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This is a truly bizarre time: the world over, it is a period of tumultuous change and uncertainty. Ever since Donald Trump has taken over as the US President, every country seems to be on tenterhooks. Before the world can process the consequences of his latest farman, he comes out with another or reverses the earlier one. Sitting in India, we have no idea of how this is affecting the vulnerable in the US. Many parents, who have spent a fortune on the education of their children there, are biting their nails after an Indian student had her student visa summarily cancelled because she had taken part in a pro-Palestine demonstration on her campus. Those with Green Cards are also not sure whether they can continue to stay on and whether their children will be automatically accepted as lawful US citizens in future simply because they were born there. The waiting time for an American visa is close to two years, I'm told. All this discourages aged parents from visiting their children and their children from visiting them. US aid has been abruptly cut and many agencies that were doing genuinely meaningful work in areas such as public health, nutrition and education have been severely affected. However, it must also be conceded that many dodgy operators and NGOs had been fattening themselves on these grants without much to show for their expenses. Then, there is the huge impact Trump's trade and tariffs policy will have on the economies that cannot sustain their commercial activities without the generous tilt in their favour. Europe has also been pretty much left to guard itself and walk the talk on Ukraine. It is a frightening scenario and so far, Trump seems to hold all the cards. Come now to our own silly politicians. The affront that a minister from Maharashtra took after a stand-up comedian mocked him had disastrous consequences. He was forced to disappear from public view and the studio he had used was vandalised by goons who probably hadn't even seen the episode. There was a similar hoo-ha when another YouTuber made some salacious comments a few weeks ago and the matter went up to the Supreme Court! Every news channel held long noisy debates on the topic and shrill panelists and biased anchors had a field day. All this is happening even as serious matters of policy and budget-related debates were conveniently avoided and Bills were passed by Parliament because our worthy parliamentarians would rather hold press conferences or give sound bytes outside the Lok Sabha to eager journalists, who then added breathless commentaries of their own. Have we all lost it? Let me now talk about a more serious and sadder episode.

Two professors of Allahabad University (my alma mater) came to blows during a scuffle and ended up with injuries that necessitated their being taken to hospital. What is worse, they were professors from the English Department where I did my post-graduation. I bowed my head in shame when I realised that this is what a glorious institution has been reduced to. Where once Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Firaq Gorakhpuri and other distinguished professors had their students enthralled, we now have Munna Bhai-style goons spreading their brand of taporidom. A few years back, when I went to Allahabad, I made a special trip to visit my university.

What I saw broke my heart: the classes were empty, the staffroom (which we dared not enter) was wide open and a few young and bored teachers were sipping chai, while the head of the department evoked no special feeling of respect when I went to wish him. The library was barricaded, the splendid stained-glass windows of the Senate House were covered with protective iron grills so that they could withstand the stones chucked during recurring student demonstrations, and bands of bored-looking students were eating peanuts as they roamed idly, ogling the girls.

## Dog walkers and the future of employment

There's a job for everyone, if you are willing to shed white collars

Sometime back, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje blamed the spread of education for the high unemployment rate: we have far too many graduates, she added, in case you missed it the first time. This led to an uproar on social media, with someone even suggesting that we should now have an 'Uneducation Policy'. Come to think of it, however, she was not far from the truth. In India, everyone who cannot migrate illegally to Trumpland wants to become a graduate: the country produces 10 million grads every year, most of whom (according to India Inc) are unemployable. This is further borne out by a recent report that of the 263 applicants (all lawyers and civil judges) who appeared for an exam for the post of district judge in Odisha, not one passed the qualifying test! Adding to the problem is that there are just not enough new jobs being created every year, even if we accept the government's cooked-up figures. Which is why, according to the ILO Report (2024), the rate of unemployment among graduates is 10 times that of the uneducated: in India, the more educated you are, the lesser the chances of your finding a job!

We refuse to accept the laws of either economics or mathematics; everyone wants a job as a babu in an office (hence the need to be a graduate), hands-on skills are looked down upon as undignified "labour": the "knowledge worker" is placed high above the "skill worker". Even though while the former spend their days idling at home or attending political rallies, it is almost impossible to get hold of one of the latter when you need one — an electrician, carpenter, plumber, para-med, driver, to mention just a few. Our cook, a smart young girl who chose to drop out after Plus Two and earn a respectable living rather than go to college and join the ranks of the unemployed, comes for two hours every day and charges Rs 8,000 per month. She works in four to five houses and makes Rs 30,000 to Rs 40,000 per month, something which even IIT grads are happy to receive these days! A mason in my village charges Rs 1,000 per day, if you can get hold of one, that is! And things are about to get much worse for the grads and white collar workers with the advent of AI. The founder of Atomberg, Arindam Paul, predicts that 50-60 per cent of white collar jobs could be lost to AI in the coming years in India and there would be no middle class left. The infotech and hitech firms have already fired tens of thousands of employees as a precursor to a much bigger bloodbath: the knowledge worker can be easily replaced by AI, whether he or she is a doctor, engineer, coder, data analyst, copy writer, advertising executive, etc. The skilled or blue collar worker, on the other hand, is irreplaceable, whether on the factory floor, a mechanic's shop, your flat



or selling momos on the street. These are the jobs and professions which will survive, as evidenced by the innovative start-ups being launched every day. We have arrived in the era of innovative and niche-based job creations, and those who possess the entrepreneurial spirit of exploring these options will be the winners. My housing society now provides well-paying occupations which were unheard of even a decade ago — dog walkers (Rs 4,000 per house), dog groomers (Rs 1,000-1,500 per doggie, almost the same Neerja pays for her monthly visits to Barbara's or Trois Ne), the pigeon net maker (Rs 12,000 for three balconies), and so on. The smart guy will ferret out where demand for a product or service exists, and provide it just like Swiggy, Amazon and Blinkit have done on a larger scale. I came across a couple of unlikely occupations during the course of my readings:

Sumadi Ibrahim served for 22 years as a navy diver in Malaysia. Since his retirement 10 years ago, he has carved out a most unusual niche: he retrieves lost golf balls from the water hazards of golf courses outside Kuala Lumpur.

He works three days a week, collects about 500 balls, and sells them to the same guys who lost them! He makes Rs 1.6 lakh each month, which is three times what a worker in the formal sector gets. Jim Best, a former US navy frogman, does the same on the Florida golf courses: he estimates that there are 70,000 golf balls waiting to be found — a small fortune for entrepreneurs like him! Demand has created a new breed of workers in China — "pei pas" or "climbing buddies"; fit and athletic

young men who assist outdoor tourists and enthusiasts in climbing or trekking up mountains, acting as guides and providing logistical and physical support. A climbing buddy charges between \$50-70 per trip and can make up to \$2,000-3,000 per month, far more than the average monthly wage for office workers. Good-looking buddies can demand a higher price from single ladies or ladies' groups! Another new class of professionals has now emerged — consulting declutterers. The inter-generational passing down of possessions — furniture, cutlery, mementos, clothes, books, photos — has become an issue: the younger generation now has smaller flats, believes in minimalist lifestyles, moves from place to place, and has no desire to clutter their lives. The "handing-down" older generation, on the other hand, values much of this stuff as family heirlooms and would like them to be retained for pure sentimental reasons. How to balance the two desires/needs? Enter the professional declutterer (at \$125 per hour), who will talk to everyone, assess their emotional and physical needs, put a price on the items, advise on disposal. He/she is both a valuer and a psychological consultant.

As lifestyles change, as technology alters the way we once lived, and as new needs emerge, new areas for jobs are being created. Those who are innovative, possess unconventional skills and dare to be different are the ones who will prosper. As the Florida frogman told a reporter: "There's a job somewhere for everyone." He may as well have added: "Provided they're willing to shed their white collars."

## Haryana Assembly

Acts on travel scams; hollow on school infra

The current session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha saw significant legislative action, notably the passage of the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents Bill, 2025. By mandating registration and imposing strict penalties — up to seven years of imprisonment and Rs 5 lakh in fines — the government has taken a necessary step to protect its citizens from deceit and potential human-trafficking. Given the alarming rise in immigration scams, this law was long overdue. However, its success hinges on effective enforcement and public awareness campaigns to ensure people are not lured by unauthorised agents. While the Bill marks a significant step forward, it should be part of a broader strategy to address unemployment. Simultaneously, it must be complemented by efforts aimed at creating a conducive environment for education.

In this context, the Vidhan Sabha's discussion on the deteriorating state of government school infrastructure was, unfortunately, not encouraging. It received neither



the urgency nor the debate it deserved. Reports from the state paint a distressing picture — schools with leaking roofs, broken walls, and inadequate sanitation. Many lack functional toilets or even basic

drinking water facilities. In rural areas, classrooms are overcrowded and there is an acute shortage of teachers. The Opposition attempted to highlight these failures, but discussions were either side-tracked by political sparring or met with vague reassurances from the ruling Benches. The government's standard response — promising budget allocations and future improvements — rings hollow when students continue to study in unsafe conditions even as bureaucratic inefficiencies stall progress.

This contrast in priorities raises concerns. While tackling immigration fraud is necessary, ignoring the crumbling education system weakens Haryana's future workforce. The government must realise that preventing desperate emigration begins with improving opportunities at home.

## Universe: Truth, myth, fact, fiction and the inherited conviction

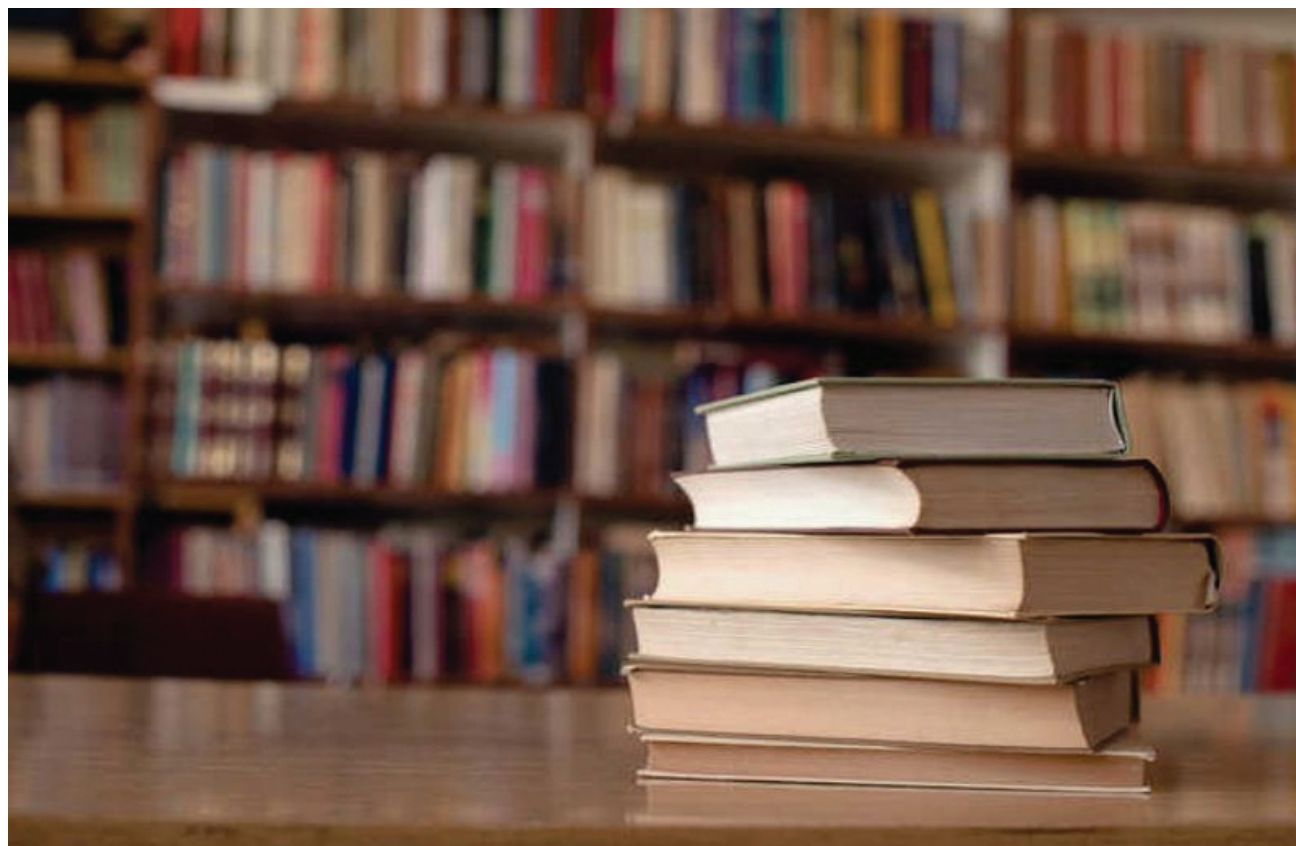
Truth or satya is a great thing in devotional songs, but what culture prefers is myth

Is truth a function of faith or scepticism? Truth based on faith is religious truth or cultural truth or patriotic truth, which in modern academic circles is called "myth". Truth based on scepticism is scientific truth, and depends on measurement, evidence, and experimentation. Our identities come from faith-based truth (myth), which most seekers of truth are determined to deny.

Take the case of USA. Historically, it is known that the Native Americans migrated through the Bering Strait to North America and then to South America over 15,000 years ago during the Ice Age. The Europeans reached the Americas about 500 years ago. The Catholic Europeans (Spain and Portugal) took over South America. The Protestant Europeans (British, Dutch) took over North America. They wiped out the locals with disease and guns. They brought in slaves from Africa. And about 250 years ago, North America saw the rise of a democratic republic, shedding European monarchy.

But American schools rarely talk about how Europeans treated Native tribes and enslaved Africans. They prefer focusing on how Europeans brought science, technology and 'enlightenment' values such as democracy and republic to the world. This makes young Americans feel proud of their history. Many schools do not teach evolution, of how life evolved on earth over millions of years through mutation and natural selection. They prefer teaching Creationism — the Christian idea that God created the world in seven days and there is an intelligent design behind creation. Creationism is faith-based, not doubt-based, truth. Yet, it is not called myth. It is called fact. For believers, it is fact, even if there is no evidence for this belief.

Many Americans also believe in the Book of Mormon that says Jesus Christ visited America after his resurrection. And that many Israelites travelled there around 600 BC, when the first temple of Jerusalem was broken by Babylonians. That makes America a Christian land. The Book of Mormon was composed in the 19th century, and



is believed to be a translation of ancient manuscripts written on golden plates, discovered in the New York area by Joseph Smith, the founder of the faith, but now lost. For believers, despite absolutely no evidence, everything in the Mormon Bible is fact, and truth. It is not myth. The word 'myth' today means falsehood. This meaning emerged in the 19th century only. Myth comes

from the Greek word 'mythos' for story. Scientists argued that knowledge based on stories is not true. So, they rejected myths/stories that tried to explain how the world came to be. They argued that human history should be investigated using scientific methods. So, scientific historiography emerged as a subject.

But the history that historians revealed was not quite what

people believed. People inherit stories told by parents and family about 'clan greatness' or 'religion greatness'. How the forefathers were heroes. But historians do not carry the obligation of showing ancestors in a positive light. The history they discover is so disturbing that historians are accused of having agendas — they are Marxist, or anti-Hindu, or colonial.

When Bollywood or Hollywood brings history on the silver screen, it presents fantasy, to appeal to the audience. It does not care for facts. The common man calls it history if it appeals to his memory and inherited myths. He calls it propaganda if it does not. The Hollywood film 'Passion of the Christ' was considered authentic only by Christians, not the Jewish people. The Bollywood film 'Padmaavat' presented a Sufi ballad of 16th century as the history of 13th century. If one goes to Chittorgarh fort, the tourist guides will show the spot where Khilji saw the queen Padmini despite the absence of any proof. It is now a political narrative, painting Muslim invaders as sexually debauched, morally corrupt beings, not merely greedy raiders.

This is the reason it is impossible to write a good history book. It will reveal inconvenient truths. Indian history textbooks do not contain caste stories, not because we want to annihilate caste, but because we do not want to provoke social rage. Peace is a far greater goal than truth. That is why women who face domestic abuse and marital rape are told to be quiet. For the sake of the family's reputation! Truth or satya is a great thing in devotional songs. But what culture prefers is myth. My truth is truth for me. Your truth is truth for you. Each one of us will claim our truth is the Truth, the other's truth is not.

## Claiming HRA but not paying TDS? Beware of tax notices and penalties

**New Delhi.** If you are claiming a House Rent Allowance (HRA) exemption in your tax returns but haven't deducted and paid the required Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on your rent, you might receive a notice from the Income Tax Department. Here's what you need to know to avoid trouble.

### HERE'S WHAT THE LAW SAYS

According to Section 194-I of the Income Tax Act, if you pay more than Rs 50,000 every month in rent to a resident Indian landlord, you must deduct 2% TDS (previously 5% until October) from the rent amount, reported The Economic Times. Even if your rent crosses Rs 50,000 in just one month, TDS still applies. The landlord's PAN must be mentioned in the TDS challan. However, if the PAN is missing or inactive, the TDS is levied at 20% under Section 206AA. On the other hand, for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) landlords, the rate of TDS is 30%. The timing of TDS payment varies with the tenancy duration. If you vacate the rented accommodation in the middle of the year, TDS is payable within 7 days after the end of the month. For a year-long tenancy, it is payable within 30 days after the end of the financial year.

### HOW TO PAY TDS?

For the payment of TDS, Form 26QC must be submitted by the tenant on the Income Tax e-filing portal. The landlord is required to receive Form 16C from the tenant within 15 days of submitting Form 26QC. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT DEDUCT TDS?

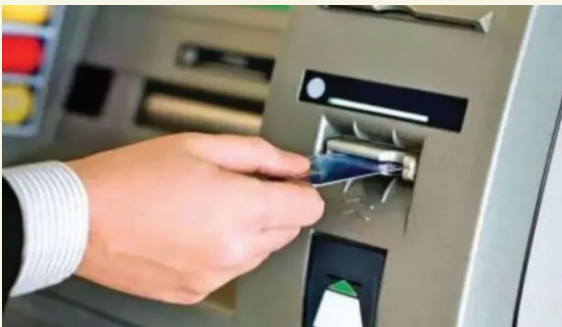
Failure to deduct or delay payment of TDS can result in penalties. 1% per month interest is imposed for non-deduction of TDS. Additionally, 1.5% per month interest is imposed for delayed payment of deducted TDS. Moreover, Rs 200 per day penalty (under Section 234E) is imposed for delayed filing of Form 26QC.

## ATM withdrawals to cost Rs 23 from May 1 as RBI hikes fee. Check details

**New Delhi.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an increase in fees for ATM withdrawals, which will take effect from May 1, 2025. Customers will now have to pay Rs 23 per transaction after exhausting their free monthly limit. This is an increase from the current charge of Rs 21 per transaction. Despite the fee hike, customers will continue to receive a limited number of free ATM transactions every month. According to the RBI guidelines, bank account holders will get: Five free transactions per month (both financial and non-financial) at ATMs of their own bank. Three free transactions per month at ATMs of other banks in metro cities. Five free transactions per month at ATMs of other banks in non-metro areas. Once customers exceed these limits, they will have to pay Rs 23 per withdrawal.

### WHY HAS RBI INCREASED ATM FEES?

The RBI has justified the hike, stating that it is



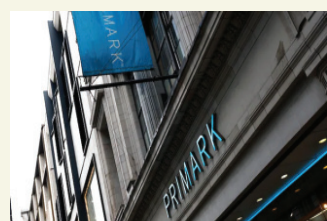
necessary to cover the rising operational costs of maintaining ATMs. The central bank last revised ATM withdrawal fees in 2021, increasing the charge from Rs 20 to Rs 21. Banks incur expenses for cash management, ATM maintenance, and security. The increase in fees aims to help banks recover some of these costs. For frequent ATM users, the fee hike means they will need to plan their withdrawals more carefully to avoid extra charges. Many banks encourage customers to use digital banking options such as UPI, internet banking, and mobile wallets to reduce dependency on cash withdrawals.

## UK's Primark boss resigns immediately after 'error of judgement' in social setting

**London** Associated British Foods (ABF) said the boss of its Primark clothing business, Paul Marchant, had resigned with immediate effect following an allegation made by an individual about his behaviour towards her in a social environment.

Primark, the successful fast fashion chain, contributes about half of group profit for AB Foods.

The group said on Monday that Marchant had cooperated with an investigation led by external lawyers, acknowledged his "error of judgement" and accepted that his actions fell below the standards expected by AB Foods. Eoin Tonge, AB Foods' finance director, will act as Primark chief executive on an interim basis working with the senior Primark management team



and Primark's Strategic Advisory Board, while Joana Edwards, AB Foods' financial controller, will act as interim finance director.

B Foods said Marchant, who had led Primark since 2009, has apologised to the individual concerned, the AB Foods board and also to his Primark colleagues and others connected to the business.

It said the group would continue to offer support to the individual who brought this behaviour to its attention. "I am immensely disappointed. At ABF, we believe that high standards of integrity are essential," said CEO George Weston. "Acting responsibly is the only way to build and manage a business over the long term. Colleagues and others must be treated with respect and dignity. Our culture has to be, and is, bigger than any one individual."

# IPO market off to a slow start in FY26, but these 4 firms to debut soon

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**New Delhi.** The IPO market is starting the new financial year on a slow note, with no fresh public offers in the first week. However, four SME IPOs are set to make their debut on the stock exchanges in the coming days. The initial pace is sluggish, but activity can be expected to pick up later in the year, with several large companies preparing to go public. The

IPO pipeline for FY26 could be worth nearly Rs 2 lakh crore. Some major companies, including Zepto, Reliance Jio, and LG Electronics, are reportedly in the process of finalising their listing plans.

### DESCO INFRATECH IPO LISTING

Desco Infratech's shares will be listed on the BSE SME platform on April 2. The company's Grey Market Premium (GMP) is currently around Rs 5, indicating a 3% premium over its issue price.

The IPO was entirely a fresh issue, comprising 20.5 lakh shares, and was met with strong demand. It was subscribed 83 times, with the non-institutional investor category alone seeing over 200 times subscription.

The funds raised from the IPO will be used for various purposes, including setting up a corporate office in Surat, purchasing machinery, meeting working capital requirements, and covering general

corporate expenses. Desco Infratech is involved in pipeline installation, testing, and commissioning for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) used by both residential and commercial consumers. The company



also provides maintenance services for underground and above-ground gas pipelines, including carbon steel and MDPE pipelines.

SHRI AHIMSA NATURALS AND ATC

### ENERGIES

Shri Ahimsa Naturals received a strong response from investors, with the IPO being subscribed 60 times. In contrast, ATC Energies saw a more muted response. Both companies are set to debut on the stock exchanges on April 3.

Shri Ahimsa Naturals, which started operations in 1990, is engaged in extracting and manufacturing caffeine anhydrous natural, green coffee bean extracts (GCE), and crude caffeine. It also trades in various herbal extracts. ATC Energies, on the other hand, manufactures and supplies lithium-ion batteries. The company provides energy storage solutions for industries such as banking and automobiles.

Identixweb's shares will also debut on the BSE SME platform on April 3. However, its GMP is currently nil, indicating little to no premium in the unofficial market ahead of its listing.

## Haldiram's to sell stake to Singapore's Temasek, says PwC

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The press release did not specify the percentage of the stake being sold or



**New Delhi.** Haldiram Snacks Food (Haldiram's), a well-known snacks and sweets company, has signed an agreement with Singapore-based investment firm Temasek to sell an equity stake held by existing shareholders, PwC said in a press release. The deal will allow Temasek to acquire a stake in Haldiram's from its current owners. This move is expected to help Haldiram's expand both in India and internationally, strengthening its position in the highly competitive snacks

and packaged foods market. India, said, "At PwC, we take pride in being catalysts of entrepreneurial success—helping businesses transform into global giants. Our decade-long collaboration with Haldiram's exemplifies this commitment. Over the years, we have advised them on various strategic planning and decision-making initiatives. This transaction is not only the largest private equity consumer deal in India but also a reflection of domestic businesses that continue to elevate India's positioning on the global stage. We think the Haldiram's family for trusting us and giving this opportunity." PwC Investment Banking acted as the exclusive finl you have looked at the performance of the NSE Nifty in 2025, you will think that the Nifty has barely moved in the year. It is hovering around the same level as at the start of the year. However, if you observe the market trend regularly, you will see that February 2025 began with a sharp selloff. There were concerns of doom, stagflation and trade wars. The picture flipped in March 2025. Share prices have mostly recovered from those lows to the level they were at the

the valuation of the deal. However, it is considered to be a significant transaction in India's consumer goods sector. A spokesperson for Haldiram's said, "We are thrilled to welcome Temasek as an investor and partner in Haldiram's. We look forward to working with them to harness the value they bring from their experience in the consumer space to accelerate our growth and strengthen our ability to meet evolving consumer demands. We also extend our gratitude to PwC and Khaitan & Co for their dedicated support during this transaction." Sanjeev Krishan, Chairperson of PwC

## Gandhi family of Vadilal Inds settles family dispute; undertakes major restructuring in company

**New Delhi.** Vadilal Industries Limited, the Rs 1,200-crore ice-cream and frozen food manufacturer, has announced a major restructuring plan aimed at resolving long-standing family disputes and securing the future of its iconic brand. The restructuring includes a family settlement, board reshuffle, and the merger of key promoter entities, according to the company's exchange filing on Sunday. The decision follows months of negotiations among the Gandhi family members, who have played a pivotal role in building the company into a household name in India's ice-cream and frozen foods sector. As part of the settlement, the Gandhi family has opted to separate ownership from management. While the family will retain control as promoters,

operational leadership will be transitioned to professional managers. This move aims to enhance shareholder value and ensure long-term sustainability. A key element of the restructuring involves merging three promoter-held entities—Vadilal International Private Limited (VIPL), Vadilal Finance Company Private Limited (VFCPL), and Veronica Constructions Private Limited (VCPL)—into Vadilal Industries. VIPL, which owns the 'Vadilal' trademark, currently licenses it to the company. Bringing the brand under direct ownership will eliminate royalty payments, streamline operations, and strengthen the company's market position. The merger will be executed via a share swap arrangement, with shareholders of VIPL, VFCPL, and

VCPL receiving Vadilal Industries shares at pre-determined ratios. Post-merger, the promoter group's stake will rise from 64.73% to 72.34%, adjusting public shareholding accordingly. As part of the governance overhaul, significant leadership changes have been announced. Rajesh R. Gandhi and Devanshu L. Gandhi, the current Managing Directors, will step down once pending litigations are resolved. Kalpit R. Gandhi (CFO) and Deval D. Gandhi (Non-Executive Director) will also resign, marking a shift toward professional management. In their place, Janmajay V. Gandhi, a next-generation leader from the VRG family branch, will join as an Executive Director. Additionally, the board will induct three high-profile independent directors.

## Trump tariffs could hit these 9 stocks. Should you sell

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**New Delhi.** Trump's trade tariffs, set to take effect from April 2, have already impacted the Indian stock market, especially IT and auto stocks. While the market has since recovered, experts believe the tariffs could still cause trouble for certain sectors. "A key near-term worry is Trump's likely announcements on April 2, 2025, which, if too harsh on India, can cause another round of correction in the India market," said JM Financial in a strategy note. Investors are advised to watch out for stocks that might see a decline. VLA Ambala, SEBI Registered Research Analyst and Co-Founder of Stock Market Today, shared sector and stocks that could see an impact of the

Trump tariffs that will come into effect from April 2.

### STOCKS THAT COULD BE HIT BY TRUMP TARIFFS

The IT sector is under pressure due to concerns over Trump's trade policies and potential increases in H-1B visa costs. Indian IT firms such as TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Tech, and Mphasis earn over 50% of their revenue from the US, making them vulnerable to higher hiring costs and reduced outsourcing contracts.

Among these, Mphasis is at higher risk, with nearly 79% of its revenue coming from the US. The stock has already dropped between 10% and 30% in recent months, following declines in Infosys and TCS. Although Mphasis' Relative Strength Index (RSI) suggests a moderate buying zone, analysts see it as a "sell-on-rise" candidate at Rs 2,750-Rs 2,800, given its exposure to US trade policies. The stock currently trades around Rs 2,500.

### AUTO SECTOR - BHARAT FORGE

Trump's tariffs on Chinese and Mexican auto exports could disrupt supply chains and affect Indian auto part manufacturers like Bharat Forge, Motherson Sumi, Tata Motors, and Mahindra & Mahindra. Many Indian auto firms export components to US automakers, and increased tariffs on vehicles from China or Mexico could hurt demand for Indian exports. Bharat Forge, which gets 44% of its revenue from US exports, has already

seen its stock price drop from Rs 1,800 to Rs 1,000 in just two quarters due to weaker demand. While long-term investors might consider buying at Rs 1,050-Rs 1,170 with targets of Rs 1,275-Rs 1,360, experts suggest a "sell-on-rise" strategy if the stock nears Rs 1,400.



### METAL & STEEL SECTOR - TATA STEEL, JSW STEEL

If Trump enforces higher tariffs on steel and aluminium imports, Indian exporters like Tata Steel, JSW Steel, Hindalco, and SAIL could suffer. India's steel exports to the US have already fallen by 49% in FY24. If US restrictions force China to redirect excess steel supply to India, domestic prices could come under pressure. JSW Steel, which is fundamentally strong, is currently trading at Rs 1,063 in an overbought zone, with resistance between Rs 1,100 and Rs 1,150. This makes it a potential "sell-on-

rise" stock. Tata Steel and JSW Steel dropped 2-4% last week due to trade war fears, and experts advise investors to remain cautious.

### PHARMA SECTOR - SUN PHARMA, DR. REDDY'S, CIPLA, LUPIN

Pharma stocks such as Sun Pharma, Dr. Reddy's, Cipla, and Lupin might come under pressure due to Trump's potential policies on drug pricing and stricter FDA approvals for Indian firms. Dr. Reddy's, which gets 48% of its revenue from the US, is seen as a "sell-on-rise" candidate at Rs 1,250-Rs 1,150, with a target range of Rs 1,080-Rs 950. The stock currently trades at Rs 1,144. Lupin, which earns 38% of its revenue from the US, could also see selling pressure. Analysts suggest selling if the stock reaches Rs 2,100-Rs 2,150, with targets of Rs 1,850-Rs 1,650. Cipla, with 27% of its revenue from North America, could be in trouble if it fails to hold Rs 1,460. Analysts see it as a "sell-on-rise" stock, with target prices between Rs 1,400 and Rs 1,240. The current market price is Rs 1,441.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR - BOROSIL RENEWABLES

If Trump pushes for fossil fuels and restricts imports of Chinese solar equipment, it could increase costs for Indian solar projects. Companies such as Adani Green, Tata Power, and Borosil Renewables could be affected.



# CM Rekha Gupta unveils series of development projects in Kalkaji

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NEW DELHI. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday inaugurated wall art in Kalkaji, announcing a series of development projects for the area. She revealed plans to develop two parks, install three water ATM plants for slum dwellers and add 150 solar lights to enhance security and promote energy conservation.

Accompanied by South Delhi MP and the local councillor, Gupta reviewed ongoing civic and government projects. She said these initiatives aim to improve infrastructure and enhance the city's aesthetic appeal. Highlighting the wall art project, developed by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited at a cost of Rs 1 crore, Gupta said it would not only beautify the area but also convey social and cultural messages, promoting cleanliness and awareness.

She added that two parks in Kalkaji will be developed with a Rs 1 crore budget in collaboration with Petronet LNG Limited, providing a green and clean space for residents.



Additionally, three water ATM plants will be installed in slum areas at a cost of Rs 1 crore, sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation Limited, to provide better access to clean drinking water. To improve security and promote renewable energy, 150 solar lights will be installed across Kalkaji in partnership with Indraprastha Gas Limited,

with a budget of Rs 30 lakh. Gupta said these projects reflect the government's commitment to making Delhi cleaner, safer, and more beautiful. "Similar initiatives will continue to be introduced to enhance the city's infrastructure and promote sustainable urban development," the chief minister said.

## Seven-year-old girl found dead with throat slit at Delhi home

NEW DELHI. A seven-year-old girl was found dead with her throat slit at her home in the Swaroop Nagar area of outer north Delhi, police said on Monday.

Police said the incident came to light on Saturday evening when a patrolling team noticed a crowd gathered outside the house. Upon enquiry, a head constable from the patrolling team found the girl lying unconscious in a pool of blood inside the house. He immediately alerted the local police station and his seniors. More teams were rushed to the spot and an investigation was launched, police said.



CCTV footage from the vicinity of the house showed the girl's father, Prem Singh (32), and his acquaintance Ranjit leaving the area around the time of the incident.

Efforts are being made to nab them, a senior officer said. Singh is a native of Patna, Bihar, and works as a daily wage labourer. His wife, Muskan (32) is employed at a factory in Delhi's Libaspur. The couple have another daughter, aged nine, the officer said. The crime scene was examined by forensics and crime teams, and the child's body was sent to BJRM Hospital in Jahangirpuri for post-mortem, the officer said.

## Minor siblings killed as fire breaks out in house due to LPG leakage in Delhi

NEW DELHI. Two minor siblings were killed in a massive fire that broke out due to gas leakage from an LPG cylinder at their home in west Delhi's Manohar Park, the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said on Monday. The incident occurred around 8:20 pm on Sunday at WZ-7, Manohar Park. Two fire tenders were rushed to the spot. The team that visited the spot confirmed that the fire started from the LPG cylinder, a DFS official said. Three persons were injured in the fire and were rushed to Acharya Bhikshu Hospital by the PCR team.

Sakshi (12) and her brother Aakash (9) were injured in the incident and succumbed during treatment. Another person, Sandeep Pathak, sustained 5 per cent burns and is undergoing treatment, the official said. A team from Punjabi Bagh police station also reached the spot to investigate.

## Two killed as car crashes into tree in Naraina

NEW DELHI. Two people lost their lives and two others were seriously injured when a car crashed into a tree in west Delhi's Naraina in the early hours of Sunday, police said.

The accident took place around 2:45 am and the car was severely damaged due to the impact of the collision, officials said, adding that the exact cause of the crash remains unclear and is currently under investigation.

"All four occupants of the vehicle sustained injuries and were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital. Two of them succumbed to their injuries while the other two are undergoing treatment," an officer said. Those dead have been identified as Lakshit Negi and Yash Verma, both residents of Hari Nagar.

The injured, Yash Gupta and Himanshu, are receiving treatment, police said. It is suspected that the car driver lost control of the vehicle, leading to the crash. However, the exact cause will be known after an investigation has been completed, they said. "We are checking CCTV footage of the incident to ascertain the sequence of events," the officer added.

In a separate incident, four people sustained minor injuries after a car jumped a traffic signal and collided with a truck from behind on the Mehrauli-Badarpur road in south Delhi, police said. Both accidents are under investigation, with authorities reviewing CCTV

## Farishtey Dilli Ke scheme failed, encouraged corruption: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva

**Sachdeva questioned why the scheme was necessary if government hospitals were as efficient as the Kejriwal government claimed since 2015.**

NEW DELHI. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva has accused the Arvind Kejriwal-led government of using the 'Farishtey Dilli Ke' scheme as a cover for corruption, calling it a failed initiative. He claimed that the scheme, introduced in 2017 to provide free emergency treatment to road accident victims, exposed the government's hollow claims of a world-class healthcare model.

Sachdeva questioned why the scheme was necessary if government hospitals were as efficient as the Kejriwal government claimed since 2015.

He argued that the scheme's launch indicated either the failure of government hospitals or a deliberate move to funnel accident victims to private hospitals, where inflated bills could enable commission-based



corruption. He noted that the scheme, which lasted for around 2,000 days until mid-2023, benefitted only 22,000 people, according to Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj.

"This translates to roughly 11 serious accidents daily, with all victims being treated in private hospitals," Sachdeva said. He alleged this suggested either the non-functionality of government hospitals or collusion between private hospitals and AAP workers to siphon

off public funds.

The BJP leader assured that under his party's administration, road accident victims would receive the best possible medical care at government hospitals, without the need for private intervention. The Delhi government, in its 2025-26 budget presented by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, allocated Rs 12,893 crore for the health sector, prioritising Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the establishment of two new medical colleges, and the addition of 16,186 hospital beds.

Introduced in 2017 under then chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, the scheme covered the entire treatment cost of accident victims in private hospitals, encouraging bystanders to assist them without fear of financial burden.

## AAP accuses BJP government of halting 'Farishtey'

**Bharadwaj said that the BJP had been attempting to end the scheme even when AAP was in power.**

NEW DELHI. The AAP on Sunday accused the BJP-led Delhi government of discontinuing the 'Farishtey Dilli Ke' scheme, which provided free medical treatment to road accident victims in private hospitals.

The opposition party claimed that the city government has removed it from the recently tabled Budget. AAP leader and former health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said that the scheme, introduced by then Arvind Kejriwal government in 2017, ensured that road accident victims received immediate, free treatment at private hospitals, with all expenses covered by the Delhi government.

Bharadwaj claimed that by 2021, nearly 10,000 people benefitted from the scheme, meaning thousands of lives were saved. He slammed the BJP



government's decision, calling it "unimaginable that any government would shut down a scheme designed to save lives." He asserted BJP has once again turned its back on Delhiites.

Bharadwaj said that the BJP had been attempting to end the scheme even when AAP was in power. He said, "When the AAP was in power in Delhi, I wrote a letter to the Lieutenant Governor in 2023 as minister,

informing him that officials under his administration were conspiring to shut down the Farishtey scheme. I told him that the funds allocated for the scheme had not been released by the officials. However, the L-G dismissed my complaint as false and took no action. Left with no other option, I had to approach the Supreme Court." He

described how legal intervention forced the release of funds for the scheme. "The case was heard by a bench comprising Justice Gai and Justice K.V. Viswanathan. The Supreme Court issued a notice to the Lieutenant Governor and under pressure, the officials under his administration finally released the funds, allowing the Farishtey scheme to resume in the capital."

## Ex-Chief Minister's 'lion don't hunt dogs' remark against Dalit officer sparks row

NEW DELHI. The controversy surrounding illegal mining in Uttarakhand has escalated after Haridwar MP and former Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat made a controversial remark against Brajesh Sant, a Dalit IAS officer and the state's Secretary of Mining. The Uttarakhand IAS Association has now formally registered its protest and passed a resolution condemning the statement, which has been widely criticised as casteist. The issue began when Rawat, speaking in Parliament on Friday, alleged that illegal mining was rampant across Uttarakhand. In response, Brajesh Sant refuted the claims, stating that they were misleading.

The following day, when asked about Sant's rebuttal, Rawat responded in Delhi, saying, "What to say? Lions do not hunt dogs." The remark has since drawn severe backlash, with many interpreting it as a caste-based insult directed at Sant. In Haridwar's Jaatwada area, a protest rally was held against



and state governments for failing to act against it, he condemned the former chief minister's remark against Sant. "It is very strange that neither the central government nor the state government is acting against illegal mining. The mining mafia has dug up rivers and tributaries for sand mining," he said, adding that public officials should be treated with respect. Leader of Opposition Yashpal Arya, speaking in Udhampur, supported Trivendra Rawat's efforts to highlight illegal mining in Parliament. He alleged that large-scale mining operations continue unchecked along the Ganga and other rivers, often using heavy machinery in violation of regulations.

He further claimed that these activities persist even at night, leading to accidents, and that collusion between government officials and the mining mafia has emboldened illegal operations. Congress, he asserted, has

long been calling out the corruption surrounding mining in Uttarakhand.

Amid this growing controversy, the Uttarakhand IAS Association held an urgent meeting on March 30, 2025, under the chairmanship of its president, Anand Bardhan. The association passed a resolution affirming that IAS officers, like all citizens, deserve dignity and respect. It called on political leaders and organisations to refrain from making statements that undermine the self-respect of civil servants, emphasising that such attacks impact morale and efficiency. The association reiterated that its members are duty-bound to implement government policies effectively and welcomed constructive criticism. However, it stressed that any grievances regarding policy implementation should be addressed through proper administrative channels. The resolution has been submitted to the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand and has also been shared with the media.

**Delhi HC rules against delayed disclosure of arrest grounds**

**The Bench stated that investigating officers have no valid reason to withhold this information from an arrestee in writing at the time of arrest.**



NEW DELHI. The Delhi High Court has ruled that providing an arrestee with the grounds of arrest as part of a remand application filed before the Magistrate does not satisfy legal requirements.

Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani emphasised that since the grounds for arrest must exist before the act of arrest, there must be a contemporaneous record in the police diary or another official document. He further stated that investigating officers have no valid reason to withhold this information from an arrestee in writing at the time of arrest.

The Court said that this communication must occur simultaneously with the issuance of the arrest memo or be included as part of it. "Serving grounds of arrest via a remand application does not meet legal standards, as such an application is only filed later when the arrestee is presented before the Magistrate," it said. The Court also clarified that merely being present at a police station does not automatically amount to being under arrest.

The determination of whether a person is under arrest depends on the specific circumstances, including whether and when their liberty was restrained. The ruling came in response to a petition by an accused in a cheating case. His interim bail, initially made absolute by the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), was later revoked by the sessions court. The accused was alleged to have facilitated the emigration of an Afghan national to Spain using fraudulently obtained Indian documents, including a passport, Aadhaar card, and PAN card, in exchange for payment.

Though not named in the FIR, he was arrested following police interrogation under a notice issued under Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). After his arrest, the Magistrate rejected the police's remand plea and granted interim bail, which was periodically extended before being made absolute. However, the prosecution successfully challenged this in the sessions court, leading to the bail's cancellation.

On the issue of maintainability, the High Court ruled that orders denying police custody remand are not merely interlocutory and can be reviewed under the revisional jurisdiction of the Sessions Court.

Thus, the revision petition was deemed valid. Furthermore, the court criticised the police's practice of issuing multiple printed copies of a Section 41A CrPC notice instead of following the prescribed legal procedure established in another case. "A carbon copy from an indexed, serialised booklet carries a degree of authenticity, which is why the procedure in the said case must be strictly followed," the court said. The Court noted the accused was never served with the grounds of arrest at any stage or in any form, rendering the arrest legally untenable. Accordingly, the High Court overturned the order cancelling the accused's bail and reinstated the ACMM's order making his interim bail absolute. It reaffirmed the accused's right to remain on bail as originally granted by the Magistrate.

NEWS BOX

### Trump expects TikTok sale before April 5 deadline: There's tremendous interest

**world.** President Donald Trump said on Sunday that a deal for TikTok's Chinese owner, ByteDance, to sell the short video app used by 170 million Americans will be finalised before Saturday's deadline. The April 5 deadline was set in January, requiring TikTok to secure a non-Chinese buyer or face a US ban under a 2024 national security law. "We have a lot of potential buyers," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday. "There's tremendous interest in TikTok. I'd like to see TikTok remain alive," he added. TikTok has not commented on the matter. Private equity firm Blackstone is evaluating making a small minority investment in TikTok's US operations, Reuters reported on March 28. Blackstone is in talks to partner with ByteDance's non-Chinese shareholders, including Susquehanna International Group and General Atlantic, to invest fresh capital in a bid for TikTok's US operations. The group has currently emerged as front-runners. Washington has cited national security risks associated with TikTok's ownership by ByteDance, arguing that Beijing could exploit the app for influence campaigns and data collection on American users. Trump previously indicated he was open to extending the deadline if necessary. He also suggested China's approval is crucial for any deal and hinted at potential tariff reductions to facilitate negotiations.

### Florida woman films sex acts with pet chihuahua, posts on Instagram; arrested

**world.** A Florida-based content creator, who calls herself "dog mom", performed sexual acts with her pet chihuahua and subsequently uploaded the sickening videos on her Instagram page with 15,000 followers. Cops received an anonymous tip in January that Guminiski had "posted a video to Instagram depicting sexual activity with a dog," the sheriff's office said. The sheriff's office was soon alerted after her video went viral. Acting on an anonymous tip, the Florida Police arrested the 27-year-old and charged her on two counts -- having sex with an animal and filming a sexual encounter with an animal. In a Facebook post shared by the Marion County Sheriff's office, the influencer, Logan Guminiski, can be seen taken away in handcuffs by the local police while she is wearing a grim expression. After probing, the police found that Guminiski had in possession several videos and pictures of the abused dog. During the course of the investigation, Guminiski admitted that she received USD 500 (nearly Rs 43,000) from one social media user in exchange for more videos of her getting intimate with her pet. Her Instagram posts show several posts of her kissing and cuddling with her dogs.

### Danish PM to visit Greenland next month amid US threat of taking control of island



**Copenhagen.** Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen will visit Greenland on April 2-4 for talks with the semi-autonomous territory's new government, she said on Saturday, amid US interest in taking control of the Arctic island. "I look forward to continuing the close and trusting cooperation between Greenland and Denmark," Frederiksen said in a statement. During a visit to a US military base in the north of Greenland on Friday, US Vice President JD Vance accused Denmark - which has controlled Greenland since 1721 - of not doing a good job of keeping the island safe and suggested the United States would better protect the strategically located island. He made his remarks hours after Greenland formed a new broad government coalition, led by Jens-Frederik Nielsen, who called Denmark its closest ally. Frederiksen, who has said it is up to the people of Greenland to decide their own future, said on Friday that Vance's description of Denmark was not fair.

### Florida 'dog mom' arrested for filming sexual act with canine

**world.** A Florida woman has been arrested after allegedly posting and selling a shocking video of herself engaging in sexual activity with a dog. Marion county sheriff's deputies launched an investigation into 27-year-old Logan Guminiski after receiving an anonymous tip on 28 January. The tipster reported that Guminiski had uploaded a video to Instagram showing a disturbing act involving a Chihuahua. The Orlando 'dog mom' has almost 15,000 followers on the platform. Detectives later discovered multiple photos and videos of Guminiski with the animal. During questioning, she admitted to creating and selling such content through the website Fansly, describing herself as a "content creator". She told investigators she had sold one of the videos to another user for \$500 via Snapchat. Officers also found footage of other dogs on her phone. "Unfortunately this isn't my first case of this nature," said Jordyn Batts, detective who led the investigation, WZLX reported.

# 'You'll Get A New Wife, Better Kids': Freed Israeli Hostage Who Lost Family Recalls Hamas Horror

## Yarden Bibas, a freed Israeli hostage, revealed that his Hamas captors taunted him about his family's fate, only for him to later learn his wife and two young children were killed in captivity.

**world.** Yarden Bibas, one of the hostages released from Gaza captivity in early February, has revealed his captors used to taunt him over his family's fate and told him he would get a new wife and better kids. In his first media interview since being freed in a ceasefire last month, Yarden Bibas told CBS' 60 Minutes on Sunday that he was held in Hamas' underground tunnels, and defined the Israeli strikes as

"terrifying". "You're afraid for your life," he said. "Everything could collapse at any moment." He said his captors, who had taunted him over his family's fate, told him "You'll get a new wife. New kids. Better wife. Better kids." Bibas, upon his release, learnt that his wife and two young children were killed in captivity in Gaza. Later, in a Facebook post, Bibas mentioned that Israel's return to fighting brought him back to Gaza, where he feared for his life. "Military pressure endangers hostages, an agreement brings them back," he said. The bodies of Bibas' two young children - Ariel and Kfir Bibas, were returned a day before their mother Shiri Bibas's remains were returned by Hamas. According to the Associated Press, Hamas said the three were killed in an Israeli airstrike, while Israel says forensic testing showed the boys

were killed in captivity in November 2023. While Ariel was four years old, Kfir was nine months old at the time of the abduction, making him the youngest captive taken by

anger over the hostages' captivity, AP stated. As on March 17, an Israeli campaign to support Yarden had raised around \$1.7 million in just 24 hours, after the grandfather of the children launched the 'All for Yarden Bibas' fundraiser, to help his 35-year-old son rebuild his life "physically, emotionally and financially", AFP reported. Yarden buried his wife and children on February 26. Hamas-led militants took 251 hostages during their October 7, 2023, attack that launched the war in Gaza. Fifty-nine hostages remain in Gaza, roughly half of whom are believed to be dead. The others were released in previous agreements, rescued, or their bodies were recovered. Israel's military campaign has killed over 48,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many were fighters but says more than half were women or children.



Hamas Kfir, the infant with red hair and a toothless smile, became a symbol across Israel for the feelings of helplessness and

## Thai woman gives birth during earthquake: Was telling my baby, don't come out yet

### Woman gave birth during Bangkok earthquake Medical staff assisted her in giving birth safely Death toll due to earthquake surpassed 1500

**world.** Amid the deadly earthquake that rattled Myanmar and Bangkok on Friday, a Thai woman gave birth to a baby amid the frantic evacuation. The woman, Kanthong Saenmuangshin, had gone to hospital for a routine check-up when the tremors hit Bangkok. And moments later, she went into labour. While all the patients were being evacuated from the Police General Hospital building in Bangkok, the 36-year-old Thai woman was worried she would give birth on the staircase as her waters broke while she was being



escorted down five flights of stairs. "I was telling my baby, don't come out yet," Saenmuangshin said on Saturday. "Then I was put on a hospital bed and was surrounded by a lot of medical staff where I just gave birth right then and there. It was all a shock to me too," she told Reuters. Saenmuangshin was finally relieved when she safely gave birth to her daughter. Her husband could not make it to the hospital at the moment as he was at work. The couple

have decided to call their daughter "Mink." They are yet to decide on an official name. On the question of the official name, they have clarified that it won't be related to the earthquake. In another incident, doctors in Bangkok delivered a baby on the street outside the Police General Hospital during the massive earthquake. When the tremors hit the Thai capital, the woman was undergoing a surgery and had to be carried out of the hospital by medical teams. Surrounded by healthcare staff, gave birth to a baby boy. Videos of the incident were widely shared on social media, showing the woman lying on a stretcher as hospital staff assisted with her delivery. Myanmar was hit by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake on Friday, causing widespread damage. Neighbouring Thailand also suffered consequences where, an under-construction skyscraper shattered, killing many workers. According to local reports, the death toll rose to over 1,644 on Saturday. Over 3000 people have been reported injured and 139 missing.

# Iran Prepares For Missile Counter Attack After Trump Warns Of 'Bombing'

## In the interview, Donald Trump also threatened so-called secondary tariffs, which affect buyers of a country's goods, on both Russia and Iran.

**world.** The United States President Donald Trump's threat of bombing and tariffs against Iran did not go well with Tehran. According to reports, the Iranian Army has reportedly readied missiles for a potential response to Washington. "Information received by the Tehran Times indicates that Iran's missiles are loaded onto launchers in all underground missile cities and are ready for launch. Opening the Pandora's box will come at a heavy cost for the US government and its allies," said Iranian army on X. Reports indicate that a significant number of launch-ready missiles have been found in underground facilities located throughout the country. On Sunday,

Trump threatened Iran with bombings and secondary tariffs if Tehran did not reach an agreement with Washington regarding its nuclear program. In his first remarks since Iran rejected direct negotiations with Washington last week, Trump told NBC News that the



US and Iranian officials were talking, but did not elaborate. "If they don't make a deal, there will be bombing," Trump said in a telephone interview. "It will be bombing the likes of which they have never seen before... There's a chance that if they don't make a deal, that I will do secondary tariffs on them like I did four years ago," he added. In

response, Iran sent a letter to Trump through Oman, urging Tehran to reach a new nuclear deal, saying its policy was to not engage in direct negotiations with the US while under its maximum pressure campaign and military threats. Tehran's Foreign Minister was quoted as saying on Thursday. In the interview, Trump also threatened so-called secondary tariffs, which affect buyers of a country's goods, on both Russia and Iran. He signed an executive order last week authorising such tariffs on buyers of Venezuelan oil. Trump did not elaborate on those potential tariffs. In his first 2017-21 term, Trump withdrew the US from a 2015 deal between Iran and world powers that placed strict limits on Tehran's disputed nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief. Trump also reimposed sweeping US sanctions. Since then, the Islamic Republic has far surpassed the agreed limits in its escalating program of uranium enrichment.

## Elon Musk gives \$1 million each to Wisconsin voters after court clears payout

**Green Bay.** Elon Musk gave out \$1 million checks on Sunday to two Wisconsin voters, declaring them spokespeople for his political group, ahead of a Wisconsin Supreme Court election that the tech billionaire cast as critical to President Donald Trump's agenda and "the future of civilization." Taking the stage in Green Bay wearing a yellow foam cheesehead hat, Musk painted the judicial race he has pumped more than \$20 million into as pivotal for the country. Noting the likelihood the state high court will take up redistricting that could give Democrats a chance at winning two additional US House seats, Musk said, "The House majority is now razor thin." "And if the (Wisconsin) Supreme Court is able to redraw the districts, they will gerrymander the district and deprive Wisconsin of two seats on the Republican side," Musk said. "Then they will try to stop all the government reforms we are getting done, for you the American people." A unanimous court on Sunday refused to hear a last-minute attempt by the state's Democratic attorney general to stop Musk from handing over the checks to two voters, a ruling that came just minutes before the planned start of the rally. Two lower courts had already rejected the legal challenge by Democrat Josh Kaul, who argues that Musk's offer violates a state law. "Wisconsin law prohibits offering anything of value to induce anyone to vote," Kaul argued in his filing. "Yet, Elon Musk did just that." But the state Supreme Court, which is currently controlled 4-3 by liberal justices, declined to take the case as an original action. The court gave no rationale for its decision.

Kaul had no immediate comment on the court's order. Musk's attorneys argued in filings with the court that Musk was exercising his free speech rights with the giveaways and any attempt to restrict that would violate both the Wisconsin and US constitutions. The payments are "intended to generate a grassroots movement in opposition to activist judges, not to expressly advocate for or against any candidate," Musk's attorneys argued in court filings. Wisconsin's tightly contested Supreme Court election, where ideological control of the court is at stake, is on Tuesday. Liberals currently hold a 4-3 majority. The court's four liberal justices have endorsed Dane County Judge Susan Crawford, the Democratic-backed candidate. Musk's attorneys, about four hours before the rally was to begin, asked that two liberal justices who have campaigned for Crawford - Jill Karofsky and Rebecca Dallet - recuse themselves from the case. His attorneys argued their work for Crawford creates "the specter of inappropriate bias." If they did recuse, that would leave the court with a 3-2 conservative majority. Both justices rejected the request and said they would spell out their reasons why at a later date. One of the court's conservative justices has endorsed Waukesha County Judge Brad Schimel, who also has the backing of Trump and Musk. Schimel wore a "Make America Great Again" hat while campaigning Sunday. Musk and groups he supports have spent more than \$20 million to help Schimel get elected. Schimel said in a national television interview that he does not control "any of the spending from any outside group, whether it's Elon Musk or anyone else" and that all Trump asked was whether he would "reject activist judges" and follow the law.

# Rescue hopes fading three days after deadly Myanmar quake

## The sticky heat has exhausted rescue workers and accelerated body decomposition, which could complicate identification.

**world.** Hopes were fading Monday of finding more survivors in the rubble of Mandalay, where some residents spent a third night sleeping in the open after a massive earthquake killed at least 1,700 people in Myanmar and neighbouring Thailand. Rescue efforts were less active in the central Myanmar city of more than 1.7 million people early Monday, but conditions are difficult -- with temperatures expected to reach around 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit). The sticky heat

has exhausted rescue workers and accelerated body decomposition, which could complicate identification.

A desperate scene unfolded at a collapsed apartment block in Myanmar's second biggest city on Sunday evening, when rescuers thought they had saved the life of a pregnant woman trapped under the rubble for more than 55 hours. They amputated her leg to free her, but after pulling her out she was pronounced dead. "We tried everything to save her," said one of the medical responders, but she had lost too much blood from the amputation. Muslim worshippers, meanwhile, gathered near a destroyed mosque in the city on Monday morning for the first prayer of Eid al-Fitr, the holiday that follows the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. Funerals for hundreds of victims are also expected to take place on Monday. The initial 7.7-magnitude quake struck near Mandalay early Friday afternoon, followed minutes later by a 6.7-magnitude aftershock. The tremors collapsed buildings, downed bridges and

buckled roads, with some of the worst destruction seen in central Myanmar. Aftershocks cause panic - Aftershocks continued to be felt in Mandalay over the



weekend, spurring residents to flee into the streets in multiple instances of brief panic. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies launched an emergency appeal Sunday for more than \$100 million to help victims. The world's largest humanitarian network said needs

were growing by the hour as rising temperatures and the approaching monsoon season increase the risk of "secondary crises". The challenges facing the Southeast Asian country of over 50 million people were immense even before the earthquake. Myanmar has been ravaged by four years of civil war sparked by a military coup in 2021. Reports have emerged of sporadic fighting even after the quake, with one rebel group telling AFP on Sunday that seven of its fighters were killed in an aerial attack soon after the tremors hit. Before Friday's quake, some 3.5 million people were displaced by the raging civil war, many at risk of hunger. Bangkok building collapse - In the Thai capital of Bangkok -- about 1,000 kilometres away from Mandalay -- rain fell on Monday morning at the site of a collapsed building that had been under construction at the time of Friday's quake. At least 18 people have been killed in Bangkok, city authorities said Sunday, with 33 injured and 78 still missing.

## NEWS BOX

## Serie A title race down to Inter and Napoli after Atalanta loses again

ROME. Victor Osimhen left in September. Khvicha Kvaratskhelia departed in January. Now it's almost April and Antonio Conte's Napoli — somehow — is still in contention for the Serie A title. Matteo Politano and Romelu Lukaku scored first-half goals, Alex Meret saved a second-half penalty kick from Santiago Gimenez, and Napoli beat visiting AC Milan 2-1 on Sunday for a statement victory. Luka Jovic pulled one back for Milan in the 84th to set up a tense finale during which Milan came close to equalizing.

The result kept Napoli within three points of Serie A leader Inter Milan, which edged Udinese 2-1 earlier. It's developing into a two-team title race after third-placed Atalanta lost its second straight game, falling 1-0 at Fiorentina to drop nine points back.

While Lukaku has filled the void left by Osimhen after the Nigeria striker left to sign a loan deal with Galatasaray, it has taken a group effort to replace Kvaratskhelia's output after the winger signed with Paris Saint-Germain. One player picking up playing time in Kvaratskhelia's absence has been Politano. He seized upon a ball over the top from Napoli captain Giovanni Di Lorenzo and evaded three defenders to blast in a long-range shot 63 seconds in at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona.



Then Billy Gilmour set up Lukaku all alone in front of the goal to double the advantage after less than 20 minutes — helped by poor positioning from Milan defender Kyle Walker. It was Lukaku's 400th goal for club and country. Sommer's saves help Inter preserve a victory. Goalkeeper Yann Sommer made two clutch saves in Inter's win. Marko Arnautovic took advantage of a rare start at center forward, opening the scoring early in the first half by redirecting in a cross from Federico Dimarco with one touch. Davide Frattesi quickly doubled the lead with a nearly identical goal. Center back Oumar Solet pulled one back for Udinese midway through the second half with a long, curling shot for his first Serie A goal. Sommer then palmed away a dangerous effort from Lorenzo Lucca to preserve the lead. Sommer also made a save on a close-range effort from Solet in stoppage time, after which vehement protests from Simone Inzaghi resulted in the Inter coach being sent off. Arnautovic replaced Lautaro Martinez, who picked up a knock with Argentina.

### MI vs KKR, pitch, weather report IPL 2025: High-scoring game on cards in hot Mumbai

New Delhi The Mumbai Indians and desperate to get their IPL 2025 campaign on track and will welcome the defending champions, the Kolkata Knight Riders, to the Wankhede stadium on Monday, March 31. This is the first match that will be played at the iconic ground this season as MI are struggling for inspiration at the moment.

The losses to CSK and GT handed Mumbai another slow start to an IPL campaign. The Mumbai side has been struggling in all three departments at the moment with the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and the form of key players being a big issue. Kolkata, on the other hand, secured a big win against Rajasthan Royals in Guwahati to get their campaign back on track after losing the opening match of the season. KKR will welcome Sunil Narine into the mix as they look for another win at Wankhede. With the stakes high, how will the weather and pitch in Mumbai play a role in the contest?

MI vs KKR IPL 2025: Wankhede pitch report



The Wankhede stadium is considered to be a high-scoring ground over the years as the red soil surface and the small boundaries help the batters to score freely. The dew in the evening also makes it tough for the bowlers in the second innings and teams who win the toss opt to field first.

MI vs KKR IPL 2025: Mumbai weather forecast  
According to Accuweather, the temperature will be 32 degree Celsius at the beginning of the match and it is expected to get cooler as the game progresses. The humidity is expected to fluctuate between the 39 to 52 percent range during the match on Monday. Even though there is good cloud cover expected during the match, there is no chance of rain and we should get a full match in Mumbai.

# IPL 2025 preview MI vs KKR: Battered Mumbai desperate to get campaign going at home

## IPL 2025, Mumbai Indians vs Kolkata Knight Riders Match

### Preview: Mumbai will look for their maiden win of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025) as they take on Kolkata in Match 12 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025).

New Delhi Mumbai Indians (MI) will be desperate for a win as they take on Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in Match 12 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025) on Monday, March 31 at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. MI haven't got off to the best of starts to their campaign, having lost back-to-back matches against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Gujarat Titans (GT). The Hardik Pandya-led side has failed to fire collectively both in batting and bowling,

allowing the opposition to dominate them. Their new-ball bowling pair of Deepak Chahar and Trent Boult has looked lacklustre so far. A few decisions by the management have also left the fans scratching their heads. Moreover, the poor form of Rohit Sharma at the top has only added to Mumbai's woes as the team hasn't got off to fiery starts in the powerplay. Hence, Mumbai will look to regroup quickly and start their campaign afresh in the first game on their homeground in the ongoing season.

On the other hand, Kolkata got their title defense off to a poor start, losing the opening game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) by seven wickets. However, they made a strong comeback in the next game, beating Rajasthan Royals by eight wickets riding on a splendid innings from Quinton de Kock (97\* off 61). Captain Ajinkya Rahane will look to help his team continue their winning momentum with a match-winning innings at his homeground. With both teams having firepower in their batting lineup, the contest promises to be a riveting clash for the fans.



MI vs KKR Team News

The return of the ace speedster Jasprit Bumrah is still unknown as he's making progress during his rehabilitation at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. On the other hand, in a major boost for KKR, all-rounder Sunil Narine has recovered from his illness and is available for selection for the upcoming game.

MI Predicted XI

Rohit Sharma, Ryan Rickelton (wk), Will Jacks, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma,

Hardik Pandya, Naman Dhir, Mitchell Santner, Deepak Chahar, Trent Boult, Satyanarayanan Raju

Impact Player - Vignesh Puthur

KKR Predicted XI

Quinton de Kock (wk), Sunil Narine, Ajinkya Rahane, Venkatesh Iyer, Rinku Singh, Andre Russell, Ramandeep Singh, Spencer Johnson, Vaibhav Arora, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakaravathy

Impact Player: Angkrish Raghuvanshi

MI vs KKR: How will the Mumbai Pitch Behave?

The surface at the Wankhede Stadium has been a high-scoring one historically as it aids fearless strokeplay. The bowlers get good bounce on the wicket, allowing the ball to come nicely onto the bat. The ground is known as a good chasing venue as the presence of dew in the second innings makes conditions difficult for the bowlers. Out of the last six night matches played at the venue, four have been won by teams chasing. Hence, captain winning the toss will be looking to bowl first.

## IPL 2025: Nitish Rana in awe of Riyan Parag for match-turning moment against CSK

New Delhi Rajasthan Royals (RR) batter Nitish Rana praised stand-in captain Riyan Parag for his match-turning catch against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on Sunday, March 30 at Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati. Rajasthan beat CSK by six runs to register their first win of the season and earned crucial two points. Chasing a target of 183 runs, Chennai were on course to get over the line with well-set captain Rituraj Gaikwad and hard-hitter Shivam Dube at the crease. However, Parag's brilliance in the field helped his team get ahead in the game as he took a stunning diving catch at cover to dismiss Dube (18 off 10). Following Rajasthan's win, Rana hailed Parag's catch as the turning point of the game.

"Riyan's catch at covers was the important turning point of the game," said Nitish Rana in the post-match press conference.

Furthermore, Rana also spoke about his promotion at number three and said that he was willing to bat at any position for the team.

"I got to know about it yesterday, got a call from Rahul sir just ahead of the practice. I didn't



come to practice yesterday as I was unwell. At that moment, I got to know that I will be batting at number three. Even Riyan had told me about it and I also didn't deny saying that I'm ready to bat wherever the team wants me to. I guess that decision was good as in the last two matches, I was looking to hit the ball hard. From the last two games, my learning was that I will look to use the pace from the new ball. If I do that the my success rate of scoring would increase and that's what I did today," he added. Rana played a breathtaking innings of 81 (36), smashing ten fours and five sixes after failing in his first two outings for Rajasthan. Courtesy of his innings, Rajasthan posted a score of 182/9 in their 20 overs and ended up winning the match by six runs. Having registered their first win of the season, they will next face Punjab Kings on Saturday, April 5, in Chandigarh.

## IPL 2025: Not MS Dhoni, the top order needs to stand up for CSK

New Delhi . You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become a villain. "It was that kind of vibe on social media after Chennai Super Kings lost their second match in a row in the Indian Premier League on Sunday, March 30. Once again, the team had failed to chase down a target exceeding 180 runs, and the passionate Men in Yellow fans were not happy. Their talisman, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, now 43, had come out to bat at No. 7 after intense criticism in the previous game, but he was unable to help the side chase down 20 runs in the final over against the Rajasthan Royals. IPL 2025 Coverage | IPL Points Table | IPL Schedule

Dhoni got out at deep mid-wicket while attempting to hit Sandeep Sharma for a six in the final over. Once upon a time, Dhoni had the opposition shivering in fear when he took strike in the final over of the match. But now, at 43, that mystique seems to be waning. After a tough defeat against RCB, followed by a loss to RR — one of the easier oppositions this season — fans were demanding answers on social media after the match. However, should a 43-year-old man, retired from international cricket for nearly five years, be blamed for the team's back-to-back losses?



Chennai Super Kings have been terrible with the bat in their last two games. They were so bad that the team made two changes to their playing XI after just two matches this season. Known for valuing stability, this is perhaps the most desperate CSK have looked in a while, and it is only because their batting has been so poor this season.

On Sunday, once again, the CSK top order failed. Apart from captain Rituraj Gaikwad,

no one else stepped up, forcing MS Dhoni to come out at No. 7 in the line-up. It is important to note that MS Dhoni has not been the kind of player who can navigate the transition between the middle overs and the death overs for years now. So, if the fans expected him to take CSK over the line in a moment of crisis, was that really justified? Speaking after the match, former cricketer Deep Dasgupta called for the top order to take responsibility instead of leaving the heavy lifting to the finishers. "CSK's top order is leaving too much for the backend. They depend too much on Shivam Dube coming in and hitting big sixes. Somebody needs to take the initiative at the top of the order. You need to make use of the first six overs as well," Deep Dasgupta said after the match.

"MS came in early today, so everything else seems to be all right. They just need to find a way to capitalize on the first six overs," he added. Former Australia cricketer Shane Watson shared a similar opinion, stating that MS Dhoni will bat the way he always does — in the final two overs of the match, hitting sixes at will against fast bowlers. It would be wrong to expect him to deliver every single game.

## Jasprit Bumrah starts bowling at NCA, sparks return hopes for Mumbai Indians

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New Delhi India and Mumbai Indians (MI) fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has begun bowling in the nets at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Bumrah has been out of action since the fifth Test of the Border Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) 2024-25 played in Sydney. The speedster was also ruled out of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 and hasn't returned to action yet. Even the Indian Premier League (IPL) team

Mumbai Indians are sweating over Bumrah's return as they've lost their first two matches of the IPL 2025 so far. Much to their good fortune, the fast bowler has begun



bowling in the nets and is slowly progressing to full fitness. In a viral video, Bumrah was seen bowling in the nets with full intensity, sparking hopes of his quick return. Recently, MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene gave an update on Bumrah's fitness and revealed that he's been going

through his daily programs. The speedster has made good progress so far in his recovery. However, there's no fixed timeline given on his return by the medical staff at the Centre of Excellence. Bumrah was expected to be fit for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 and was even named in the squad. However, he was replaced by Harshit Rana as the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) decided not to rush him into action. His services will be required by India as they begin their next cycle of the World Test Championship (WTC) in England starting from June 20. The speedster will be expected to bowl India to their first Test series win in England since 2007. Before being injured, Bumrah had a phenomenal 2024 as he bowled India to victory in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 and was the highest wicket-taker of the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25 with 32 wickets to his name. As a result, he was bestowed with the prestigious ICC Cricketer of the Year and ICC Test Cricketer of the Year awards.

## 19-year-old Jakub Mensik stuns idol Novak Djokovic to win 1st ATP title at Miami Open

Jakub Mensik beat his idol Novak Djokovic to clinch his maiden ATP title at the Miami Open. The 19-year-old beat Djokovic 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4) and became the ninth youngest to win an ATP title.

New Delhi Jakub Mensik stunned Novak Djokovic to claim his maiden ATP title as he beat the Serbian legend 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4) at the Miami Open final on Monday, March 31. The 19-year-old became the ninth youngest to clinch an ATP title after handing his childhood idol an upset for the ages. Despite playing with a swollen eye, Djokovic gave a tough fight to the youngster, dragging both the sets into a tie-breaker. However,

Mensik beat the odds and emerged victorious over the 24-time Grand Slam champion, scoring 14 aces. As a result, Djokovic was denied 100th title win of his career as he failed to join Jimmy Connors (109) and Roger Federer (103) as the only men in the Open Era with 100 or more career titles. Having beaten his idol in the final, Mensik had nothing but respect for Djokovic as he thanked him for inspiring him to play tennis and even hailed him as the greatest of all time. "Novak, everyone knows you're the one the reason I'm here. I watched you growing up. I started to play tennis because of you. There is not a harder task for a tennis player than to beat you in the final of a tournament. Thank you so much for everything you've done in this sport and for everyone. You're an incredible person. The greatest of all time," said Mensik in his on-court interview. After the match finally began following a delay due to rain and lightning,

Djokovic ended up conceding a break point right at the beginning in the second game itself. He managed to earn it back in the seventh game but was completely dominated



by Mensik in the tiebreaker, who began with a 5-0 lead and eventually sealed the set. The second set saw a neck-and-neck battle between the two as Djokovic was in no mood to give up and saved two break points. However, he was no match to Mensik's

speed, who once again sealed the set in the tie-breaker. Novak Djokovic's agonising wait prolongs Djokovic was looking to win an ATP title for the first time since claiming the US Open in 2023. Last year, he couldn't win a single ATP title, although he won his maiden Olympic gold after beating Carlos Alcaraz at Philippe-Chatrier in the final in Paris.

Earlier this year, Djokovic retired midway through his Australian Open semi-final match against Alexander Zverev due to injury. Thereafter, he lost back-to-back first round matches in the Dubai Championships and Indian Wells Masters.

With his loss at Indian Wells, Djokovic's dreams of a Sunshine Double also crashed. Later this year in May at the French Open, Djokovic will be looking to break Margaret Court's record for most Grand Slam singles titles.



# Rashmika Mandanna

## And Vijay Deverakonda Spotted At A Lunch Date In Mumbai

Rashmika Mandanna is very happy as her film *Sikandar* is receiving an overwhelming response from the audience. The film, released today, also starring Salman Khan, has created a record. Well, amid this, Rashmika was spotted at a restaurant in Mumbai, but what grabbed attention was her rumoured boyfriend, Vijay Deverakonda. Looks like both were on a lunch date.

In the video, shared by Manav Manglani, we can see Rashmika wearing causals and entering the restaurant. She even greeted paps. And after few second Vijay also entered from other side. He did not wait for the pictures and straight entered the restaurant. He has also covered his face. Fans reacted and many even dropped heart emojis.

Recently, Rashmika Mandanna recently shared an exciting update about her much-anticipated romantic drama, *a Girlfriend*. The actress revealed that the team is working hard to bring only the best to the audience. Taking to her Instagram stories, the actress held an AMA



session in which a fan asked about *Girlfriend* updates. She answered, "@rahul\_23 is planning only the best for you..even I am waiting for updates..when I have them I will share for sure." In December 2024, the teaser of the film was released. The film is being touted as a captivating romantic drama. Directed by Rahul Ravindran, the film features Rashmika Mandanna in the lead role. It is bankrolled by GA2 Pictures, Mass Movie Makers, and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment.

The teaser opens with the voiceover of Vijay Deverakonda. He praises Rashmika's character in the movie. The video focuses on her college love life. Even though the storyline of the film remains a mystery, we can see that Rashmika's character is struggling in her relationship with her boyfriend, played by Dheekshith Shetty.

Directed by AR Murugadoss, Salman Khan shares screen space with Rashmika Mandanna for the film time in *Sikandar*. The film also stars Sharman Joshi, Prateik Babbar, Anjini Dhawan, Kajal Aggarwal in pivotal roles. *Sikandar* released on March 30. *Sikandar* brings back Salman in his 'massiest' form and is his big Eid return.

## Tanmay Bhat Trolls As Ranveer Allahbadia Poses With Team After IGL Row: 'The Only Subscribers You Have Left'



Ranveer Allahbadia, the creator behind the popular YouTube podcast channel *BeerBiceps*, has announced a "new blessed chapter" in his life following the India's Got Latent controversy. On Sunday, March 30, he shared his first post since the "sex with parents" controversy in January. Tanmay Bhat, Abhay Deol, and other YouTubers congratulated him on his return. Ranveer posted a series of photos on Instagram. The first photo featured his team and well-wishers, while the next showed him quietly working on his laptop. He also shared a photo with his grandmother and his dog. "Thank you to my loved ones Thank you universe A new blessed chapter begins - Rebirth (sic)," he wrote.

Tanmay Bhat, also a good friend of Ranveer, posted a series of comments to troll him. He wrote "Nice of you to click photo with the only subscribers you have left". He also wrote, "Like this comment if you want a B Praak podcast", "Missed you (not really)".

After the Ranveer Allahbadia controversy made waves, Tanmay Bhat had shared his thoughts in a cheeky way in a new YouTube reaction video. In the clip, the comedian had revealed that he had actually invited Ranveer to join him for a fitness meme reaction video before the drama unfolded. However, since then, Ranveer has gone silent and hasn't replied to his messages.

### What was the India's Got Latent controversy?

It all started when Ranveer Allahbadia, popularly known as *BeerBiceps*, appeared on *Samay Raina's India's Got Latent* and asked a contestant inappropriate questions on parental sex, body parts and intimacy. The main question which drew flak was: "Would you watch your parents have sex every day for the rest of your life or join once to stop it forever?"

Following the incident, a police complaint was lodged against Ranveer, Samay and other co-judges present on the episode, including Ashish Chanchlani, Jaspreet Singh and Apoorva Makhija. While Ranveer posted several apologies on social media after the incident, Samay deleted India's Got Latent episodes from YouTube.

## Shreya Ghoshal ALMOST Mentions Badshah's Rival On Indian Idol 15: 'Naam Jo Yaad Aa Raha Hai Woh...'



Indian Idol, the popular singing show, is back with its 15th season. In the next episode, contestant Manasi Ghosh will ask the judges some tricky questions. A sneak peek of this moment was shared on social media. The promo shows special guest Neelam with judges Badshah, Shreya Ghoshal, and Vishal Dadlani. Neelam asks Manasi to ask the judges tough questions. Manasi starts by asking Badshah to name his 'rival,' creating a fun moment.

Vishal Dadlani jokingly says, "I have an answer for this," and then quotes a line from Badshah's song, making everyone laugh. While Badshah didn't name his rival, his past feud with Yo Yo Honey Singh is well-known. When Manasi asks Badshah about Tara Sutaria, he replies, "Phantom of the opera." Manasi is surprised, but Badshah explains that she only gave him 2 seconds to answer. Manasi then teases him for not naming his rival in 2 seconds, making Badshah laugh and put the mic down. She then asks Shreya Ghoshal to name someone who is "fake." Shreya thinks for a moment before hesitating to answer. Shreya then says, "Naam jo yaad aa raha hai woh nahi bata sakti (I can't name the person)."

Shreya Ghoshal recently celebrated her birthday on the sets of the show. For the caption of the video she shared, she wrote, "A day full of infinite surprises at the Indian Idol set on my birthday With tears of joy in my eyes, I really felt like a 5 year old girl, when I saw my parents on the indian idol stage.. The whole life went in a flashback in front of my eyes.. every single person in the team, my friends, the contestants made it so special! Love you @vishaldadlani @badboyshah @sonyofficial @fremantleindia God has been kind to me."

Indian Idol 15 airs on Sony TV and is available for streaming on SonyLIV. Vishal Dadlani, Shreya Ghoshal, and Badshah serve as judges for the show this season. Recently, Shreya Ghoshal celebrated her birthday on the sets. The singer was in for a grand surprise as her parents graced the show.

# Tiger Shroff

## Celebrates 7 Years Of Baaghi 2 With A Special Post: 'A Film That Changed My Life'

Seven years ago, Tiger Shroff unleashed a new era of high-octane action with *'Baaghi 2'*, a film that cemented his position as Bollywood's youngest action superstar. The film, which released in theatres on 30th March, 2018, has completed seven years today. To celebrate the milestone, Tiger Shroff took a trip down the memory lane, and shared pictures and videos from the film's shoot. He called *'Baaghi 2'* a film that changed not just his, but also his team and



family's lives. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the audience in the post. Marking this milestone, Tiger Shroff took to Instagram and wrote, "A film that changed my team's, family's, and my life. Thank you to the audience for making every drop of blood count. #7years #Baaghi2". He also shared a few stills and behind-the-scenes videos from the film's shoot, featuring him, director Ahmed Khan, and others. Soon after he shared the post, his mother Ayesha Shroff

lauded his hard work over the years, and wrote, "MEHNAT," along with red heart emojis. Mouni Roy commented, "Best," along with high-five emoji, while Rahul Dev commented, "Deadliiii."

Directed by Ahmed Khan, *Baaghi 2* was a massive box-office success, and went on to become one of the highest-grossing Hindi film of 2018. From gravity-defying stunts to raw action sequences, the film showcased Tiger's unparalleled dedication to action and fitness, earning him a league of his own among action heroes.

Meanwhile, Tiger is currently shooting for *Baaghi 4*, set to release on 5th September 2025. Earlier this month, on his 35th birthday, Tiger shared a new poster of *Baaghi 4* which showcased his character Ronnie, in a darker and grittier avatar. He said that the franchise which once gave him an identity, is now all set to change his identity. He revealed that his character is different this time, and hopes that fans will accept him in this new identity just as they did 8 years ago.

"The franchise that gave me an identity and allowed me to express my eagerness to prove myself as an action hero...is now the franchise that is changing my identity. Hes def not the same this time but i hope you guys accept him the way you did 8 years ago #gratitude #SajidNadiadwala's #Baaghi4," he wrote.

Directed by A. Harsha, *Baaghi 4* also stars Sanjay Dutt, Hamaaz Sandhu and Sonam Bajwa.

