



SC revises seniority rules

New Delhi: In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has discarded the point-based assessment system used for conferring senior designations to advocates. The apex court emphasized the need for a more equitable and transparent process and directed High Courts across the country to revise their rules accordingly.

The judgment comes after concerns were raised regarding the fairness and consistency of the existing system, which relied on numerical scoring to determine seniority.

PM Modi warns against nuclear threats, terror diplomacy

'Won't tolerate nuclear blackmail; terror, talk cannot go together': PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today delivered a strong and unequivocal message, asserting India's unwavering stance against nuclear blackmail and the futility of engaging in dialogue while terrorism persists. Speaking at an undisclosed forum, the Prime Minister emphasized the nation's resolve in the face of threats to its security and sovereignty.

In a firm declaration, Prime Minister Modi stated, "Won't tolerate nuclear blackmail; terror, talk cannot go together." This



powerful statement underscores a hardening stance against any attempts to coerce India through nuclear threats and reiterates the long-held position that

meaningful discussions cannot proceed in an environment marred by terrorism. Sources present at the event indicated that the Prime Minister's remarks

were delivered with significant emphasis, reflecting the government's serious concern regarding regional security challenges. The statement is likely to be interpreted as a clear message to neighboring countries and the international community about India's zero-tolerance policy towards both nuclear intimidation and cross-border terrorism. The Prime Minister's assertion comes amidst ongoing geopolitical tensions in the region. While the specific context of his statement was not im-

mediately clear, it resonates with India's consistent advocacy against state-sponsored terrorism and its commitment to maintaining a credible nuclear deterrent for national security. Analysts suggest that this firm rhetoric signals a continuation of India's robust foreign and security policy. The emphasis on the incompatibility of terror and dialogue reiterates that any engagement requires a complete cessation of hostile activities and the dismantling of terrorist infrastructure.

Assam CM questions Indira Gandhi's handling of Bangladesh after 1971 war

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has criticized former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for her handling of the situation following the creation of Bangladesh after India's 1971 victory against Pakistan. In a detailed post on social media, Sarma argued that India's military success was not matched by strategic fore-

sight, leading to a "historic opportunity lost". Sarma claimed that while India supported a secular Bangladesh, the country later declared Islam as its state religion in 1988, contradicting the values India fought to protect. He also pointed to the declining Hindu population in Bangladesh, alleging systematic discrimination and violence against

minorities. Additionally, Sarma criticized India's failure to secure a land corridor through northern Bangladesh, which could have strengthened connectivity with the Northeast. He also highlighted the unchecked immigration from Bangladesh into Assam and Bengal, which he said has led to demographic changes and political instability.

Sri Lanka welcomes Indo-Pak ceasefire for regional stability

Colombo: Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has hailed the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan, calling it a "significant step toward peace" in South Asia.

The ceasefire, announced on Saturday, comes after heightened tensions between the two nations following Indian military strikes on terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir (PoK) in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Sri Lanka, I commend this significant step towards peace," Dissanayake said in a statement. He emphasized that the immediate cessation of hostilities would help protect innocent lives and pave the way for lasting stability in the region.

Quick bites

Tharoor schools anchor on Pakistan

New Delhi: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor Tharoor praised for countering Pakistan's denial.

Minor gang-raped inside moving car

Bulandshahr: A minor girl was allegedly gang-raped inside a moving car, and her friend died after being thrown from the vehicle in a harrowing incident that unfolded in UP's Bulandshahr.

Woman's body found at Patna airport

Patna: A decomposed body of a woman was discovered inside a rain-water drain pipe at the under-construction terminal of Patna Airport, officials confirmed on Sunday.

Congress reaffirms PoK resolution

New Delhi: The Congress party has urged the government to reiterate the 1994 resolution passed by Parliament, which asserts that Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is an integral part of India.

Ceasefire brings hope, danger remains

Srinagar: Even as guns have fallen silent across the Line of Control (LoC) following the India-Pakistan ceasefire agreement, fear continues to grip thousands of border residents.

Tamil Nadu Govt to hold mock drills at reservoirs next week



Chennai: The Tamil Nadu government has announced that civil defence mock drills will continue next week, focusing on major reservoirs across the state. These exercises, conducted under the guidance of the Ministry of Home Affairs, aim to assess emergency preparedness at key infrastructure sites.

Since May 7, similar drills have been carried out at vital installations, including ports, atomic power sta-

tions, airports, and thermal power plants. On Saturday, an air raid simulation was conducted at V O Chidambaram Port Authority and Thoothukudi Thermal Power Station, testing the civil defence system's ability to handle wartime emergencies. The upcoming drills will begin with tabletop exercises, followed by on-site civil defence mock drills in select areas, overseen by District Collectors and the Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner.

Indian military's might reverberates in Rawalpindi, says Rajnath Singh

The Minister also accused Pakistan of targeting civilians in India

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday hailed Operation Sindoor, describing it as a decisive demonstration of India's military strength and political resolve against terrorism. Speaking at the virtual inauguration of the BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility in Lucknow, Singh emphasized that the operation had sent a powerful message across the border.

The roar of Indian forces reached Rawalpindi, the very headquarters of the Pakistani Army," Singh declared, underscoring the impact of India's military action. Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 in response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam,



which claimed 26 lives. The Indian armed forces struck nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, targeting terrorist infrastructure while avoiding civilian casualties.

Singh reiterated India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, stating that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leader-

ship, India has demonstrated its ability to take effective action against threats both within and beyond its borders. He recalled previous military responses, including the surgical strikes after the Uri attack, the Balakot airstrike following Pulwama, and now, the multiple strikes inside Pakistan after the Pahalgam incident.



Telangana climber scales Mizoram peak with message

Aizawl: Bhukya Yashwanth, a 20-year-old mountaineer from Mahabubabad district of Telangana has achieved another milestone in his nationwide mission "Har Shikhar Par Tiranga" by successfully summiting Phawngpui, the highest peak in Mizoram, on Friday.

His campaign aims to inspire India's youth while spreading aware-

ness against drug abuse and betting app addiction. Known as the "Blue Mountain," Phawngpui stands at 2,157 meters in the scenic Lawngtlai district near the Myanmar border. Recognized as a National Park, the area is rich in biodiversity, with rare flora and fauna across its 50 sq. km expanse. Yashwanth scales Phawngpui, promoting unity and a drug-free future.

UCM voices concern over Indo-Myanmar border fencing, claims impact on Manipur

Imphal: The United Committee Manipur (UCM) has voiced grave concerns over the ongoing Indo-Myanmar border fencing, alleging that the project is encroaching upon Manipur's territory. Speaking at the inauguration of the UCM Lamlai Unit office at Lamlai Keithel, UCM President YK Dhiren urged the people of Manipur not to remain silent



during what he described as a critical moment for the state. Addressing the gathering, Dhiren stated that the border fencing work being carried out by

the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) lacks transparency and has resulted in the loss of land belonging to Manipur. He alleged that under pressure from local residents in border areas, the fencing is advancing in a way that disregards ground realities and historical boundaries. "This is not just about land;

it is an attack on our rights and the very idea of Manipur," Dhiren said. He added that the UCM, along with officials from the Surveyor General of India, Manipur government, BRO/BRTF verify affected areas; UCM plans public observation tour. Dhiren laments threats to Manipur's integrity, warns against unilateral border actions.

Assam to rename Dibrugarh airport

Guwahati: In a move to honor the birth centenary of the music maestro Bhupen Hazarika, the Assam Cabinet has approved the renaming of the Dibrugarh airport after the cultural icon.

The decision was announced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday, stating that a special assembly session will be convened to pass a resolution for the Union government's consideration.

In addition to this significant tribute, the cabinet also greenlit the Assam Tea Workers' Financial Assistance Scheme, 2025, providing a one-time grant of Rs 5,000 to approximately seven lakh tea garden workers as the industry marks its 200th year.

Other key decisions included the approval of the Assam Electronics Components Manufacturing Top-Up Scheme, 2025.

Waqf Amendment Act seen as step toward equity and empowerment: Arunachal Guv

Itanagar: Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K T Parnaik on Friday hailed the Waqf Amendment Act 2025 as a progressive and inclusive measure aimed at empowering underprivileged sections of society.

Speaking at a Waqf reform awareness meet held at Raj Bhavan here, the governor said the Waqf Amendment Act ensures that the benefits and revenues generated from Waqf properties are effectively



utilised for the upliftment of those in need, helping them stand shoulder to shoulder with other communities.

"The reform is not just about administration, it is about empowerment and equity," Parnaik said, addressing a gathering of community leaders, schol-

ars, and representatives from various faiths. He noted that the Waqf Amendment Act is the outcome of extensive consultations and thoughtful deliberations, and represents a collective effort to bring about meaningful reforms for the benefit of all sections of the Muslim community, a Raj Bhavan communique said here. Guided by 'Sabka Prayas,' the process reflects national unity and teamwork.

Two arrested in Tripura over pro-Pakistan posts

Agartala: Tripura police arrested two individuals for allegedly sharing pro-Pakistan content on social media, which authorities say threatened national unity and security.

Shafik Ali, a resident of Tarapur in the Fatikroy Police Station area, was arrested after posting a message on social media supporting Pakistan and calling for the removal of India from the global map. He was charged under sec-

tions 152, 197, and 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and taken into custody. In a separate incident, Abdul Salam, a resident of East Fulbari under Churaibari Police Station, was arrested for sharing material critical of the Border Security Force (BSF). He has been charged under sections 196, 352, and 253 of the BNS and presented in court. Authorities warn against posting sensitive content.

Meghalaya students take refuge in Delhi amid crisis

Rising fears of illegal border crossings and security risks prompt action in the NE

Shillong: Amid the escalating situation between India and Pakistan, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma announced that around 70 students from Meghalaya, currently studying in Punjab and Haryana, were accommodated at the Meghalaya House in Delhi for their safety.

Sangma shared the information on his official X handle, stating that additional students are expect-



ed to arrive shortly as authorities continue to ensure the well-being of the state's

students amid growing concerns. Earlier, the Meghalaya government imposed

a nightly curfew along the Indo-Bangladesh border in South West Garo Hills District. The restrictive measure, implemented through an order issued by District Magistrate Hema Nayak, IAS, prohibits movement within 200 metres of the International Border between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am daily, effective immediately and until further notice. Smugglers and banned militant groups reportedly active near border.

Assam Police busts foreign cigarette racket

Guwahati: Assam Police seized a massive consignment of foreign-made cigarettes and arrested two individuals during a search operation in the Lalmati area of Guwahati on Sunday night, officials said on Monday. Acting on a secret input, Basistha Police intercepted an LP truck reportedly carrying cement and observed that a large quantity of foreign cigarettes was being offloaded into a Tata Intra pickup van. Two persons, identified as Chandan Barman (48) and Pranjal Das (25), were apprehended at the spot. According to Rajib Saikia, Chief Public Relations Officer of Assam Police, the suspects failed to produce valid documents for the consignment. Police seized 798 packets of ESSE Light Slim Cigarettes, manufactured under the authority of KT & G, Korea. Each packet contains 10 boxes, with 20 sticks per box, amounting to a total of 1,59,600 cigarette sticks.

Tripura CM Manik Saha strengthens border security amid India-Pakistan tensions

Agartala: In the backdrop of the ongoing India-Pakistan war, Tripura Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha held a high-level meeting with security agencies and directed them to intensify surveillance along the international border.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Chief Minister Dr. Saha said, "Tripura has remained peaceful so far, but we cannot afford to be complacent. In light of the present situation, it is



essential to strengthen our vigilance at the border."

Dr. Saha made it clear that the state government is aligning its actions with the guidance of the Centre. "We are strictly following the directions of Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to ensure the security of our people," he stated.

The Chief Minister emphasized that although Tripura has not witnessed any disturbances, precautionary measures are being taken in the interest of public safety. He reiterated the state's full cooperation with the central government in all security-related matters.

Nagaland Potato Festival highlights organic farming

Kohima: The second edition of the Nagaland Potato Festival was held at Jakhama Local Ground in Kohima under the theme "Celebrating the Organic Products of Nagaland."

The festival aimed to promote organic potato cultivation throughout the state, while also providing a platform for local entrepreneurs and generating economic opportunities for village communities. Tourism and Higher Ed-



ucation Minister Temjen Imna Along, addressing the gathering, commended the contributions of farmers and stakeholders in advancing Nagaland's organic farming practices.



Godrej Foundation backs GATI to turn India into global talent engine

Guwahati: In a strategic move to position India as a global supplier of skilled talent, the Godrej Foundation, alongside The Convergence Foundation and Manish Sabharwal, co-launched the Global Access to Talent from India (GATI) Foundation. The initiative was unveiled at a high-profile event attended by Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, and Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. GATI is a non-profit foundation committed to building ethical, structured, and circular migration pathways to meet an expected global labour shortfall of 45–50 million skilled and semi-skilled workers by 2030. The launch brought



together diplomats, senior bureaucrats, business leaders, and think tanks to chart India's role in global skills mobility. Omar Momin, CEO of Godrej Foundation, highlighted GATI's transformative potential: "Global labour mobility is not just smart economics—it's transformative development." Ashish Dhawan of The Convergence Foundation stressed the potential to grow India's migrant workforce to 2–2.5 million annually, expand-

ing remittances to \$300 billion. For Guwahati, a hub of emerging skilled talent in Northeast India, GATI opens a promising frontier. Local training institutes can tailor skill development to global standards, creating international job pathways and boosting household incomes through remittance inflows. GATI aims to shift the global migration narrative—towards legal, safe, and mutually beneficial workforce mobility.

NSDC International to train 1 lakh caregivers, addressing rising global healthcare demand

Guwahati: NSDC International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), is set to train one lakh caregivers to meet the surging global demand for skilled healthcare professionals. With thousands of candidates already placed in countries like Germany, Japan, the UK, and Israel, the initiative is bridging the global caregiving skill gap by offering specialised training in healthcare, soft skills, and languages such as English, German, and Japanese.



nessing a surge in interest from youth eager to explore global healthcare careers. Local skill centres, aligned with NSDC International's standards, are preparing aspirants with internationally relevant competencies, boosting regional employment potential.

Alok Kumar, CEO, NSDC International, said, "As the world today strives to accomplish the SDG-3- Good Health and

Wellbeing, we, at NSDC International, are leaving no stone unturned to facilitate global action towards accomplishing universal health coverage. We have not only designed tailored programmes but also actively explored partnership opportunities with national and global institutions to train candidates with relevant skills to mitigate healthcare challenges. We have successfully deployed thousands of skilled caregivers across the world and are steadily revising our targets, accelerating our actions, and ensuring seamless integration of skilled professionals into the healthcare ecosystem."

Backed by strategic partnerships with countries including the USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and GCC nations, NSDC International is responding to critical healthcare staff shortages. Recent recruitment by leading Japanese and German companies at competitive salaries highlights the training quality. Additionally, the organisation is working with international institutions like the University of Cambridge and Cambridge Boxhill to enhance certification standards. Guwahati is wit-

Vi unveils exclusive international roaming packs for Hajj pilgrims with unlimited incoming calls

Guwahati: Vi (Vodafone Idea), India's top telecom operator, has introduced industry-first International Roaming (IR) packs for the Gulf region to cater to Hajj pilgrims traveling to Saudi Arabia this year. With over 1,75,000 Indian pilgrims set to embark on the annual pilgrimage, Vi's IR packs ensure seamless connectivity, offering unlimited incoming calls, generous data allowances,



and free outgoing minutes, starting at just Rs. 1199 for 20 days.

The IR packs include options for both Prepaid and

Postpaid users. The Rs. 1199 Prepaid pack offers 2 GB data, 150 minutes of outgoing calls, and Rs. 15 per SMS, while the Rs. 2388 pack provides 4 GB data and 300 minutes for 40 days. For Postpaid users, the Rs. 2500 pack includes 4 GB data and 500 minutes, with free incoming SMS. Shorter-duration travelers can also choose affordable options, with packs starting at Rs. 495

for 3 days. In Guwahati, Vi's new offering provides an invaluable solution to Hajj-bound customers, ensuring they stay connected with family and friends without worrying about high roaming charges. Guwahati, a key market for Vi, stands to benefit from these tailored international roaming plans, helping customers stay connected while traveling abroad for religious purposes.

Gujarat Trailblazers secure key sponsorships for ISRL Season 2, expands brand footprint

Guwahati: As the Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL) gears up for its highly anticipated Season 2 from October to December 2025, Gujarat Trailblazers, a founding franchise of the league, has announced major sponsorship deals with La-Pino'z Pizza and FanToPark. These partnerships signal growing corporate confidence in the league's expanding cultural and commercial footprint.

The new alliances come as ISRL continues to capture the imagination of brands across sectors, with a focus on fan-first experiences that blend sports, entertainment, and community engagement. Led by Dhruvil Patel, the Gujarat Trailblazers have quickly emerged as one

of ISRL's most competitive teams, resonating with fans nationwide, particularly in Gujarat. "Supercross can be a cultural force, not just a sport," said Patel, reinforcing the team's commitment to creating an immersive experience for fans and sponsors alike. The increasing appeal of ISRL is evident in regions like Guwahati, where the young and energetic fanbase offers immense potential for brand activation. As ISRL continues to grow, Guwahati's market remains a key focus for sponsors, offering new avenues for engagement in a rapidly evolving sports and entertainment landscape. The partnerships with La-Pino'z Pizza and FanToPark further solidify the league's commercial success.

Operation Sindoor sends market ripples as India strikes back at Pakistan, global reactions mixed

Guwahati: India's swift military retaliation under Operation Sindoor—a series of 24 coordinated precision strikes on nine terror camps in Pakistan—has sent ripples through geopolitical and business circles alike. The operation, launched in response to last month's deadly Pahalgam attack, marks a sharp escalation in regional tensions. The Defence Ministry stated unequivocally, "Those responsible for the attack will be held accountable." Global markets responded with caution as leaders called for restraint. U.S. President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio urged de-escalation,



echoed by France, Russia, Japan, and the UAE. In contrast, Israel voiced full support for India, while China and Turkey criticized the strikes. In Guwahati, traders and businesses expressed solidarity with the government's stand, but concerns emerged over possible disruptions in investor confidence and logistics due to heightened border tensions. "We

support the move, but geopolitical uncertainty can impact transport, supply chains, and north-east-bound investments," said a local trade body representative. India is actively engaging international stakeholders. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval have briefed major powers and UN Security Council members, reaffirming India's commitment to counterterrorism while stressing the need for global cooperation.

Infosys cuts Q4 bonuses amid profit drop

Bengaluru: India's second-largest IT services firm, Infosys, has informed some employees that their performance bonuses for the fourth quarter of financial year 2024-25 will be lower, amid declining profits. The Economic Times reported. According to the report, senior HR executives and managers conveyed the development to members of a large delivery unit during a conference bridge call last week. A staff member, speaking on condition of anonymity, said similar discussions could take place with other teams as well.

Paytm shares fall 5%

New Delhi: Paytm's stock saw a 5% decline following reports that Ant Group is looking to shed its equity in the fintech company. Investors reacted swiftly to the development, leading to a dip in share prices amid concerns over potential changes in ownership structure. Ant Group, a major shareholder in Paytm, is reportedly exploring options to reduce its stake as part of broader strategic realignments. Market analysts suggest that the move could impact investor sentiment and the company's future outlook, especially in India's evolving digital payments sector. Paytm has maintained its position as a key player in fintech innovation.



California Almonds gain momentum in India This Mother's Day, boost demand in Guwahati

Guwahati: No single day can truly reflect the endless love, care, and quiet strength that mothers give each day. From asking if we've eaten to making sure everyone is okay, moms are always putting others first. But how often do we stop to ask them how they're doing—or check in on their health and well-being? This Mother's Day, let's celebrate the one who has been our caregiver by caring for her in return. A thoughtful way to show your care is a simple gesture—like making California almonds a part of her daily routine. As she juggles countless tasks and stays on her feet all day, almonds can



help her feel energized, support wellness, and offer skin-nourishing benefits.

Known as the King of Nuts, California almonds are a natural source of 15 essential nutrients, including protein, zinc, magnesium, and vitamin E. Adding a handful of almonds to her daily routine can help regulate blood sugar levels, support heart health,

promote glowing skin, aid in weight management, and provide energy. In Guwahati, almond sales have seen a notable uptick, with retailers reporting strong demand for premium varieties like Nonpareil, Carmel, and Butte. Market observers note that customers are increasingly choosing value-added health products over conventional snacks, with curated almond gift boxes gaining traction ahead of Mother's Day. Local dry fruit vendors and supermarkets are ramping up inventories to meet the rising demand.

Bollywood actress Soha Ali Khan highlighted gifting almonds as a health-con-

scious tradition, while celebrity fitness coach Yasmin Karachiwala endorsed them for their natural nutrient profile, especially for new mothers. Healthcare experts like Ritika Samaddar and Sheela Krishnaswamy emphasized their benefits for managing PCOS, menopause, and heart health. From actress Shriya Saran's endorsement as a protein-rich snack to Vani Bhojan's spiced almond recipes, California almonds continue to gain relevance among urban consumers. The trend reflects a broader shift toward preventive wellness and premium snacking in India's FMCG landscape.

Titan World announces exclusive Mother's Day perfume-making experience across India

Guwahati: Titan World is excited to announce a special Mother's Day celebration, offering a personalized perfume-making experience across over 163 stores nationwide. On May 10th and 11th, customers can engage in the unique activity of creating a bespoke 50ml perfume, using a curated selection of essential oils to craft a fragrance that perfectly captures their bond with their mothers. This initiative is part of Titan's broader strategy to elevate the in-store experience, reflecting the brand's commitment to creating meaningful, experiential moments. Rahul Shukla, Vice President and Chief Sales and Marketing Officer at Titan Company Ltd., shared, "We believe in celebrating the relationships that matter the most. This perfume-making activity offers our customers the opportunity to create not just a gift, but a lasting memory with their mothers." In Guwahati, the event presents a valuable opportunity to tap into the region's increasing demand for personalized products and unique gifting options. With a growing preference for experiential shopping, Guwahati consumers are likely to be drawn to this hands-on, emotionally resonant offering. Titan World's initiative will cater to this shift in consumer behavior, providing an engaging and memorable way for the people of Guwahati to celebrate Mother's Day.

WOL3D expands 3D printing with new experience centers, entering Guwahati

Guwahati: WOL3D, one of India's pioneering 3D printing SMEs, has announced the launch of new experience centres in Pune, Ahmedabad, Indore, Vijayawada, and Guwahati, marking a significant expansion in its nationwide footprint. This strategic move is aimed at bringing 3D printing technology closer to consumers and businesses while promoting its integration across sectors such as education, manufacturing, and design. The experience centres will offer hands-on access

to WOL3D's full suite of products — including 3D printers, filaments, pens, and prototyping services — along with live demonstrations and enhanced after-sales support. The initiative aligns with WOL3D's broader goal to make 3D printing as common as traditional printers in Indian households and institutions.

The entry into Guwahati is particularly significant as the region witnesses a surge in demand for advanced tech in education and manufacturing.

Industry observers in the Guwahati market see this as a timely boost for local innovation, especially in design, architecture, and STEM education, with the potential to support startups and skill development programs.

Founded in 2017, WOL3D is listed on the NSE SME platform and has featured on Shark Tank India. With a strong presence across industries and a focus on eco-friendly, affordable solutions, the brand continues to lead India's 3D printing revolution.

MG Windsor PRO: A game-changer for India's EV market with advanced features and flexible pricing

Guwahati: JSW MG Motor India has launched the highly anticipated MG Windsor PRO, a next-gen electric vehicle aimed at revolutionizing business-class travel. The MG Windsor PRO will be available at an ex-showroom price of INR 17,49,800 for the first 8,000 bookings, with a flexible Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price of INR 12.49 Lakhs + INR 4.5/km. The vehicle comes equipped with a 52.9 kWh battery offering an extended range of 449 km, 12 advanced ADAS Level 2 safety features, and cutting-edge tech like Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) and Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) capabilities. Anurag Mehrotra, Managing Director of JSW MG Motor India, emphasized the growing acceptance of EVs in Tier II and III cities, citing the Windsor's success in driving the EV segment forward. The company has also expanded its BaaS offering by



onboarding financiers such as IDFC First Bank and Kotak Mahindra Prime, making EV ownership more accessible. Guwahati, with its increasing awareness of sustainable mobility, is seeing a rising demand for EVs. MG Windsor PRO's launch is expected to meet the region's growing interest in electric vehicles, offering both advanced technology and flexible ownership solutions, thereby contributing to the overall growth of the EV sector in Assam.

Bajaj Allianz Life announces record Rs 1,833 crore bonus for FY2025, benefiting 11.7 lakh policyholders

Guwahati: Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has announced its highest-ever bonus of ₹1,833 crore for the financial year 2024-25, reflecting a significant 32% growth from the previous year's ₹1,383 crore. This record bonus will benefit over 11.71 lakh policyholders invested in the company's participating (with-profit) products. Bajaj Allianz Life has been consistently delivering annual bonuses for 24 years, solidifying its commitment to customer value. The bonus will be paid to policyholders with active traditional participating poli-



cies as of March 31, 2025. Additionally, the company has declared a special 5% reversionary bonus amounting to ₹206 crore for policyholders of higher equity allocation products, including Bajaj Allianz Life

ACE – Wealth Option and Bajaj Allianz Life Flexi Income Goal – Enhanced Benefit. Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, said, "This record bonus showcases our strong financial foun-

ation and prudent investment strategies, ensuring we continue to deliver value to our customers." In Guwahati, Bajaj Allianz Life's record bonus declaration is expected to strengthen its market position, further boosting consumer confidence in the company's products.

With growing financial awareness in the region, Guwahati's policyholders are increasingly turning to trusted brands like Bajaj Allianz for long-term financial security.

India's retail inflation drops to 3.16% in April

New Delhi: India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), eased to 3.16 per cent in April, down from 3.34 per cent in March. This marks the lowest monthly inflation rate since July 2019, when it stood at 3.15 per cent.

CPI-based inflation has now stayed below the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4 per cent for the third consecutive month. Robust harvest despite intense heatwaves drove down food costs, which account for nearly

half of the consumer price basket. India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation for April 2025 will be released on Wednesday, May 14. At its bi-monthly policy meeting in April, the RBI projected CPI-based inflation for the current financial year (FY26) at 4 per cent, assuming a normal monsoon. Notably, inflation in the April-June quarter (Q1) is expected to dip as low as 3.6 per cent, revised sharply down from an earlier estimate of 4.5 per cent. Retail inflation cooled to a seven-month low of 3.61 per cent in February 2025.



TallyPrime 6.0 empowers SMEs with integrated banking, revolutionizing financial operations

Guwahati: Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd has launched Tally-Prime 6.0, an advanced upgrade designed to streamline financial operations for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) with integrated banking capabilities. The new version of TallyPrime connects users to leading banks, including Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, bringing banking directly into the business management platform. This innovation allows businesses to access live bank balances, reconcile transactions instantly, and manage payments efficiently, all within a single interface. Mr. Tejas Goenka, Managing Direc-

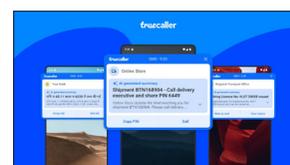


tor of Tally Solutions, emphasized that TallyPrime 6.0 saves SMEs 30-50% of their time by simplifying bank reconciliation, payment collections, and working capital optimization. The platform also integrates UPI

payments, enhances GST compliance, and offers real-time operational insights, making it a powerful tool for businesses to stay agile and make smarter financial decisions. For Guwahati's expanding SME sector, this new offering brings tremendous value. With increasing digital adoption in the region, local businesses can leverage TallyPrime's connected banking feature to optimize their financial operations, improve cash flow, and streamline accounting. This release offers a significant competitive edge for Guwahati's market, fostering growth and financial efficiency.

Truecaller unveils AI message IDs to revolutionize SMS experience; boosts trust and clarity in Guwahati

Guwahati: Truecaller, the global communications platform, has launched its AI-powered Message IDs across India and 30 other countries, marking a major leap in SMS management. The feature, powered by advanced AI and Large Language Models (LLMs), intelligently scans users' inboxes on-device—ensuring privacy—while instantly identifying important business messages like OTPs, payment reminders, flight updates, and delivery alerts. By summarizing key content and flagging urgent updates, Message IDs eliminate SMS clutter and



ensure users never miss a critical message. The tool supports multiple languages, including Hindi, Swahili, and Spanish, and is available to both premium and non-premium users. With just two permissions—Read SMS and Display Over Other Apps—users are instantly notified about what truly matters. In Guwahati, a growing digital and e-commerce activity, the feature is poised to enhance user

experience, especially for those juggling personal and business communications. With frequent SMS alerts from banks, logistics, and local businesses, consumers in the region are expected to benefit from real-time clarity and better trust—thanks in part to Green Message IDs that verify the sender's authenticity. "With AI in Message IDs, we're offering a smarter, more secure way to manage SMS," said John Joseph, Product Director, Truecaller. The company continues to redefine digital communication for its 450 million active users worldwide.

Canara Robeco launches multi asset fund, taps into Guwahati's growing investment appetite

Guwahati: Canara Robeco Mutual Fund has unveiled the Canara Robeco Multi Asset Allocation Fund, an open-ended scheme designed to offer investors a diversified portfolio across equities, debt instruments, and Gold & Silver ETFs. The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens on May 9, 2025, and closes on May 23, 2025, with the scheme reopening

for continuous sale and repurchase on or before June 6, 2025. The fund aims to allocate 65–80% of its assets to equities, 10–25% to debt and money market instruments, and 10–25% to Gold and Silver ETFs, with the flexibility to invest in REITs and InvITs. This diversified approach seeks to generate long-term capital appreciation while mitigat-

ing downside risks through dynamic asset allocation. In Guwahati, the financial landscape is undergoing a transformation. The city has witnessed a significant surge in mutual fund investments, with Assam leading the Northeast in mutual fund growth. According to data, Assam's mutual fund assets have grown by 159% over the past five years, from

₹11,298 crore to ₹29,268 crore, reflecting a growing trust in market-based investments. The fund will be jointly managed by Amit Kadam, Ennette Fernandes, and Kunal Jain, and benchmarked against a composite index comprising 65% BSE 200 TRI, 20% NIFTY Short Duration Debt Index, 10% Domestic Price of Gold, and 5% Domestic Price of Silver.

Flipkart sees executive exits amid IPO pressure



Bengaluru: At least four senior leaders at Flipkart — including a senior vice-president and three vice-presidents — have stepped down and are in the process of leaving the Walmart-owned e-commerce giant, Moneycontrol reported.

The exits include Ankit Jain, SVP and head of grocery and large supply chain; Prajakta Kanaglekar, VP of HR (Technology); Anurag Singhvi, VP and head of analytics; and Ganesh Ramaswamy, who served as VP at Flipkart and Chief Product and Technology Officer (CPTO) at Cleartrip, a subsidiary of Flipkart.

Among the four, Singhvi had the longest tenure, nearly 13 years at Flipkart. Jain, Ramaswamy, and Kanaglekar had each been with the company for around six years.

Ankit Jain is set to join Swiggy Instamart, one of Flipkart's emerging competitors in the quick commerce space. "Ankit will join as SVP of Instamart, replacing SVP and chief operating officer (COO) Sairam Krishnamurthy,"

the news report quoted a source as saying.

Krishnamurthy, who had joined Swiggy Instamart in August 2024 as its first COO, previously worked at More Retail, an Amazon-backed retail chain formed through a joint venture with Samara Capital. His earlier experience includes leadership roles at Unilever and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL). Jain will now work closely with Amitesh Jha, CEO of Swiggy Instamart and his former colleague from Flipkart, with whom he worked until August 2024.

These leadership moves come as competition in the quick commerce sector intensifies. Flipkart Minutes is gearing up to challenge Swiggy Instamart, Blinkit (backed by Zomato), and Zepto more aggressively.

These departures add to a growing list of senior-level exits at Flipkart in recent months. Executives like Ravi Vijayraghavan (SVP), Harsh Chaudhary (VP), Sandeep Karwa (VP), and Mayur Datar (VP) have also left the company recently.

Godrej Consumer explores new categories to drive growth amid recovering demand

Guwahati: Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) is betting big on emerging high-growth segments like pet care, body wash, liquid detergents, deodorants, air fresheners, and sexual wellness to drive future growth, anticipating a demand rebound in the next 12–18 months. MD & CEO Sudhir Sitapati cited easing food inflation, possible income tax cuts, and expected pay commission hikes as key enablers for this renewed optimism. To counter slowing legacy segments, GCPL is ramping up innovation, with recent successes like its Fab Liquid Detergent (₹99), now clocking ₹250 crore in annual run rate revenue. The company also launched the pet care brand 'Godrej Ninja' and expanded of-



ferings in deodorants and sexual wellness following its acquisition of Raymond's FMCG portfolio, including Park Avenue and KamaSutra. In Guwahati, retailers report rising consumer interest in affordable

deodorants, liquid detergents, and household insecticides, with brands like Goodknight and Hit witnessing strong traction amid seasonal demand. The city's expanding urban consumer base is responding well to GCPL's value-driven innovations. GCPL is investing ₹700 crore to scale manufacturing in India and Indonesia. Quick commerce has emerged as a high-potential, margin-friendly channel. For FY26, GCPL expects mid-to-high single-digit volume growth and double-digit EBITDA growth in FY25, backed by innovation and global expansion.

Sensex plunges 1,282 pts, Nifty at 24,578

Mumbai: The dip in the index reflects caution among participants despite easing geopolitical tensions and stable global cues. However, we expect the overall tone to remain positive, given the noticeable support in the 24,400–24,600 zone. The focus should remain on identifying key sectors and themes showing relative strength and using intermediate pauses to accumulate quality stocks.

The domestic market witnessed profit booking today, following yesterday's sharp rally. The relief-driven surge—fuelled by easing global and domestic risks, including a reduction in trade war tensions and Indo-Pak geopolitical stress—appears to be taking a breather. This consolidation is primarily affecting large-cap stocks.



Eureka Forbes names Shraddha Kapoor brand ambassador to promote smart cleaning solutions

Guwahati: Health and hygiene leader Eureka Forbes Ltd has onboarded Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor as the brand ambassador for its iconic range of vacuum cleaners. The move marks a significant milestone in the company's mission to inspire cleaner and healthier living across Indian homes.

As a category leader with over four decades of legacy, Eureka Forbes continues to innovate with its latest offering—the Forbes SmartClean Robotic Vacuum Cleaners. Equipped with powerful suction, wet mopping, AI capabilities, and next-gen LiDAR technology, the product promises intelligent, hassle-free cleaning solutions for modern households.

Talking about her association with Eureka Forbes, Shraddha Kapoor said, "I am indeed delighted to be associated with the Eureka Forbes family. I have always believed that a clean home is the foundation of a healthy mind and body, and the spaces we live in deeply influence how we function as individuals. Eureka Forbes as a brand has been championing clean, healthy living and I'm proud to be associated with a brand that has made clean living a lifelong mission. With innovations like the Forbes SmartClean Robotics range, which blends intelligent technology with effortless convenience, Eureka Forbes is redefining the future of home hygiene. I truly hope that together we can inspire many more to embrace this



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way of life." Anurag Kumar, Chief Growth Officer, Eureka Forbes Ltd said, "We're pleased to welcome Shraddha Kapoor to the Eureka Forbes family as the face of our Vacuum Cleaners. She represents a generation that values mindful living, smart choices, and purposeful innovation, qualities that mirror our brand ethos. At Eureka Forbes, we've been pioneering home hygiene solutions for over 40 years, and with our new Forbes SmartClean Robotics range, we are redefining what effortless cleanliness looks like in today's homes. Shraddha's authenticity and strong connect with young Indian households makes her the perfect partner in our journey to build a cleaner, healthier India, one smart home at a time." In Guwahati, where urbanization and awareness of home hygiene are on the rise, the demand for intelligent home cleaning devices is growing steadily. Retailers expect the SmartClean range to resonate strongly with tech-savvy consumers seeking convenience and healthier lifestyles.

Tata Motors' profit drops 51% YoY, announces ₹6 dividend



Mumbai: Automaker Tata Motors on Tuesday, May 13, announced its March quarter (Q4) results, reporting a 51.34 per cent year-on-year (YoY) fall in its consolidated net profit to ₹8,470 crore. In the same quarter last year, the company's profit was ₹17,407 crore. The company's revenue during Q4FY25 increased nominally by 0.4 per cent YoY to ₹1,19,502 crore.

EBITDA declined 4.1 per cent YoY to ₹16,700 crore, while EBITDA margin declined 60 bps to 14 per cent. For FY25, the company reported record revenues of ₹4,39,695 crore, which was up 1.3 per cent YoY, while profit declined 11.4 per cent to ₹27,830 crore. The com-

pany said the Tata Motors group turned net auto cash positive in FY25 with a net cash balance of ₹1,000 crore.

Further, it said lower depreciation and amortisation at JLR, better CV profitability and savings in interest cost were partially offset by lower volumes and lower operating leverage.

"Despite external headwinds, Tata Motors sustained its strong performance in FY25, delivering its highest ever revenues and PBT (before excluding exceptional items). On a consolidated basis, the automotive business is now debt-free, reducing interest costs," said PB Balaji, Group Chief Financial Officer, Tata Motors.

UTI Flexi Cap Fund: A reliable route to sustained wealth growth

Guwahati: The UTI Flexi Cap Fund, one of the oldest in its category, continues to be a strong contender for investors aiming for long-term wealth creation. Launched in 1992, the fund has consistently performed well, with a corpus exceeding Rs. 25,190 crores (as of April 30, 2025). Its investment strategy focuses on high-quality businesses with the potential for steady growth, making it an ideal choice for equity investors with a moderate risk profile.

The fund's approach is anchored in three core principles: Quality, Growth, and Valuation. By prioritizing companies with strong return on capital employed (RoCE) and equity (RoE), the fund ensures sustainable economic value creation. It invests across various market caps—large-cap, mid-cap, and

small-cap—giving investors a diversified portfolio that balances stability with

that combine strong fundamentals with the potential for capital appreciation.



growth potential.

In Guwahati, demand for diversified equity funds like UTI Flexi Cap is rising as local investors seek reliable and growth-oriented options. With increasing awareness about long-term financial planning, many are turning to funds

tion. As the city's investor base matures, products like UTI Flexi Cap Fund are becoming popular choices for those aiming for financial security. For investors looking at a 5-7 year horizon, the UTI Flexi Cap Fund remains a top pick.

Sebi cautions investors against unregistered advisers

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), often issues warnings to unregistered investment advisers to prevent them from offering advisory services to investors. On May 8, Sebi issued a warning to Rajni Kumari (name changed), a resident of Muzaffarpur in Bihar, for providing unregistered investment advisory services without obtaining registration as an Investment Adviser under Sebi regulations. The warning letter states that such unregistered activity is a violation of various provisions of the Sebi Act, 1992, as well as related regulations, rules, and circulars. "This has been viewed very seriously and you are therefore warned to be careful in future and not to indulge in any kind of unregistered securities market-related activity, failing which action



may be initiated in accordance with provisions of SEBI Act, 1992," reads the letter. Notably, this is not the first time that Sebi has issued a warning of this kind. The market regulator keeps issuing such warnings to unregistered investment advisers from time to time. A new report by the CFA Institute states that only 2 per cent of influencers are registered by the Sebi.

If we recall, Sebi in January this year issued fresh directions for influencers who provide stock tips on social media platforms camouflaged as 'investor education'. The Sebi directive in January stated that the stock prices used in investor education.

Aether Industries shares slip 6%

New Delhi: Shares of Aether Industries fell 6% following the promoter's stake reduction through an Offer for Sale (OFS). Investors reacted negatively to the development, leading to a decline in the company's stock price.

The promoter offloaded a portion of their holdings, likely as part of portfolio restructuring or liquidity management. Market analysts are assessing the long-term impact of this move on investor confidence and the company's overall valuation. The OFS process, which allows major shareholders to divest their holdings while maintaining regulatory transparency, is commonly used by companies seeking to adjust ownership structures. Aether Industries will now focus on ensuring stability in shareholder sentiment and reinforcing its growth strategy.





Picture yourself beneath the towering deodars of Uttarakhand, gently pressing a young sapling into the earth, knowing that long after your footprints fade, a forest will rise. Or imagine walking the trails of Madhya Pradesh, not just to spot a tiger, but to help track its movements and support anti-poaching patrols. This is regenerative travel, a growing movement that urges tourists to leave the places they visit better than they found them. For years, tourism has focused on doing less harm. But in a world, where glaciers are retreating, forests are thinning, and cultural legacies are at risk, “less harm” is no longer enough. The future lies in regeneration.

The idea of regenerative travel might sound ambitious, but begins with simple, intentional choices. Shashank Birla, whose Wilderlust Expeditions LLP conducts safari tours in India, says, “All our guests are oriented to the forest’s rhythms and rules. We emphasise low-impact behaviour during safaris (no loud music, noise or leaving behind non-biodegradable waste), offer learning resources, and encourage visitors to get involved—through clean-ups, biodiversity surveys, or even just spreading awareness.”

With its vast biodiversity, India is uniquely positioned to lead this change. From the icy peaks of the Himalayas to the coral-fringed shores of the Andamans,

GETAWAYS THAT GIVE BACK

India set to lead regenerative travel with biodiversity and culture

Meghalaya's living root bridge



Astrotourism in Kausani



Solo traveller in Meghalaya



the country’s beauty is immense, but vulnerable.

In Himachal Pradesh’s Spiti, travellers can stay with local families through a homestay programme supported by the Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust. Local youth are trained as wildlife guides, helping visitors spot signs of snow leopards in the wild—an awe-inspiring experience that supports both conservation and communi-

ty livelihoods. In the winter season, Odisha’s Mangalajodi village, a birdwatching hotspot near Chilika Lake, becomes a safe home to over 230 species of migratory and resident bird species. Here, former poachers turned guides, lead silent boat tours through the wetlands—sharing not only bird sightings but their own powerful stories of change. “Gliding through the wetlands at dawn, hear-

ing the guide speak about his past—it was surreal. I came for the birds, but left with a deeper understanding of what tourism can really do,” says Ria Singh, a traveller from Mumbai. In Maharashtra’s Chirgaon village—popular for its successful vulture conservation efforts—travellers can witness the return of once almost extinct vultures. With their guided tour walks and community storytelling, the local action has led to revival of an entire ecosystem. In the rain-soaked forests of Meghalaya, living root bridges—crafted from the roots of rubber fig trees—span across rivers like organic sculptures. Grown over generations by the Khasi people, these structures are both functional and symbolic of resilience and harmony with nature. “Walking across a bridge that took 40 years to grow... it changed how I think about time, travel, and what it means to build something lasting,” says Neel Kumar, a backpacker from Bengaluru.

Regenerative tourism is also growing even in the lesser-known destinations like Uttarakhand’s Kausani. Astrotourism has turned this quiet hill town into a stargazer’s haven. Since the opening of the observatory in 2017-18, visitors come not just for Himalayan views, but to protect dark skies. “Earlier, people would not include Kausani in their plans,” says Ramashish Ray, founder, Starscapes.

ABOARD THE SWEDISH TITANIC

In the heart of Stockholm, where maritime history echoes through wooden beams and centuries-old nautical tales, the Vasamuseet, stands as a tribute to royal ambition and maritime engineering. Housing the Vasa, a 17th-century warship that sank on its maiden voyage in August 1628, the museum rises dramatically from its custom-built harbour, showcasing the vessel that was miraculously salvaged 333 years later. Vasamuseet, Scandinavia’s most-visited museum, receives over 29 million visitors annually. Its modest entrance ushers you into a softly lit, maritime grandeur—a gigantic, ornate masterpiece, that lay dormant yet undamaged beneath icy Baltic waters for centuries.



“Commissioned by the unyielding King Adolphus Gustavus, this maritime colossus was more than a ship; it was a floating declaration of imperial power,” says guide Karl Simon. Designed to carry an unprecedented arsenal of 64 bronze cannons, the Vasa embodied the king’s megalomaniacal vision of naval supremacy. Yet beneath its grandeur lurked a fatal flaw. The vessel’s destiny was sealed by a tragic ballet of wind and weight. The ship that was meant to slice through waves and strike fear into enemy hearts instead became a wooden monument to the perilous intersection of pride and engineering.

Yet, it’s impossible not to marvel at its design—carved windows burst forth, accentuating the vessel’s 172-foot silhouette—framed with spliced timber, lengthened bow, and ornate saga conceptualised by nearly 400 artists and engineers. However, its true power lay not just in elaborate beauty, but in unprecedented maritime firepower: a staggering 588 pounds of concentrated artillery, the most formidable naval armament in the Baltic and perhaps all of northern Europe. The ship’s massive cannons—now preserved among nearly 500 antique artefacts—swear to a design that was generations ahead of its contemporaries.



Personal artefacts tell maritime stories: handwritten messages, weathered clothing, intricate tools, battle-worn weapons, tarnished silverware and small food quantities. The museum displays the Vasa’s 64 cannons in their original gundeck positioning, with other artillery pieces exhibited in a separate museum section.

Under the Vasa’s weathered hull, archaeology revealed a haunting human narrative. Skeletal remains of 17 individuals tell a story of maritime tragedy—predominantly male sailors, with three women and a child among the dead.

Sculptor Oscar Nilsson breathed life into these skeletal remnants, creating six hyper-realistic human portraits frozen in time. Further down, the vessel reveals exceptional Swedish shipbuilding craftsmanship, with original sails. During retrieval, some ship components sustained damage, which museum experts have skillfully replaced.

Barcelona nears title with dramatic 4-3 win over Madrid



Barcelona: In a pulsating encounter at the Santiago Bernabéu, Barcelona secured a crucial 4-3 victory over arch-rivals Real Madrid, bringing them one step closer to clinching the La Liga title. The match, filled with dramatic twists and high-octane football, kept fans on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

From the outset, both teams showed intent, exchanging early blows as they pushed forward relentlessly. Barcelona drew first blood, taking advantage of defensive lapses to find the back of the net. Real Madrid responded with equal ferocity, leveling the score and keeping

the contest wide open. As the match progressed, the intensity only heightened. With the scoreline fluctuating, Barcelona demonstrated composure under pressure, orchestrating crucial plays in the dying minutes. A stunning late goal ensured their victory, leaving Madrid with no time. With this win, Barcelona inches closer to reclaiming the La Liga crown, maintaining their lead in the standings. The triumph over their fiercest rivals serves as a statement of intent, reinforcing their dominance in Spanish football. Fans now eagerly await the final stretch of the season, as Barcelona looks to seal their championship dream.

Ancelotti to leave Real Madrid for Brazil coach

Madrid: Carlo Ancelotti has been appointed as the head coach of the Brazil national team. The Real Madrid coach will replace Dorival Júnior, who held the job for a tenure of 14 months before getting sacked in March after the team faced a 4-1 defeat at Argentina. Ancelotti is set to leave the club at the end of May.

The Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) has wanted Ancelotti to coach Brazil for a long time. They even tried to hire him last summer, but he stayed with Real Madrid.

"The greatest national team in the history of football will now be led by the most successful coach in the world. Carlo Ancelotti, synonymous with historic achievements, was announced by the president of the CBF, Ednaldo Rodrigues, as the new coach of the Brazilian national team. He will lead Brazil until the 2026 World Cup," CBF stated on a social



media post. "Bringing Carlo Ancelotti to lead Brazil is more than a strategic move. It is a statement to the world that we are determined to reclaim the top spot on the podium. He is the greatest coach in history and now he is leading the greatest national team on the planet. Together, we will write new glorious chapters for Brazilian football," said the president of the CBF, Ednaldo Rodrigues.

Ancelotti will be the coach for Brazil in the FIFA World Cup 2026 if it qualifies. The first match that the team will play under him would be the World Cup qualifiers against Ecuador and Paraguay in June. Interestingly, he is the first foreigner to become Brazil's head coach.

KOHLI RETIRES!

Virat Kohli retires from Tests, shares emotional post

New Delhi: In a surprising move, Indian cricket star Virat Kohli has announced his retirement from Test cricket, marking the end of a legendary chapter in the sport. Kohli, regarded as one of India's greatest-ever batsmen, shared the emotional news with his fans through an Instagram post, reflecting on his journey and expressing gratitude to his supporters.

Kohli's announcement comes after years of remarkable performances in the longest format of the game, where he not only led India to historic victories but also set numerous records. Having debuted in 2011, Kohli went on to become India's most successful Test captain, securing series wins in Australia, England, and other challenging conditions.

In his farewell message, Kohli acknowledged the role of his teammates, coaches, and fans in shaping his career. "This journey has been unforgettable, and I owe everything to the people who stood by me," he wrote.

Tributes from the cricketing fraternity poured in soon after the announcement, with former players, experts, and fans celebrating his contribution to Indian cricket. While Kohli has bid farewell to Test cricket, he continues to be a vital part of India's white-ball teams.

As cricket lovers around the world absorb the news, speculation grows over his future in international cricket beyond limited-overs formats. Regardless of what lies ahead, Virat Kohli's legacy in red-ball cricket will remain unparalleled.

While Kohli has stepped away from Test cricket, he remains an integral part of India's white-ball setup. His future beyond the limited-overs formats remains uncertain, but one thing is clear—his impact on cricket, particularly in Tests, will be felt for generations to come. As the cricketing world bids farewell to Kohli's red-ball career, his legacy remains unshaken. The game will miss his fire, passion, and sheer dedication to Test cricket.



Mandhana's century propels India to commanding 342/7 against Sri Lanka

Mandhana battles cramps, scores 116 to anchor India's total

Colombo: Star batter Smriti Mandhana delivered a masterclass in batting as India posted a formidable 342/7 against Sri Lanka in their latest encounter. Mandhana's brilliant century set the tone for a dominant batting performance, providing India with a strong total to defend.

Mandhana, known for her elegant stroke play and aggressive approach, took control early in the innings. She displayed remarkable composure and precision, punishing the bowlers with a series of boundaries. Her century marked yet another milestone in her glittering career, reaffirming her status as one of India's most dependable batters.

Middle-Order Contributions While Mandhana led



the charge, India's middle order contributed crucial runs, ensuring the team crossed the 340-run mark. Timely cameos from key players boosted the total, setting the stage for an exciting second innings. Sri Lanka's bowling attack struggled to contain the flow of runs, facing relentless pressure from India's batters. With a daunting tar-

IPL returns, final on June 3

Mumbai: The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season will resume on May 17 with the clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in Bengaluru. The final will now be played on June 3 as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the revised schedule on Monday.

The IPL 2025 season was suspended last week due to rising tensions between India and Pakistan. A ceasefire was announced on Saturday, and hence, the path was cleared for the premier T20 competition to resume.

The fixture between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals will also be played again and the contest will go ahead on May 24 in Jaipur. Earlier, the match between these two teams was stopped after 10.1 overs in Dharamsala due to the tension between India and Pakistan at the border.

Qualifier 1 and Eliminator will be played on May 29 and 30, respectively, while Qualifier 2 will go ahead on June 1. The venues for the playoffs have not been announced yet.

