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Let's check this news about (Axis Bank) Then, we will move ahead.

Axis Bank commits Rs. 104 crore to Ashoka University to support research development

Axis Bank has pledged Rs. 104 crore to Ashoka University over four years to enhance its research programs in Neurosciences, Behavioral Studies, and Physics. The funding, part of the "Co-building Interdisciplinary Sciences and Research" initiative, will support PhD and Post-Doctoral fellowships, establish advanced research centres, and attract global scholars. This collaboration aims to address global challenges like climate change, public health, and economic sustainability. It reinforces Ashoka's commitment to research excellence, following its previous ₹400 crore funding in 2016.



[Image Source: Mint]

JioCinema and Disney Hotstar Merger

JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar have merged to create JioHotstar, a unified streaming platform offering live sports, premium entertainment, and global content. Users must transition to JioHotstar for uninterrupted access, with subscription plans starting at Rs. 149 for three months. The platform features content from major studios like Disney, Warner Bros., and HBO, along with IPL and ICC tournaments. With Al-driven recommendations and support for 19 languages, JioHotstar aims to enhance user experience and redefine India's streaming landscape.

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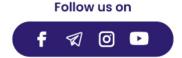
SEBI Introduces New RPT Portal to Strengthen Corporate Governance

SEBI has launched a dedicated portal for Related Party Transactions (RPT) to improve corporate governance and transparency in India's securities market. The portal streamlines reporting, ensuring timely and accurate disclosures by listed companies, and enhancing investor confidence. It benefits companies by simplifying compliance, while regulators can more effectively monitor adherence to norms. This initiative builds on earlier SEBI regulations, including stricter approval processes for material RPTs, and marks a step toward fostering a more transparent, accountable, and investor-friendly market.



[Image Source: India Today]

The Philippines is poised to acquire the 200 million dollar Akash missile system from India



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India is set to supply the Philippines with the Akash missile system in a deal valued at \$200 million, showcasing India's growing presence in the global defence market. The versatile Akash missile, developed by DRDO, is known for its advanced technology and mobility, making it an attractive option for nations enhancing air defence. This deal underscores India's rising defence exports, strengthening ties with the Philippines and positioning India as a key player in the international defence sector, amid increasing global demand for its technologies.



[Image Source: India Today]

BRICS Summit to be Held in Rio Amid U.S. Tariff Concerns

The 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, scheduled for July 6-7, 2025, will focus on strengthening economic and political cooperation among member nations and addressing global governance reforms. With expanding membership, including countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia, the summit will shape BRICS' role in reshaping global trade and finance. The U.S. tariff threat, warning of retaliation against a new BRICS currency or payment system, adds tension, highlighting the bloc's push for financial independence and a shift in global dynamics.



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Campa Cola takes over from Thums Up as the copresenter for IPL 2025

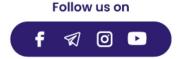
Campa-Cola has secured the Rs 200 crore co-presenting rights for IPL 2025, replacing Coca-Cola's Thums Up. This move is part of Reliance Consumer Products' strategy to expand its market presence and introduce new products, like sports drinks, during the IPL season. The deal also positions Campa Cola to compete with Coca-Cola in the Indian beverage market. The IPL's growing ad revenue, expected to reach Rs 4,500 crore, and the season's timing with summer, enhances the market opportunity for these brands.



[Image Source: Mint]

Jacob Kiplimo sets a new world record in the halfmarathon in Barcelona

Jacob Kiplimo set a new world half-marathon record in Barcelona, finishing the 21.0975 km race in 56 minutes and 42 seconds, improving the previous record by 48 seconds. His performance, marked by ideal conditions and strategic pacing, is hailed as the greatest improvement in the men's world half-marathon record. Kiplimo also set a world best for 15 km with a time of 40:07. He plans to debut in the London Marathon in April, aiming to challenge the marathon world record.



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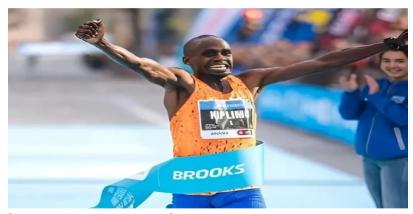








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[Image Source: BBC News]

Bengali singer Pratul Mukhopadhyay has passed away

Pratul Mukhopadhyay, the renowned Bengali vocalist, composer, and lyricist, passed away at the age of 83, leaving behind a rich legacy. Known for his soulful songs like Ami Banglar Gaan Gai and Dinga Bhasao Re, he played a key role in shaping Bengal's musical identity. His compositions reflected themes of social change and revolution. His death coincided with the anniversaries of other iconic Bengali musicians, marking a profound loss for the music community. Mukhopadhyay's influence remains timeless.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

International Childhood Cancer Day

International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD), observed on February 15, raises awareness about childhood cancer and advocates for better treatments and support. Established in 2002 by Childhood Cancer International (CCI), it focuses on early detection, healthcare accessibility, and ongoing research. Despite progress in survival rates, challenges persist for young cancer patients and their families. ICCD promotes awareness, policy change, and equity in cancer care while emphasizing the importance of prevention, including healthy practices, vaccinations, and regular check-ups.

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Karnataka Leads in Local Governance

Karnataka has topped the 2024 Local Governance Performance Index, excelling in areas like local body management, finances, and accountability. This achievement surpassed Kerala's leadership in 2015-16. Uttar Pradesh also made significant progress, rising from 15th to 5th place due to reforms in Panchayat accountability, transparency, and anti-corruption measures. The rankings highlight that effective governance reforms, financial management, and local empowerment are key to improving local governance, with states increasingly focusing on inclusive, responsive governance systems.



[Image Source: India Today]

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