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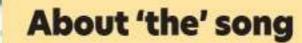
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It's a true blessing for a Bengali like me to see such a heartfelt representation of our music on your feed 😂 💞 Kolkata vich tuhadda swaagat hai!

Diljit turned tourist on Friday, flooding the internet with videos from iconic city locations. But the highlight? His song choice for the first video-Ami Shunechi Sedin Tumi by Moushumi Bhowmik, that won over the internet

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Diljit dil jeet liya



The song for Diljit's Mullick Ghat reel, Ami Shunechi Sheydin Tumi has been the leitmotif of multiple civic movements in Bengal and beyond. Even though Moushumi is not active on social media, she has been flooded with forwards of the video. She says, "This song has caught the imagination of many people over the years, including my friend Harpreet. Diljit may have heard it in Punjab as part of the songs that were in circulation," adding, "Music is universal. I'd like to say 'thank you' that he has listened to it and connected to the city through my song."

Raima Ganguly

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HAILEE STEINFELD ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT TO JOSHUA ALLEN

under a floral arch and surrounded by flowers and candle decorations as Allen went down on one knee to propose to Steinfeld. Allen, who plays for the Buffalo Bills team as part of the National Football League (NFL), shared the news on Instagram.



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ude Law, known for his roles in The Holiday and The Talented Mr Ripley, recently reflected on his early years as an actor, making midbudget films, at the premiere of his upcoming project.

He said, "I feel very lucky that when I came into this business, they were making mid-budget films. And some of those first films that I got to make with people like Anthony (Minghella), looking back now, it's remarkable that we were allowed to get away with that. But it's also an era, it's a type of film and type of storytelling that I think we miss."

Jude Law (also right) with Matt Damon & Gwyn Paltrow in a still from The Talented Mr Ripley

Giving the correct kind of budget and time to stories like that (Anthony Minghella's) is absolutely at the heart of filmmaking

'Amazing to see actresses turning into producers'

adhuri Dixit Nene, who made her debut with *Abodh* in 1984, feels a lot has changed in Bollywood for the better since the '80s and '90s. The actress recalled how movie sets would earlier have only female actors and

their hairdressers. "Women have come a long way, it's always baby steps. When I used to work in the '80s and '90s, the only women on the set used to be me, some of my co-actors or the hairdressers. Today, when I walk in on a set, from the DOP to the ADs, writers and action masters, there are women everywhere.

In the '80s & '90s, the only women on the set used to be me, co-actors, hairdressers. Today, there are women everywhere

I couldn't have imagined they would be in the field, which is amazing, the actress said. "We are also seeing women in action roles, which is amazing. There are a lot of female actors who are turning producers if they want to make their kind of movies, which is also amazing, and more power to them," she shared. PTI

Hawkeye star Hailee Steinfeld is now engaged to her boyfriend, football quarterback Joshua Allen. The post featured the couple standing

Pics: Krishna Divkar Mame Khan performed

at the closing ceremony

IFFI 2024 ends, celebrates India's love for cinema

Indian audience is fully immersed in the emotion of the film: Phillip Noyce

Niharika Lal

ne 55th edition of IFFI concluded on a grand note on Thursday. The acclaimed Indian and international directors, who took the stage and participated in this year's IFFI, spoke highly of the Indian audience.

Shekhar Kapur, the festival director of the 55th IFFI, dedicated the film festival to the audience and said, "We have the largest audience anywhere in the world. We succeed because of our audience. Everywhere I go (in India), all I hear is films, films and films."

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Festival director Shekhar Kapur at the IFFI

closing ceremony in Goa

have the largest audience anywhere in the world. We succeed because of our audience. Everywhere I go (in India), all I hear is films, films and films - Shekhar Kapur



In the world of Australian cinema, we filmmakers owe a debt to Satyajit Ray that goes far beyond any award. His influence continues to guide and inspire us - Phillip Noyce

This year, Australia was the focus country at IFFI and the **NFDC Film Bazaar**

Here's what your point of view was to our POV

Sorry, but this Sidhuism did not land well

Refer: Nov 25, 2024 edition Sorry, but this Sidhuism did not land well: Innovation Guru, the late Steve Jobs was a proponent of 'magical thinking.' According to his biographer Walter Isaacson, Jobs believed that if "you don't want something to exist, you can have magical thinking."...

e idhu, known for his impulsive and emotional statements, has a history of retracting his words after subsequent reflections. It is imperative that he revisits this matter with clarity and responsibility. He should issue a strong public statement emphasizing that remedies like haldi and neem, while beneficial as complementary measures, cannot replace advanced cancer treatments. Such a balanced message would help mitigate any misinformation that might lead others to avoid lifesaving therapies.

> Air Commodore Nrip Kumar Mehta (Retd)

person who has been through the trauma and struggles of watching a loved one recover, who has succeeded in this battle is the best person to comment on this issue. He has not used this platform for marketing any product or making money. The products mentioned by him for curing the disease are all age-old methods used by our ancestors for curing many deadly diseases prevailing during their times.

Following it or not is an individual choice. Qualified doctors may have theoretical and practical knowledge but a person who has experienced and gone through is the best person to share it.

This can in no way be compared with him playing cricket. There are still many excellent players who have not reached the gallery. That doesn't mean

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fruit stores. The team adds, "Dried

cranberries are a great snack on

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are gaining popularity in India

that they are not worthy. - Anandi Nagarai, Chennai

while it is perfectly justified to lambast Sidhu for recommending 'untested' treatments to the general public based on the results they personally enjoyed, it is equally unfair to froth and boil against such disclosures that virtually amounts to issuing an ultimatum to stop!

There are multiple examples where modern medicine too simply failed to save lives, despite the best treatment provided! We cannot ignore the fact that there are hundreds of similar success stories that get the spotlight, precisely because of these kinds of attacks.

- KS Ramakrishnan, Chennai

ancer is a complex and emotionally-charged illness that demands scientific precision in its treatment. While faith, alternative therapies, and lifestyle changes may complement medical treatments, they cannot replace evidence-based care. Sidhu's claim about turmeric and dietary changes curing Stage 4 cancer risks sending a misleading message to desperate patients and their caregivers. Such statements, devoid of empirical validation, can delay life-saving treatments and foster mistrust in professional medical advice.

Public figures hold immense influence over millions of people, and with that comes a responsibility to communicate responsibly. Sharing personal experiences is valid, but endorsing them as universal solutions, especially in matters of health, can have dire consequences.

- Dr Swamy, Hyderabad

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ave never seen 262 doctors coming together to fight a common cause, so well-known to cause cancer like alcohol and smoking. So, this sudden 'unified concern' of the medical fraternity against Sidhu's comment is a bit jarring to the ears of the common man for lack of historical consistency. The cartelization of the drug

industry and medical fraternity is all too well known.

So, it needs to be deeply understood, what exactly has alarmed these 262 unnamed oncologists all belonging to one hospital. The best way to counter him would have been for them to publish a few cases where patients have fully recovered from stage 4 cancer purely on medication with no control over diet. That would have made big pharma play to the gallery, which Mr Sidhu surely did contrary to these claims.

Dibbendu Lahiri, Pune

While natural products like neem and turmeric unden neem and turmeric undeniably offer health benefits, suggesting that these traditional remedies can cure diseases like cancer in place of regulated and scientifically-tested allopathic treatments is highly concerning.

When such claims are shared by celebrities, they risk misleading cancer patients and their caregivers, potentially causing them to avoid standard, evidence-based treatments. This can lead to worsened outcomes and unnecessary suffering. It is crucial for public figures to act responsibly and avoid promoting unverified information on social media.

Asim Shukla, Delhi

amous personalities, whether in films, cricket or religion have a distinct and important role in influencing the common man's perceptions, views and opinions. In such a situation, personalities like Sidhu proclaiming, emphatically and with conviction, on social media that his wife's cancer was cured only by a salt and sugarfree diet is very misleading. - KV Surva Mohan

he post about the self-treatment of his wife is delivering a wrong message to the public. It should be stopped immediately. We as responsible members of Indian Cancer Society have cut him out completely.

Indra Jasuja, Delhi

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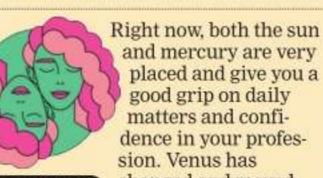
You are gradually moving into that part of the year where you shall soon be rejuvenating your mind, body and soul. You need

to relax a bit to ease the stress. Take enough of sunlight to supplement vitamin D levels. Better recognition is indicated. Reject Monday or Tuesday for important mundane activities as your energy levels are likely to be low. The rest of the week can be used for furthering your material and business interests. A gentle touch can keep an ongoing situation from spiralling out of control. Professional affairs look better.



Venus, your sign lord moves into the ninth house, highlighting travel for the next few weeks, either for work or leisure. There might be some confusion and you might

not know which way to go or how to handle a personal matter. Trust a friend and discuss what is on your mind. Before you know it, you could have many options for how to proceed. Tuesday and Wednesday are difficult days and communications might be misinterpreted or not be fruitful. Thursday to Saturday is a better period for travel and professional meetings and new ventures. Fiery Mars in your third house makes you identify with your beliefs, which is why you might have arguments or lively debates.



dence in your profession. Venus has changed and moved GEMINI into your eight house, which is good for monetary transac-

tions and cash inflows. Monday to Wednesday is a good period for social entertainment, enjoying with your family. Avoid Thursday and Friday for meeting important people or doing important assignments. The more you let go and go with the flow, the more happiness you can find. The more a colleague insists that they can be trusted the more you must be on your guard.



You're bound to focus on your profound needs, the past, finishing important projects, clearing out the deadwood in your life, and doing some soul

CANCER searching. Be careful that you don't make all of your decisions from the head or your ego and ignore your heart in the process. You may be returning to old groups or even friendships, but not all answers lie in the past.



LEISURE

Go slow in the first two days of the week, the rest of the week, you can do as you like. Venus in the sixth house bringing the focus on details and health. Concen-

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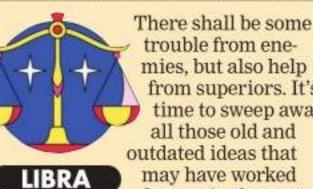
See what the stars have in store for you according to your moon sign.

trate on the essentials and tend to basic matters. Avoid attempting to change program or overthinking basic tasks. Turn to favourite interests that you have either ignored for too long, or even completely abandoned. You may have been too bound up with other people's problems recently, and it could be very valuable to focus once more on what is important to you, rather than to what makes sense to them.



You have every reason to do as you please while pleasure-loving Venus dances through your fifth house of Excitement. You are ready to go along with VIRGO other people's plans before running off to

handle your own. You have a lot going for you, as long as you can relax and be slightly less critical. A meeting could be provocative, leading you to question your present course. Be more creative in how you approach a personal matter. This can be a mentally busy time, even with hints that life is becoming quieter and more comfortable. Some of your plans may not seem like they're coming together, but taking time to iron out details will be rewarding.



trouble from enemies, but also help from superiors. It's time to sweep away all those old and outdated ideas that may have worked

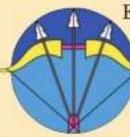
for you in the past but are now holding you back. With Venus moving into your fourth house. this is a good time for renovating your house or even buying a new vehicle due to the Mars-Venus aspects. You will enjoy privacy at home and relax among familiar surroundings. A conversation with a female family member could be significant. This is a good time for you to benefit from the wealth and resources of others. Doors will easily open for you.



Do what you love, be around people who make you laugh and inspire you, hang out with your kids, savour every moment. Get out of your outworn routines and start something fresh

SCORPIO that makes you feel good. The past can look tempting at this time but watch out for an obsessive focus on problems of the past. Take the time to review your feelings,

but don't let them distract you.

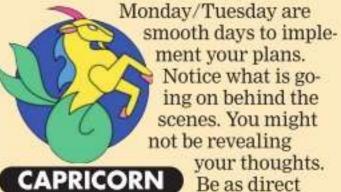


Expect, wealth, awards and family happiness. A good time to buy gems and jewellery. Howev-

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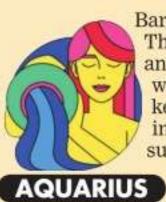
daily contacts, especially related to your job, could be irritating. Something going on behind the scenes roils your peace of mind today. Your temporary satisfaction from mouthing off will be short-lived. Be cool. Pressure might build up

while dealing with a domestic matter. Be prepared to handle what is going on before the situation spins out of control. Opportunities knock on your door and sometimes distract you. Remain aware of what is happening on the homefront.



about a moneyrelated matter as you can be. You are likely to find a difficult situation to be

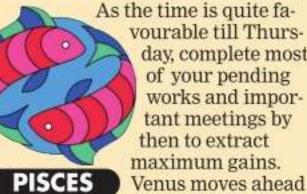
easily resolvable. Your ability to move past obstacles with ease gives you a better grasp of a situation than you have had in a while. Follow your instincts, and you can't go wrong. Understand what needs to happen between you and someone close to you.



Barring Wednesday/ Thursday, this is by and large a relaxed week, plan things keeping this in mind. You are surely on a much

better footing in the professional front. Love matters too look interesting, you might

also make new friends of a much younger age. It will be a good idea to re-charge your emotional batteries ready for what should be a fine start to the coming week. One thing you can say about the recent past is that at least your skills in crisis management have been refined and, in some cases, wrought to perfection. Now you may relax and enjoy any pleasant social encounters.



day, complete most of your pending works and important meetings by then to extract maximum gains. Venus moves ahead

in your eleventh house bringing increased incomes and Mercury too is well placed in the eighth house to bring you good recognition and fame. You might want to seek out some peace and quiet so that you can take a breather. Travel plans appeal, but you also might be busy with home repairs. There will be some fear from enemies as long as Mercury moves in the ninth house.

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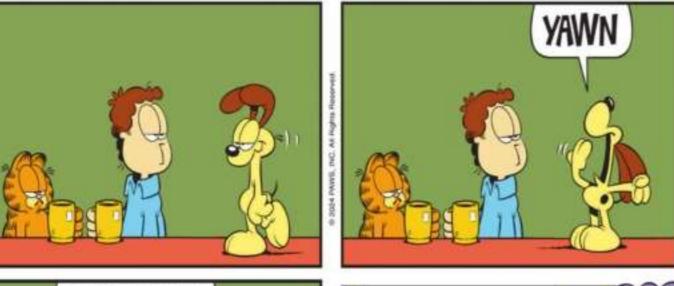


HOW TO PLAY Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row. every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.



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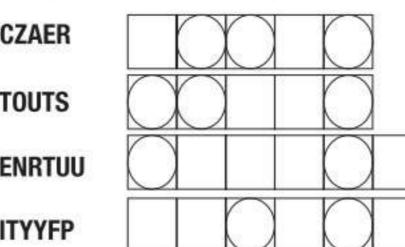




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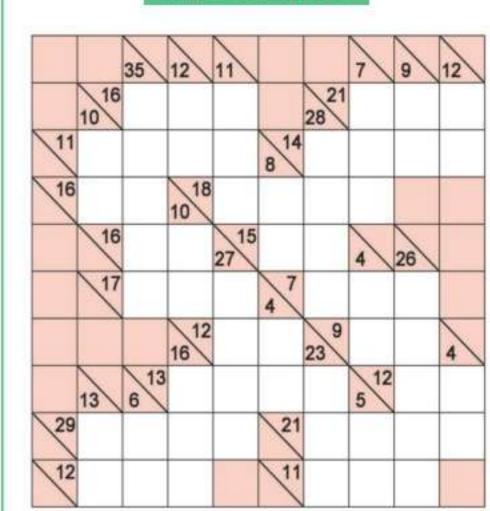
LOOK, ODIE'S RUNNING IN HIS SLEEP!

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words



Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

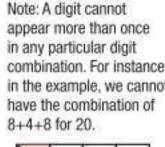
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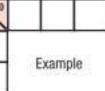


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HOW TO PLAY

The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine.





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more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

How many words of four or

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LOOP THE LOOP

RULES · Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines.

creating a single loop (Fig A). Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).

 Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.

(Fig B) You can't draw lines around

Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three

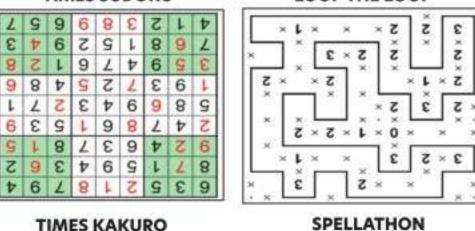
in one direction each. Continue, using the same

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Australian director Phillip Noyce who was honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award, said, "The Indian audience is unlike any other - immersed in the emotion of the film."

Vikrant Massey, who won the Indian Film Personality of the Year, shared advice for newcomers from



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■ Clement Faveau for Holy

Cow was adjudged the

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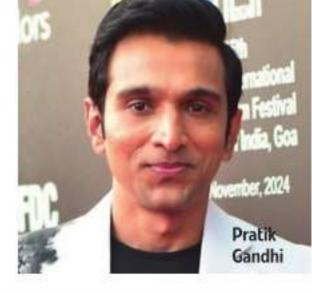


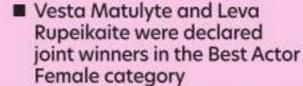
Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Information and **Broadcasting Ministry**

small towns. "Our industry is a spectacular community to be part of. If you work hard, it'll embrace you," he said.

Filmmakers also spoke about how IFFI emphasises on films and humanism of movies. The evening also witnessed performances by Shriya Saran and Amaal Malik, Nikhita Gandhi and Mame Khan.







- Award for Best Debut Feature Film of a Director Sarah Friedland (Familiar Touch)
- Special Jury Award Louise Courvoisier (Holy Cow)
- Best Film Toxic
- ICFT International Film Prize with UNESCO Gandhi Medal to director Levan Akin's Crossing
- Australian director Phillip Noyce was honored with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award







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'I choose the film I want to be a part of, nobody can force me'



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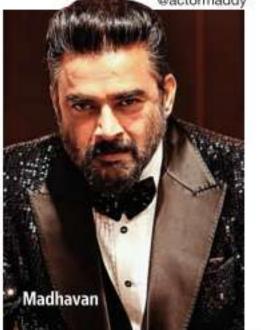
akhee Gulzar attended a press conference at IFFI for her upcoming Bengali film Amar Boss (2024). When asked about her return to films after a long time, she initially refused to comment, saying, "I will not say anything about it."

After repeated questions, she said, "I have not come back. I have not gone anywhere. I am there. I am still in the film industry. My daughter is there, I know who is doing what, who is upcoming, I keep track. But choosing a film to do - I will do that. Nobody can force me. I wanted to do this film; I did it. Usmein aap koi bhi lollipop de do toh nahi chalega - chahe woh paisa ho, chahe woh kuch aur ho, it's not going to work. First, give me the subject. The main important factor is subject."

'For me, new technology was a little difficult'

Sharing one of the reasons she hasn't been doing films, the veteran actress said, "Aur ek darr tha - new technology. Jab main meri beti Meghna (director Meghna Gulzar) ko dekhti hoon - tab mujhe dar lagta hai - main kar sakungi kya? Main uss zamane se hoon jahan director, cameraman, sound recordist and the total unit would be together." She elaborated on how technology has changed, saying, "It's very easy for them, but for me, to digest and take it like that - it was a little difficult."

Maddy reacts to Ajith's return to motor racing



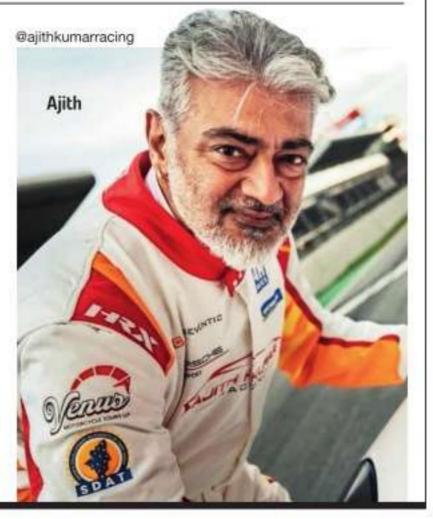
adhavan is all praise for Ajith, as the Vidaamuyarchi actor is set to make his return to professional motor racing. In an Instagram post, Madwrote, "Now this is the team I can't wait to watch on the tracks .. what an unbelievable and incredible man .. He just goes after his dreams, no matter what... (sic)"

Shiboprosad Mukherjee

upcoming film Amar Boss

in a still from the

Ajith will make his 24H Series debut at the 20th edition of the 24H Dubai (January 10-12, 2025) and will be the lead driver of the Ajith Kumar Racing team. He will pilot a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup in the '992' class, and, will next mount a full campaign for the 24H Series European





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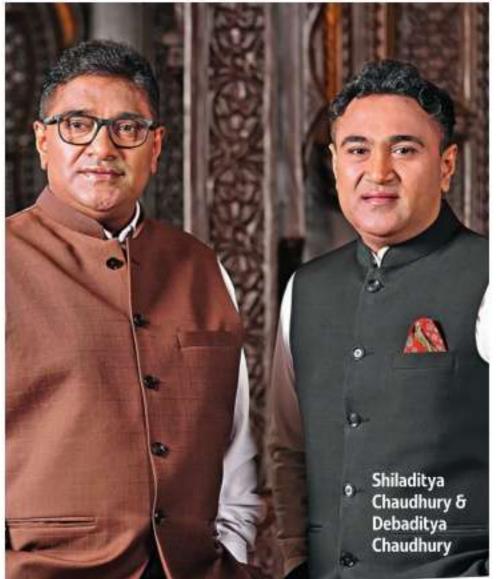
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Oudh 1590 brings back their kebab festival



udh 1590, renowned for its Awadhi culinary offerings will be introducing their 12th edition of The Great Indian Kabab Festival starting November 15. This annual culinary event promises to enchant food lovers with a diverse and delectable selection of kababs, crafted with a perfect blend of spices and traditional cooking techniques.

Patrons can indulge in a royal feast that showcases a rich variety of kababs across different curated festival menu features an array of flavours that will transport guests to the glorious days of Mughal cuisine.

The menu comprises of, Tandoor ke phool, Subz gilafi kabab, Tandoor ke kumbh, Paneer begum bahar, Murgh kastoori, Murgh bharwan



About the brand:

WHAT'S

Oudh 1590 aims to provide a true period dining experience. It was born out of elaborate research on the culture and cuisine of Awadh (modernday Lucknow). Oudh 1590 has multiple outlets all over Kolkata, to treat patrons with a period look, which recreates the 16th Century India feel.

Our annual Kabab
Festival is a tribute to
the art of fine dining, inviting
patrons to savour the
timeless flavours and
cultural richness of Indian
kababs. We hope to give our
guests an unique experience

 Debaditya Chaudhury, co-founder of Oudh 1590



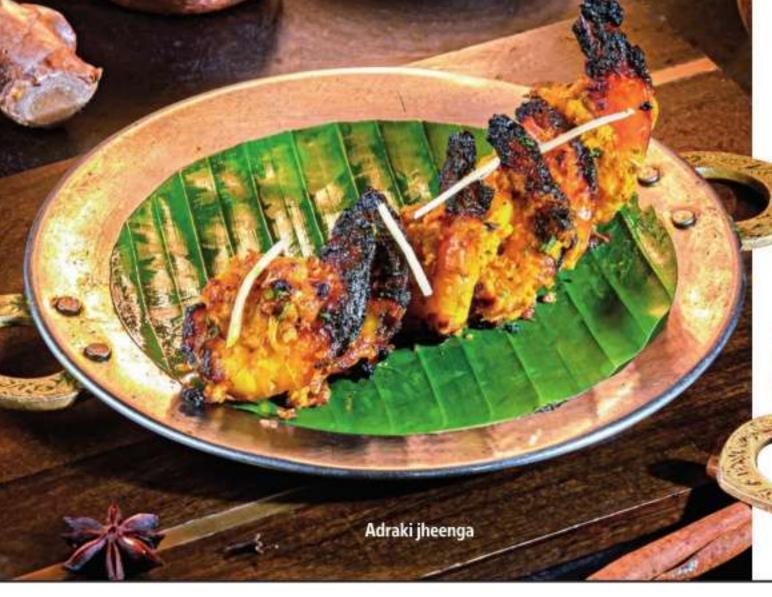
sa & Smoked tandoori quail.

Each kabab on the menu

ed and prepared to provide a unique culinary experience. Whether it's the smoky tenderness of Murgh kastoori, the tangy zing of Imli macchi tikka, or the rich flavourful bite of Tabak maaz, every dish is a tribute to the grandeur of Indian flavours.

"This year, we're showcasing an array of kababs each prepared with passion and mastery by our talented chefs. Every dish reheritage of Awadh and different parts of India," said Shiladitya Chaudhury, cofounder of Oudh 1590. The Great Awadhi Kabab Festival will be held across all Oudh 1590 outlets, with prices starting from ₹249 onwards. The elaborate array can be availed through their food aggregators and our in-house delivery fleet.

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Kolkata cafe gets a new look & menu



ianco on 9, Ekdalia Road got a menu makeover. The new menu is expected to be available to their patrons from December 2. Keya Biswas, Biancos's owner said, "We have revamped Bianco and introduced a new menu with a wide variety of fusion cuisines." They have a private dining room upstairs that can be reserved for birthdays, kitty parties, pop-ups, business and corporate events, family get-togethers, and more. The new menu consists of dishes like Fish a la Si-



(L-R) Sayak & Keya Biswas, Lopamudra Mandal Malhotra, Anamika and Moyukh Biswas

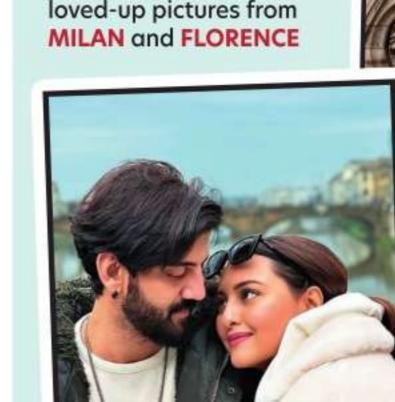
ana, Veg au gratin Anita, Bhetki Florentine and Fish 'n chips, Gluten free quinoa upma, Irani influenced break fast, Konkani fried chicken, Pizza a la Bianco, Diavola Pizza, Cacio e Pepe pasta, Bare burritos, Ice cream sandwich glass jar.

Tirtha Sadhu, FnB advisor said,
"We have focused on our mocktails and coffee as that's
the essence of a good cafe." Enjoy drinks like Loco
Coco latte, Vietnamese cold brew, Butterfly blue iced
tea, Spicy guava tadka, and more. Lopamudra Mandal
Malhotra, host said, "The whole idea was to elevate
the ambience and food, which we hope our guests
will love."

—Torna Chakraborty



SONAKSHI SINHA and ZAHEER IQBAL are setting couple goals on their ITALIAN vacation. They have been posting loved-up pictures from MILAN and FLORENCE





'It was an honour to meet our President'

r Sohini Sastri recently had the pleasure of meeting President of India, Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan for the third time. This interaction was not just a moment of profound honour but also a deeply inspiring encounter with a leader who embodies humanity, strength, and resilience.

During this memorable meeting,
Dr Sastri had the privilege of presenting the President with an idol of
Goddess Kali. This offering, symbolising power, protection, and transformation, was a heartfelt gesture of respect and blessings.

She expressed her respect towards the President. Thanking her for her incredible leadership qualities, she told the President about how she continues to inspire the nation with her unwavering commitment to progress and justice.

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The President's vision and steadfast efforts to empower women, nurture unity, and support the underserved deeply align with the core values that drive her work. Her acknowledgment of these efforts reinforces her belief in the power of compassionate leadership and collaborative action. This meeting, marked by the Presi-

dent's warmth and wisdom, will forever remain a cherished memory for Dr Sohini. She is thankful for this opportunity and the hospitality she received, which continues to inspire her journey of service and devotion to creating a brighter future for those in need.

A foundation to help the underprivileged

The discussion during the meeting centred on the initiatives of the Sohini Sastri Foundation, particularly its efforts to uplift underprivileged women and children. The President not only expressed her admiration for the foundation's mission but also encouraged the continued pursuit of these vital endeavours. Her kind words of appreciation for this work serve as a testament to her dedication to creating a more inclusive and equitable society.



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Thanksgiving celebrations in space for ISS astronauts

Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams is set to celebrate Thanksgiving in space with 'smoked turkey, mashed potatoes'. "Our Crew up here just wanted to say Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends and family who are down on Earth and everyone who is supporting us," Williams said in a video message, shared by NASA on Wednesday.

There's not many places that you can be where you can actually lay on the ceiling, and this is one of them. We're thankful for zero gravity. It's fantastic - Barry (Butch) Wilmore

The astronauts shared that NASA has provided them with foods including smoked turkey for the occasion. In a recent interview with NBC News, Williams shared her plans of celebrating the day, along with other astronauts - Butch Wilmore, Nick Hague and Aleksandr Gorbunov - aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The plans include watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and a lavish feast with "smoked turkey, cranberry, apple cobbler, green beans, and mashed potatoes."

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London has topped the 2025 list

of the most vegan-friendly cities

and Los Angeles, as per a study by

vegan restaurant app HappyCow.

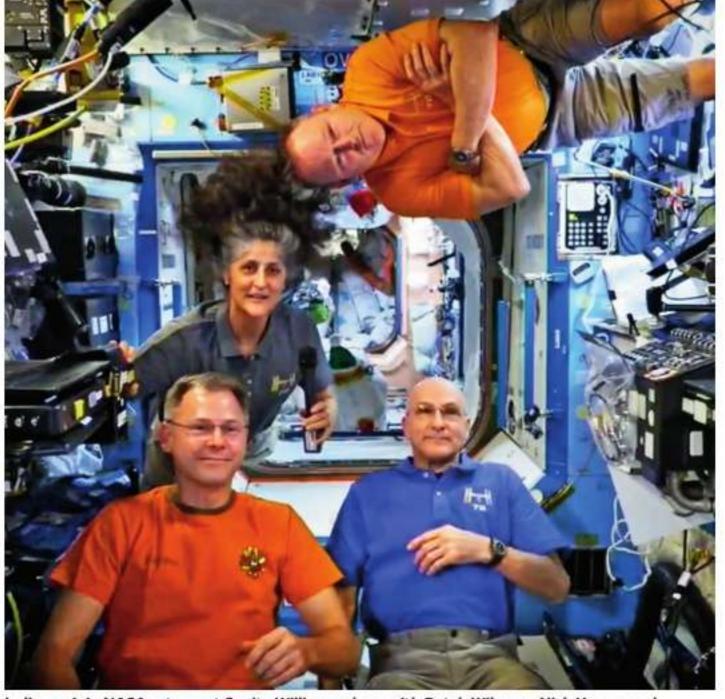
The study looked at the number

restaurants and businesses in

each city.

of fully vegan and vegan-friendly

in the world followed by Berlin,



Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, along with Butch Wilmore, Nick Hague, and Aleksandr Gorbunov, celebrated Thanksgiving in 'zero gravity'

Enjoy 'badam ka asli swad'

he season of gifting and festivities is here, and Australian Almonds are now available in India to enrich celebrations. The team behind Australian Almonds states, "Renowned for their sweet

taste and crunchy texture, our almonds are cultivated in optimal growing conditions, ensuring superior flavour and nutrient content." They further

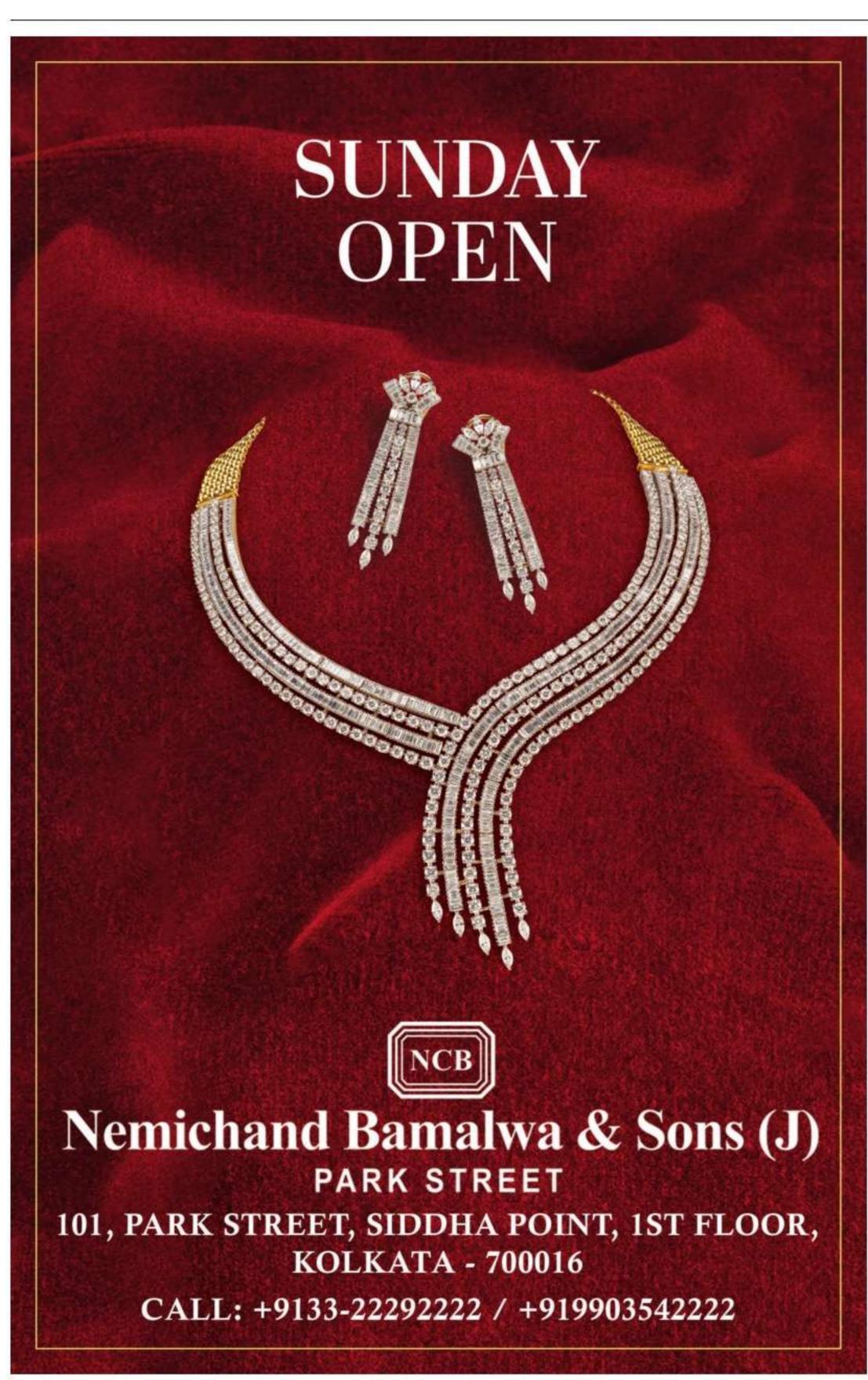
note, "India, being one of the world's largest importers of almonds due to limited domes-

during this festive season." Cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal has expressed his fondness for these almonds, sharing on social media that he first tasted them while playing in Australia in 2020 and is delighted to



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