

# NORTH EAST BUSINESS MIRROR

Vol.No. 03 ■ Issue - 27 ■ North East Business Mirror ■ Thursday, 16 October, 2025 ■ Edition - Guwahati

■ Pages - 6 ■ Price ₹ 3

## Gold prices may touch Rs 1.3 lakh this Dhanteras, Rs 1.5 lakh likely by 2026

**Mumbai:** Gold's dream run continues in 2025, with experts predicting that prices could climb as high as Rs 1.3 lakh per 10 grams this Dhanteras and even reach Rs 1.5 lakh by early 2026. The surge is being driven by global economic uncertainty, strong central bank buying, and expectations of interest rate cuts that are keeping investor demand for the yellow metal strong. "Strong central bank and ETF buying, even at record prices, along with declining trust in fiat currencies amid upcoming rate cuts, will keep gold prices elevated," market experts said.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold prices have already touched Rs 1,22,284 per 10 grams for the December contract this week. Analysts said the rally is being



driven by global economic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, and rising hopes of interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. "A weaker US dollar has made gold more affordable for investors holding other currencies, further supporting demand," they noted.

On Monday, gold and silver

prices continued their upward move amid rising tensions between the US and China. During the early trade, MCX Gold December futures were trading 1.62 per cent higher at Rs 1,23,313 per 10 grams, while MCX Silver December futures rose 3.44 per cent to Rs 1,51,577 per kg.

## Rupee recovers 75 paise from all-time low to close at 88.06 against US dollar

The rupee bounced back sharply by 75 paise to close at 88.06 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, posting its biggest intraday gain in nearly four months, due to likely intervention by the RBI and a surge in the domestic markets.

Forex traders said domestic markets surged nearly 0.70 per cent on optimism over trade talks between India and the US, which reflected in the USD/INR pair.

Moreover, a weak US Dollar and an overnight decline in crude oil prices also supported the rupee.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 88.74 against the greenback, and fell below the 88-mark during the session, touching a high of 87.93 per dollar. The domestic unit finally settled at 88.06 against the greenback, registering a rise of 75 paise over its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee depreciated by 13 paise to close at an all-time low of 88.81 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a positive bias on overall weakness in the US dollar and underlying strength in the domestic markets. Broad weakness in global crude oil prices and fresh foreign inflows may also support the rupee. USD/INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 87.70



to 88.40," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Currency and Commodities, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.22 per cent lower at 98.82.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.19 per cent lower at USD 62.27 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex jumped 575.45 points to settle at 82,605.43, while Nifty surged 178.05 points to 25,323.55.

Foreign Institutional Investors sold equities worth Rs 1,508.53 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. Meanwhile, India's exports grew by 6.74 per cent to USD 36.38 billion in September despite global headwinds. Imports jumped 16.6 per cent to USD 68.53 billion.

The country's trade deficit stood at USD 32.1 billion during the month, according to the commerce ministry data. (PTI)

## GST 2.0: New packages with lower MRPs, higher weights to hit market by Dec, says Parle

**Mumbai:** Following the implementation of the GST 2.0 reforms, new packages with lower maximum retail prices (MRPs) and higher weights will be available in the market by December, according to Parle, India's leading fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) company. Speaking at NDTV Profit's 'Ignite Conclave', company's Vice President Mayank Shah said that it hasn't been easy for FMCG companies to adjust prices after the GST reforms. Following the tax reduction, there's been some confusion regarding package size, weight and pricing. This has been discussed in detail, and it usually takes FMCG companies about one and a half to two months to revise their product packages, he said. Elaborating on the timeline for the new packages, Shah said that the MRPs of larger and higher MRP packages will be reduced in the first phase. Subsequently, smaller packages with lower MRPs, which account for approximately 60-70 per cent of the market, will be revised.

## India's smartphone exports soar 95 pc to \$1.8 billion in Sep; hit \$13.5 billion in 6 months

**Mumbai:** India's smartphone exports crossed an estimated \$1.8 billion in September, reflecting a year-on-year growth of over 95 per cent compared to the same month last year, an industry report showed on Tuesday. August and September are traditionally low-export months for the mobile phone industry due to production adjustments and seasonal shipment cycles. Despite the fact, exports in September 2025 remained exceptionally strong, demonstrating the robust ecosystem that has taken shape within the country, said the report from the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA). These strong export numbers underscore the country's growing competitiveness in global value chains, it added.

Meanwhile, according to the ICEA, during April-September 2025, mobile phone exports are estimated to be \$13.5 billion -- as compared to \$8.5 billion during the same period last year, marking a growth of over 60 per cent. This shows that India's mobile phone manufacturing sector continues to build scale, efficiency, and reliability -- the three pillars of sustained global competitiveness. "The sustained rise in exports reflects the strong foundation of India's mobile phone manufacturing ecosystem. Global value chains are now deeply anchored here.

## Sensex, Nifty end lower amid broad-based selling



**Mumbai:** Indian equity markets ended lower on Tuesday, dragged down by broad-based selling. Both benchmark indices -- Sensex and Nifty -- snapped their recent gains as investors booked profits across sectors. At the closing bell, the Sensex declined 297.07 points, or 0.36 per cent, to settle at 82,029.98, while the Nifty slipped 81.85 points, or 0.32 per cent, to end at 25,145.5. "The 25,300-25,400 zone continues to act as a major resistance area for the Nifty, while 25,000 remains the key support," analysts said.

"A sustained move above 25,300 could revive bullish momentum, but a slip below 25,000 might lead to further downside toward 24,850-24,700," they added. "Overall, 25,000 remains the key level to watch -- bulls are defending it, while bears are active near 25,300. Until

a clear breakout happens on either side, markets are likely to remain range-bound with bouts of volatility," market experts mentioned. Selling pressure was visible across most sectors, with PSU banks leading the losses. The Nifty PSU Bank index dropped 1.52 per cent, followed by Nifty Consumer Durables and Nifty Media, which also witnessed notable declines. Among individual stocks, Bajaj Finance, Trent, Tata Steel, and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) were the major laggards on the Sensex. On the other hand, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank, Power Grid, and Hindustan Unilever (HUL) managed to stay in positive territory, providing some cushion to the indices. The broader markets mirrored the weak sentiment, as the Nifty MidCap 100 index fell 0.75 per cent and the Nifty SmallCap 100 index slipped 0.89 per cent.

## Anil Ambani's Reliance Group shares fall up to 10 pc after ED arrests Senior Executive in fake bank guarantee case

**Mumbai:** Shares of Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group companies saw a sharp decline on Monday, with stocks falling up to 10.5 per cent during intraday trade. According to reports, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Ashok Kumar Pal, a senior executive of Reliance Power, on Saturday in connection with an alleged fake bank guarantee and forged invoicing case.

At the closing bell, shares of Reliance Power was at Rs 46.10, down Rs 2.48 or 5.10 per cent on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Reliance Infrastructure also followed suit and dropped 4.5 per cent to Rs 231 per share. However, it recovered at the closing bell and end the trading session at Rs 238 apiece. Pal has been sent to two-day custody and will be presented before the court today. He was interrogated for several hours before his arrest on Friday night.

The ED is investigating the matter under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act



(PMLA), probing alleged financial irregularities and possible violations. This development follows a major ED crackdown on July 24, during which searches were conducted at 35 premises linked to Reliance, involving 50 companies and over 25 individuals. The ongoing probe stems from a money laundering case registered based on a CBI FIR, which alleged misuse of loans.

## California almonds see rising demand as health-focused Diwali trends gain momentum

**Guwahati:** The Almond Board of California has announced a festive season campaign encouraging consumers to embrace California Almonds as a healthy addition to Diwali celebrations. Naturally rich in protein, fibre, and heart-healthy fats, almonds provide 15 essential nutrients including calcium, magnesium, zinc, and vitamin E, supporting heart health, blood sugar regulation, and overall wellness.

Bollywood actress Soha Ali Khan shared her experience of incorporating almonds into festive meals, saying, "Almonds help families enjoy Diwali while making healthier choices."



Ayurveda expert Dr. Madhumitha Krishna highlighted almonds' traditional benefits in balancing doshas and promoting vitality. Nutritionists Ritika Samaddar and Sheela Krishnaswamy recommended almonds for festive

snacking, meal preparations, and gifting as a nutritious alternative to conventional sweets.

In Guwahati, retailers and online platforms report strong demand for California Almonds this Diwali,

with consumers actively opting for almonds as a health-conscious festive choice. Specialty stores and e-commerce sites have noted increased sales volumes, reflecting a growing preference for nutrient-dense gifting and consumption, while signaling an upward trend in health-focused festive spending in the northeast market.

The Almond Board of California, representing over 7,600 growers and processors, continues to promote almonds globally through research-backed marketing and awareness initiatives, reinforcing the message of celebrating a season of light with wellness and joy.

## Nalanda Literature Festival 2025 announced in Guwahati; cultural economy poised for boost

**Guwahati:** The Nalanda Literature Festival (NLF) 2025 was officially announced in the North East through an interactive session at JyotiChitraban, Kahilipara, Guwahati. The event, celebrating the theme "Legacy, Language & Literature," marks a significant step towards the first edition of the festival to be held in Rajgir, Nalanda, Bihar, from December 21 to 25, 2025. In a symbolic partnership, Nalanda University will join NLF 2025, linking ancient wisdom with modern creativity.

The announcement event featured Chief Guest Sh. Kula Saikia, Ex-DGP and renowned writer, and Guest of Honour Shri Kalyan-Chakravarthy, ACS, Cultural Affairs Department. Padma Shri Arup Kumar also shared insights on India's evolving literary and creative landscape. The event drew writers and cultural figures including Prof. Arupjyoti Saikia and Sh. Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih.

In Guwahati, the festival's outreach has energized local publishing houses, art collectives, and tourism stakeholders. Many believe such cultural initiatives can stimulate Assam's creative economy by drawing national attention to its literature and heritage.

The NLF team also paid tribute to late singer Zubeen Garg for his contributions to Indian music. The Nalanda Literature Development Programme, running till March 2026, will further nurture dialogue and cultural exchange ahead of the main event.

## JSW MG Motor launches Windsor Inspire Edition, marks 1-year milestone with Nitin Gadkari



**Guwahati:** JSW MG Motor India on Thursday launched the limited-edition Windsor Inspire Edition to commemorate one year of its best-selling electric vehicle, the Windsor, which has crossed 40,000 units in India. Unveiled at the residence of Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, the edition features a striking Pearl White and Starry Black dual-tone exterior, 18-inch all-black alloy wheels with rose gold cladding, and premium Sangria Red and Black leather interiors with 135-degree recline aero lounge seats.

Shri Gadkari lauded the initiative, highlighting India's growing electric mobility sector. "Clean mobility is essential for our environment and positions India as a global leader in sustainable innovation," he said. JSW MG Motor India Managing

Director Anurag Mehrotra described the Inspire Edition as a tribute to the company's customers and the country's EV movement.

In Guwahati, the Windsor has witnessed strong demand, with local dealerships reporting over 500 bookings in the first week of launch. Customers have responded positively to the BaaS pricing model and the advanced personalization options, including Skylight Infinity View roofs and wireless illuminated sill plates, reflecting the city's increasing shift toward sustainable urban mobility.

Bookings for the limited 300-unit edition opened today, with deliveries commencing on October 15. The Windsor Inspire Edition is priced at ₹16.64 lakh (ex-showroom) and offers a running cost of ₹3.9/km under the Battery-as-a-Service model.

## Bingo! TedheMedhe's 'Rockanjali' electrifies Guwahati with rock music on wheels

**Guwahati:** This Durga Puja, ITC's Bingo! TedheMedhe amped up Assam's festive spirit with Rockanjali—a one-of-a-kind, high-voltage "music-on-wheels" celebration that transformed Guwahati's bustling streets into open-air concert arenas. The event brought together Assam's youth, music, and Pujofevour in a thrilling showcase of local talent and energy.

Headlined by two of Assam's most iconic rock bands, Barnali Collective and Blue Wings, Rockanjali delivered electrifying performances at Latasil Park on Sasthi and near Nehru Park on Saptami. Their soulful rock anthems and powerful riffs resonated with thousands, celebrating the state's vibrant musical culture and youthful enthusiasm.

In Guwahati, the initiative injected festive excitement into the city's streets, drawing huge crowds and boosting local vendors' sales of food, beverages, and festive merchandise. The city's lively markets mirrored the celebration, blending commerce and culture in true Assamese style.

Speaking on the initiative, Suresh Chand, VP & Head of Marketing, Snacks, Noodles and Pasta, ITC Foods, said, "With Rockanjali, Bingo! TedheMedhe wanted to celebrate Assam's passion for rock and its dynamic youth culture."

More than a Puja celebration, Rockanjali became a symbol of Assam's creative heartbeat — proving once again that the state truly rocks.

## Three in four heart patients in India now under 50, TATA AIG survey reveals

**Guwahati:** A nationwide survey conducted by TATA AIG General Insurance has revealed a worrying trend of younger Indians facing serious heart conditions. According to responses from nearly 300 cardiologists, 74% reported that a majority of their heart patients are under the age of 50, with 36% in the 31–40 age group and 38% aged 41–50. Stress, unhealthy diets, and sedentary lifestyles were identified as key drivers.

The survey also highlighted alarming patient behavior. Nearly 78% of doctors said patients often ignore chest pain, fatigue, and breath-

lessness—the primary early warning signs of heart issues. Over 60% noted that patients typically seek treatment only after substantial heart damage occurs, while 59% reported that fewer than 40% of patients are financially prepared for advanced cardiac care.

In Guwahati, the trend mirrors national patterns. Local cardiologists observe that younger residents are increasingly reporting cardiac symptoms, yet early check-ups remain limited. Rising awareness has slightly boosted demand for preventive consultations and insurance coverage, but financial preparedness for



costly procedures remains low among families in the city.

Mr. Rajagopal Rudraraju, Senior EVP at TATA AIG, emphasized the dual challenge: "India's cardiac crisis is both medical and financial. Comprehensive insurance and preventive care are critical to ensure timely treatment and protect families."

## IFAT India 2025 to spotlight green technology and global collaboration

**Guwahati:** IFAT India 2025, the country's largest trade fair for water, sewage, solid waste, and recycling technologies, is set to take place from October 14–16 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), Mumbai. Organised by Messe Muenchen India, this year's edition is expected to be the biggest ever, spanning 45,000 sqm with over 500 exhibitors from more than 30 countries and attracting an estimated 28,000 trade visitors from 50 nations. Country pavilions from Germany, Canada, Netherlands, South Korea, Hungary, and Australia will strengthen the international presence.

Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München, highlighted that India is at a critical juncture where waste and water solutions are essential for sustainable growth. "IFAT India has become a trusted platform for technology transfer, investment exploration, and business

networking," he said. The fair will host over 2,000 structured buyer-seller meetings and showcase 15,000+ solutions, ranging from effluent treatment to recycling automation, attracting corporates under ESG mandates.

In Guwahati, environmental and waste management companies see IFAT India as a strategic platform to explore advanced technologies for Assam's growing urban centres. Local municipalities and private firms are keen to adopt solutions for solid waste management, sewage treatment, and bioenergy, reflecting a broader shift toward sustainable urban infrastructure in the Northeast.

The three-day event will also feature 40+ technical sessions and 400+ speakers, including policymakers, financiers, and global sustainability experts. DiaMirza will inaugurate the fair, calling it "a movement towards a greener, cleaner India."

## Tata Motors partners with Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank to boost SCV financing

**Itanagar:** Tata Motors has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank to strengthen financing options for its small commercial vehicles and pick-ups (SCVPU), including the newly launched Tata Ace Pro. The collaboration aims to make vehicle ownership more accessible for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through low interest rates, simplified documentation, and quick loan disbursals.

The partnership is expected to support key sectors in Arunachal Pradesh such as tourism, agriculture, horticulture, mining, and construction. Tata Motors' SCVPU range, including the Ace, Intra, Yodha, and Ace Pro, offers flexible payloads from 750kg to 2-tonne, multiple fuel options, and rugged designs suitable for the state's challenging terrains. These vehicles help transport horticultural produce from regions like Pasighat and Ziro Valley, facilitate tourism in hubs like Tawang, and support cargo movement in districts including Changlang and Tirap.

In Itanagar, the MoU is anticipated to boost local entrepreneurship, particularly for small transport and delivery businesses. The availability of easy financing and EMIs starting at just ₹8,999 will allow traders, suppliers, and service providers in the capital to acquire reliable SCV solutions, enhancing business efficiency and supporting economic growth in the region.

Commenting on the partnership, Tata Motors' PinakiHaldar highlighted the importance of simplified financing in empowering local businesses and fostering entrepreneurship across the state.

## Ahead of the festive season, Tanishq introduces 'Mriganka'



**Guwahati:** As the festive season draws near, Tanishq, India's largest jewellery retail brand from the House of Tata, has introduced its festive highlight of the season, 'Mriganka', a collection inspired by mythical worlds and imaginative realms. The latest collection is a gateway into the mystical lands and a realm where floating palaces, celestial gardens, and ethereal creatures come alive in gold. Inspired by India's age-old love for storytelling and symbolism, each piece in Mriganka is a poetic tribute to the festive spirit. Bringing this world to life is former Miss World and actor Manushi Chhillar, who perfectly embodies the spirit of Mriganka—bold, imaginative, and strikingly otherworldly. The idea was to create a visual world that transcends trends, where every element, be it a mystical 3D bird or a palace of brilliance, evokes a sense of wonder and presence.

Inspired by mythical creatures and fantastical blooms,

Mriganka is crafted to be as spectacular as imagination, as sublime as dreams. Crafted using advanced techniques such as stone-on-stone jadau, Badroom, Chandak, Ras Rava, and intricate jaali layering, the collection features an eclectic mix of coloured kundan, enamel detailing & 3D motifs. Speaking about the collection, Revathi Kant, Chief Design Officer, Titan Company Limited, said, "At the onset of the festive season, we are delighted to introduce 'Mriganka' an opulent celebration of imaginative world of our dreams, painted with the rich heritage of our Indian stories and tales. This collection is set in the magical land, where majestic palaces peek through clouds, mystical beings of exquisite beauty, and rare exotic blooms come alive in gold." Designed across varied price points, Mriganka offers beautifully crafted jewellery that reflects Tanishq's signature blend of design and meaning.

## Sansaar brings sustainable festive cheer to homes across India

**Guwahati:** As the festive season begins, Sansaar, a sustainable home décor brand under the D'Décor umbrella, is offering families across India an opportunity to elevate their homes with style, warmth, and personality. Known for its sophisticated soft furnishings and eco-friendly accents, Sansaar's collections aim to make homes inviting, vibrant, and celebration-ready.

The brand's wide range includes the deep-hued Satina collection for living rooms, pastel Locomotion sheers, and 100% organic cotton bedding from the Plains and Charm collections, designed to bring luxury and comfort to bedrooms. Sansaar's Fables collection caters to children with playful, non-toxic fabrics, while the Integra range adds a festive touch to workspaces without compromising professionalism.

In Guwahati, the festive spirit has prompted a surge in interest for Sansaar products, with local shoppers seeking sustainable yet stylish décor for homes. Retailers in Guwahati market report strong footfall, particularly for vibrant cushions, luxurious bedcovers, and statement rugs that tie rooms together. Shoppers appreciate the balance of aesthetic appeal and eco-consciousness, making Sansaar a preferred choice this season.

Sansaar's sustainable home furnishings are available at over 450 stores nationwide and online at [www.sansaar.co.in](http://www.sansaar.co.in), allowing households to celebrate responsibly while creating warm, memorable spaces.

## Annapurna Ghee eyes PAN-India growth, strengthens legacy of over 70 years

**Agartala:** Annapurna Ghee, a trusted household name for over three generations, is set to expand its footprint across India, leveraging its 70-year legacy of purity, authenticity, and consistent quality. The Northeast's highest-selling ghee brand has been a staple in kitchens, known for its rich aroma, 'dane-dar' texture, and wholesome taste, making it a symbol of tradition and nourishment.

The Annapurna Group is consolidating its dominance in existing markets across the East and Northeast while strategically entering North India. To reinforce its presence, popular personality Shehnaaz Gill has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Annapurna Cow Ghee, underlining the company's focus on trust, purity, and cultural relevance in new regions.

In Agartala, Annapurna Ghee has witnessed steady demand, with local retailers highlighting strong sales both in everyday consumption and festive seasons. The brand's reputation for quality and reliability has made it a preferred choice for households, driving healthy market penetration and enhancing visibility against regional and national competitors.



Beyond ghee, Annapurna Group has diversified into fruit beverages, ready-to-eat gravies, pickles, jams, edible oils, and premium sauces. With future plans including nutritional drinks, pulses, and breakfast cereals, the company is pursuing a phased growth strategy aimed at consolidating its stronghold while evolving with the tastes of a rapidly expanding Indian market.

## "Banno ki Rasm": Medanta Hospital Gurgaon releases film on Breast Cancer Awareness

**Guwahati:** With the goal of spreading awareness and raise public consciousness about Breast Cancer, Medanta Hospital Gurgaon has launched an awareness film. Within a brief span of time, lauded by masses across social media platforms, the film crossed 8 million+ views reaching an exciting milestone. The video, produced by Gurgaon-based Medanta – The Medicity, which has been named Best Private Hospital in India by Newsweek for six years in a row, is part of the hospital's "Jaanta Hai Medanta" movement, dedicated to driving action against cancer. Titled "Banno Ki Rasm", the 2 minute 28 second video reimagines the self-breast exam as a tradition of strength, self-love, and care—passed down from one generation to the next—and urges women to make the self-breast exam a monthly ritual once females reach adulthood.

Hailing the success of the awareness film, Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chairman & Managing Direc-

tor, Medanta said, "Through this film, Medanta reaffirms its commitment to empowering women by addressing this key health concern and doing away with the stigma around it." Through "Banno Ki Rasm", Medanta aims to do away with the shame and silence, encouraging women to break barriers around breast health and promoting early detection in order to make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless women. Dr. Kanchan Kaur, Senior Director, Breast Cancer at Medanta – The Medicity said, "Regular screening and self-checks for breast cancer are vital because early detection greatly improves treatment outcomes and survival rates." YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0FbGMRbsV0>. The "Jaanta Hai Medanta" movement is a promise of understanding, empathy and assurance – a reminder that Medanta truly understand its patients' struggles and its unwavering commitment to healing, hope, and humanity.

## Assam's second batch of GAPPY scholars heads to Delhi for 2026 UPSC coaching

**Guwahati:** Assam's Governor Assam PratibhaProtasahanYojana (GAPPY) has announced its second batch of scholars selected for intensive free coaching for the 2026 UPSC Civil Services Examination in Delhi. Launched in 2024 by Governor ShriLakshman Prasad Acharya in partnership with AryaPratibhaVikasSansthan (APVS), the initiative targets talented students from economically weaker sections of the state.

This year, the Talent Search Examination attracted 270 aspirants from districts including Sivasagar, Nagaon, and West

KarbiAnglong. After counselling, essay tests, and personal interviews held in Guwahati, ten outstanding candidates were chosen for coaching at reputed institutes such as Vision IAS, Vajiram & Ravi, ALS IAS, and Drishti IAS Academy. APVS will provide mentorship, residential support, and guidance, ensuring all expenses are covered under the GAPPY scheme.

In Guwahati, the programme has already sparked interest among local aspirants and educational circles. Coaching centres in the city report a rise in inquiries and motiva-



tional workshops inspired by GAPPY, reflecting the city's growing enthusiasm for civil services preparation and the aspirational outlook among its youth.

Since 2019, APVS has supported over 200 students

nationwide, with more than 100 clearing the UPSC exam. Shri S.K. Arya, Chairman of APVS, praised the Governor for championing the cause and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to nurturing Assam's brightest minds.

# Expert Guide: How Men Can Stay Fresh and Energized for Diwali Parties

By Dr. Reena Bibals, Global Head- R&D for Premium Personal Care, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd

From high-energy Diwali parties to long evenings of social gatherings, family get-togethers, and festive celebrations, this season demands not just style but stamina and, above all, enduring freshness. For men who want to stay confident, upbeat, and fragrant throughout the celebrations, here's a step-by-step guide leveraging modern grooming essentials and fragrance techniques.

## 1. Start Your Routine with a Fresh Shower

Kick off your day with a revitalizing shower using a gentle shower gel or soap enriched with invigorating notes like citrus, mint or patchouli. These scents cleanse away sweat, infuse the skin with freshness, and lay the foundation for lasting aroma. Don't overlook a thorough scalp cleanse with a hydrating shampoo, the festive humidity and long hours of socialising can lead to sweat build-up.

Expert Secret: Alternate between cooling body washes and exfoliating scrubs on different days. This dual routine not only purifies the skin but also keeps body odour at bay during long celebrations.

## 2. Layer Fragrances The Right Way

Long-lasting freshness requires smart layering. After showering, spritz a complementary body mist or deodorant directly onto clean, towel-dried skin especially on pulse points such as the wrists, inner elbows, and neck. Pulse points radiate heat and help diffuse scent slowly, ensuring a more persistent fragrance throughout the night.

Expert Secret: Never rub perfume or cologne into your skin; this breaks down the delicate top notes. A light spray and air dry

will preserve the scent structure, helping keep your fragrance true and appealing all evening.

## 3. Choose Fragrances Wisely

Opt for light and uplifting scents having citrus & spicy floral notes. Consider using deodorant sprays that offer freshness for longer hours such as Park Avenue Voyage Deodorant Spray. Such deo sprays are energy-boosting yet never overpowering, making them perfect for Diwali parties, card nights, and festive dinners. Avoid heavy fragrances, which can become overwhelming and even trigger discomfort for those around you.

Expert Secret: For a truly unique scent signature, layer a body mist with a lightly scented hair product. Subtle fragrance from multiple grooming essentials (shower gels, deodorant, mist, and hair shampoo) creates a multidimensional freshness.

## 4. Maintain On-the-Go Grooming

Pack a compact grooming kit in your bag or car a travel-size soap or wipes, a roll-on deodorant, and a body mist/mini perfume. This allows quick touch-ups between events, especially after dancing or socializing. Many modern grooming kits now include matte-finish facial wipes and scalp sprays, helping control sweat and excess oil in minutes.

Expert Secret: Carry blotting papers or a small towel to dab away sweat after lively Garba routines. Reapply body mist or a deodorant, focusing on the neck and chest for maximum freshness.

## 5. Focus on Hydration and Nutrition

Stay hydrated with frequent water sips, and fuel up with light snacks like fruit, seasoned nuts, or yogurt before heading

out. Proper hydration and nutrition help regulate body temperature, keeping sweat and fatigue in check.

Expert Secret: Add a few drops of lemon or mint to your water bottle a subtle but noticeable flavour that reinvigorates senses and keeps breath fresh long into the night.

## 6. The Finishing Touch: Shirt, Scalp, and Accessories

Before leaving for celebrations, lightly mist your shirt or scarf with fragrance never directly onto expensive fabrics, but from a distance to allow a gentle, lingering freshness. Comb and style hair with a non-greasy hair serum or light-hold pomade featuring fresh notes. For those with facial hair, run a scented beard oil through for total grooming harmony.

Expert Secret: If you plan to wear accessories like watches or metal bracelets, spray fragrance on the inner wrist before wearing them, the heat from metal can subtly amplify your scent.

## Conclusion

This Diwali, freshness is an art man can master with smart product choices and advanced fragrance techniques. Step into every party, get-together, and celebration not just looking great but feeling reinvigorated through the right shower gels, mists, deodorants, grooming kits, and most importantly, expert care.

The festival is about togetherness, energy, and joy let each moment be accompanied by fresh confidence and lasting charm.

~ By Dr. Reena Bibals, Global Head- R&D for Premium Personal Care, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd

## Equirus, Sapien Finserv merge to form top 10 independent wealth platform with Rs 35,000 crore AUM

Guwahati: Equirus Group has merged with Sapien Finserv Group in an equity swap deal, creating a combined platform among the top 10 non-bank independent wealth managers in the country. The merger brings total Assets Under Management (AUM) to ₹35,000 crore, significantly expanding Equirus' footprint in wealth management and family office services.

Headquartered in Pune, Sapien Finserv currently manages ₹13,500 crore in AUM with a robust monthly SIP book of ₹65 crore. Post-merger, Sapien Finserv founders Ami tBivalkar and PallavBagaria join the leadership team and board of Equirus Wealth, ensuring shared governance and strategic alignment. "Combining Equirus' investment banking expertise with Sapien Finserv's client-first wealth management approach creates a platform greater than the sum of its parts," said Ajay Garg, Man-

aging Director, Equirus Group.

In Guwahati, the merger is expected to bolster high-net-worth individual (HNIs) and family office services in the Northeast. Local advisors anticipate increased accessibility to bespoke wealth management solutions, including small-cap PMS strategies, venture funds, and integrated financing options, catering to the growing affluent segment in Assam and surrounding regions.

With the integration, Equirus Wealth aims to scale AUM to ₹50,000 crore, leveraging proprietary equity research, NBFC capabilities, and specialized verticals—Equirus Wealth and Equirus Family Office—to accelerate client-focused growth. This merger marks Equirus Group's third acquisition in the last year, reinforcing its strategy of expanding comprehensive financial services across India.

## Jayant Chaudhary launches 'IGNiTE 4.0' to skill 1,000 underserved youth in EV and industry 4.0 technologies

Guwahati: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Education, JayantChaudhary announced the launch of "IGNiTE 4.0", a joint initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Mercedes-Benz India, aimed at training 1,000 youth from underserved communities in cutting-edge automotive technologies.

Chaudhary said India must harness its growing youth population by fostering equity, inclusion, and opportunity. "Our institutions must think beyond cost competitiveness — we must lead on innovation, product development, and intellectual property creation," he emphasized.

The year-long programme, implemented by Kedman Skilling Pvt. Ltd., will train participants in Electric Vehicle (EV) technology, Industry 4.0 systems, and advanced automotive roles, ensuring at least 30% women's participation. Training centres will be set up at ManavRachna University (Delhi-NCR) and MIT ADT University (Pune).

In Guwahati, the initiative could significantly boost demand for skilled manpower in Assam's growing EV and auto service sectors. With more dealerships and EV charging hubs emerging in Guwahati, experts say the city's youth stand to benefit from specialized training aligned with national standards.

Mercedes-Benz India's Executive Director & CFO EmrahOezer said the programme aligns with the company's global sustainability goals, creating aspirational career paths in India's evolving mobility landscape.

## IIT Guwahati dominates WongaWits, signal Northeast's financial acumen

Guwahati: The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati) hosted the Guwahati edition of WongaWits Season 2, YES SECURITIES' flagship "India's Premier Finance and Stock Market Quiz," drawing over 100 participants from more than 10 colleges across the region. The event, which has previously electrified audiences in Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune, and Lucknow, tested students on financial fundamentals and real-world stock market dynamics through multiple competitive rounds.

The IIT Guwahati students dominated the competition, securing all top three positions and claiming the title in a clean sweep, demonstrating quick thinking, analytical depth, and effective teamwork. Adding a lively twist, RJ Aliya from Big FM engaged the audience with witty interactions and games, blending entertainment with learning. Winners from this edition will advance to the Grand Finale in Mumbai on 19th December 2025.

In Guwahati, the event highlighted the city's growing enthusiasm for financial literacy among youth. Students and participants from the region displayed strong analytical skills, reflecting the rising interest in stock markets and investment strategies in Guwahati, an emerging hub for education-driven financial awareness.

Organized by YES SECURITIES, a subsidiary of YES BANK, WongaWits aims to nurture India's next generation of financial minds, combining intellectual rigor with practical market insights.



## Tata Steel introduces Mobile Bore Pile Cage Machine, opens fully automated construction service Centre in Guwahati



Guwahati: Tata Steel has taken a major step in modernizing India's construction sector with the launch of its first Mobile Bore Pile Cage Machine and the inauguration of a fully automated Construction Service Centre in Guwahati. Developed in partnership with TJK India, the mobile machine is designed for on-site reinforcement manufacturing, improving efficiency, reducing labor, and providing customized solutions for large-scale infrastructure projects across challenging terrains.

The Guwahati Construction Service Centre, set up in collaboration with SM Corporation Ltd., has a production capacity of 2,000 tonnes per month. Initially, it will offer Tiscon Ready Build pre-engineered Cut & Bend Tata Tiscon TMT rebars with coupler threading, with plans to expand into Welded Wire Mesh and other downstream reinforcement solutions.

From a Guwahati market perspective, this facility is expected to strengthen local

supply chains, ensuring faster availability of ready-to-use reinforcement products for housing, industrial, and infrastructure projects. Analysts say the move could boost the region's construction sector, cut project lead times, and enhance cost efficiencies for developers and contractors.

Speaking at the launch, Ashish Anupam, Vice President – Long Products, Tata Steel, emphasized the company's focus on innovation and value-added solutions for the North-East. The event also hosted over 100 AEC professionals, featuring insights on new road construction technologies by CSIR-CRRI's Satish Pandey.

This initiative adds to Tata Steel's growing network of 31 digitally connected service centres nationwide, driving the adoption of automated reinforcement solutions and reinforcing the company's leadership in India's steel and construction sector.

## Alia Bhatt shares a leaf from past as she celebrates 1 year of 'Jigra'

**Mumbai:** Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, who will be next seen in the upcoming action film 'Alpha', is getting nostalgic. On Saturday, the actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram, and shared a picture in which she can be



seen with Vasan Bala, the director of her film 'Jigra'. She wrote on the picture, "First meeting. Where it all began. #1YearofJigra". The film, which clashed with Divya Khosla's 'Savi' was embroiled in a lot of controversy, and was universally panned by the critics, and proved to be a boxoffice bomb. The film shared many similarities with 'Savi', and Divya had also accused Alia's coproducer in the film, Karan Johar of malpractice of inflating box-office numbers when the footfall in theatres was near zero.

During the Jigra promotional cycle, Vasan Bala sparked debate by remarking that he had sent a "very kaccha-pakka" (rough draft) version of the script to producer Karan Johar, who later forwarded it to Alia Bhatt without al-

lowing Bala to first polish it with spellchecks, grammar edits, or refine the hero entry. Some interpreted Bala's comments as implying that Alia Bhatt wasn't originally the first choice for the film. This led to accusations of nepotism and suggestions of mismanagement in production communications. Producer Somen Mishra and Karan Johar both clarified that they had always wanted Bhatt onboard, that the script was in its initial stage, and that Bala's concerns were about presentation, not intention. The situation inflamed social media, with some viewers suggesting he was distancing responsibility or making excuses amid the film's lukewarm box office reception.

Alia Bhatt has revealed her favourite travel destination. The actress had said that she loves visiting Maasai Mara National Reserve. However, she is waiting to take her daughter, Raha Kapoor as she has not yet reached the threshold age to visit the national reserve.

## Here's how mom-to-be Parineeti Chopra satisfied her Chinese food cravings in a healthy way



**Mumbai:** Actress Parineeti Chopra, who is expecting her first baby, is making sure her pregnancy cravings are both delicious and nutritious. Recently, the 'Kesari' actress indulged in a plate of healthy homemade Chinese food. Taking to her Instagram stories, the mom-to-be gave a glimpse of her Chinese cravings as she posted an image of vegetable rice with Chilli Paneer. Alongside the

image, she wrote, "Ghar ka healthy Chinese food. No bad stuff!!!"

Meanwhile, Parineeti Chopra recently celebrated her first Karwa Chauth with husband Raghav Chadha. The 'Ishaqzaade' actress observed the traditional fast for her husband, whom she fondly called the love of her life. The photos offered a glimpse into the intimate celebration. In one frame, the actress was seen performing the customary ritual of sighting her husband through a sieve, while Raghav held a pooja thali. Another candid moment captured the couple sitting together and sharing a warm exchange, beautifully reflecting the essence of their first Karwa Chauth as parents-to-be.

## Raveena Tandon's season of celebration includes 'Love, family, & birthdays'



**Mumbai:** For Raveena Tandon, the season of celebration includes "Love, family, & birthdays". The 'K.G.F: Chapter 2' actress thanked her motherland for enriching her life with a colourful cultural history. Raveena took to her Instagram handle and dropped a string of beautiful photos in a yellow saree, paired with a stunning green choker, light makeup, and a neat bun. Spilling her festive mood, the 'Shool' actress penned on the photo-sharing app, "And season of celebrations begins! Love, family, birthdays (happy 18th my son from another mom @raunakdhoot), happiness smiles, colors, laughter, music, dancing. Thank you my India my motherland, for giving me this rich colourful culture history and reasons for joy! (sic)"

The photos dropped by Raveena on social media are from the recently held Karwa Chauth celebration organised by Sunita Kapoor, wife of Anil Kapoor, at her residence. Raveena was joined by many other celebs from the Btown, including actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Mira Rajput, wife of Shahid Kapoor, Natasha Dalal, Varun Dhawan's wife, actress Geeta Basra, Maheep Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor's wife, actress Sonam Kapoor, and Chunky Panday's better half, Bhavana Panday, along with others.

## Samantha Ruth Prabhu shares her journey towards living her highest self



**Mumbai:** Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu opened up about a profound personal realization, sharing that she wants all her thoughts, words, and actions to reflect her highest self. Speaking about the clarity she found during moments of silence, the Kushi actress expressed her hope to truly live by this principle, not just talk about it. Taking to her Instagram handle, Samantha posted a series of images and captioned them, "All that I think, say, do, and aim for should honor my highest self. That's what came to me during my silence. Now, I just hope I can live it, not just say it." The photo carousel captures Samantha engaging in various activities-performing a pooja, working out in the gym, and playing with her dogs. One of the photos shows her dressed in a vibrant orange suit as she performs a pooja.

Last week, Samantha revealed a quote that had changed her perspective on life. The 'Yashoda' actress held a fun Q&A session on Instagram on October 5, during which a fan asked her, "What's a quote or line that changed your perspective?" In her reply, the actress said, "You will find your purpose in the things that bother you, so everything that I am a part of, if you draw a map, will be connected to the things that bother me, and that has simplified my life in many ways and maybe this will help you too, give it a try you'll find your purpose in the things that bother you."

## Rajisha Vijayan breaks down on stage at Bison event; recounts how director Mari Selvaraj saved her from drowning

**Chennai:** Actress Rajisha Vijayan, who plays the pivotal role of Raji in director Mari Selvaraj's upcoming social sports drama 'Bison', featuring actor Dhruv Vikram and Anupama Parameswaran in the lead, has now disclosed how she was about to drown while shooting a sequence for the film and how director Mari Selvaraj's timely intervention saved her. Participating in a grand pre-release event of the film, which is scheduled to hit screens on October 17, Rajisha, who broke down on stage and shed tears of joy, said, "When Mari sir approached me for this project, he sounded doubtful if I would do it as it was a sister's role. I told him be it any role, I just wanted to work with him. I have done 30 films but the trust I have in him is something special. I have blind trust in Mari sir."

The actress then went on to narrate an unnerving incident while shooting for the film. "When working on this film, there was a scene for which I had to jump in to the water. Mari sir asked me if



I knew swimming as I had learnt swimming for 'Kanan' and I said 'yes' because I wanted to do the scene. However, I had forgotten swimming as it was four years ago. When I jumped into the water, I felt I was going down. For five seconds, I thought my end was near. I had several things flashing in my mind in those five seconds.

## Kartik opens up about winning his first-ever Filmfare best actor award for 'Chandu Champion'

**Mumbai:** Actor Kartik Aaryan shared his excitement and emotions after winning his first-ever Filmfare Best Actor award for his performance in the film "Chandu Champion." The actor reflected on the journey, hard work, and dedication that led to this milestone, dedicating the achievement to every dreamer who refuses to give up. Taking to his Instagram handle, Kartik posted a couple of his photos holding the black lady and penned a heartfelt note. He wrote, "Champion gir-ta hai... par rukta nahi. "Some moments feel like a dream... and this was one of them." My FIRST EVER FILMFARE BEST ACTOR for Chandu Champion.



From the days I only watched the black lady on TV...to holding her in my hands - this one's for every dreamer who refuses to give up." "A heartfelt thank you to the man who made me live this story - @kabirkhank sir. Your filmmaking is filled with truth, emotion and power. You didn't just direct me, you transformed me. Working under your vision was the most fulfilling experience of my career. To #SajidNadiadwala sir and @ward-akhannadiadwala, the pillars of Chandu Champion - your belief, strength and unwavering support made this film what it is. Thank you for standing by it with so much faith and love."

## Neeraj Chopra swaps javelin for table tennis paddle during Switzerland retreat



**New Delhi:** India's golden boy Neeraj Chopra traded his javelin for a ping pong paddle in the middle of his Switzerland getaway. The Olympic medalist kicked off his scenic break in Zurich, getting into friendly

matches and experiencing the thrill of paragliding amidst the picturesque landscapes. After his disappointing eighth-place finish at the World Championships in Tokyo last month, Neeraj took a brief respite from his

athletic pursuits and is enjoying a scenic break in Switzerland.

Neeraj jumped into a spontaneous game of table tennis and walked away with some wins. Afterwards he strolled along the Viadukt, Zurich's artsy-cool repurposed railway line, before heading up the Freitag tower, a stacked shipping containers in Zurich-West, for city views that clearly left an impression. "Trying out ping pong for the first time at Josefswiese was a fun experience! I've always loved a bit of friendly competition, and this was a great way to switch things up. It was light-hearted, energetic, and the park setting made it even better.

## India Sends 222 Athletes to Youth Asian Games in Bahrain

**New Delhi:** A 222-member Indian athletic contingent is set to compete at the third Youth Asian Games, scheduled to take place in Manama, Bahrain, from October 22 to 31. With more than 100 support staff and officials accompanying them, India's total delegation for the event stands at 357 members. Olympic medalist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt has been appointed as the chef de mission for the Indian team. The contingent received a warm send-off at a ceremony jointly organised by the M3M Foundation and Kreedha Bharati in the capital on Sunday, where athletes were presented with their official kits.

The event saw the presence of Haryana sports minister Gaurav Gautam, Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha, M3M Foundation chairperson Payal Kanodia, Kreedha Bharati's national general secretary Prasad Mahankar, and several IOA officials. Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini, who could not attend the function due to official commitments, conveyed his best wishes through a video message, encouraging the athletes to perform their best and bring pride to the nation. The M3M Foundation, through its flagship sports initiative 'Lakshay', has been actively supporting young athletes by providing sports kits, mentorship, and long-term development opportunities.

## Women's World Cup: Skipper Athapaththu and Nilakshika's fifties guide Sri Lanka to 258/6 v NZ



**Colombo:** Ablazing half-century from Nilakshika de Silva, the fastest of the Women's ODI Cricket World Cup 2025 so far, powered Sri Lanka to a competitive total of 258/6 against New Zealand in the Women's World Cup clash at R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday. Nilakshika's whirlwind knock - an unbeaten 55 off just 28 balls - included a record fifty off only 26 deliveries, topping the tournament's fastest fifties chart. Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Sri Lanka got off to a strong start through skipper Chamari Athapaththu and Vishmi Gunaratne, who put on 101 runs for the opening wicket. Athapaththu looked solid at the crease, pouncing on anything loose, while Gunaratne took her time to settle in. The hosts finished the powerplay at 52/0, with New Zealand's new-ball bowlers struggling to make early inroads.

Gunaratne was given two reprieves - dropped on 26 and 31 - as New Zealand were sloppy in the field. Athapaththu, meanwhile, continued to dominate and brought up a well-composed fifty before Sophie Devine finally dismissed her for 53 in the 24th over, breaking the century stand. Gunaratne's luck eventually ran out when she was bowled for a 42-ball 83. Hasini Perera (44) and Harshitha Samarawickrama (26) then built a steady 58-run stand for the fourth wicket, keeping the scoreboard moving.

However, once Harshitha edged one behind, New Zealand clawed their way back, dismissing Kavisha Dilhari (4) and Perera in quick succession to regain control. Just when it seemed New Zealand might restrict the hosts, Nilakshika de Silva changed the course of the innings with a stunning counterattack. Coming in at No.6, she found the fence regularly and batted with intent from the very start. Her record-breaking 26-ball fifty helped Sri Lanka add 80 runs in the final 10 overs, ensuring a strong finish to the innings.

For New Zealand, skipper Sophie Devine led the bowling attack with figures of 3-54 in nine overs while Bree Illing (2-39) and Rosemary Mair (1-29) were the other wicket-takers. None of the spinners managed to pick up a wicket. Brief Scores: Sri Lanka 258/6 in 50 overs (Nilakshika de Silva 55 not out, Chamari Athapaththu 53; Sophie Devine 3-54, Bree Illing 2-39) against New Zealand.

## Fans Cheer Shan Masood's Dismissal as Babar Azam Walks In at Gaddafi Stadium



**Lahore:** In an unusual scene at the Gaddafi Stadium on the opening day of the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa, local fans erupted in cheers not for a boundary or wicket, but for the dismissal of their own captain, Shan Masood. The excitement had a simple reason — Pakistan's star batter and crowd favourite, Babar Azam, was next to bat. As Shan Masood was trapped leg before wicket by South African spinner Preenelan Subrayan after scoring 76 runs in a 161-run partnership with Imamul-Haq, the Decision Review System (DRS) confirmed the on-field umpire's call. Surprisingly, the crowd cheered loudly when the big screen upheld the decision, celebrating the fall of their skipper's wicket. Moments later, a thunderous roar greeted Babar Azam as he made his way to the crease.

The reaction left many in the commentary box astonished, including former

South African captain Shaun Pollock, who humorously remarked that someone should remind the crowd that cheering their own captain's dismissal is not the usual way to show support. Babar, however, couldn't make a big impact and was dismissed for 23 shortly after the tea break, leaving fans momentarily deflated. Earlier, Shan's steady innings and his partnership with Imam had helped Pakistan build a strong foundation after an early loss.

The Pakistan Cricket Board had allowed free entry to three or four enclosures to attract a larger audience, a move that did bring in a sizeable crowd, though many seats still remained empty. Despite the sparse attendance, the fans present made their presence felt — and their love for Babar Azam unmistakably clear — in a moment that summed up both the passion and unpredictability of cricket fandom in Pakistan.

## Gambhir turns 44, receives warm wishes from teammates and BCCI



**New Delhi:** Former Indian opener and current men's team head coach Gautam Gambhir turned 44 on Tuesday and the cricket world came together to celebrate! Adding to the excitement, India sealed a commanding Test series whitewash against the West Indies, with the second Test win coming at the Arun Jaitley Stadium — where Gambhir has a stand named in his honour. Gambhir served as one of India's most successful opening batsmen from 2003 to 2016, forming a formidable partnership with Virender Sehwag.

He was the India's second-highest run-scorer with 393 runs in nine innings, including four fifties, in the 2011 World Cup. His crucial 97 runs in the final against Sri Lanka at Wankhede Stadium helped India chase down 275 and lifted the coveted trophy after 28 years. The BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla shared a heartfelt post, that read, "Your unwavering commitment to the game, relentless pursuit of excellence, and iconic contributions on and off the field have left an indelible mark on Indian cricket."

## Mandhana, Ecclestone consolidate top spot in Women's ODI rankings

**Dubai:** India's Smriti Mandhana continues to reign supreme in the latest ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings, maintaining her No. 1 position after another commanding performance at the Women's World Cup 2025. Mandhana's fluent 80 in Vissakhapatnam helped her consolidate her lead at the top, as a host of other standout performers made major gains in the latest update. Australia's Alyssa Healy made one of the biggest moves of the week, soaring nine places to joint-fourth following her scintillating 142 in Australia's stunning chase against India.

With 700 rating points, Healy now sits behind Mandhana, Nat Sciver-Brunt, and



Beth Mooney, and shares her position with Laura Wolvaardt. The South Africa skipper also climbed three places to joint-fourth after consistent knocks, including a matchwinning 70

against India. Meanwhile, New Zealand captain Sophie Devine, the leading run-scorer in the tournament so far, rose two places to sixth, underlining her impact at the World Cup.