



## Weapons Seized at Jiribam Camp



**Imphal:** A joint team of central and state forces conducted an operation targeting a tribal village along Manipur's Jiribam district bordering Assam to the west, during the past 48 hours. The police on Monday reported that the operation led to the discovery of an abandoned camp and the recovery of a cache of weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

The reports stated that, acting on specific intelligence about the presence of arms and ammunition at an abandoned camp previously occupied by militants or anti-social elements, a joint team comprising the Assam Rifles, Manipur Police Commandos, and the CRPF carried out a cordon-and-search operation. However, no arrests were made. The two-hour operation in the adjoining foothill areas of Mongbung and Seijang villages under Jiribam Police Station, Jiribam district, bordering Assam on the west, concluded successfully with the recovery of illegal items.

## BJP to reclaim Manipur elections in 2027

**Imphal:** Manipur BJP MLA Thokchom Radheshyam Singh expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party will return to power in the next state assembly elections, likely to be held in 2027.

Speaking at a programme at his Heirok constituency residence, the former police officer said there should be "no apprehensions" about the party's prospects. "Many say the BJP will not come to

power, but everyone should know it will certainly return and form a government in 2027. No one should have any apprehensions," Singh said.



## 54 acres poppy destroyed in Kangpokpi

**Imphal:** A joint team of central and state forces, in their renewed drive against narcotic plant cultivation, destroyed 54 acres of fully grown poppy plants—estimated to be worth approximately Rs 2.1 lakh—in Manipur's Kangpokpi district. A total of 16 farm huts and several bags of chemical fertilisers were also destroyed in the fire on Monday, officials said on Tuesday. The Assam Rifles, Manipur Police, and CRPF, with a combined strength of 150 personnel,



cut down and destroyed illicit poppy plantations in the hill ranges of Khoiripok, Sehjang, C. Lamjang, and the surrounding areas under the Kangpokpi Range.

The joint team destroyed 36

acres of poppy cultivation in the hill ranges of C. Lamjang and neighbouring areas under Kangpokpi Police Station in Kangpokpi district. Eleven huts, 14 bags of fertilisers, and nine bags of salt found at the plantation sites were also destroyed. In the second phase of the operation, the team cleared 18 acres of poppy cultivation located between Khoiripok and Sehjang villages under New Keithelmanbi Police Station in Kangpokpi district.

## Modi Voices Concern, Offers Support for Khaleda Zia's Health

### India Assures Support Amid Zia's Health Crisis

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday conveyed his concern regarding the health condition of Begum Khaleda Zia, the 80-year-old former Prime Minister of Bangladesh and chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Zia, who has played a significant role in Bangladesh's political and public life for decades, was admitted to Dhaka's Evercare Hospital on November 23 with symptoms of a lung infection. Her condition has since worsened, and she is currently undergoing intensive care treatment, with reports indicating that she has been placed on ventilator support.



In a message shared on X (formerly Twitter), Prime Minister Modi stated: "Deeply concerned to learn about the health of Begum Khaleda Zia, who has contributed to Bangladesh's public life for many years. Our sincere prayers and best wishes for her speedy recovery. India

stands ready to extend all possible support, in whatever way we can." The statement has been widely noted in Bangladesh, where members of the BNP and Zia's family have been appealing for prayers and support amid her critical condition. The BNP responded with gratitude.

## Delhi Govt to offer free Coaching for students

**Imphal:** Central security forces and Manipur Police, in a joint operation conducted in Imphal East district, arrested a suspected cadre of the proscribed United National Liberation Front (UNLF-Koireng) on Monday, officials said on Tuesday. The arrest marks the first major breakthrough since the UNLF-K observed its 61st foundation day on November 23, 2025, according to a statement issued by M. Shak-Hen, Secretary of Publicity.

Officials said that based on credible intelligence, the Assam Rifles, under the aegis of the Inspector General of Assam Rifles and in coordination with Manipur Police commandos, launched a swift cordon-and-search operation at a vulnerable location. The

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The UNLF-K is a separatist Meitei insurgent group seeking to establish a sovereign and socialist Manipur. The outfit was founded on November 24, 1964, five years after Manipur merged with the Indian Union in 1949. Delhi's government schools are expected to benefit from this support, marking a new chapter in the city's educational landscape.

## Manipur govt forms new committees to speed up rehabilitation of displaced persons

### Committees oversee IDP rehabilitation, resettlement efficiency

**Imphal:** The Government of Manipur on Monday took a significant step to strengthen ongoing efforts for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the State by constituting State-level and District-level Committees with immediate effect. This move reflects the Government's commitment to ensuring a coordinated, responsive, and people-centred approach to restoring stability and supporting affected families, an official statement said on Monday. Significantly, the



Government's decision comes after the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) and the IDPs announced a series of rallies and sit-in protests to pressure the

Government into fulfilling its assurance of resettling IDPs from peripheral areas in their homes by December 2025. The statement added that the State-level Committee,

chaired by the Chief Secretary and comprising the Commissioners of Finance, Home, and Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, with the Special or Additional Secretary (Home) serving as Convenor, will provide strategic oversight and policy direction. This high-level body is designed to ensure unified decision-making, enhance inter-departmental coordination, and address systemic issues that may affect the overall progress of rehabilitation and resettlement efforts across the State.

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# Indian Army Wraps Up Territorial Rally at Tezpur Successfully

Civil-Military Synergy Showcases Professional Excellence

**Tezpur:** The Indian Army successfully concluded a 17-day Territorial Army Recruitment Rally at Meghna Stadium, Solmara Military Station, Tezpur, on 01 December 2025. Conducted from 15 November to 01 December 2025, the rally witnessed an exceptional turnout of 7,282 motivated aspirants from Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The en-

thusiastic participation of youth—including those from remote and high-altitude regions—reflected their strong motivation to serve the nation. The rally was meticulously organised by a 121 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) The Garhwal Rifles under the Territorial Army Group Eastern Command, operating nearly 1,200 kilometres away from its home base in Kolkata. Despite the challenges of long distance and the challenging environment, the team displayed



exceptional professionalism, coordination and logistical efficiency. Thousands of candidates were seamlessly managed through multiple testing stages over two con-

tinuous weeks, with strict adherence to fairness, transparency and discipline—hallmarks of the Indian Army's recruitment ethos. Understanding the long waiting periods inherent in documentation and medical examinations, the Garhwal Terriers ensured extensive administrative support for all shortlisted aspirants. Free meals, drinking water, rest facilities, Candidate Assistance Counters.

## Manipur Displaced Demand Resettlement

**Imphal:** Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from several relief camps across Manipur launched a month-long protest on Monday, December 1 at Lamboikhongnangkhang in Imphal West, reiterating their demand for assured resettlement by December 2025. A delegation from the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), led by Convenor Khurajam Athouba, joined the demonstrators and submitted a memorandum to the Governor and the Chief Secretary. The delegation urged authorities to fulfill previous commitments that all displaced families would be able to return to their original homes within the stipulated deadline. Speaking at the demonstration, Athouba reminded that the assurance was given in the presence of the Governor. "With the start of December, the countdown begins. We will continue this protest every single day throughout the month," he declared. He further warned that any failure to ensure a safe and dignified return of the displaced population by year-end would prompt a stronger agitation by COCOMI and affected families.

## Opposition uproar over SIR adjourns Lok Sabha; Manipur GST Bill passed

**Imphal:** The Lok Sabha witnessed continuous disruption on Monday as Opposition MPs intensified their protest demanding an immediate debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Their repeated sloganeering and demonstrations eventually forced the Speaker to adjourn the House for the day. Despite the chaos, the government managed to push through key legislation. The House passed the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025 after a short discussion. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the bill



earlier in the day to replace the ordinance issued on October 7, 2025. Since Manipur remains under President's Rule, Parliament has assumed the responsibility of enacting the amendment. The day's proceedings were marked by disorder from the start, with

the Winter Session's opening day—scheduled for 15 sittings—seeing repeated interruptions. The Lok Sabha faced two adjournments during Question Hour in the morning and another in the afternoon before the final adjournment at around 2:20 pm.

## Sangai Festival ends, showcasing Manipur's unity

**Imphal, Dec 01:** The 12th edition of the Manipur Sangai Festival drew to a close on November 30 with a vibrant ceremony at the Bhagyachandra Open-Air Theatre, marking the end of one of the state's most significant cultural events. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who graced the closing function, emphasised the festival's growing role as a national and international platform for cultural exchange, tourism promotion, and global outreach. Governor Bhalla addressed a gathering of tourism stakeholders at this year's festival, emphasizing its theme of "unity and cultural pride" amidst challenges. He noted the government's commitment to boosting tourism through infrastructure improvements and targeted promotions, enhancing Manipur's appeal for travelers. The festival served as a platform for collaboration among professionals, showcasing Manipuri culture through various activities, including sports, film screenings, traditional dances, and local cuisine.

## Bodo Groups Oppose ST Status



**Kokrajhar:** On Saturday, a joint meeting of 26 Bodo organizations took place in Barama, Baksa district, organized by the ABSU. The meeting expressed strong opposition to the Assam Government's recommendation to grant Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to six communities. ABSU President Dipen Boro highlighted concerns over this recommendation, emphasizing that the ABSU would never accept the inclusion of these communities in a new ST category. He stated that while the government could enhance privileges for these communities under Other Backward Classes (OBC) or other classifications, this should not compromise existing tribal rights. Boro warned that granting ST status to populous communities such as the Tai Ahom, Chutia, Moran, and Motok would undermine the rights of tribal people within various Autonomous Councils and could jeopardize their quotas in education, jobs, and competitive examinations. He pledged that the Bodo organizations would pursue democratic mass movements if the government moved forward with the proposal, which they believe is driven by political motives. Both leaders interacted with the state team and shared guidance on strengthening the organisation further ahead of the election season.

## Meghalaya AIDS control society observes World AIDS Day in Shillong

**Shillong, Dec 01:** The Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS), under the Health and Family Welfare Department, observed World AIDS Day at the State Convention Centre in Shillong on Monday. Addressing the gathering, Meghalaya Health and Family Welfare Minister Wailadmiki Shylla, recalled that soon after taking charge of the department, MACS officials had briefed him on their ongoing initiatives. Shylla acknowledged the persistent rise in HIV cases despite the Society's extensive awareness campaigns and efforts to encourage testing. Emphasising that HIV is not just a health condition but one that carried significant social stigma, the min-

ister expressed concern over the low turnout for testing and the tendency of some individuals to discontinue treatment, emphasising the need to identify challenges that patients face. Appealing for collective responsibility, the Minister urged to citizens to support the mission instead of relying solely on MACS, stating that community cooperation is essential to curb the spread of HIV. He further announced that the government would launch a five-year mission to expand testing facilities across the state, with an allocation of over Rs 25 crore for treatment and testing centres. As part of the observance, the Minister flagged off a bike rally to raise awareness against AIDS.

## Nagaland Statehood Day

**Kohima, Dec 01:** Nagaland marked its Statehood Day on December 1 with heartfelt messages from national and regional leaders, celebrating the state's cultural richness, natural beauty, and steady progress. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the tributes, acknowledging Nagaland's contributions to the nation and its efforts toward sustainable development. Nagaland, recognized for its ethnic diversity and natural beauty, celebrated its statehood on this occasion with greetings from President Murmu and Prime Minister Modi. President Murmu emphasized the state's commitment to sustainable development while honoring its cultural heritage. Modi praised the Naga community's contributions to the nation. Assam's Chief Minister Sarma also extended warm wishes,

## Nagaon eviction drive enters second day, hundreds of families left without shelter

**Guwahati:** The eviction drive at the Lutumari Forest Reserve in Nagaon district entered its second day today as officials continued clearing a large stretch of forest land that had been occupied for several years. The operation, which began on Saturday morn-

ing, covers nearly 5,962 bighas of land under the Kampur Revenue Circle. Authorities say that around 1,700 families had set up villages inside the forest area, building both temporary and permanent houses over time. The district administration said that notices were issued months earlier, asking residents to leave within a specific deadline. According to officials, many families left the area before the eviction began, while others requested some extra time. The administration agreed,



# Malabar Gold Unveils 15th Brides of India, Boosts Nationwide Bridal Demand

**Guwahati:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds has unveiled the 15th edition of its flagship 'Brides of India' campaign, strengthening its position in India's competitive bridal jewellery market and highlighting the growing business potential within regional wedding economies. The 2025 edition features 22 brides and 10 celebrities, including Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor Khan, NTR, Karthi and Anil Kapoor,

reflecting the brand's strategy of blending cultural diversity with strong national appeal. The campaign's new brand film, directed by Abhishek Varman with music by Shubhajit Mukherjee, underlines the emotional and cultural value of bridal jewellery across India. Chairman M. P. Ahammed said the milestone edition is a tribute to traditions and reinforces Malabar's commitment to transparent

pricing and trustworthy craftsmanship.

The new collection spans regional specialities—from Rajasthanipolki to Tamil Nadu's temple jewellery, Kerala's kasavu-inspired gold and Bengal's signature motifs—offering pan-India accessibility and customization through Malabar's design depth. In Guwahati, jewellery retailers report a surge in enquiries for culturally rooted yet modern

bridal pieces ahead of the peak wedding season. Malabar's Divine, Precia and Diamond collections are drawing strong interest from young Assamese brides seeking high-value designs, signalling expanding market opportunities in the Northeast. Celebrities associated with the campaign praised its ability to capture tradition while appealing to contemporary consumer preferences.

# Godrej Launches India's First Manufacturing Inclusion Toolkit



**Guwahati:** Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. (GCPL), in partnership with Atypical Advantage, launched India's first 'Work That Includes' Employability Toolkit at the EmployAbility in Manufacturing Summit 2025 in Mumbai. The toolkit, designed to facilitate practical disability inclusion in factories, offers step-by-step guidance on job mapping, workflow redesigns, accessibility checklists, Indian Sign Language (ISL) glossaries, and real-world case studies, helping manufacturing units integrate persons with disabilities (PwDs) effectively. With over 30 million employed in manufacturing but only 36% of PwDs represented, the summit aimed to shift the conversation from "why inclusion" to "how inclusion" can be implemented. GCPL's Malanpur (MP) and Chengal-

pattu (TN) units have demonstrated inclusive operations, hiring over 20 PwDs and embedding disability awareness and ISL modules into core training. In Guwahati, local manufacturers see this initiative as a pathway to enhance operational efficiency while fulfilling corporate social responsibility. Industry experts in Assam note that inclusive practices can improve workforce retention, productivity, and brand perception, while fostering a socially responsible industrial ecosystem in the region.

Vineet Saraiwala, Founder of Atypical Advantage, said, "With the right systems and mindset, inclusion is not only possible—it is deeply rewarding for companies, communities, and the country." The toolkit, available online, sets a benchmark for inclusive manufacturing across India.

# RBI MPC weighs cuts

**Mumbai:** Amidst a falling rupee and contrasting economic data, the job of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) seems to be becoming more challenging. While retail inflation has been at a record low and the economy grew at a higher than anticipated 8.2% in the second quarter of the fiscal year, more recent high-frequency data for October are showing a more sobering trend. Meanwhile, the rupee has fallen to a record low and is nearing 90 against the US dollar, making it a more challenging job for the MPC. Most analysts and experts are of the view that the MPC, headed by Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra, is likely to go in for another 25-basis-point rate cut this fiscal year, but whether it will be done at the upcoming policy review is to be seen.

# Oriflame's Oriptide-3 breakthrough set to transform skincare market

**Guwahati:** Oriflame has unveiled groundbreaking research on its patented bioactivating technology, Oriptide-3, at the core of the NovAge+ range, showing it supports five key biological drivers of skin ageing. Developed over nearly two decades, the technology works with the skin's natural biology to extend its health and functional lifespan, targeting DNA integrity, protein quality, cellular renewal, energy for repair, and overall skin function. "Longevity is the next frontier in beauty, and we are proud to lead this transformation at the molecular and cellular level," said Dr. Lene Visdal-Johnsen, Director, Scientific Research and Innovation, Oriflame Global R&D. Edyta Kurek, Senior Vice



President & Head, Oriflame India and Indonesia, added that Oriptide-3 reflects the company's focus on advanced research and long-term skin solutions that cater to discerning consumers. In Guwahati, the NovAge+ range has seen strong uptake, with local consumers increasingly seeking premium skincare backed by scientific research. Retail outlets and Oriflame partner

boutiques in the city report growing demand, positioning Guwahati as a key market for the brand's expansion in northeast India. Oriflame, a Swedish holistic beauty and wellness company operating in over 60 countries, continues to strengthen its leadership in advanced skin biology, combining innovation with sustainability to deliver long-term skin health and performance.

# Milk as comfort and celebration: Godrej Jersey study reveals East India's emotional bond with dairy

**Guwahati:** Godrej Jersey has released its 'India Lactograph Findings FY25-26', highlighting evolving milk consumption patterns across the country. The study, conducted in eight key cities, shows that East Indians lead the nation in emotional attachment to milk, with 78% saying it evokes childhood memories and provides comfort, compared to a national average of 57%. Milk, particularly flavoured variants, is closely tied to celebrations and seasonal occasions, with 75% consuming it during festivals and 50% during the rains—significantly higher than other regions. Daily routines



reflect the same attachment, as 67% drink milk at breakfast and 66% as an evening snack. Parents nationwide are increasingly conscious of milk's role in child nutrition, with 54% concerned about

growth and 64% about bone strength. Protein intake is rising, with 62% relying on milk for all-day energy. Shantanu Raj, Marketing Head at Godrej Jersey, noted, "Milk is not leaving the table; it is just

changing its glass. While tea remains the dominant choice, protein shakes signal a new fitness-focused ritual." In Guwahati, retailers report strong demand for flavoured milk during festive periods and rains, with consumers prioritizing both nutrition and taste. The city shows growing adoption of milk-based protein products among young professionals, reflecting a shift toward health-conscious consumption. Dairy staples like dahi (80%), paneer (76%), and butter (74%) continue to anchor meals, reinforcing Godrej Jersey's focus on quality, nutrition, and innovation in evolving lifestyles.

# Bajaj Finance Launches Arthsutra Samvad in Assam

**Silchar:** Bajaj Finance Ltd., India's leading private-sector NBFC under Bajaj Finserv, launched its financial literacy programme, 'Arthsutra Samvad', at Borkhola Gram Panchayat, Assam. The initiative, part of a pan-India effort, seeks to promote financial inclusion in villages and underbanked areas, focusing on financial discipline, responsible borrowing, and awareness about digital fraud. The event was attended by around 100 villagers, including Self-Help Group members, with dignitaries such as Shri Manoranjan Sutradhar, Block Project Manager of the Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (AS-RLHM), and Shri Nihar Ranjan Das, President of Borkhola Gram Panchayat. Addressing the participants, Shri Sutradhar urged villagers to maintain proper banking knowledge, repay loans on time, and borrow only when necessary. He also advised careful use of mobile



devices, awareness of online scams, and immediate reporting of cyber fraud to helpline 1930. In Silchar, the programme's outreach is gaining traction among small traders, local entrepreneurs, and daily wage workers. Market participants highlighted that initiatives like 'Arthsutra Samvad' help residents make informed financial decisions, manage credit responsibly, and adopt structured savings, which is increasingly relevant in Silchar's growing trade and retail sectors. Bajaj Finance aims to simplify personal finance and empower communities at the grassroots level. Arthsutra Samvad Promotes Financial Discipline Nationwide.



## Canara Robeco launches 'Nivesh Bus Yatra' in Assam to boost investor awareness

**Dibrugarh:** Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited (AMC), India's second-oldest asset management firm, has launched the 'Nivesh Bus Yatra' in Assam to educate investors about mutual funds and long-term financial planning. The initiative will cover Guwahati, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, and Silchar, reaching communities across the state. The bus began its journey in Guwahati, where residents were engaged in practical sessions on mutual fund investments. Rajnish Narula, Managing Director and CEO of Canara Robeco

AMC, emphasized, "An informed investor not only makes better decisions but also strengthens the broader financial ecosystem. The Nivesh Bus Yatra brings financial education directly to communities, simplifying investing and dispelling myths." In Dibrugarh, the Yatra aims to tap into the city's growing financial awareness and rising investor base. Local market stakeholders welcomed the initiative, highlighting that such outreach can encourage more residents to explore mutual funds as a secure, long-term investment

avenue. Demonstrations and digital tools offered during the bus stops aim to clarify misconceptions and encourage disciplined wealth creation among Dibrugarh's residents. Gaurav Goyal, Head of Sales & Marketing, stated that the Nivesh Bus will make financial knowledge practical and accessible, targeting both first-time investors and seasoned individuals seeking guidance. With past visits to states like Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, Assam marks a significant expansion of this investor education drive.

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vestor not only makes better personal financial decisions but also strengthens the broader economy. The Nivesh Bus Yatra brings investment knowledge directly to communities, making it accessible and actionable," said Rajnish Narula, Managing Director and CEO of Canara Robeco AMC. In Silchar, the initiative has drawn significant attention from the city's growing investor base. Local market experts highlighted that the outreach could encourage more residents to consider mutual funds as a reliable, long-term wealth creation

tool. Practical demonstrations and workshops on systematic investment plans are expected to increase investor confidence, particularly among first-time investors in the region. Gaurav Goyal, Head of Sales & Marketing at Canara Robeco AMC, added that the Yatra reflects the company's commitment to empowering communities by delivering financial knowledge directly to the public. Having successfully conducted similar drives in Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, Assam marks the next strategic expansion for the program.

## Renault India reports 30% sales surge in November, Triber and Kiger lead growth

**Guwahati:** Renault India recorded strong wholesale performance in November 2025, registering 3,662 units, a 30.27% year-on-year increase from 2,811 units in November 2024. The growth reflects the rising acceptance of the brand's refreshed portfolio as the French automaker strengthens its position in the competitive Indian market. The new Triber and Kiger remained key drivers, with Triber sales rising to 2,064 units, up 38.9%, and Kiger volumes climbing to 1,151 units, a robust 47.75% jump over last year. Renault also delivered 447 units of the Kwid, signalling stable demand in the entry-level segment. Company officials said the broad-based momentum across rural and urban regions underscores growing customer trust. In Guwahati,



Renault dealerships reported a notable uptick in enquiries and bookings as buyers gravitated towards compact MPVs and SUVs offering strong value. The Triber, in particular, has gained popularity among family buyers, while the Kiger is seeing increased traction among young professionals. Retailers in the city attribute

the momentum to improved financing options and rising preference for versatile small SUVs in the Northeast. Renault India is gearing up for a major product rollout in 2026, beginning with the highly anticipated next-generation Renault Duster, expected to further strengthen its market presence.

## Arun Icecreams Launches Icecream Donut



**Siliguri:** Arun Icecreams, a leading name in India's frozen dessert market, has introduced its latest innovation — the Arun Ice Cream Donut. Announced in Chennai on November 24, 2025, the company said the new product blends the comfort of a donut with the cool indulgence of ice cream, aiming to capture consumers seeking fun, exciting and affordable treats. Known for iconic creations like the Casatta Slice, Icone, Ibar, Spiral, Bites, Ball Ice Cream, Ice Cream Sandwich and Pushup Cotton Candy, the brand continues its push for trend-led innovation. Arun Icecreams said the Ice Cream Donut has received "an overwhelmingly positive response" during market trials across key regions, with consumers praising its creamy texture, unique flavour pairing and attractive design. Priced at Rs. 10, it comes in Belgian Chocolate and Cookies n Cream variants and is available across all HAP Daily and ArunIcecreams retail outlets. In Siliguri, a rising consumption hub in North Bengal, retailers expect strong demand as low-ticket, impulse-buy desserts typically perform well among families, travellers and young consumers. With Siliguri's expanding retail landscape and steady footfall in neighbourhood markets, the new Ice Cream Donut is likely to gain traction quickly. The launch further strengthens Hatsun Agro Product Ltd.'s product portfolio. The dairy major sources milk from over 4,00,000 farmers and operates 4,000+ HAP Daily exclusive stores across multiple states, ensuring widespread access to its brands including ArunIcecreams, Arokya, Hatsun, ibaco and Santosa. Arun Icecreams introduces innovative Ice Cream Donut, blending donut comfort with ice cream indulgence, priced affordably, delighting consumers nationwide.

## Ai+ unveils "Laptab" in India, aim to redefine hybrid computing market



**Guwahati:** Ai+, India's fastest-growing technology brand, today launched the "Ai+ Laptab," a new device category combining the productivity of a laptop with the portability of a tablet. The Laptab will be available in three sizes—11", 12", and 13"—with keyboard and stylus support, and is set to go live nationwide in Q1 2026 via Flipkart and Ai+ retail partners. The Laptab runs on Ai+'s proprietary NxtQ OS, offering a dedicated PC Mode that allows multitasking, document management, and long-form content creation, while maintaining a lightweight tablet experience. Its privacy-first architecture ensures no pre-installed bloatware, no invasive trackers, and complete local control of user data. CEO Madhav Sheth said, "The Ai+ Laptab brings productivity, utility, and entertainment into one space that fits naturally into everyday life." In Guwahati, retailers and tech enthusiasts have welcomed the device's launch, citing strong demand for hybrid computing

solutions among students, creative professionals, and digital-first workers. Local stores expect the Laptab's portability, stylus support, and productivity features to resonate with urban buyers who seek versatile devices for work and study, especially in cafes and co-working spaces.

The launch follows the success of the Ai+ Smartphone, which crossed one million users within six months, and marks a key step in Ai+'s broader ecosystem, including smartphones, wearables, TWS, and now computing, at disruptive price points targeting India's Gen Z and young professionals.

## Godrej Hosts First Assistive Tech Conference 2025

**Guwahati:** Godrej Industries Group underscored its commitment to accessible and inclusive workplaces by hosting its inaugural Assistive Tech Conference 2025, bringing together innovators, disability-rights leaders, corporates, and researchers to explore technology-driven solutions for equitable employment in India. Marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the event showcased 12 start-ups working in inclusive technology, along with breakthrough tools from Access for All, NCPEDP, and AssisTech Foundation. A key highlight was the launch of Godrej Properties' in-house senior leaders including Parmesh Shahani and Megha Goel emphasized accessibility as a pathway to dignity, opportunity, and workplace equity. Godrej's IT and AI teams also presented innovations ranging from tactile learning aids to inclusive digital interfaces, followed by the release of the EmployAbility



Toolkit by GCPL and Atypical Advantage. In Guwahati, industry analysts observed that the city's expanding corporate, retail, and IT services sectors could significantly benefit from assistive technologies unveiled at the conference. With rising demand for skilled talent and growing recognition of disability inclusion, companies in Guwahati are expected to adopt similar tools to build more accessible workplaces.

The conference concluded with a panel on India's accessible future, highlighting affordability, collaboration, and policy support as key drivers for scaling assistive tech nationwide.



## 78-year-old Mizoram patient undergoes rare minimally invasive aortic repair at Manipal Hospital EM Bypass

**Aizawl:** A 78-year-old man from Mizoram, who had been suffering from persistent abdominal and back pain for months, successfully underwent a highly complex endovascular aortic repair at Manipal Hospital, EM Bypass, Kolkata. The rare, minimally invasive procedure was performed by Dr. Dilip Kumar, Director Cath Lab and Senior Interventional Cardiologist, along with his medical team. The patient was initially evaluated at a local hospital in Mizoram,

where doctors detected a dangerous aortic aneurysm an abnormal balloon-like swelling in the body's main artery that can cause fatal internal bleeding if ruptured. Considering the high risk, he was referred to Manipal Hospital EM Bypass for advanced care. Traditionally treated through open surgery, the condition was managed using a safer endovascular repair. Dr. Kumar's team inserted a bifurcated aortic graft using two femoral access points and closed the procedure with five



closure devices—four ProGlides and one Angio-Seal—enabling minimal bleeding and rapid healing. The patient walked the next day and was discharged, marking one of India's rarest same-day mobility

cases involving such large-bore access. In Aizawl's healthcare and diagnostics sector, the case has sparked discussions about the growing need for specialized cardiac interventions outside the state. With many patients traveling to metro hospitals, the demand for advanced cardiovascular care continues to rise. The patient has now recovered well and will attend regular follow-ups. Dr. Kumar termed the success "a gratifying moment" for the team and the family.

## Sensex drops, Nifty slides



**Mumbai:** Stock markets declined on Tuesday (December 2, 2025), with the benchmark Sensex tumbling nearly 504 points due to selling in blue-chip bank stocks and Reliance Industries, and persistent foreign fund outflows.

The broader NSE Nifty also registered a fall, slipping 143.55 points, or 0.55%, to settle at 26,032.20. Market analysts noted that profit-booking in the second half of the session added to the downward pressure, despite a strong start earlier in the day. Bajaj Finance managed to post gains, offering some support to the indices.

## India debuts strong at WorldSkills Asia 2025, targets bigger global skills footprint

**Guwahati:** India delivered a high-impact performance at the WorldSkills Asia Competition (WSAC) 2025 in Chinese Taipei, finishing 8th among 29 nations in its first-ever participation. Backed by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and technical partners, the 23-member Indian contingent competed across 21 high-demand and emerging skill categories, supported by 21 experts. India secured one Silver, two Bronze medals and three Medallions for Excellence. Muskan won Silver in Painting & Decorating, while Komal Panda bagged Bronze in Industrial Design Technology. In Robot System Integration, Shivam



Singh and Dinesh R jointly claimed Bronze. Medallions for Excellence went to Mohamed Mafaz P R (Software Application Development for Business), Aditya Nandan (Web Technologies) and Dhannush M G (Electrical Installations). Women competitors stood out, scoring highest across several trades and earning best-in-country recognitions. In Guwahati, the strong

performance is expected to boost demand for advanced skilling in robotics, industrial design and digital trades. Local institutes report rising interest among youths seeking globally relevant training, signaling potential for stronger industry-skill ecosystem linkages in Assam's fast-expanding job market. Congratulating the team, Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary said India's showing reflects "the confidence, creativity and discipline" of young talent. Selected through IndiaSkills 2024 and trained extensively with industry support, the competitors showcased India's growing readiness for global benchmarks as the country eyes a larger presence in upcoming international skill competitions.

## BonV Aero Wins SIDM Award for Drones

**Guwahati:** Deep-tech aerospace firm BonV Aero has received the prestigious SIDM Champion Award (Special Jury), presented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, for its pioneering defence and disaster-response technology. The recognition highlights an Indian-made innovation that has already proven vital in safeguarding lives across the North East. Earlier this year, when a devastating landslide hit Sikkim's Lachen region, BonV Aero's heavy-duty drone equipped with advanced Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) was deployed alongside the Indian Army. The indigenous drone swiftly provided real-time coordinates of possible debris, significantly enhancing the safety and precision of rescue operations. Co-founder and CEO Satyabrata Satapathy said, "We are building for India's tough-



east geographies. The North East is central to our mission. This award validates our effort to bring smarter, faster, and safer aerial mobility to every corner." He added that the technology would be a game-changer for disaster response and development in the Seven Sisters. Looking ahead, BonV Aero plans to scale its high-altitude drone network for last-mile delivery of essential goods and aims to introduce a 100 kg medevac drone within two years, followed by a 500 kg STOL drone for inter-city and military transport within three to five years.

## Fenesta Opens First Showroom in Pasighat



**Pasighat:** Fenesta, the country's most trusted fenestration brand, has taken a strategic step to deepen its Eastern market presence by opening its first showroom in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The new outlet, operated by Empire Interior, is located at 2 Mile Area and marks the company's second showroom in the state. The expansion aligns with Fenesta's nationwide strategy to enhance customer accessibility to premium uPVC and aluminium windows and doors. The Pasighat centre features an end-to-end display of Fenesta's product portfolio, including facades, solid panel doors, and premium hardware. By offering customers a hands-on product experience, Fenesta aims to address growing demand for energy-efficient and aesthetically refined building solutions across the region's residential and com-

mercial sectors. Pasighat's fast-growing construction and retail ecosystem has created new opportunities for branded home-improvement products. As more homeowners and builders shift towards modern designs and long-lasting materials, the arrival of Fenesta is expected to bring competitive momentum to the local market. Commenting on the launch, Saket Jain, Business Head of Fenesta, said the partnership with Empire Interior underscores the brand's focus on performance and design excellence. The showroom reflects Fenesta's commitment to innovation and customer-centric service. Backed by a network of 400+ dealers across India and international presence in neighbouring countries, Fenesta continues to consolidate its leadership in the premium windows and doors segment.

## Škoda Auto India hits 5 lakh sales milestone, posts 90% growth in November

**Guwahati:** Škoda Auto India has crossed a major milestone in its 25th year in the country, recording cumulative sales of over 500,000 units since its entry into the Indian market. The company reported sales of 5,491 units in November 2025, marking a sharp 90% year-on-year jump. Notably, Škoda has already achieved its highest-ever sales in the first ten months of 2025.



to our customers," he said.

Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, attributed the strong performance to the company's expanding network, value-driven ownership plans, and a robust product line. "These have been the chief driving forces behind our 5 lakh landmark sales and consistent year-on-year growth. We will continue this momentum by getting closer

The company's long-standing sedan legacy remains a strong pillar. Models like the Octavia—whose RS variant sold out within 20 minutes—and the Slavia continue to drive demand across segments. Škoda's SUV range, priced from INR 7.5 lakh to Rs 45.9 lakh, including the Kodiaq, Kushaq, and safety-rated Kylaq, further broadens its appeal. In Gu-

wahati, Škoda's rising popularity is evident across key dealerships, with increasing traction for both sedans and SUVs. Customers in the city are showing heightened interest in premium safety features and performance-driven models, mirroring the brand's national growth trend. With over 320 touchpoints across 180 cities, Škoda Auto India aims to maintain its strongest year ever.

## RBI elevates Usha Janakiraman

**Mumbai:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday (December 1, 2025) appointed Usha Janakiraman as Executive Director (ED) with immediate effect. Prior to being promoted as ED, Ms. Janakiraman was serving as Chief General Manager-in-charge, Department of Regulation, Central Office, Mumbai. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the promotion of Usha Janakiraman as Executive Director with immediate effect. The appointment marks a significant development in the central bank's leadership structure, underscoring its commitment to strengthening senior management. According to the official communication, Janakiraman will assume her new responsibilities without delay, ensuring continuity in the RBI's operational and policy functions.



# Mia by Tanishq announces official style partnership with Hornbill Festival 2025

**Bangalore:** Mia by Tanishq today announced its official partnership with the Hornbill Festival 2025 as the designated Style Partner. The collaboration underscores the brand's commitment to celebrating culture, craftsmanship and the modern Indian woman. As part of the partnership, Mia has established a dedicated engagement zone at Kisama



Heritage Village, offering experiential activities and visitor interactions. On the third day of the festival, the brand will unveil its exclusive "Mia x Hornbill" pendants—designed to reflect cultural symbolism and contemporary aesthetics. Ms. Shyamala Ramanan, Business Head, represented Mia at the opening ceremony and shared the stage

with Hon'ble Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, ambassadors and ministers. She highlighted Mia's dedication to the North-east's evolving design preferences and artistic traditions. Speaking on the association, Chief Minister Rio said the collaboration honours Nagaland's artisans and brings national attention to its cultural richness.

# SC to Hear Ambani's Plea Against SBI's Fraud Classification

**New Delhi:** India is no doubt emerging as a key start-up hub. It now has 1,97,692 DPIIT-recognised startups as of 31 October 2025, according to a government reply in the Lok Sabha. But only 2% of it, or just 4,147 startups, have managed to qualify for the tax exemption, the report added.



This is because the profit-linked tax deduction is available only to startups that meet a strict set of eligibility conditions. A DPIIT is a company officially certified by the government as a startup under the Startup India framework. This essentially allows the startups to avail several benefits such as tax exemptions, easier compliance, funding schemes, etc. In 2025 (till October), 546 startups secured the tax break, with the highest participation coming from sectors such as healthcare and life sciences, technology hardware, renewable energy, textiles and construction, the reply added. According to the data shared by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, recognised startups have re-

ported over 21.11 lakh direct jobs. Maharashtra reported 34,444 recognised startups creating more than 3.76 lakh jobs. Gujarat, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh also recorded a significant number of tax-eligible startups in 2025. The government noted that 48% of all recognised startups have at least one woman director or partner. Startups are now present in every state and Union territory. Funding support under the Startup India umbrella has picked up pace. The entire Rs 10,000 crore Fund of Funds has been committed to 144 AIFs, and the Rs 945 crore Seed Fund Scheme has been fully allotted to 219 incubators. Under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups, 311 loans amounting to Rs 755.25 crore have been guaranteed to startup borrowers so far.

## PSU Bank Stocks Plunge

**New Delhi:** State-run private lenders were hammered hard on Wednesday as traders booked profit after the government ruled out the merger of PSU banks and expectations of increasing the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in these lenders to 49 per cent from current levels of 20 per cent.

Presently, there is no proposal on merger or consolidation of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) that is under consideration of the Government," said Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. In another response, he said that the FDI limit in PSBs and private sector banks is 20 per cent and 74 per cent, respectively,

Following the news, PSU Bank index dropped nearly 3.2 per cent on Wednesday, with a number of PSU counters crashing up to 7 per cent during the trading session. PSU Bank index had surged about 57 per cent from its 52-week lows before profit booking soured the sentiments as traders took money off the table. All constituents of the PSU Bank index were trading in red. Indian Bank led the laggards, crashing nearly 7 per cent to Rs 804.15 on Wednesday. The lender has soared more than 57 per cent on the year-to-date basis so far. It was followed by Punjab National Bank which crumbled nearly 5 per cent to Rs 119.55, even as the stock jumped nearly 17 per cent in 2025 so far. Canara Bank, after rising 47 per cent on YTD basis, dropped 4.4 per cent. Similarly, Bank of India, which surged 38 per cent in 2025, was seen 4 per cent down at Rs 140.27.

## ₹32,000 Crore Capital Raise: Govt Taps Market with 6.48% GS 2035 Auction

**New Delhi:** The central government has announced the re-issue of its 6.48 per cent G-Secs 2035 security, with an aim to raise Rs 32,000 crore through a scheduled auction on December 05, 2025. This, according to an official release by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), constitutes part of the borrowing program for the year. The government also has the option to retain an additional Rs 2,000 crore, depending on the demand that comes up in the auction.



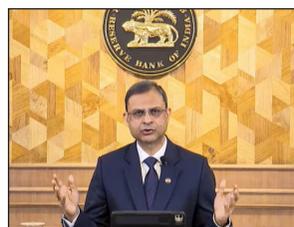
The government security under this plan will mature on October 06, 2035. RBI will carry out the sale through its Mumbai office. The settlement date for the successful bidders will be on December 08, 2025. The auction will follow the multiple price method. This means that successful competitive bids will be accepted at the individual yields or prices quoted by the bidders rather than a single uniform cut-off. Since the security is a re-issue, the bidding will be price-based. Both competitive and non-competitive bids have to be submitted

electronically on RBI's e-Kuber platform on December 05, 2025. The timing for the non-competitive window is from 12:30 pm to 01:00 pm, while the competitive window remains open until 01:30 pm. The results will be announced later that day. All payments by the successful bidders must be completed on December 08, 2025. This Additional Competitive Underwriting portion can be underwritten by primary dealers between 10:30 am and 11:00 am on the day of the auction. The security will also be available under When-issued trading from December 02 to December 05, 2025, prior to formal issuance.

## RBI may cut interest rate by 25 bps on Friday

**Mumbai:** The RBI may trim the benchmark lending rate by 25 bps in its forthcoming monetary policy meeting, as inflationary pressures are subdued, though some experts believe the central bank is likely to keep the rate unchanged in the backdrop of better-than-expected GDP growth of 8.2 per cent in the second quarter.

The consumer price index (CPI) based headline retail inflation is ruling below the 2 per cent lower band mandated by the government for the last two months. Some experts, however, believe that the RBI may continue with the pause on interest rates as economic growth has picked up, sustained by fiscal consolidation, targeted public investment, and various reforms, such as the GST rate cut. The Monetary Policy Committee meeting is scheduled from Decem-



ber 3-5, 2025. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra is scheduled to announce the decision of rate-setting panel on December 5. The central bank started its rate-easing cycle in February last year. It has cumulatively reduced the repo rate by 100 basis points in successive policy announcements to 5.5 per cent, before hitting the pause button in August.

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## MILKMAID Marks World Kheer Day, Honoring India's Beloved Dessert

**New Delhi:** Nestlé MILKMAID, a name synonymous with delicious desserts announces World Kheer Day on 30 November, a day dedicated to the dessert that every Indian home has grown up with. Kheer is one dessert that truly unites India – divided in recipes and ingredients, united by the warmth and nostalgia it evokes. From festivals, homecomings to everyday celebrations, it continues to be a symbol of togetherness across the country. MILKMAID has helped keep this tradition alive in a way that is easy, quick and just as comforting. Manav Sahni, Head, Dairy Business, Nestlé India, said, "World Kheer Day is our way of celebrating a dessert that connects generations across the country. Kheer is prepared differently in every region, but it holds the same warmth and nostalgia everywhere.



With MILKMAID, we hope that our consumers can enjoy rich and creamy Kheer which tastes amazing."

Kheer takes on a new name and a new form in every corner of India – yet it carries the same heartbeat everywhere. In the North, it's the creamy elegance of rice kheer. On fasting days, sabudana kheer brings comfort and devotion. Eid arrives with the richness of sheer khurma, a celebration in every spoon. Maharashtra stirs up

sheviyanchi kheer with festive pride. Bengal serves payesh – an apt embodiment for its love for life. Odisha offers kheeri, rich in tradition and blessings. And the South welcomes you with payasam – from semiya to palada – the warm hugs in a bowl. The ingredients may vary, the names may change, but the emotion remains constant – a universal sweetness, shared across a nation.

Nestlé MILKMAID, known for making desserts easy and delicious for over 100 years, aims to make this celebration simple for every home. This World Kheer Day, MILKMAID invites everyone to make their preferred kheer, use MILKMAID for convenience and enjoy a dessert that continues to bring people together. Kheer recipes and preparation ideas are available on the MILKMAID website to explore and try at home.



## Sweet Potato is the Secret to These Ultra-Fudgy Brownies

If you're craving a fudgy chocolate brownie but want something that teeters on the edge of the healthy side, sweet potatoes might be the answer to your question. This nutrient-rich vegetable can be blended seamlessly into a brownie batter, and it will add natural sweetness and moisture to the bake without altering the fan-favourite chocolatey flavour. In fact, you'd never guess there's a vegetable hiding inside. Sweet potato brownies are a clever twist on dessert, offering more fibre, vitamins, and slow-release energy while keeping the indulgence intact. They are perfect for guilt-free snacking and satisfying weeknight cravings.

### Health Benefits of Sweet Potato

Sweet potatoes are a seasonal vegetable that floods the market in the winter. While you can eat them simply by roasting them with salt and pepper, it is fun to try different recipes with them. These potatoes support eye and immune health, as they are an excellent source of beta-carotene, which the body converts to vitamin A. Its high fibre content aids digestion and promotes regular bowel movements. Sweet potatoes contain vitamin B6, which supports brain function and helps regulate mood and improve memory. Its complex carbohydrates also provide sustained energy, and antioxidants help protect against cell damage.

### Recipe for Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie

**Ingredients**  
1 cup roasted sweet potato  
2 tablespoons jaggery or maple syrup  
2 tablespoons peanut butter  
1/4th cup cacao powder



1 tablespoon chopped walnuts  
20–30 grams chopped dark chocolate chunks  
**Method:** Chop the washed sweet potato and roast it in the air fryer at 180°C for 15–20 minutes. If using an oven: roast at 200°C for 25–30 minutes. Peel the roasted sweet potato and blend it with jaggery/maple syrup, peanut butter, cacao powder, walnuts, and chocolate chunks into a smooth paste. Spread the batter in a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Add extra chocolate chunks and walnuts on top. Air fry at 175°C for 20–25 minutes. If using an oven: bake at 180°C for 20–25 minutes. Let it cool fully before slicing. Enjoy.

This innovative recipe has become particularly popular among bakers catering to dietary restrictions, as the sweet potato can often be used to create delicious gluten-free or dairy-free versions without sacrificing the classic chocolate experience. The growing popularity of the Sweet Potato Brownie highlights a broader shift in modern baking towards mindful eating and creative ingredient substitutions. As winter sets in, this surprisingly simple hack offers a delicious, comforting way to enjoy a classic treat while embracing seasonal produce.

## 3 Matcha Desserts Better Than Any Latte

Whether it is K-pop singer BTS' Kim Tachyung, aka V, going viral for drinking a strawberry matcha latte or Bollywood actor Sanya Malhotra launching her own brand, Bree, matcha has people in a chokehold. In fact, this has even caused a global shortage as the demand for this green tea soars. In 2024, the matcha market was valued at USD 3.66 billion, and it is expected to more than double. Matcha, a powdered form of Japanese green tea, which has to be carefully grown in special weather conditions, also has various health benefits. It has an enhancing effect on cognitive function, cardiometabolic health, and anti-tumorigenesis. Some studies show that it may help protect the liver, and it is rich in catechins, a type of natural antioxidant. This can help stabilise harmful free radicals, compounds that can damage cells and cause chronic disease. While everyone seems to be sipping on matcha lattes, Chef Tejasvi Chandela, founder and chef, Dzurth Jaipur, believes in going a step further. She has worked on a dessert menu that includes this tea. "Matcha is one of those ingredients that in-

vites both respect and creativity. I've loved using it in ways that challenge the idea of matcha being limited to lattes and beverages. Its earthy profile pairs beautifully with citrus, berries, and even white chocolate, so we explore those combinations in tarts, cookies, lamingtons, and more. Our goal is always to introduce matcha in a way that feels exciting, modern, and accessible for the Indian palate," she says.

Here are 3 different ways to try matcha, which is a step ahead of the typical beverages:

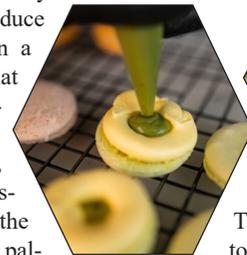
**Matcha Strawberry Tart:** A modern interpretation of a classic tart, this dessert pairs a silky ceremonial-grade matcha cream with fresh seasonal strawberries. The tartness of the berries lifts the earthy umami notes of matcha, creating a balanced, clean flavour profile. The idea was to bring

a refreshing, bright contrast to matcha, a flavour often seen in warm beverages but rarely showcased in cold-set patisserie.

### Matcha Lemon Macaron:

The macaron takes the familiarity of matcha and pairs it with a bold citrus edge. The shells are infused with fine Japanese matcha, while the filling is a tart lemon curd cream cheese that cuts beautifully through the richness. This combination was created to highlight how matcha can work in sharper, more playful formats, far beyond the typical creamy pairings.

**Matcha Strawberry Lamington:** A nostalgic lamington reimagined with a green-tea twist. Soft vanilla sponge is dipped in a matcha glaze, rolled in coconut, and layered with a homemade strawberry compote. It celebrates the meeting of Australian café culture and Asian tea traditions – something you rarely see in Indian patisserie.



## Tamil Chicken Pepper Broth: The Ultimate Remedy for Winter Colds

Hot chicken pepper bone broth is a comforting dish that warms the body and strengthens immunity during episodes of cold, cough, or seasonal flu. Made with fresh pepper, turmeric, garlic, and homemade spices, this flavourful soup acts as a natural remedy as well as a hearty, nourishing drink. In many Indian households, it is prepared just like rasam and is known for offering quick relief from congestion, blocked nose, sore throat, and general winter fatigue. Here's how to make it at home.

Chicken bone broth is naturally rich in glucosamine, carnosine, and collagen. Research indicates that it helps reduce inflammation, alleviate upper respiratory congestion, and promote faster recovery. The collagen released while cooking helps relax the body and promotes healing. Black pepper, on the other hand, provides instant relief



from nasal blockage and is particularly effective against cold and flu symptoms.

### Ingredients:

1 tablespoon black pepper  
2 teaspoons coriander seeds  
1 teaspoon fennel seeds  
2 dried red chillies  
1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds  
1 sprig curry leaves  
2 tomatoes  
6 garlic cloves  
For cooking the chicken:  
500 g bone-in chicken  
3/4 teaspoon turmeric  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
3 cups water  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
1/4 teaspoon mustard seeds

1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds  
1 sprig curry leaves  
1/4 cup sliced shallots  
1 cup coconut milk  
3 sprigs coriander leaves, finely chopped

### How To Make Tamil-Style Chicken Pepper Broth?

**Prepare the Spice Paste:** Lightly toast all the spices in a pan on low heat until fragrant and golden. Transfer them to a mixer and grind to a fine powder. Add the tomatoes and garlic, then grind again to a smooth paste, adding a little water if necessary.

**Cook the Chicken:** Place the bone-in chicken in a pressure

cooker. Add turmeric, salt, and the spice paste. Rinse the mixer jar with a little water and pour it in. Add about 3 cups of water and cook on low heat for 20 minutes. Once the pressure settles, remove the chicken, shred it, and discard the bones.

**Temper and Prepare the Soup:** Heat sesame oil in a pan. Add mustard seeds, cumin seeds, and curry leaves. When they splutter, add shallots and sauté until soft. Add the shredded chicken and stir briefly. Pour in the chicken stock and coconut milk. Adjust salt as needed. Sprinkle chopped coriander and bring the broth to a gentle boil. Serve this hot, aromatic chicken pepper broth with steamed rice or enjoy it as a warming soup on its own.

This dish works wonders when you're suffering from cold, flu, or general weakness. Simple to prepare, deeply comforting, and exceptionally good for health, this winter recipe is a must-try.

## Homemade Snickers Bar

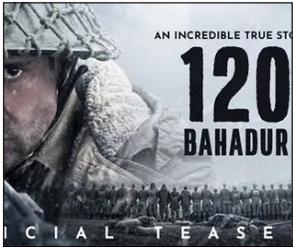
This delicious bar can be easy to make at home. It is a great treat for kids.

**Ingredients of Homemade Snickers Bar:** 1 Cup dates 1.5 tbsp peanut butter Salt, to taste 1 tsp vanilla essence 1 cup oats 1/4 cup roasted peanuts 150 gram dark chocolate, melted.

**How to Make Homemade Snickers Bar:** First, we need to make caramel. For this, add dates in a bowl of boiling water and leave it for around 20-25 minutes. Now, drain the water and transfer the dates to a mixer grinder. Add peanut butter, vanilla essence and salt. Blend well to make a smooth caramel sauce. Transfer to a bowl and keep aside 1/4 of the mixture. To prepare the bottom layer of the bar, add oats and the caramel mixture that we had kept aside to the grinder. Grind well till a dough-like structure forms. Now, take a rectangular baking tin and line it with baking paper. Spread the oats mixture evenly on it. Gently press it using your fingers and top it with the caramel sauce. Garnish some sliced peanuts on top and freeze for around 3 hours. Once done, slice the prepared bar into even slices. Dip them in a bowl of melted dark chocolate and transfer to a baking paper. Freeze for about an hour before serving. Homemade snickers bar is ready!



## Box Office 2025 120 Bahadur, Mastiii 4's



**New Delhi:** Riteish Deshmukh, Vivek Oberoi and Aftab Shivdasani's Mastiii 4 and Farhan Akhtar's 120 Bahadur were released in theaters on November 21. They generated good collections over the weekend. Both films are barely making their presence felt at the box office during the weekdays but now the collections for both films declined on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Ajay Devgn, R Madhavan, Meezan Jaffrey and Rakul Preet Singh's De De Pyaar De 2 has maintained its hold on the On Wednesday, the film collected Rs 1 lakh at the box office. After earning Rs 2.25 crore on its first day, it earned a record Rs 4 crore on Sunday. This brings the total collection of Farhan Akhtar's film to Rs 14 crore. Mastiii 4.

# Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 Trailer Review: Heap Praises On Kapil Sharma's Film

**New Delhi:** Kapil Sharma returns with the sequel to his much loved film Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon. This time, he's caught juggling not three but four marriages. The trailer promises non-stop laughter, a mayhem of confusion, and a whirlwind of drama, delivering the ultimate shaadi chaos. Since its release, fans have been praising its sharp humour and Kapil Sharma's impeccable comic timing.

The makers of Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 have officially unveiled the trailer of the much-anticipated sequel, setting the stage for Kapil Sharma's comedy caper. Promoted with the tagline "triple the romance, triple the confusion, and unlimited fun," the film promises to deliver an amplified dose of the humour and chaos than the original. Presented by Star Studio18 and Venus Worldwide Entertainment in association with Abbas-Mustan Film Productions, the sequel to the 2015 film aims to take the franchise a step further with a larger scale, more complex romantic entanglements, and heightened comedic situations.

Kapil Sharma returns as the lead, bringing his signature charm and comedic timing to the role. The ensemble cast features Manjot Singh, Hira Warina, Tridha Choudhary, Parul Gulati, and Ayesha Khan. Veteran actors Asrani, Akhilendra Mishra, Vipin Shar-



ma, and Sushant Singh also join the film, along with Jamie Lever, Smita Jaykar, and Supriya Shukla, adding depth and humour to the narrative.

The trailer offers glimpses of the film's central conflicts, eccentric love triangles, misunderstandings, and an array of humorous scenarios, suggesting that the sequel will be larger, louder, and more chaotic than its predecessor. The makers appear to have doubled down on the franchise's signature blend of romance

and slapstick comedy. The sequel also aims to broaden its appeal with vibrant song-and-dance sequences, colourful visuals, and Abbas-Mustan's signature flair for dramatic twists. The filmmakers hint at even more outlandish situations for Kapil Sharma's character, setting the tone for a high-energy entertainer designed for family audiences. Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 trailer released, promises comedy and chaos with Kapil Sharma leading an ensemble cast.

## Hakim Trabelsi of Tunisia withdraws in the second round, & Sangram Singh wins his second career bout

**New Delhi:** India's Sangram Singh, a celebrated wrestler-turned-MMA fighter and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, has made history by becoming the first Indian to win at the Levels Fight League (LFL) in Europe. In a decisive match at LFL 20 in Amsterdam, he faced Tunisia's Hakim Trabelsi, an experienced and younger opponent. Sangram showcased his superior wrestling skills, maintaining control and effectively neutralizing Trabelsi's attacks by staying in clinch and body-lock positions. His strategic approach allowed him to counter-attack with precision, demonstrating both mental toughness and fight IQ. The match culminated in the second round when Sangram executed a flawless bar-arm choke submission, compelling Trabelsi to tap out. This achievement marks his second significant victory in Europe, following a swift win in his professional debut at the Gama International Fighting Championship in Georgia, where he defeated Ali Raza Nasir in under 90 seconds. Despite being over 40 years old, Sangram continues to exemplify the qualities of a true champion, emphasizing that age should not limit one's aspirations when combined with discipline and dedication. His victory in Amsterdam is portrayed not just as a personal achieve-



ment but as an inspiration for young Indians aspiring to compete on global platforms. Sangram stated that his success belongs to these aspiring athletes and hopes to motivate them to pursue their dreams. His coach, Bhupesh Kumar, praised Sangram for his heart and strategic discipline against a formidable opponent. LFL President Donovan James Alexander Panayiotis also recognized Sangram as an inspiring presence in sports, highlighting his energy and humility as an ideal representation of Indian sportsmanship. The achievement is deemed a pivotal moment in the history of Indian MMA, with LFL officials regarding Sangram as a symbol of courage and determination.

## An 'excellent manager' in terms of Arsenal's 'style of play' is Mikel Arteta: Striker Gyokeres, Viktor

Mikel Arteta is described as an excellent manager

**New Delhi:** In an interview with Hindustan Times, Arsenal striker Viktor Gyokeres discusses the current Premier League season and his relationship with manager Mikel Arteta. Since joining Arsenal from Sporting CP, Gyokeres has made a significant impact, scoring four goals in 10 matches. His contributions have helped Arsenal establish a strong position at the top of the Premier League, leading by six points over Manchester City. Gyokeres highlights his maturation as a player, noting that he can quickly assess the situation on the field and strike effectively, which distinguishes him from other forwards. This season marks a potential turning point for Arsenal, with Gyokeres expressing optimism about the team's chances of breaking their Premier League title drought,



which has not been achieved since the 2003-04 season. He mentions the positive team spirit and atmosphere at Arsenal, stressing the importance of maintaining this momentum while focusing on upcoming matches without getting distracted by long-term goals. He praises Mikel Arteta for his managerial skills, particularly in shaping the team's playing style and understanding the different personalities on the team. Gyokeres ap-

preciates Arteta's inspiring leadership and energy, which permeates training and match preparations. Contrary to past seasons where Bukayo Saka faced heavy defensive pressure, Gyokeres' addition has diversified the attacking options for Arsenal. Despite his noteworthy impact, Gyokeres remains humble, emphasizing his commitment to teamwork and continuous improvement on the pitch as crucial for the team's success.