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Tesla in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Tesla has strengthened its presence in India by opening its fifth Experience Centre in Hyderabad's HITEC City, offering customers an opportunity to explore the newly launched 2026 Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive and Model Y L. The new facility provides guided walk-throughs and interactive demonstrations by Tesla Advisors, allowing visitors to learn about the company's electric vehicle technology, safety systems, performance features and

design philosophy. Tesla has also started delivery and after-sales services from its Bollaram Industrial Area facility to support customers across Telangana. Both the 2026 Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive and Model Y L are now available for booking through Tesla's official website. Buyers who place orders before June 30, 2026, will receive a complimentary Wall Connector for home charging. The Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive is priced at ₹50.89 lakh in India and

offers a WLTP-certified range of up to 500 km, seating for five, up to 2,138 litres of storage and a 0-100 km/h sprint in 5.9 seconds. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in July 2026. Meanwhile, the Model Y L is positioned as a family-focused all-wheel-drive SUV with a claimed range of up to 681 km (WLTP), acceleration from 0-100 km/h in five seconds and cargo capacity of up to 2,539 litres. Tesla said both models have earned top safety ratings from leading agencies.

CAG: Karnataka, MP and TN Lead in Subsidy Spending

New Delhi: A latest report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has revealed that Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab are among the highest subsidy-spending states in the country, with subsidies accounting for more than 13.5% of their total expenditure in 2024-25. According to the report, state subsidy spending has nearly tripled over the past decade, rising from around ₹1.4 lakh crore in 2015-16 to almost ₹4.4 lakh crore in 2024-25 across 28 states. During the same period, overall state expenditure increased by 2.3 times. Energy-related subsidies, primarily for electricity, made up the largest share at 43% of total subsidy spending, followed by agriculture-related support, including price assistance, loan waivers, fertilisers and seeds, which accounted for 30%. Rajasthan recorded the highest power subsidy in both absolute and percentage terms, followed by Karnataka. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan together contributed nearly ₹2.3 lakh crore, or 54% of all state subsidies. The report also highlighted wide disparities among states. While six states spent more than 10% of their budgets on subsidies, several northeastern states-including Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura and Assam-allocated less than 1%. States such as Kerala, Mizoram, Uttarakhand and Manipur also maintained relatively low subsidy levels, largely due to smaller consumer bases and limited industrial and irrigation activity.

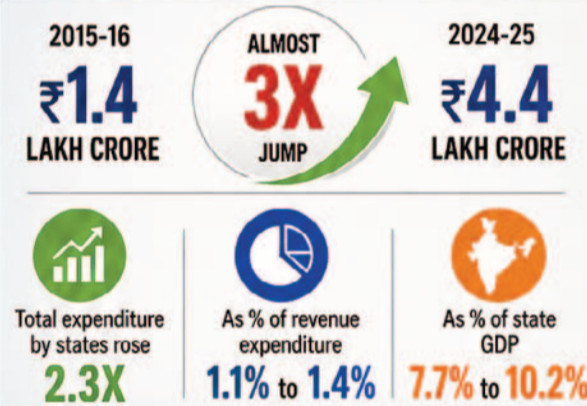
CAG REPORT ON STATE FINANCES

KARNATAKA, MP & TAMIL NADU TOP DOLE GIVERS

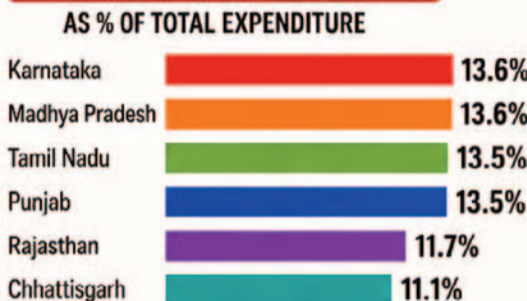
Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab spend over 13.5% of their total expenditure on subsidies in 2024-25, says CAG report.



SUBSIDY SPENDING NEARLY TRIPLES IN A DECADE

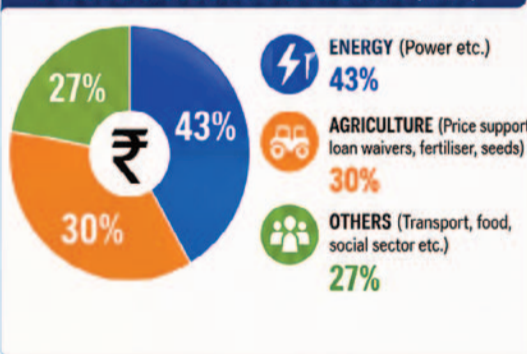


TOP SUBSIDY SPENDERS (2024-25)

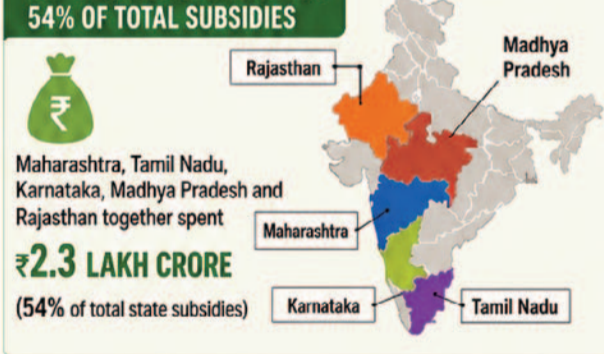


Six states spend over 10% of their budgets on subsidies, while six states spend under 1%.

WHERE DO SUBSIDY RUPEES GO? (FY25)



TOP 5 STATES CONTRIBUTED 54% OF TOTAL SUBSIDIES



STATES WITH LOWEST SUBSIDY SPENDING (<1% OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE)

- Arunachal Pradesh
- Sikkim
- Nagaland
- Meghalaya
- Tripura
- Assam

WHY LOW IN THESE STATES?

Smaller consumer bases, limited industrial and irrigation activity. Subsidies are mainly directed towards transport, food and social-sector support rather than energy or agriculture.

Source: CAG Report on State Finances for 2024-25

PIB Debunks Fake 'Operation Sindoor 2.0' Letter

New Delhi: The Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check unit has dismissed as fake a viral letter circulating on social media that falsely claimed to have been issued by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh regarding preparations for "Operation Sindoor 2.0." In a statement posted on X, PIB Fact Check clarified that neither the Defence Secretary nor the Ministry of Defence had released any such document. It urged the public not to fall for misinformation and to rely only on official government sources for verified information. The fabricated letter, titled "Operation Sindoor 2.0: Prime Minister's Directive, Strategic Intent," was widely shared online. PIB confirmed that the document had no connection with the Ministry of Defence and warned citizens against spreading unverified content. The agency also encouraged users to report suspicious government-related messages, photos or videos for verification through its official fact-checking channels.

Modi Calls for New Global Trade

Paris: Addressing the G7 Summit Outreach Session in Evian, France, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for stronger international cooperation to protect developing nations from the economic shocks caused by global crises and proposed a new initiative to boost connectivity and trade. Highlighting the impact of disruptions in fuel, fertiliser and food supply chains due to the ongoing West Asia crisis, the Prime Minister said countries of the Global South should not be left to bear the burden alone. He urged international financial institutions to create mechanisms that help vulnerable economies maintain resilience during such disruptions. PM Modi also proposed the creation of an International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade (IMPACT). The initiative, inspired by the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), would combine G7 investment, India's skilled workforce and the participation of developing nations to expand connectivity projects in regions such as Africa, Latin America.

Revanth Announces Public School in Every Assembly

Ranga Reddy, June 17 : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that a Telangana Public School (TPS) will be established in every Assembly constituency to provide quality education and strengthen the state's public education system. Inaugurating the newly built Telangana Public School at Arutla in Ranga Reddy district, the Chief Minister said the future of the state lies in classrooms and that the government is committed to offering modern educational facilities to all students. Built at a cost of ₹15 crore, the Arutla campus features digital classrooms, laboratories, a library, a modern kitchen and dining hall. Revanth Reddy said the initiative aims to benefit nearly 27 lakh students studying in government schools across Telangana. He highlighted that 1,814 students have already enrolled at the Arutla school, making it necessary to display a "No Admission" board due to overwhelming demand. The Chief Minister also stressed the importance of sports alongside academics, stating that Telangana Public Schools will nurture athletic talent and support the state's long-term goal of producing international-level sportspersons. He noted that the government has established the Young India Sports University and launched sports training programmes in schools. Reiterating the government's focus on education, Revanth Reddy said Telangana spends around ₹27,000 crore annually on the sector and is also strengthening government schools through initiatives such as free breakfast, midday meals, quality uniforms, education kits and the establishment of Young India Integrated Residential Schools and the Young India Skills University.



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EDITORIAL

Football World Cup:
A Global Celebration

The FIFA World Cup is not merely a sporting tournament; it is one of the greatest celebrations of human passion, unity and excellence. Every four years, the world pauses to witness nations compete not with weapons or hostility but with talent, teamwork and determination on a football field. From crowded stadiums to village squares and living rooms across continents, billions of people are united by a single emotion—the love of the beautiful game. The 2026 FIFA World Cup, with its expanded format and wider global participation, reflects the growing popularity of football across regions and cultures. It offers smaller footballing nations a chance to dream big while giving established powers another opportunity to showcase their legacy. The tournament demonstrates that success is built not only on star players but also on discipline, planning and collective effort. Football's appeal lies in its simplicity. A ball, a field and determination are often enough to inspire greatness. Young players from humble backgrounds have transformed themselves into global icons through hard work and perseverance. Their journeys motivate millions of children to pursue their dreams regardless of economic or social barriers. Beyond sport, the World Cup generates significant economic and cultural benefits. Host countries witness investments in infrastructure, tourism, hospitality and technology, while local businesses gain global exposure. The event also promotes cultural exchange as fans from different nations celebrate together, proving that sport can bridge differences in language, religion and politics. However, the tournament also reminds governments and sporting bodies of their responsibilities. Sustainable infrastructure, transparent governance, environmental protection and affordable access for fans should remain priorities. Commercial success must not overshadow the spirit of fair play and inclusivity that defines football. For countries like India, where football's popularity is steadily increasing, the World Cup serves as both entertainment and inspiration. While cricket dominates the sporting landscape, football has the potential to expand opportunities for youth development, grassroots participation and international competitiveness. Greater investment in coaching, academies and school-level competitions could help nurture future talent capable of representing the nation on the global stage. Ultimately, the FIFA World Cup is a celebration of resilience, teamwork and hope. Every goal scored and every upset victory reinforces the belief that dedication can overcome limitations. In an increasingly divided world, football continues to offer a rare platform where people cheer together, celebrate together and dream together. That enduring ability to unite humanity is what makes the World Cup far more than a tournament.

India's Growing Climate Contradiction



India is increasingly witnessing a troubling paradox: villages struggle with severe drought while cities are submerged after a few hours of rain. This contrast is no longer an occasional phenomenon but a recurring reality that exposes deep flaws in the country's approach to water management, urban planning and climate resilience. In one part of the nation, farmers anxiously scan the skies for rain that never arrives; in another, commuters wade through flooded streets and homes are inundated despite receiving only moderate rainfall. The problem is not merely one of nature but also of governance and planning. Climate change has undoubtedly altered rainfall patterns, making monsoons more erratic and intense. Instead of steady showers spread over weeks, many regions now experience short bursts of extremely heavy rain followed by prolonged dry spells. This uneven distribution creates two simultaneous crises: water scarcity in rural areas and flash floods in urban centres. For millions of farmers, delayed or deficient rainfall means crop failure, mounting debt and uncertainty about the future. Agriculture in large parts of India still depends heavily on monsoon rains rather than assured irrigation. Reservoirs dry up, groundwater levels continue to decline and drinking water shortages become routine in many villages. Livestock suffers, migration to cities increases and rural economies weaken further. Ironically, the cities

that attract these migrants are themselves struggling to cope with water. Metropolitan areas like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi have repeatedly experienced severe urban flooding in recent years. Roads turn into rivers, public transport comes to a standstill, businesses shut down and emergency services are stretched thin. Yet only weeks later, many of these same cities face water shortages, relying on tanker supplies or distant reservoirs. This contradiction stems largely from poor planning. Natural lakes, wetlands and drainage channels that once absorbed excess rainwater have been encroached upon for housing projects, commercial complexes and roads. Stormwater drains are often clogged with waste or are too narrow to handle intense rainfall. As concrete replaces open land, rainwater has nowhere to percolate into the soil and instead rushes across paved surfaces, causing floods. The depletion of groundwater compounds the crisis. In villages, excessive extraction without adequate recharge has lowered water tables to alarming depths. In cities, rapid construction prevents rainwater from replenishing underground aquifers. Consequently, India experiences both floods and droughts within the same hydrological cycle—a clear indication that water is being poorly managed rather than inadequately supplied. Experts have long argued that rainwater harvesting, watershed development and restoration of traditional water bodies

should become national priorities. Ancient India possessed sophisticated systems of tanks, ponds, stepwells and canals that captured seasonal rainfall and sustained communities through dry periods. Many of these structures have fallen into neglect despite their proven effectiveness. Reviving them could significantly improve water security. Urban planning also requires urgent reform. Municipal authorities must protect wetlands, enforce zoning regulations and prevent construction on floodplains. Drainage infrastructure should be upgraded to account for changing rainfall patterns rather than outdated assumptions. Smart city initiatives should integrate climate adaptation measures instead of focusing solely on roads and buildings. Equally important is sustainable agricultural policy. Encouraging micro-irrigation, crop diversification and water-efficient farming practices can reduce pressure on scarce resources. Farmers need timely weather forecasts, improved insurance coverage and scientific support to adapt to changing climatic conditions. Investment in irrigation infrastructure should complement efforts to conserve groundwater rather than encourage excessive extraction. Public participation remains another missing piece of the puzzle. Water conservation cannot be achieved by governments alone. Citizens, industries, resident welfare associations and educational institutions all have roles to play in reducing waste, harvesting rainwater and protecting

local ecosystems. Awareness campaigns should move beyond slogans and inspire behavioural change. Technology can also offer valuable solutions. Satellite monitoring, artificial intelligence and advanced weather forecasting can improve flood prediction and drought preparedness. Data-driven reservoir management and real-time drainage monitoring can minimise disaster risks. However, technology must support, not replace, sound policy and effective governance. The economic cost of ignoring these issues is enormous. Floods damage infrastructure, disrupt commerce and require expensive rehabilitation efforts. Droughts reduce agricultural output, increase food prices and strain government finances through relief measures. Beyond economics lies the human cost—families displaced, livelihoods destroyed and vulnerable communities pushed deeper into poverty. India's aspiration to become a developed nation cannot be realised without addressing this water paradox. The challenge demands coordination among central and state governments, urban planners, environmental experts and local communities. Policies should be based on long-term sustainability rather than short-term political considerations. The image of parched villages waiting for rain while nearby cities drown under overflowing drains should serve as a wake-up call. Water is neither inherently scarce nor abundant—it is a resource that must be managed wisely. If India can restore its ecosystems, modernise its infrastructure and adopt climate-resilient planning, it can transform today's crisis into an opportunity for sustainable development. The monsoon should be a season of renewal and prosperity, not one that alternates between despair and destruction. The time has come to recognise that drought and flood are not isolated disasters but two sides of the same challenge. Solving one requires solving the other, through vision, accountability and a commitment to building a water-secure future for both villages and cities.

- Gangadhar Bommakanti

Telangana to Promote
Premium Paddy

The Telangana government has announced plans to encourage farmers to cultivate premium-quality paddy varieties with strong demand in domestic and international markets, aiming to improve farm incomes and ensure consumers have access to fine-quality rice. At a Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting held at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the government remains committed to protecting farmers' interests while strengthening the agricultural economy. He stressed that promoting high-value paddy varieties would benefit both cultivators and consumers. The meeting, attended by Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, reviewed paddy procurement, storage infrastructure, agricultural production and preparations for the upcoming kharif season. The Telangana State Farmers' Commission recommended expanding cultivation of premium rice varieties such as BPT 5204, Telangana Sona (RNR 15048), KNM-1638, Jai Sriram and HMT, citing their strong market demand and higher profitability. The Commission noted that quality seeds are readily available and suggested extensive awareness campaigns across villages to encourage farmers to adopt these varieties. Officials believe large-scale cultivation of premium paddy can significantly enhance farmers' earnings while strengthening Telangana's position in high-value rice markets. The government also reiterated its focus on creating a more profitable and sustainable agricultural sector. The Farmers' Commission, however, expressed concern over the Food Corporation of India's reduced procurement activities, particularly its decision not to purchase boiled rice, stating that this has created challenges for farmers and the rice milling industry in the state.

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Gill's 154 Powers India to ODI Series Win Over Afg

Shubman Gill produced a captain's knock under extremely challenging conditions to guide India to a commanding 170-run victory over Afghanistan in the second ODI at Lucknow, securing his first bilateral ODI series win as skipper. Battling oppressive heat and physical exhaustion, Gill's magnificent 154 laid the foundation for India's massive total and highlighted his growing stature as a leader. After Afghanistan opted to field first, India suffered an early setback with Yashasvi Jaiswal departing cheaply. Rohit Sharma looked in fine touch during his fluent 48 before falling to Rashid Khan. Gill then took complete control of the innings, displaying elegance and authority with the bat while finding an ideal partner in Ishan Kis-

han. The duo stitched together a match-defining 224-run partnership for the third wicket, putting the visitors under relentless pressure.

Kishan rediscovered his best form with a sparkling 125, his first ODI century in nearly three years. His aggressive stroke play perfectly complemented Gill's composed approach as India raced towards a daunting total. Despite suffering from cramps and requiring medical attention on the field, Gill continued to bat through the discomfort, eventually scoring his ninth ODI century and first as India's captain before departing for 154.

India eventually posted an imposing 402 all out in 49.5 overs. Although Afghanistan's

bowlers managed a late comeback through Nangeyalia Kharote and Rashid Khan, the target proved far beyond the visitors' reach. Chasing 403, Afghanistan struggled to build meaningful partnerships and never looked capable of threatening India's total. Rahmanullah Gurbaz made 41 at the top, while Sediqullah Atal showed some resistance, but regular wickets stalled any hopes of a fightback. India's bowlers maintained disciplined pressure throughout the innings, with Arshdeep Singh leading the attack by claiming three wickets.

Washington Sundar and the rest of the bowling unit chipped in effectively as Afghanistan were bowled out for 232 in 44.3 overs, handing

India a comprehensive victory. The contest was played in sweltering conditions, forcing organisers to schedule an additional drinks break as players from both teams battled the extreme heat. Gill himself struggled with cramps during his innings, while Afghanistan's Darwish Rasooli was forced to retire hurt after suffering physical discomfort in the field. With this emphatic win, India took an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. More importantly, the match marked a significant milestone for Shubman Gill, whose composed leadership and outstanding century delivered his maiden ODI series triumph as captain and further strengthened his credentials ahead of future international assignments.



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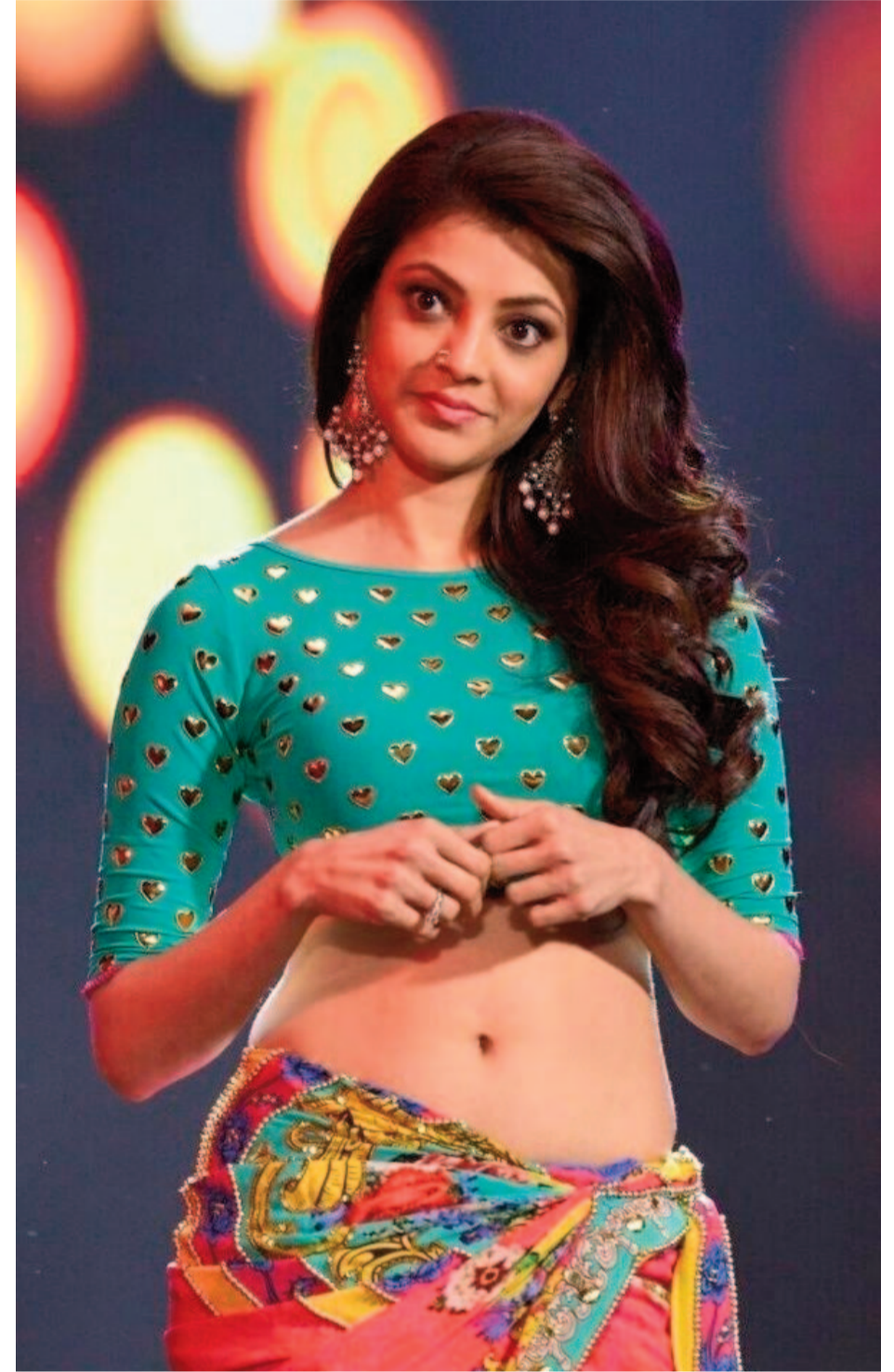




Pragya Jaiswal

kajal aggarwal's film in in trouble

The upcoming film *The India Story: Slow Poison In Progress*, starring Kajal Aggarwal and Shreyas Talpade, has landed in legal trouble after its makers received a legal notice over the film's depiction of India's agricultural sector. Issued on June 15 by advocate Hiranya Pandey on behalf of Agri Business Centre proprietor Bhavesh Sodha, the notice has been served to Zee Studios, MIG Production & Studios LLP, and the film's producers. It alleges that the teaser and promotional material contain misleading, defamatory, and scientifically unverified claims about Indian farming, dairy production, and poultry practices. The complainant argues that the film portrays India's agricultural ecosystem as a source of "slow poison" by linking pesticide use, food adulteration, and rising cancer cases, unfairly damaging the reputation of farmers and allied industries while creating unnecessary public fear. The notice also disputes suggestions that India excessively uses pesticides, claiming that pesticide consumption per hectare is lower than in several other countries. It demands that the filmmakers provide the scientific evidence and research supporting the claims made in the teaser and seeks the immediate removal of promotional content along with revisions to the film before its release.



Rakul Preet: I Don't Want to Be Typecast

Actress Rakul Preet Singh says she is determined to keep challenging herself with diverse roles and does not want to be confined to a particular image on screen. According to the actress, every project should help her grow and reveal a new dimension of her talent. Reflecting on her career, Rakul said she now chooses films that not only connect with audiences but also allow her to evolve as a performer. She believes honesty in storytelling is what leaves a lasting impact and wants to be associated with meaningful stories that resonate with viewers. For Rakul, professional growth matters more than celebrity status. She described appreciation for her work and performances as the greatest reward, adding that stardom is secondary to delivering quality cinema. The actress also shared her thoughts on the influence of social media, saying that while newcomers may be affected by online opinions, actors should learn to tune out the noise. She noted that excessive attention to social media chatter can be distracting and emphasized the importance of staying focused on one's craft instead.



Nora Shares Behind-the-Scenes of 'SIIR SIIR'

Actress and dancer Nora Fatehi has given fans a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the FIFA World Cup song *SIIR SIIR*, saying the track was created with "a lot of heart and soul." Sharing a video on social media, Nora was seen recording the song alongside French singer VegeDream while DJ Sanjoy worked on the music production. She encouraged fans to stream the track and celebrated its connection to the ongoing FIFA World Cup festivities. Nora recently headlined the second opening ceremony in Toronto, where she performed *SIIR SIIR* before football fans from around the world. The event also featured performances by VegeDream, DJ Sanjoy, Jessie Reyez, Alessia Cara and Palestinian artist Elyanna. Earlier, Nora shared moments from the Morocco vs Brazil World Cup match, proudly waving the Moroccan flag and singing the national anthem before kickoff. She also posted photos from the stadium, celebrating her first live World Cup experience. Known for her energetic dance performances, Nora rose to fame through special appearances in Telugu films such as *Temper*, *Baahubali: The Beginning* and *Kick 2*, and has also appeared in Bollywood hits including *Street Dancer 3D* and *Bhuj: The Pride of India*.



Keerthy's Sathyavan Savithiri Set for July 24 Release

The makers of *Sathyavan Savithiri*, a courtroom drama starring Keerthy Suresh and director-actor Mysskin, have announced that the film will release in theatres worldwide on July 24. Sharing the update on social media, the production team unveiled a new poster and confirmed that the legal drama is ready for its global release. Keerthy Suresh also shared the announcement with fans, building anticipation for the film. Directed by Praveen S. Vijay, *Sathyavan Savithiri* revolves around two lawyers played by Keerthy Suresh and Mysskin. According to sources, Mysskin portrays Keerthy's senior advocate, but their professional relationship takes a dramatic turn when they find themselves on opposing sides of a morally complex case. The conflict ultimately changes the course of Keerthy's character's life and forms the heart of the story. The film also features Charukesh, Balasaravanan, Madhusudhanan, Shilpa Manjunath, R. Sundararajan, Brigida, Mala Parvathi and A. Venkatesh in key roles. With filming completed, the project is currently in post-production.

