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Rabada Claims Purple Cap

Kagiso Rabada finished as the leading wicket-taker of IPL 2026, claiming the Purple Cap with 29 wickets in 17 matches despite Gujarat Titans ending as runners-up. This is Rabada's second Purple Cap, having previously won the award with Delhi Capitals in IPL 2020. Bhuvneshwar Kumar came agonizingly close to the award, finishing just one wicket behind Rabada. However, the RCB pacer played a key role in the franchise's title-winning campaign and recorded the best economy rate (7.95) among the top five wicket-takers.

Ee Sala, Again!

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) etched their name deeper into IPL history by defending their title with a commanding five-wicket victory over Gujarat Titans in the IPL 2026 final at Ahmedabad. The triumph marked RCB's second consecutive championship and was once again powered by the brilliance of Virat Kohli. Chasing 156, RCB comfortably reached 161/5 in 18 overs, thanks to Kohli's unbeaten 75 off 42 balls. The veteran batter combined aggression with composure, striking nine fours and three sixes to guide Bengaluru home with two overs to spare. Kohli dominated the chase from the outset, attacking Gujarat's pace attack and ensuring RCB remained ahead of the required rate throughout.

Despite battling cramps during his innings, he remained at the crease until the end, sealing victory in style and earning the Player of the Match award. Earlier, Gujarat Titans were restricted to 155/8 by a disciplined RCB bowling attack. Rasikh Salam Dar emerged as the surprise star with figures of 3/27, while Josh Hazlewood and Bhuvneshwar Kumar claimed

two wickets each. For Gujarat, Washington Sundar fought a lone battle with an unbeaten 50, but the total proved inadequate against RCB's confident batting lineup. The victory completed a remarkable campaign for captain Rajat Patidar, who joined the elite list of IPL captains to win back-to-back titles. As celebrations erupted at the Narendra Modi Stadium, RCB fans gave a new twist to their iconic slogan. After years of waiting and now two consecutive championships, "Ee Sala Cup Namdu" became "Ee Sala Kooda Cup Namdu" — this time too, the cup is ours.

Brief scores:

RCB: 161/5 in 18 overs (Virat Kohli 75* off 42, Venkatesh Iyer 32 off 16, Tim David 24; Rashid Khan 2/25)

Gujarat Titans: 155/8 in 20 overs (Washington Sundar 50* off 37, Nishant Sindhu 20, Jos Buttler 19; Rasikh Salam Dar 3/27, Bhuvneshwar Kumar 2/29, Josh Hazlewood 2/37)



Kohli Hails Collective Success

Virat Kohli has credited Royal Challengers Bengaluru's back-to-back IPL titles to a major cultural shift—from relying on individual brilliance to becoming a truly team-driven unit. Reflecting on RCB's successful IPL 2026 title defence, Kohli said the biggest difference this season was the absence of pressure on any one player to carry the team. He praised the squad's composure and the willingness of different players to step up in crucial moments. According to Kohli, earlier seasons often saw expectations resting heavily on a few individuals, but the current group has created an environment where responsibility is shared across the squad. Team-mates echoed the sentiment. Devdutt Padikkal said the

quality within the squad helped elevate everyone's performance, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar highlighted the team's planning and preparation throughout the campaign. Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood praised the culture built within the franchise, and wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma credited the management for backing players even during difficult phases. After ending an 18-year wait for their maiden IPL title in 2025, RCB have now secured consecutive championships, establishing themselves as one of the league's dominant teams. Former Australian opener Matthew Hayden, associated with Gujarat Titans, also praised RCB's family-like atmosphere and calm dressing-room culture.



Teen Star Rules IPL

Teen sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi capped a dream IPL 2026 season by winning the Orange Cap, Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Emerging Player of the Season awards. The 15-year-old amassed 776 runs in 16 innings at a staggering strike rate of 237.30, becoming the tournament's leading run-scorer and biggest star. Sooryavanshi also created history by becoming the first player to win both the MVP and Emerging Player awards in the same IPL season. He smashed 72 sixes, breaking the previous record of 59 sixes set by Chris Gayle in 2012.

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Vembu Warns of AI Bubble

Chennai: Sridhar Vembu, founder and chief scientist of Zoho Corporation, has warned that soaring valuations of major technology companies driven by artificial intelligence enthusiasm resemble a market bubble that could be even larger than the dot-com boom of 1999. In a post on X, Vembu pointed to the high price-to-sales ratios of leading tech firms, arguing that valuations are increasingly disconnected from business fundamentals. He noted that Nvidia trades at around 20 times sales, while Apple, Alphabet (Google) and Microsoft command multiples of about 10-11 times sales. Meta Platforms trades at roughly 7.5 times sales, while Micron Technology

stands near 19 times sales. Drawing parallels with the collapse of the dot-com bubble, Vembu cited former Scott McNealy remarks that investors paying 10 times a company's annual revenue would require extraordinary growth and profitability over many years to justify such valuations. According to Vembu, the current AI-fuelled rally has created "an insane bubble" that may surpass the excesses seen during the late-1990s technology boom. The warning comes as AI-related stocks, particularly semiconductor and software companies, continue to surge on expectations that artificial intelligence will transform industries and drive future growth.

Modi Urges Care and Service

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the 134th edition of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat to deliver a message that combined public welfare, community service, environmental responsibility, and national pride. Addressing the nation at a time when large parts of India are experiencing severe heatwave conditions, the Prime Minister urged citizens to prioritize safety and extend kindness to those around them. Modi advised people to stay hydrated, avoid unnecessary exposure to the sun, and strictly follow government guidelines issued to combat extreme summer temperatures. Emphasising the importance of compassion during difficult weather

conditions, he encouraged citizens to offer a glass of water to others whenever possible, describing such simple acts as meaningful contributions to society.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the spirit of social service, calling upon people to recognize and support individuals engaged in selfless work for the welfare of society. He said that stories of ordinary citizens making extraordinary contributions can inspire others to participate in nation-building and community development. Celebrating India's cultural diversity, Modi spoke about the country's rich variety of traditional summer beverages. From Aam Panna in north-



ern India and Lassi in Punjab to Buttermilk in western states, Sattu Sharbat in Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh, Kokum drinks in the Konkan region, and Panakam in southern India, he described these beverages as symbols of the country's unity in diversity. The Prime Minister also paid special tribute to India's mango growers, praising farmers who have helped transform the country's beloved fruit into a globally recognized agricultural product. He noted that varieties such as Alphonso, Kesar, Dasheri, and Langda continue to strengthen India's agricultural economy and international reputation.

EDITORIAL

Climate Change
Meets Food Security

India's economy, agriculture, and rural livelihoods have always been closely tied to the monsoon. When rains arrive on time and in adequate measure, crops flourish, food prices remain stable, and rural incomes improve. However, forecasts indicating a weaker-than-normal monsoon this year once again highlight a growing challenge: the intersection of climate change and food security. Agriculture remains the backbone of rural India, employing millions and supporting the livelihoods of nearly half the population. Despite advances in irrigation and technology, a significant portion of farmland still depends on rainfall. Below-average precipitation can reduce crop yields, particularly of staples such as rice, pulses, and oilseeds. Lower production not only affects farmers' incomes but also disrupts supply chains and pushes food prices upward, burdening consumers across the country. Climate change is making weather patterns increasingly unpredictable. Extended dry spells, sudden heavy downpours, heatwaves, and shifting monsoon cycles are becoming more frequent. These extreme events threaten agricultural productivity and expose the vulnerability of India's food systems. What was once considered an occasional weather fluctuation is now emerging as a long-term structural challenge.

The response cannot be limited to short-term relief measures. India must accelerate investments in climate-resilient agriculture. Drought-resistant crop varieties, efficient irrigation systems, micro-irrigation techniques, and scientific water management should become national priorities. Farmers must be equipped with timely weather information, crop insurance coverage, and access to modern technologies that help them adapt to changing conditions. Water conservation is equally critical. Rainwater harvesting, restoration of tanks and ponds, groundwater recharge, and watershed development programs can help communities withstand periods of low rainfall. States must work together to ensure sustainable use of water resources rather than relying solely on emergency responses during drought years. Food security also requires strengthening storage, procurement, and distribution systems. Maintaining adequate buffer stocks and reducing post-harvest losses can help stabilize prices and ensure availability during periods of supply stress. At the same time, policymakers must monitor inflation carefully, as rising food prices disproportionately affect low-income households. The challenge posed by a weaker monsoon is not merely agricultural; it is economic, social, and environmental. Climate change is redefining the relationship between weather and development. India's preparedness today will determine whether future climate shocks become national crises or manageable disruptions. Food security in the age of climate change demands foresight, resilience, sustained policy action.

RBI Likely to Stay Cautious

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to maintain the benchmark repo rate at 5.25 percent when the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) announces its policy decision on June 5. With global economic uncertainties continuing to pose challenges, economists and market participants believe the central bank will prefer caution over immediate policy changes. The six-member MPC, headed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, will meet from June 3 to June 5 to assess the country's inflation and growth outlook. The committee had also kept interest rates unchanged during its previous meeting in April, citing concerns arising from geopolitical tensions and their potential impact on the economy. A key factor influencing the RBI's decision is the ongoing uncertainty in West Asia. Rising crude oil prices, disruptions in global supply chains, and volatility in international financial markets have increased concerns



about inflationary pressures. Since India imports a large portion of its crude oil requirements, higher energy prices could lead to increased transportation and production costs, ultimately affecting consumer prices. While inflation has moderated in recent months, experts warn that fresh global shocks could reverse the trend. According to estimates from the State Bank of India's economic research department, retail inflation may remain above 5 percent over the next three quarters, even though it is expected to

stay around 4 to 4.1 percent during the current quarter. At the same time, the RBI is expected to closely monitor economic growth. The SBI report projects India's GDP growth at 7.5 percent for FY26, with growth in the fourth quarter likely to reach 7.2 percent. However, prolonged geopolitical tensions and global economic instability could force downward revisions in future growth estimates. Analysts believe the central bank may revise its inflation and growth projections while keeping policy rates unchanged. Such a

move would allow the RBI to balance its twin objectives of controlling inflation and supporting economic growth without sending abrupt signals to financial markets. Economists have also pointed out that the RBI possesses several alternative policy tools to manage liquidity and market conditions. Measures such as Operation Twist and liquidity management operations can help stabilize financial markets without changing benchmark interest rates. The expected decision reflects RBI's commitment to a data-driven approach. By maintaining the current rate structure, the central bank would gain additional time to assess evolving domestic and global developments before taking any major monetary action. With inflation risks still present and geopolitical uncertainties far from resolved, upcoming meeting is likely to reinforce cautious stance, prioritizing economic stability while keeping a close watch on emerging challenges.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Turns
into a Social Movement in Telangana

Hyderabad, May 31: Telangana's ambitious Indiramma Housing Scheme is rapidly evolving into a large-scale social movement aimed at providing permanent housing to poor families across the state, Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Sunday. The minister stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Telangana is setting an example for the rest of the country by implementing one of the largest state-funded housing programmes for economically weaker sections. According to Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, more than four lakh houses were sanctioned in the first phase of the scheme. He announced that the second phase of the programme will be launched on June 1 at Kothari Village by the Chief Minister. As part of the second phase, the government plans to sanction 2.5 lakh additional houses, taking the total number of houses approved under the first two phases to more than 6.5 lakh. The minister said each Assembly constituency would receive between 5,500 and 6,500 houses, while tribal constituencies in ITDA areas would receive additional allocations ranging from 500 to 1,500 houses. Highlighting the progress of the scheme, Minister revealed that nearly one lakh houses sanctioned in the first phase.

Monsoon Advances Across Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, May 31: The southwest monsoon is expected to advance further into more parts of Kerala, Lakshadweep and adjoining regions of the Arabian Sea over the next three to four days, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). As monsoon activity strengthens, the weather agency has issued multiple rainfall warnings across the state, cautioning residents and local authorities to remain vigilant. The IMD has forecast widespread rainfall across Kerala during the first week of June. Heavy rainfall, ranging between 7 cm and 11 cm, is likely at isolated places from May 31 to June 2. The intensity is expected to increase significantly thereafter, with heavy to very heavy rainfall between 12 cm and 20 cm anticipated in several districts from June 3 to June 6. To alert residents and disaster management agencies, the IMD has issued Orange Warnings for several districts. On June 3, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malappuram districts are likely to witness very heavy rainfall. The following day, June 4, the warning will extend to Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Malappuram and Kozhikode districts. In addition, Yellow Warnings have been issued for districts including Kottayam, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kozhikode, Wayanad and Kannur, indicating the possibility of heavy rainfall at isolated locations.

Nepal PM Sparks Border Row

Khatmandu: Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah has triggered a political controversy by making an unusual statement in Parliament regarding the long-standing border dispute between Nepal and India. While addressing lawmakers on Sunday, Shah said that not only has India allegedly encroached upon Nepalese territory, but Nepal has also occupied Indian land in several places. The remarks immediately sparked a political storm, with opposition leaders demanding clarification and details about the locations where Nepal had allegedly encroached on Indian territory. Some lawmakers even called for the statement to be removed from the official parliamentary record. The controversy arose during discussions on the disputed regions of Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura, and Kalapani, areas claimed by both India and Nepal but currently under Indian administration. These territories have remained one of the most sensitive issues in bilateral relations between the two neighboring countries. Responding to questions in Parliament, Prime Minister Shah emphasized that the dispute should not be viewed from a one-sided perspective. He stated that both countries should sit together and examine all aspects of the border issue through dialogue and mutual understanding. However, he stopped short of providing any evidence or specific examples regarding Nepal's alleged occupation of Indian land. Despite the political uproar, Shah reaffirmed Nepal's commitment to resolving the border dispute through diplomatic channels. He revealed that Nepal had already exchanged diplomatic communications with India on the matter and received a response from New Delhi. According to the PM, India has proposed forming joint teams consisting of historians, surveyors, and territorial experts from both countries to examine historical records.

Five Drown in
Tungabhadra River

Kurnool, May 31: Five people, including a child, lost their lives after drowning in the Tungabhadra River at Mantralayam in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district. According to police, the victims were part of a group that had attended a devotional programme at a residence in Mantralayam. After the event, they went to the river for a holy dip when the tragedy occurred. Inspector Dastagiri Babu said that four bodies were recovered on Saturday night, while the fifth body was retrieved from the river on Sunday after an intensive search operation.

DKS Set to Be Richest CM

Bengaluru: When D.K. Shivakumar takes oath as Karnataka's Chief Minister on June 3, he will achieve a significant political milestone while also becoming India's wealthiest serving Chief Minister based on declared assets. The Congress leader's elevation marks the culmination of a long political journey characterized by persistence, strategic leadership, and strong organizational influence within the party. According to the affidavit submitted during the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, Shivakumar declared assets worth more than ₹1,413 crore. This places him ahead of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, whose declared assets are estimated at around ₹931 crore. The figures make Shivakumar the richest occupant of a Chief Minister's office in the country. His declared wealth reflects a diversified portfolio of movable and immovable assets. The affidavit shows bank deposits exceeding ₹14 crore, movable assets valued at nearly ₹1,140 crore, and immovable properties worth around ₹273 crore. The scale of these assets has drawn national attention as he prepares to assume one of the most important political positions in southern India. Shivakumar's rise to the Chief Minister's post comes after years of playing a crucial role in Karnataka politics. Often referred to as the Congress party's key troubleshooter, he has been instrumental in managing political crises.

Abhishek
Alleges Threat
to Democracy

Kolkata: Abhishek Banerjee has described the alleged attack on him in Sonarpur, West Bengal, as an "assault on democracy" and said the incident would only strengthen his resolve to continue fighting against the BJP. Breaking his silence more than 24 hours after the incident, the Trinamool Congress general secretary thanked those who expressed support and solidarity, including Arvind Kejriwal, who had condemned the attack on social media. In a post on X, Banerjee said, "What unfolded yesterday is not merely an attack on an individual — it is an assault on democracy. It reflects a deeply troubling pattern that has become all too familiar under the BJP regime." He asserted that intimidation and violence would not deter him from serving the people and vowed to continue the political fight with greater determination. Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee also condemned the incident, alleging that BJP supporters were behind the attack on her nephew. She further claimed that Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee was targeted in a separate incident on Sunday.

WINNING MOMENTS IPL 2026



Gaikwad Replaces Injured Parag



India opener Ruturaj Gaikwad has been included in the India A squad for the upcoming 50-over tri-series in Sri Lanka, replacing injured vice-captain Riyan Parag. Parag has been ruled out due to a hamstring injury sustained during the 2026 IPL season while leading Rajasthan Royals. He will now undergo rehabilitation at the Board of Control for Cricket in India Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Gaikwad, who captained Chennai Super Kings in IPL 2026, has now been named vice-captain of the India A side. The team will be led by Tilak Varma. The tri-series, featuring India A, Sri Lanka A and Afghanistan A, begins on June 9, with the final scheduled for June 21.

Thailand, Malaysia, China qualify for Asian Games women's cricket

Kuala Lumpur: Thailand, Malaysia and China have secured qualification for the women's cricket tournament at the 2026 Asian Games after emerging as the top three teams in the qualifying event staged in the city between May 26 and 31. The trio will join the already-qualified teams at the continental showpiece, which is scheduled to be held across Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya in Japan during September and October next year. Thailand enjoyed a flawless campaign in the preliminary stage, topping Group A with victories over both Malaysia and Hong Kong. Despite losing to Thailand earlier in the tournament, Malaysia bounced back strongly, overcoming Hong Kong to advance to the knockout rounds. In the semi-finals, Thailand produced a dominant display against China, bundling them out for just 53 before cruising to an emphatic 83-run win. Malaysia also booked their place in the final after edging past Nepal by two wickets in a tense chase of 127, reaching the target with eight deliveries to spare. China claimed the final qualification spot by defeating Nepal in a rain-shortened third-place playoff. The match was decided under the DLS method, with China securing a five-wicket victory. The final saw Thailand underline their superiority once again. After restricting Malaysia to only 54 runs, Thailand comfortably chased down the target with nine wickets intact. Women's cricket at the 2026 Asian Games will feature eight teams. Alongside hosts Japan, automatic qualification has been awarded to the four Asian Full Members — India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Thailand, Malaysia and China complete the field. Thailand head into the Games as the highest-ranked of the three qualifiers, sitting 12th in the ICC Women's T20I rankings. Malaysia occupy 28th position, while China are ranked 42nd.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi becomes youngest to clinch Orange Cap

Ahmedabad: Indian cricket's newest phenomenon, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, has capped off a breathtaking Indian Premier League season by becoming the youngest-ever recipient of the Orange Cap, rewriting record books at just 15 years and 65 days of age. The Rajasthan Royals opener finished IPL 2026 with a staggering 776 runs from 16 innings, a tally that remained untouched after Gujarat Titans captain Shubman Gill and fellow opener Sai Sudharsan failed to mount a successful challenge in Sunday's final against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. With Rajasthan's campaign ending in Qualifier 2, Sooryavanshi had already completed his season. Yet his extraordinary run-scoring exploits ensured that no batter could catch him. Gill ended the tournament with 732 runs, while defending Orange Cap holder Sai Sudharsan accumulated 722. Virat Kohli, who was placed sixth before the summit clash between RCB and GT began, has scored 638 and surpassed SRH's Klassen and Ishan Kishan to jump to fourth but still remains far from surpassing Sooryavanshi's tally, ending fourth in the overall list. The teenager's achievement shattered another age-related benchmark. Until now, Sudharsan's Orange Cap triumph in 2025, at 23 years and 231 days, stood as the record for the youngest winner of the award. What separated Sooryavanshi from the rest was not merely the volume of runs but the manner in which they came. The Bihar-born prodigy scored at an astonishing strike rate of 237.31, producing an aggressive brand of batting rarely witnessed in the tournament's history. His six-hitting spree became one of the defining stories of the season. Sooryavanshi launched 72 sixes across the campaign, eclipsing the long-standing IPL record of 59 set by Chris Gayle and establishing a new benchmark.

India Finish Second At Asian U20 Athletics

India clinched three more gold medals on the final day to end an impressive campaign in second place in the medal tally at the 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships here on Sunday. India accumulated 19 medals — 10 gold, five silver and four bronze — in the four-day meet to finish second behind China (14 gold, nine silver, two bronze). Japan finished third with 18 medals (five gold, five silver, eight bronze). India also won two silver medals and one bronze on the final day. The Indian women's 4x400m team, anchored by Neeru Pathak, won gold with a time of 3 minutes 38.07 seconds to better the meet record. The other members of the team were Bhumika Sanjay Nehate, Tahura Khatun and Sehnoor Bawa. The previous meet record of 3:38.20 was set by Japan in 2018.





Niyati Fatnani

Taapsee Promotes Body Positivity

Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu has spoken out against the growing obsession with maintaining a perfectly flat stomach, stressing that a certain amount of lower belly fat is both natural and healthy. Sharing her thoughts on social media, Taapsee revealed that she once pushed herself through intense workouts in an attempt to achieve a flat midriff. However, she later realized that overtraining can cause the body to retain water and increase fat storage as a protective response. The actress explained that women experience hormonal changes that can affect their body shape from day to day, making it unrealistic to expect a perfectly flat stomach all the time. She said every woman's body is different and should not be compared with others. Citing advice from her nutritionist, Taapsee noted that a small amount of fat and water retention around the lower abdomen helps protect reproductive organs and is an important part of women's health. Encouraging body positivity, she urged people not to torture themselves for social media-perfect images, emphasizing that a slight belly bulge is normal and healthy.



Ajith's Mother Passes Away

Veteran actor Ajith Kumar is mourning the loss of his mother, Mohini Mani, who passed away at the age of 89 after a prolonged period of declining health. According to family sources, Mohini Mani passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday. Ajith, who was reportedly in Dubai at the time, immediately returned to Chennai to be with his family. Sharing the news, Ajith's brother Anil Kumar said their mother lived a long and fulfilling life, remembered for her kindness, selfless nature and quiet grace. The family also expressed gratitude to the medical professionals who cared for her over the years. Several prominent personalities offered condolences. Veteran actor and politician Kamal Haasan conveyed his heartfelt sympathies to Ajith and his family, while M. K. Stalin and actor-turned-politician Vijay also expressed their grief over the loss.



Naga Chaitanya's Sweet Birthday Wish to Sobhita

Actor Naga Chaitanya shared a heartfelt birthday message for his wife Sobhita Dhulipala as she celebrated her birthday on May 31. Posting a series of unseen pictures on social media, Naga Chaitanya expressed his love and gratitude, writing, "Happy birthday my lady @sobhitad. Grateful I get to do life with you." The photo collection featured candid moments of Sobhita and a few adorable couple selfies, delighting fans. Sobhita and Naga Chaitanya got engaged in August 2024 before tying the knot in December 2024. Prior to this, Naga Chaitanya was married to actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, with whom he separated in 2021 after four years of marriage. On the work front, Naga Chaitanya is currently busy with his upcoming mythological action thriller *Vrushakarma*, directed by Karthik Dandu. The film recently wrapped up a major schedule in Rajasthan, and extensive post-production and CGI work are underway. The makers are expected to announce the release date soon. Meanwhile, Sobhita continues to enjoy popularity for her acclaimed performances, including her role in the hit web series *Made in Heaven*.



Mahesh Remembers Krishna

Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu paid an emotional tribute to his father, legendary actor Krishna, on his birth anniversary on May 31. Sharing a cherished photograph with his father on social media, Mahesh Babu wrote, "Forever my hero.. Happy Birthday Nanna," expressing his deep admiration and love. His wife, Namrata Shirodkar, also remembered Krishna with a heartfelt message, sharing a monochrome portrait and writing, "Remembering you with love always. Happy birthday Mamayya!" Krishna, born Ghattamaneni Siva Rama Krishna Murthy, remains one of the most influential figures in Telugu cinema. During a remarkable career spanning over five decades, he acted in more than 350 films and introduced several technological innovations to the industry. His notable films include *Gudachari 116*, *Alluri Seetarama Raju*, *Mosagallaku Mosagadu* and *Simhasanam*. Fondly known as "Superstar Krishna," he passed away in November 2022 following a cardiac arrest, leaving behind a lasting legacy in Telugu cinema. His birth anniversary continues to be observed by fans and family members with affection and respect.



Kareena Enters Padel Era

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has embraced a new fitness trend, revealing her latest passion for padel and calling it her "padel era." Sharing glimpses from a recent session on social media, Kareena posted photos from a padel court with a racket in hand. Reposting images shared by celebrity fitness trainer Anshuka Parwani, she captioned them, "Never say Never," along with playful emojis and a heart symbol. Dressed in workout gear, Kareena appeared energized after the session, signaling a fresh addition to her fitness routine. Known for her dedication to yoga and wellness, the actress frequently shares workout updates with fans. Despite her fitness-conscious lifestyle, Kareena has often described herself as a foodie and has repeatedly said that simple dal khichdi remains her favorite comfort food. Kareena's fitness journey gained widespread attention during the making of *Tashan*.



Common People Are Nation Builders: Kangana

Actress and politician Kangana Ranaut has said that ordinary working people are the real "Bharat Bhagya Vidhata" (makers of India's destiny), as they keep the country and society functioning through their daily efforts. Speaking about her upcoming film, Kangana pointed out that if nurses stop working, schools remain closed, railway staff stay away, sanitation workers halt services, or cinema employees take leave, the entire system would come to a standstill. She questioned why such indispensable citizens are referred to as "common people," saying they are, in fact, the true strength of the nation. According to Kangana, these individuals contribute every day to the smooth functioning of society and deserve recognition as the real architects of the country's progress. The film is written and directed by Manoj Tapadia and is backed by Pen Studios in association with Manikarnika Films, Eunoia Films LLP, Paramhans Creations and Floating Rocks Entertainment. The movie will be distributed by Pen Marudhar and is scheduled for a theatrical release on June 12, 2026.

Malayalam Too Tough: Janhvi

Actress Janhvi Kapoor has admitted that learning Malayalam was challenging and said she is unsure if she would attempt acting in the language again. Speaking about working in different languages, Janhvi said she would love to learn more languages but found Malayalam particularly difficult. "It's such a beautiful and sweet language, but I don't think I should attempt Malayalam again because it's too difficult for me," she said. The actress added that she feels more comfortable with Telugu and Tamil due to her familiarity with their sounds and pronunciation. After making her Telugu debut with *Devara: Part 1*, Janhvi said she is enjoying her journey in Tollywood and is also interested in exploring Tamil in the future. Janhvi will next be seen in *Peddi*, directed by Buchi Babu Sana and starring Ram Charan, Jagapathi Babu, Shiva Rajkumar and Boman Irani. The film is scheduled for release on June 4.

