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₹18,880 Crore PM-KISAN Aid on June 20



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 23rd instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme on June 20 from Tarakeswar in West Bengal, transferring over ₹18,880 crore directly into the bank accounts of more than 9.44 crore farmers across the country. The latest disbursement will also benefit over 2.18 crore women farmers, reinforcing the Centre's commitment to strengthening rural incomes. With this instalment, the total assistance provided under PM-KISAN since its launch in 2019 will cross ₹4.46 lakh crore. Farmers in West Bengal alone are expected to receive over ₹907 crore, benefiting more than 45 lakh eligible recipients. The event will also mark the launch of several agriculture-focused initiatives, including the rollout of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana.

Rythu Bharosa Funds From June 30



Hyderabad, June 18: The Telangana government will begin releasing Rythu Bharosa financial assistance to farmers from June 30, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy set to formally launch the programme at a public meeting in Madhira, Khammam district. The decision was taken during a Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister at the Secretariat on Thursday. According to the government, the funds will be transferred directly into farmers' bank accounts in a phased manner over the next ten days. Under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, eligible farmers receive ₹12,000 per acre annually, with ₹6,000 per acre disbursed each during the Kharif and Rabi seasons to support cultivation expenses. The Cabinet meeting also reviewed several other key issues.

FSSAI Cracks Down on Rusted Knives



New Delhi: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed all food business operators across the country to replace rusted, damaged and non-food-grade knives and cutting equipment, warning that strict action will be taken against those violating safety norms. In a fresh advisory, the food regulator expressed concern over the continued use of rusted, corroded, chipped, painted and broken knives during food preparation and processing. It said such equipment can contaminate food physically, chemically and microbiologically, posing serious health risks to consumers. FSSAI instructed restaurants, hotels, food processing units and other food businesses to use only food-grade, corrosion-resistant knives, blades and cutting tools. It also mandated that these tools be kept in hygienic condition through regular cleaning, sanitisation and sterilisation. The authority directed businesses to immediately remove and replace damaged or unsuitable equipment to prevent contamination. It reminded operators that existing food safety regulations require all food-contact surfaces and utensils to be made of non-toxic and corrosion-resistant materials. The regulator warned that non-compliance could invite penalties under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Commissioners of Food Safety in states and Union Territories, along with regional officials, have been instructed to closely monitor compliance during inspections and initiate action wherever violations are detected.

RBI Settles Apollo FEMA Case

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has settled alleged violations of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) involving Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd by imposing a compounding amount of ₹17.77 crore, bringing the adjudication proceedings against the company to a close. As part of the order, five company directors and senior officials — including Preetha Reddy, Suneetha Reddy, S.K. Venkatraman, Akhileswaran Krishnan and S.M. Krishnan — have each been directed to pay ₹18 lakh. The action follows a "no objection" from the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which had investigated the matter after receiving information about possible FEMA violations. After completing its probe, the company opted to seek compounding under Section 15 of FEMA, a provision that allows entities to voluntarily admit violations, pay penalties and regularise non-compliance without prolonged litigation.

Speed Kills: Telangana



Hyderabad, June 18: Telangana recorded the steepest increase in road accidents among India's major states in 2024, with crashes rising by 13.5%, far exceeding the national average of 1.5%, according to data released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The state witnessed 25,986 road accidents in 2024, up from 22,903 in 2023, reflecting an increase of more than 3,000 cases in a single year. In contrast, states such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh reported increases of less than 5%. Road fatalities also climbed during the year. Telangana reported 7,900 deaths in road accidents in 2024, a 3.7% rise over the previous year, making it the highest increase among the southern states. Over-speeding continued to be the primary cause, contributing to over 7,500 accidents and 2,760 deaths. Officials from the Road Transport Authority (RTA) attributed part of the increase to improved reporting practices, stating that even minor accidents are now being systematically recorded by the police, resulting in more

comprehensive data collection. To address the growing concern, the government has constituted district-level road safety committees focusing on engineering improvements, stricter enforcement, public awareness and faster emergency response to reduce fatalities. However, road safety experts argue that the surge cannot be explained by better reporting alone. They point to inadequate road engineering, poor signage, inconsistent speed limits and outdated traffic management systems as key factors behind the rising accident numbers. Experts have also called for scientific studies to determine appropriate speed limits on highways and major roads. Meanwhile, hit-and-run incidents remain a major challenge. Official figures show that 874 people died in hit-and-run accidents in

TELANGANA TOPS MAJOR STATES IN ROAD ACCIDENT SURGE

Crash rate up 13.5% in 2024, far above national average of 1.5%

Category	2024 Data	2023 Data	% Change
Road Accidents	25,986	22,903	13.5%
Fatalities	7,900	7,618	3.7%
Over-speeding major cause	7,500+	-	-
Deaths from over-speeding	2,760	-	-
Accident rate surge in 2024	13.5%	-	-
All India average	1.5%	-	-

RISE IN ROAD ACCIDENTS IN MAJOR STATES (2024)

State	% increase over 2023
Telangana	13.5%
Maharashtra	4.6%
Tamil Nadu	4.2%
Karnataka	3.6%
Madhya Pradesh	2.1%
All India Average	1.5%

YEAR-WISE ROAD ACCIDENTS IN TELANGANA

Year	Road Accidents
2020	16,796
2021	18,366
2022	19,948
2023	22,903
2024	25,986

KEY TAKEAWAY

- Over-speeding is the leading cause
- Infrastructure gaps, poor signage, inconsistent speed limits increase risks
- Stronger enforcement and scientific speed management needed
- Safer roads require engineering, enforcement, education and faster emergency response

RISING CONCERNS: HIT-AND-RUN & OTHER DEADLY CRASHES

Category	2024 Data	2023 Data
Hit-and-run fatalities	874	775
People killed in hit-and-run incidents (2022-2024)	2,500+	-
Hit-and-run cases reported in 2024	2,400	-
Rear-end & side-impact collisions	8,200	-
Such accidents in 2024	8,200	-
Lives lost	~2,000	-
Collisions involving parked vehicles	120-140	-
Deaths in 2024	120-140	-

Officials say improved reporting of even minor accidents has contributed to higher numbers. Government has set up district road safety committees focusing on the 4 Es: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response

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India Moves Closer to Thorium Power: Modi

Paris: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said India is moving closer to harnessing its vast thorium reserves for nuclear energy, highlighting the recent achievement of criticality in the country's prototype fast breeder reactor as a major milestone in its three-stage nuclear power programme. Speaking at the 10th edition of VivaTech in Paris, Modi said the development strengthens India's long-term vision of using thorium as a clean and strategic energy source. He also stressed that technology should benefit everyone, remarking that for India, "AI means All Inclusive." The Prime Minister showcased India's rapid technological progress, pointing to achievements in digital payments, space exploration, artificial in-



telligence and innovation. He noted that India now has more than two lakh startups and one of the world's most vibrant technology ecosystems. Inviting global investors and entrepreneurs to partner with India, Modi said the government is simplifying regulations and

supporting innovation through targeted incentives while encouraging startups and private enterprises to drive growth. Highlighting India's digital transformation, he said technologies such as UPI, DigiLocker and other public digital platforms are improving finan-

cial inclusion and public services at scale. He also underlined India's success in becoming the first nation to land near the Moon's south pole. On India-Europe ties, Modi said the recently concluded India-EU Free Trade Agreement would boost trade, investment, technology exchange and tourism. He also praised growing collaboration between Indian and French innovation ecosystems, calling France an important bridge connecting India with Europe's technology landscape. Ahead of the event, the Prime Minister met senior executives from leading French companies to discuss expanding investments and cooperation in sectors including logistics, railways, construction and artificial intelligence.

EDITORIAL

Road Safety Crisis

India's highways are expanding, cities are building flyovers, and vehicles are becoming more advanced than ever before. Yet, despite these signs of progress, road traffic fatalities continue to rise at an alarming rate. Every statistic represents a life lost, a family shattered, and a preventable tragedy that imposes a heavy social and economic cost on the nation. The persistence of this crisis raises an important question: why are deaths on our roads still increasing? The answer lies in a combination of human behavior, weak enforcement, inadequate infrastructure, and delayed emergency response. Speeding remains one of the leading causes of fatal crashes, while distracted driving, drunk driving, and failure to wear helmets or seat belts continue to claim thousands of lives each year. Traffic laws exist, but inconsistent enforcement often undermines their effectiveness. Many motorists still view road rules as optional rather than essential. Poorly designed intersections, inadequate pedestrian crossings, insufficient street lighting, and the absence of dedicated lanes for cyclists and two-wheelers increase the risk of accidents. In rural areas, roads may lack proper signage or maintenance, while in urban centers, congestion and chaotic traffic patterns create dangerous conditions for all road users.

Equally concerning is the delay in post-crash care. The "golden hour" after an accident is critical for saving lives, yet victims frequently face delays in receiving medical attention due to poor emergency services, traffic congestion, or lack of nearby trauma facilities. Improving ambulance networks and strengthening trauma care could significantly reduce fatalities. Technology offers promising solutions. AI-powered traffic monitoring, automated speed enforcement, intelligent road design, and advanced driver assistance systems can help prevent crashes before they occur. However, technology alone cannot compensate for careless driving or weak governance. Public awareness campaigns, stricter licensing standards, and continuous driver education are equally important. Road safety should not be viewed solely as the responsibility of traffic police or transport departments. It is a shared obligation involving governments, urban planners, vehicle manufacturers, schools, employers, and every citizen who uses the road. Safe behavior must become a social norm rather than a legal compulsion.

Ultimately, reducing traffic fatalities requires a shift from reacting to accidents to preventing them. Better roads, stronger enforcement, faster emergency response, and a culture of responsible driving must work together. Economic growth loses much of its meaning if it comes at the cost of human lives.

AI in Classrooms: Aid or Distraction?

The rapid rise of artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming nearly every sector of society, and education is no exception. From AI-powered tutoring systems and personalized learning platforms to automated grading and content generation, classrooms across the world are beginning to integrate technologies that were once considered futuristic. This shift has sparked an important debate: Is artificial intelligence a valuable educational aid, or is it becoming a distraction that undermines learning? The answer lies not in rejecting AI or embracing it uncritically, but in understanding how it is used. Like calculators, computers, and the internet before it, AI is a tool. Its impact depends on whether it complements human learning or replaces it. One of AI's greatest strengths is its ability to personalize education. Every student learns differently, yet traditional classrooms often follow a one-size-fits-all approach. AI can analyze a learner's strengths and weaknesses, recommend targeted exercises, and provide instant feedback. A student struggling with mathematics can receive additional practice tailored to their needs, while another who excels can move on to more advanced concepts. This individualized approach has the potential to reduce learning gaps and make education more inclusive.

Teachers can also benefit significantly from AI. Administrative tasks

such as grading quizzes, preparing lesson summaries, tracking attendance, and organizing classroom materials consume valuable time. AI tools can automate many of these repetitive responsibilities, allowing educators to focus on mentoring students, encouraging critical thinking, and creating engaging learning experiences. Rather than replacing teachers, AI can free them to perform the aspects of teaching that require empathy, creativity, and human judgment. Moreover, AI can help bridge educational inequalities. In regions where access to quality teachers is limited, intelligent tutoring systems and multilingual educational assistants can provide students with explanations, practice questions, and learning support. For children with disabilities, AI-driven accessibility tools—such as speech recognition, text-to-speech systems, and real-time translation—can make classrooms more inclusive and improve participation.

However, the growing presence of AI in education also raises serious concerns. The most immediate is overdependence. If students rely on AI to write essays, solve problems, or generate project ideas without understanding the underlying concepts, they risk becoming passive consumers rather than active learners. Education is not merely about producing correct answers; it is about developing reasoning, curiosity, communication,

and problem-solving abilities. Excessive dependence on AI could weaken these essential skills. Academic integrity is another challenge. AI-generated assignments blur the line between assistance and plagiarism. Schools and universities will need to redefine assessment methods to emphasize original thinking, oral presentations, collaborative projects, and practical applications rather than assignments that can be easily completed by machines. The goal should not be to ban AI outright but to teach students how to use it responsibly and ethically.

Privacy and data security also deserve careful attention. Many AI-powered educational platforms collect large amounts of student data, including learning patterns, performance metrics, and personal information. Without robust safeguards, such data could be misused or exposed through security breaches. Governments, educational institutions, and technology providers must establish clear standards for transparency, consent, and data protection. There is also the risk of widening the digital divide. While well-funded schools may adopt sophisticated AI tools, under-resourced institutions could struggle with inadequate internet connectivity, outdated devices, or limited digital literacy. If policymakers fail to ensure equitable access, AI could deepen educational inequalities rather than reduce them.

Perhaps the most important

limitation of AI is that it cannot replicate the human aspects of teaching. A teacher recognizes when a child is anxious, encourages a hesitant student to participate, mediates conflicts, and inspires confidence through personal interaction. These emotional and social dimensions are fundamental to education and remain beyond the capabilities of algorithms. AI can deliver information efficiently, but it cannot replace mentorship, moral guidance, or the trust built between teachers and students. To harness AI effectively, education systems must adopt balanced policies. Students should be taught AI literacy alongside digital literacy, learning not only how to use these tools but also how to question their outputs, identify biases, verify facts, and think independently. Teachers should receive training to integrate AI into lesson planning without allowing it to dominate the classroom. Assessment systems should evolve to reward creativity, analytical reasoning, and real-world application. Artificial intelligence is neither a miracle solution nor an existential threat to education. It is a powerful technology whose value depends on thoughtful implementation. Used wisely, it can make learning more personalized, accessible, and efficient.



- Vinod Kumar,
Tech Expert,
Hyderabad

Smart Seed Coating Boosts Yields by 30%

Hyderabad: Scientists at ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research have developed a biopolymer-based Smart Seed Coating Technology that can increase crop yields by up to 30% while improving seed quality and resilience against environmental stress. Field demonstrations in Telangana showed that coated groundnut and soybean seeds produced nearly 30% higher yields compared to conventional farming practices. Multi-location trials across crops such as maize, chickpea, cotton, mustard, pigeon pea, and soybean recorded productivity gains ranging from 12% to



37%. The patented technology uses biodegradable biopolymers to create a protective layer around seeds. This coating delivers bene-

ficial microbes, nutrients, micronutrients, crop protection agents, and plant growth promoters directly to the seed, encouraging

faster germination, stronger roots, and healthier seedlings. Researchers say the innovation is particularly valuable for rainfed agriculture, helping crops withstand drought, erratic rainfall, temperature extremes, pests, and diseases during the critical early growth stages. The technology can be adapted for a wide range of crops, including cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds, vegetables, spices, fibre crops, and horticultural produce. Scientists are now working with public and private seed agencies to promote large-scale adoption and improve farm productivity across the country.

IIT Delhi Tops India in QS Rankings

New Delhi: The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has emerged as India's highest-ranked institution in the QS World University Rankings 2027, climbing to 118th place globally, an improvement from



123rd in the previous edition. The latest rankings also reflect the growing international standing of Indian higher education, with 52 Indian institutions making it to the list and 13 universities securing positions among the world's top 550. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan hailed the achievement, saying it demonstrates the expanding global footprint of India's academic ecosystem. He credited reforms under the National Education Policy 2020 for fostering multidisciplinary learning, research, innovation, and international collaboration. IIT Delhi's improved ranking is attributed to its strong performance in research, academic excellence, industry partnerships, and innovation-focused initiatives. The institute has consistently strengthened its reputation as one of India's premier centres for higher education and technological advancement. The government believes that sustained investments in research, faculty development, and global engagement will help more Indian institutions achieve higher international rankings and support the vision of making India a global knowledge hub by 2047.

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Kane Stars in England Win

Captain Harry Kane scored twice as England defeated Croatia 4-2 in a thrilling FIFA World Cup 2026 Group L clash in Dallas, with the striker equalling the national record for World Cup goals. Kane's brace took his tally to 10 World Cup goals, matching the mark set by Gary Lineker. His first came from the penalty spot after a video review ordered a retake, while his second was a powerful header from a Declan Rice corner. Croatia twice fought back in the first half through Martin Baturina and Petar Musa, with Musa equalising just before the break to make it 2-2. England regained control immediately after half-time when Jude Bellingham finished off a long pass with a composed strike. Marcus Rashford sealed the victory late in the match with the fourth goal. Reflecting on the performance, Kane praised the impact of manager Thomas Tuchel's halftime team talk, which helped England respond strongly after conceding the late first-half equaliser. The victory gives England a strong start in the tournament, with Kane continuing his prolific international form and extending his overall England goal tally to 81. England will next face Ghana in their second group match, while Croatia takes on Panama.

India Shock Germany



Indian men's hockey team registered a memorable 3-1 victory over world champions Germany in the FIH Pro League in Rotterdam, ending a frustrating run of nine matches without a win. India produced an impressive all-round performance, with Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Nilakanta Sharma finding the net to secure the much-needed triumph. The team showcased disciplined defending, swift passing, and clinical finishing to outplay the top-ranked Germans. The match was also a landmark occasion for Manpreet Singh, who made his 413th international appearance, surpassing Dilip Tirkey to become India's most-capped men's hockey player. Despite the victory, India remain eighth in the FIH Pro League standings with seven points from 10 matches. The team will face Germany again in the return fixture before taking on the Netherlands, Pakistan, and England in the remaining league matches. FIH Pro League champions earn direct qualification for the LA 2028 Olympics, while team finishing last faces relegation to the FIH.

Switzerland crush Bosnia



Switzerland moved to the top of Group B after a Johan Manzambi-inspired victory over ten-man Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Freiburg star struck twice in a goal-laden second half as the Swiss followed up their opening-match draw against Qatar with an impressive and ultimately deserved victory. After a forgettable first period, the match burst into life after the interval when Manzambi came off the bench to crash home an unstoppable first-time strike. Fellow substitute Ruben Vargas doubled their advantage with a smart right-footed finish before setting up Manzambi to settle the outcome and put himself in the adidas Golden Boot picture. The Bosnians, who had lost Tarik Muharemovic to a red card for a professional foul on Breel Embolo, pulled a goal back in stoppage time with a ferocious Ermin Mahmic strike. There was no hope of a comeback, though, and Switzerland captain Granit Xhaka restored their three-goal cushion as time ticked down with a coolly dispatched penalty.

Neymar Ruled Out of Brazil's Haiti Clash

Brazil star Neymar will miss his country's second group-stage match against Haiti at the 2026 FIFA World Cup as he continues recovering from a calf injury. The 34-year-old forward, who recently resumed training with the national team, was also absent from Brazil's opening 1-1 draw against Morocco. Although head coach Carlo Ancelotti had expressed hope that Neymar could feature against Haiti, the coaching staff has opted not to rush his return. According to the Brazilian Football Confederation, Neymar will remain in New Jersey to complete the final phase of his rehabilitation instead of traveling with the squad to Philadelphia. The veteran striker suffered a right calf injury in late May and has struggled with fitness throughout the year, making only limited appearances for his club, Santos FC. He has not represented Brazil in an international match since October 2023. Brazil's medical staff is prioritizing Neymar's long-term fitness to ensure he is available for the later stages of the tournament. The five-time world champions are scheduled to face Scotland in their final group-stage fixture on June 24.



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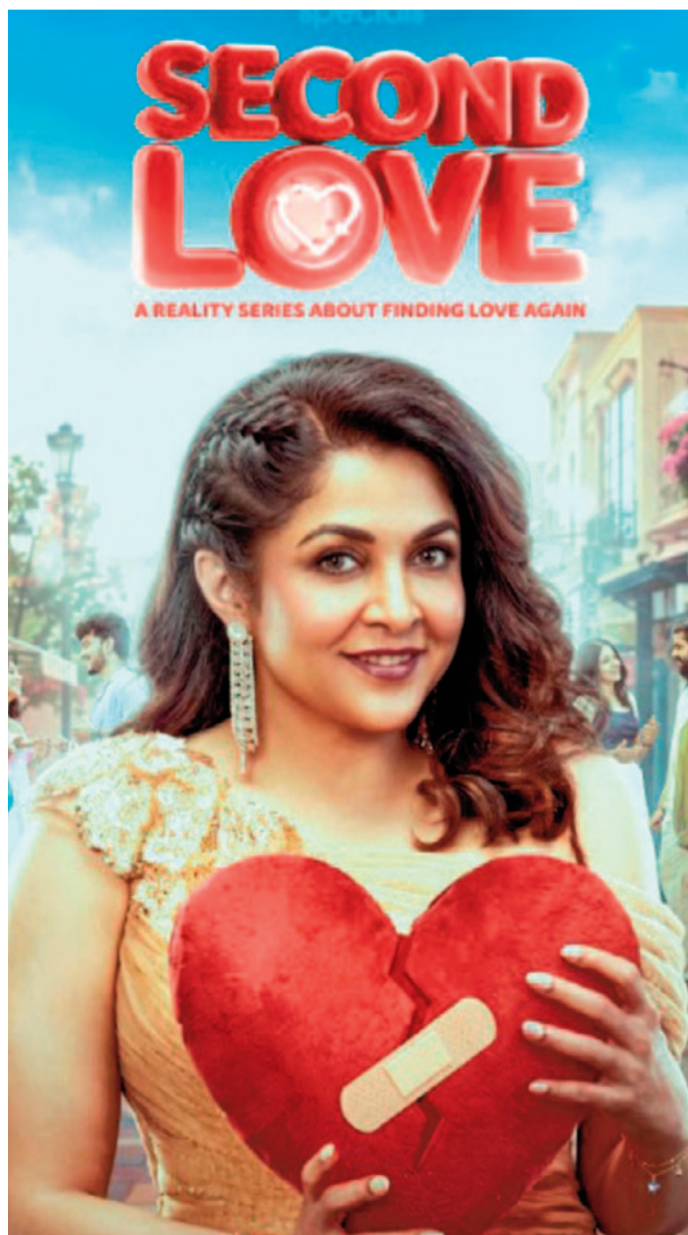
Big B Makes Time for FIFA



Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan humorously remarked that 24 hours in a day are not enough and joked that it should be extended to 36 hours to fit everything he wants to do. Despite his busy schedule, he said he still found time to enjoy football, referring to the FIFA World Cup match between Portugal and Congo. Sharing his thoughts on his blog, Bachchan reflected on the constant race against time before ending on a light-hearted note about watching "the game played with the feet." He also posted a playful message on social media celebrating the excitement of the match. On the professional front, the legendary actor is currently working on the sequel to Kalki 2898 AD alongside Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan, and Disha Patani.

Ramya Krishnan to Host 'Second Love'

Ramya Krishnan is set to host the upcoming Tamil dating reality show *Second Love*, which will stream on JioHotstar. The show revolves around the idea of giving love a second chance and follows 12 contestants who have experienced heartbreak and failed relationships. Designed as an emotional journey, the participants will engage in conversations, challenges and shared experiences as they attempt to heal from their past and explore the possibility of building new relationships. She will guide them through the process, offering support and perspective as they navigate personal emotions and fresh connections. The makers unveiled the show with a poster featuring Ramya holding a bandaged heart, symbolising healing and hope, along with the tagline "One more chance. One more love story." While official premiere date is yet to be announced.



Anil Ravipudi-Venky-Kalyan Ram's New Film Launched

Director Anil Ravipudi's much-awaited multi-starrer featuring Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram officially commenced with a traditional pooja ceremony in Hyderabad on Thursday. The project, tentatively titled #VenkyAnil5 - #NKRAR2, was launched in the presence of several film industry dignitaries, with veteran producer Allu Aravind giving the ceremonial first clap. The makers

also confirmed that actresses Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty have joined the cast, adding further excitement around the film. National Award-winning composer G.V. Prakash Kumar has been roped in to score the music, marking his first collaboration with Anil Ravipudi. This film marks Ravipudi's fifth association with Venkatesh after successful entertainers like F2, F3 and Sankranthi Vasthunnam, while reuniting with Kalyan Ram

after the blockbuster Pataas. Sources indicate that the story blends humour, emotions and family entertainment in the director's trademark style. Designed as a wholesome festive entertainer, the film is expected to bring together the Daggubati and Nandamuri stars in a fresh narrative aimed at audiences of all age groups. The shooting is set to begin shortly, with the makers targeting a grand Sankranti 2027 release.

Kriti Opens Up About 'Cocktail 2' Role



Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon has revealed that the free-spirited character of Ally was the biggest reason she agreed to star in *Cocktail 2*. Speaking at the film's song launch, Kriti said she was looking for a light-hearted, youthful project after working on intense and action-oriented films. According to the actress, the story immediately stood out because of its fresh narrative and well-developed characters. She described Ally as carefree, liberated and completely different from her real-life personality, making the role both exciting and challenging to portray. Kriti added that she enjoyed stepping into the shoes of a character who embraces life without inhibitions and felt the film offered audiences a refreshing take on modern relationships. She also noted that all three lead characters have distinct emotional journeys that make the story engaging. Directed by Homi Adajania, *Cocktail 2* stars Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna in lead roles. Kriti's bohemian-inspired styling and vibrant screen presence have already generated buzz ahead of the film's theatrical release on June 19.

Kerala Story 2 Faces HC Notice

The Kerala High Court has issued a notice to the producer of *Kerala Story 2* over a petition challenging the film's censor certification and its use of the word "Kerala" in the title. The petitioner contends that the movie portrays the state negatively and could disturb public harmony and damage its image. During the hearing, the court questioned why the petition was filed after the film's theatrical release, noting that it had already been viewed by millions. However, the petitioner argued that the matter remains relevant as the film is yet to be released on digital and television platforms. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) raised questions about whether a private citizen has legal standing to challenge the portrayal of a state in a film. High Court will examine this issue during the final hearing after receiving responses from the producer and the CBFC.

Pretty Zinta Moves Court

Bollywood actress Pretty Zinta has approached the Bombay High Court against online platforms, including Meta and Google, alleging that AI-generated content using her identity has violated her personality rights, copyright and reputation. The court granted her permission to proceed with an injunction suit, observing that it has jurisdiction to hear the matter despite several respondents being based outside Mumbai. In her plea, Pretty claimed that artificially generated images, videos and other digital content featuring her were created and circulated without consent, infringing her moral rights under the Copyright Act, 1957. The case reflects growing concerns over the misuse of artificial intelligence in creating misleading or fabricated celebrity content.

I Find Myself Again: Angelina



Hollywood star Angelina Jolie has shared that the unwavering support of her children helped her rediscover her confidence after a difficult phase in her personal life following her divorce from Brad Pitt. In a recent interview, the actress said she had briefly lost her fighting spirit but is now regaining it, largely because her children encouraged her to embrace life again. Jolie revealed that, with most of her children now nearing adulthood, they want her to travel, explore new opportunities and reconnect with the passions she had set aside. She said their faith in her has given her renewed strength and freedom. The actress also spoke about her upcoming film *Couture*, in which she plays a filmmaker navigating divorce and single parenthood. Director Alice Winocour said Jolie's personal experiences and creative background made her a natural fit for the emotionally layered role.