good that he’ll miss the next game, we’ll have to deal with it,” Flick said. “It’s always better to go into an international break with a win. I hope everyone comes back healthy.”

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi will be demolished to make way for a 102-acre sports city



New Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium complex in New Delhi is scheduled to be demolished to create a cutting-edge Sports City spanning 102 acres, in a significant development for Indian sports infrastructure, Sports Ministry sources informed India Today on Monday, November 10. As India continues to fight for the right to host the Olympic Games in 2036, the initiative intends to bring top-notch sports facilities. Infrastructure models from Australia and Qatar, two nations that have developed cutting-edge, multipurpose sporting ecosystems capable of hosting significant international events, are currently being studied by officials. There isn’t a set date for when building will begin, though. Only until the assessments are finished and a final plan is authorized will the redevelopment start. The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, originally built for the 1982 Asian Games and later renovated for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, has long been one of India’s most iconic multi-sport venues. With a capacity of nearly 60,000, it has hosted major athletics events, football fixtures, large-scale concerts, and national ceremonies, including Independence Day functions. The stadium has historically served as the home venue for the national athletics team and has been a key landmark within India’s sporting history for over four decades.