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Dear Readers,

On behalf of National Awareness Times (India's National Weekly), the editorial board and the team of our journal would like to wish all the readers a wonderful week ahead to all.

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SRI LANKA IN STORM CRISIS

By Editor – Gaurav Singh



When Cyclone Ditwah struck Sri Lanka, it arrived as one of the most devastating natural disasters the country has faced in decades. Torrential rains, violent winds, flooding, and landslides swept across the island, leaving destruction in their wake. Entire communities were uprooted, homes were destroyed, and infrastructure collapsed. The scale of devastation revealed weaknesses in disaster preparedness, early-warning systems, and infrastructure, forcing the nation into a state of emergency.

The cyclone began as a low-pressure system over the southwest Bay of Bengal, gradually intensifying into a severe cyclonic storm. By the time it made landfall on November 28, it brought with it relentless rainfall and strong wind gusts. Some areas experienced rainfall exceeding 300 millimeters within 24 hours, overwhelming rivers, drainage systems, and urban infrastructure. Urban centers, rural plains, and hilly regions alike bore the brunt of the storm.

As the cyclone made landfall, rivers overflowed, submerging

residential areas, roads, and offices. Cities experienced severe flooding, with water levels rising rapidly and stranding vehicles and residents alike. Power and water supplies failed, and communication networks were disrupted. In rural areas, landslides wiped out entire villages and blocked roads, leaving communities isolated. Districts in the central hills and plantation regions experienced some of the worst damage, with countless homes buried under mud and debris.

The human toll was staggering. Hundreds of lives were lost,



and thousands more were displaced. Temporary shelters were set up in schools, community halls, and government facilities to accommodate the displaced population. Entire neighborhoods were submerged, and survivors were

left without basic necessities such as clean drinking water, food, and medical care. Families were torn apart, with many reporting missing loved ones, and communities faced the daunting task of rebuilding their lives from scratch.

Infrastructure across the

country suffered extensive damage. Roads, bridges, railways, power lines, and water supply systems were disrupted or destroyed. Transportation became nearly impossible in many areas due to flooded roads and landslides. Recovery efforts were slowed as relief teams struggled to reach the hardest-hit regions. Hospitals and clinics faced challenges in providing care due to power outages and damage to medical facilities.

The Sri Lankan government quickly declared a national emergency and mobilized all available resources. Military units, police, civil defense, and volunteers were deployed to assist in rescue operations, evacuate residents, deliver essential supplies, and provide temporary shelter. Large-scale relief efforts were initiated to address the immediate needs of those affected. Food, clean water, medicine, and other





essentials were distributed in shelters, while reconstruction efforts were planned for damaged infrastructure.

Despite the massive scale of the response, challenges persisted. Many areas remained inaccessible, slowing rescue and aid distribution. Overcrowding in shelters and poor sanitation heightened the risk of disease. The cyclone's impact extended beyond immediate destruction; it destroyed crops, disrupted livelihoods, and severely affected the economy. Farmers lost fields and livestock, while businesses faced losses due to flooding and supply chain disruptions.

The emotional and psychological toll on affected populations was immense. Survivors struggled with grief, trauma, and uncertainty about the future. Children lost homes and schools, while the elderly faced isolation and difficulty accessing care. Communities were forced to confront the loss of life, property, and a sense of security, while also grappling with the daunting task of rebuilding.

Cyclone Ditwah's impact also highlighted long-term risks. Experts noted that climate change, deforestation, and unplanned urban expansion had contributed to the storm's destructive effects. Rising sea temperatures and altered rainfall patterns have made

severe cyclones more frequent and intense. Sri Lanka's vulnerability to such disasters underscores the need for improved disaster preparedness, stronger infrastructure, and effective early-warning systems.

Recovery will be a monumental task. Rebuilding homes, roads, bridges, and utilities will take time, while restoring livelihoods and community networks will require careful planning. Mental health support, social services, and sustainable reconstruction are critical to ensuring that communities can recover fully and withstand future disasters. Authorities have emphasized the importance of resilience and long-term planning to mitigate the effects of future extreme weather events.

Amid the devastation, stories of courage and solidarity have emerged. Rescue teams risked their lives to save stranded residents, neighbors helped each other evacuate, and communities opened their doors to those displaced by the storm. These acts of bravery and compassion highlight the resilience and unity of the Sri Lankan people, even in the face of immense tragedy.

Cyclone Ditwah will be remembered as one of the darkest moments in recent Sri Lankan history. It exposed vulnerabilities in infrastructure, governance, and disaster preparedness. At the same time, it has provided an opportunity to build back stronger, safer, and more resilient. The road to recovery will be long and challenging, but the nation's determination to rebuild offers hope for a safer and more prepared future.



EVENTS



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at the Constitution Day celebrations organised by the Supreme Court of India, in New Delhi.

Glimpses of the closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Bharat Scouts and Guides at Lucknow, in Uttar Pradesh.



PM participates in 550th-Year Celebrations of Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math, in Goa.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates the “One District One Product” (ODOP) Pavilion at the premises of the academy, in Uttarakhand.

The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan participated as the Chief Guest at the Akhil Bhartiya Devsthanam Sammelan, held on the sidelines of the International Gita Mahotsav 2025, at Kurukshetra.



PM addressing the media ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament at Parliament House, in New Delhi.

HAYLI GUBBI AWAKENS AFTER 12000 YEARS



The eruption of the Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia has become one of the most dramatic natural events of the year, breaking a silence that lasted nearly 12000 years. Situated in the remote Afar Region within the geologically active East African Rift, this volcano was long classified as dormant. Its sudden awakening has astonished scientists and unsettled communities across continents. The eruption produced towering columns of ash, widespread air disturbances and significant disruptions in international aviation, making it a global event rather than a local incident.

The first signs of activity were captured by satellites that noticed unusual heat signatures near the volcanic cone. Soon after, residents living in distant settlements reported faint ashfall and glowing patches on the horizon at night. When the eruption finally began, a powerful plume of ash shot up more than 14 kilometers into the sky. This massive vertical spread allowed winds to carry ash far beyond Ethiopia, reaching countries around the Red Sea and even drifting toward South Asia.

Regions in Yemen, Oman and parts of Saudi Arabia experienced light ash deposits, while atmospheric dust from the event traveled thousands of kilometers. In India, weather agencies flagged the possibility of ash-induced haze in parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Although the concentration of volcanic particles remained low, health advisories were issued as a precaution. The aviation sector faced the most immediate impact. Flights between India and the Middle East saw cancellations and diversions due to safety risks. Airlines operating out of Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad reported delays as air traffic controllers monitored the ash cloud's movement through international flight corridors.

Despite the wide impact, early reports indicated no confirmed loss of life in Ethiopia. The eruption occurred in a sparsely populated zone, and the initial ashfall affected mostly open land. Even so, the Ethiopian government mobilized emergency teams to secure villages, distribute masks and protect livestock from inhaling fine ash. The remote landscape itself posed challenges, as access

roads are limited and communication networks remain weak. Still, relief teams and scientists reached nearby areas to test air quality and evaluate ground conditions.

The scientific community has shown strong interest in this event because of the volcano's long dormancy period. A volcanic system that remains quiet for 12000 years and suddenly reactivates provides rare data about deep Earth processes. Researchers are studying the chemistry of the ash, the type of magma involved and the seismic patterns that preceded the eruption. These findings may help refine global predictive models for dormant volcanoes that could still pose risks. Many eruptions in history have occurred without prior records simply because ancient activity went undocumented. Hayli Gubbi adds important context to this understanding.

The event has also drawn attention to the broader question of whether volcanic activity is increasing worldwide or whether better monitoring makes eruptions appear more frequent. While scientists caution against quick conclusions, the Hayli Gubbi eruption underscores how natural forces can remain hidden for millennia before suddenly reshaping the environment. As volcanic ash continues to disperse and the eruption gradually weakens, monitoring stations around the world are keeping a close watch. Whether this marks the beginning of a new active phase or a rare one time event remains uncertain. For now, Hayli Gubbi stands as a reminder of the Earth's dynamic nature and the far reaching consequences of geological activity.

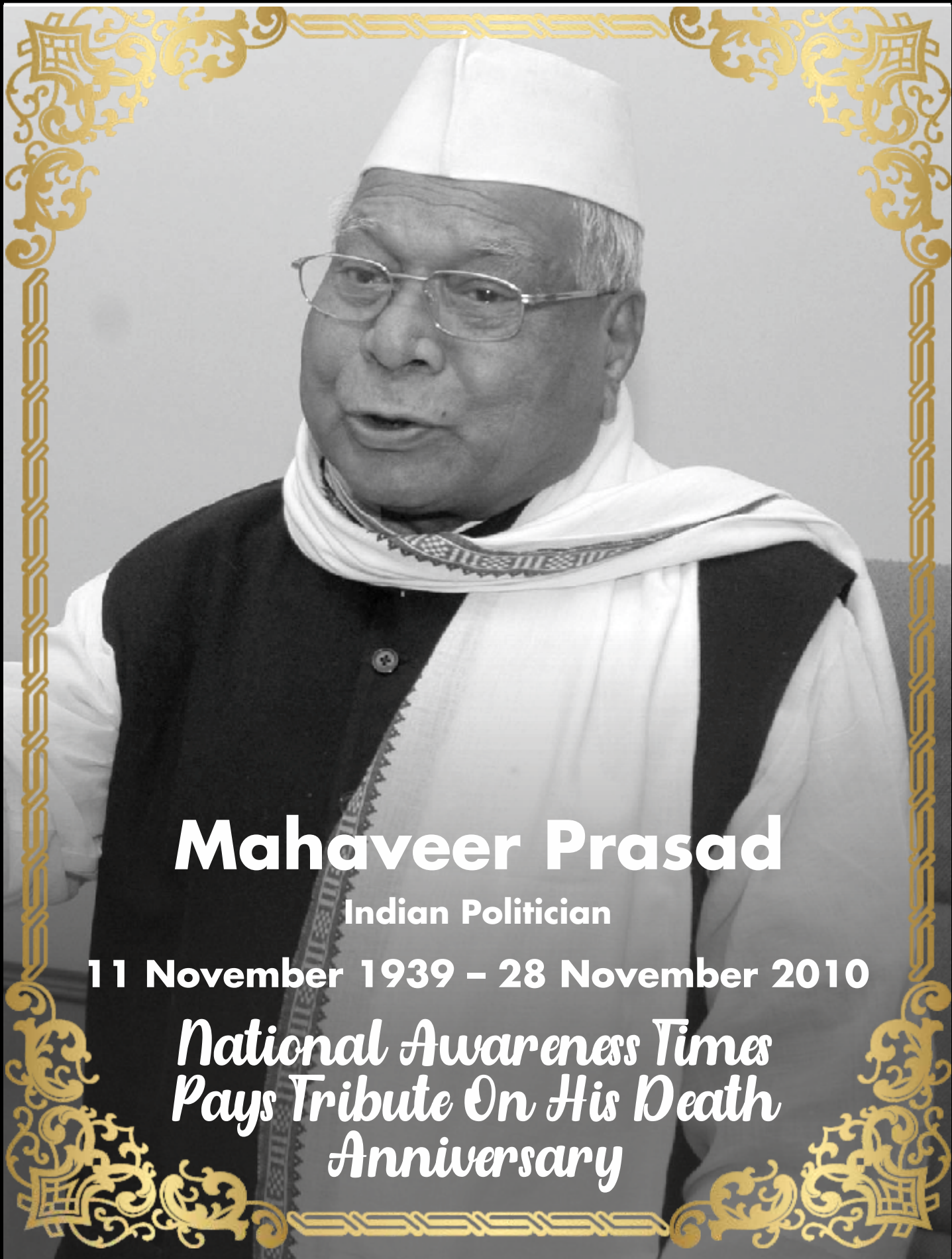
CONTROVERSY GROWS AS PATANJALI GHEE FAILS QUALITY TEST



The recent controversy surrounding Patanjali's cow ghee has sparked a nationwide debate on food safety and the growing problem of adulterated dairy products. The issue gained momentum after a court in Uttarakhand penalised the company for selling ghee that failed to meet prescribed quality standards. This decision has shaken consumer confidence, especially since the brand has long promoted its products as pure and natural. For many families across India, ghee is an essential part of daily cooking, and any doubt over its authenticity instantly raises health and trust concerns. The case began when food safety officials collected a sealed sample of Patanjali cow ghee during a routine inspection. The sample was sent to a state laboratory, where it was declared substandard. The company contested the decision, prompting a second round of testing at a central laboratory. The re-examination confirmed the earlier findings, ruling that the product did not match the quality levels required under food-safety regulations. With both laboratories

agreeing on the results, the court imposed fines not only on Patanjali but also on the distributor and the seller involved in the chain. This judgement has revived public fear about the rising market for duplicate and adulterated ghee in India. In many states, authorities have been cracking down on illegal units that manufacture fake ghee by mixing cheap refined oils, hydrogenated fats and synthetic flavouring agents. These products are then packed in tins or containers that closely resemble those of well-known brands and sold at lower prices. Consumers often fail to detect the difference until health problems arise or raids expose the racket. The Patanjali incident is particularly significant because it involves a large and widely trusted brand. For years, the company has marketed itself as an advocate of purity and traditional Indian wellness. The idea that a product under such branding could be substandard has pushed people to question the wider industry. Food safety experts say this case should be treated as a wake-up call. Even products from major companies

must undergo strict and regular checks to ensure that quality remains consistent from batch to batch. Public health professionals have also warned about the dangers associated with adulterated ghee. Fake or low-grade ghee often contains fats that are harmful when consumed over long periods. They can contribute to increased cholesterol levels, digestive issues and long-term heart problems. These concerns are especially relevant because ghee is used in everything from festival sweets to everyday meals. A compromised product, therefore, has the potential to impact millions of people. In response to the verdict, Patanjali has stated that it plans to appeal the ruling. The company claims that the testing process may have had errors and that it stands by the purity of its products. However, until the appeal is resolved, the controversy is unlikely to fade. Consumers have already begun sharing their doubts on social media, and market analysts believe that the brand may face temporary reputational damage. This incident has triggered broader calls for stronger enforcement of food safety regulations. Many believe that random testing should be increased, penalties should be higher and supply chains must be more transparent. As the demand for ghee continues to rise, especially during winter and festive seasons, strict monitoring becomes essential. The Patanjali case may ultimately prove to be a turning point, pushing authorities and manufacturers to tighten quality control and protect consumers from the growing menace of duplicate and adulterated ghee.



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TRUMP CANCELS ALL AUTOPEN ORDERS ISSUED UNDER BIDEN



Donald Trump has ignited a fresh wave of political debate by announcing that he has cancelled all the autopen-signed executive orders issued during Joe Biden's presidency. The statement, delivered during a press interaction and amplified across social media, has quickly become one of the most discussed developments in recent American politics. Trump claimed that his decision was taken to "restore authenticity, accountability, and presidential responsibility" to executive actions, which he argued had been compromised under the previous administration. According to Trump, several executive orders signed during Biden's tenure were authenticated using an autopen, a device traditionally used by presidents to mechanically sign documents when they are unavailable for in-person signing. While the practice has been used by multiple administrations for decades, Trump framed it as an overreach and suggested that many important policy decisions should not have been validated using mechanical signatures. He described the autopen approach as "detached governance" and

insisted that reversing those orders was necessary to "return power to a present and accountable president." His announcement immediately triggered reactions from lawmakers, experts, and public commentators. Trump's move has introduced significant uncertainty regarding which policies might be affected. During the Biden years, dozens of executive orders addressed issues such as immigration, climate initiatives, student loan relief, workplace protections, and regulations related to healthcare and federal agencies. If Trump's cancellation applies broadly, it could potentially place several of those directives on hold until they are either reinstated through fresh signatures or replaced with new policies. The ambiguity has pushed legal experts to question how such a cancellation would be executed, especially given that autopen-signed documents have historically been considered valid under federal precedent. Political analysts note that Trump's announcement appears to serve two purposes. First, it signals a sharp break from Biden's governing style, reinforcing

Trump's long-standing criticism that his predecessor relied too heavily on executive orders. Second, it allows Trump to reassert control over administrative processes in a way that highlights his return to the center of policymaking. Supporters view the decision as a bold move toward transparency, arguing that important national decisions deserve personal presidential attention. Critics, however, consider it a symbolic gesture aimed primarily at energizing his voter base rather than addressing governance efficiency. The practical implications are still unfolding. Federal agencies now wait for clarifications on which specific orders are being nullified, and whether the government will issue a comprehensive list. Several policy analysts warn that an abrupt cancellation could disrupt ongoing programs, slow down federal operations, or result in legal challenges from affected groups. Some have pointed out that many executive orders, regardless of how they are signed, undergo lengthy bureaucratic processes that cannot be undone with a single announcement. Despite the uncertainty, Trump's declaration has already reshaped political discourse. It brings renewed attention to the autopen tradition and raises broader questions about presidential authority in the digital age. As debates continue, one thing is clear: Trump's decision has opened a new chapter in the ongoing tug-of-war over how executive power should be exercised and authenticated. For now, the nation watches closely as the administration moves to clarify the scope, impact, and long-term consequences of cancelling every autopen-signed order from the previous presidency.

FAMILY OF LATE MAJOR MOHIT SHARMA MOVES DELHI HIGH COURT; SEEKS STAY ON RANVEER SINGH STARRER



The Ranveer Singh-led *Dhurandhar* has run into serious trouble just before release, with the family of late Major Mohit Sharma moving the Delhi High Court to stop the film. The petition claims the makers have allegedly taken inspiration from Major Sharma's life and covert operations without seeking approval from his family, which they say violates his posthumous personality rights as well as their own privacy and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. The family has also raised concerns that the movie could unintentionally expose sensitive details related to Major Sharma's classified missions. According to them, any depiction of his covert work could compromise national security, as the officer was involved in several high-risk operations that remain confidential. Amid rising speculation on social media that *Dhurandhar* is loosely based on the martyr, director Aditya Dhar issued a public clarification. He categorically denied any link to Major Sharma,

saying the film is completely fictional. Dhar stated that if he ever made a biopic on Major Sharma, it would be done only with full consent and complete involvement of the family. In their plea, the family has also sought a wider guideline: they want the court to make it mandatory for filmmakers to secure authorisation from both the legal heirs of any real-life military martyr and the Indian Army before creating or releasing films inspired by their stories. The High Court is expected to take up the matter next week. Meanwhile, *Dhurandhar* — featuring Ranveer Singh, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, Akshaye Khanna, R. Madhavan and Sara Arjun — is slated for a December 5 release. Whether the legal challenge will impact its theatrical plans remains uncertain.

KAPIL SHARMA TO RETURN TO COLORS AFTER 11 YEARS IN LAUGHTER CHEFS



Recent reports suggest that Kapil Sharma is all set to make a much-talked-about return to Colors, marking a significant moment for fans who have long associated the channel with some of his earliest television triumphs. While he is not reviving *Comedy Nights With Kapil*, the iconic skit-based chat show that made him a household name, the comedian, we hear, is gearing up to be a part of an entirely different show — the comedy cooking reality show *Laughter Chefs* that is expected to mark a return with its new season soon.

For those who came in late, *Comedy Nights With Kapil* had once been one of the biggest draws on Indian television, welcoming major Bollywood stars and featuring popular comedians like Sunil Grover, Krushna Abhishek, Kiku Sharda and many others. The show ended amid reports of a fallout between Kapil and the channel — an incident that unfolded nearly 11 years ago. Despite the long-standing buzz around their differences, the comedian and

the network have finally decided to turn the page.

According to industry chatter, Kapil will now be joining *Laughter Chefs*, a show known for pairing television celebrities in a chaotic, comedy-infused kitchen setting. The new addition is expected to bring a fresh surge of excitement, especially since it will once again see him share screen space with Krushna Abhishek and comedian-host Bharti Singh — a trio the audience has always loved watching together.

For Kapil, this is said to mark a refreshing departure from his usual stage-driven and conversational comedy. The culinary backdrop is expected to be giving him a whole new playground to explore. He will be seen interacting with contestants navigating frantic cooking challenges, last-minute mishaps and kitchen blunders that naturally lead to hilarious outcomes. His spontaneity and quick wit are expected to blend seamlessly with the show's format, making his presence a major draw for viewers.

Meanwhile, the comedian is juggling an extremely busy schedule. He continues to front multiple seasons of Netflix's *The Great Indian Kapil Show*, where he shares screen space with Krushna Abhishek, Sunil Grover, Kiku Sharda, Archana Puran Singh, Navjot Singh Sidhu and others. The series has been performing strongly for the platform and keeps Kapil firmly positioned as one of India's most bankable entertainers.

Kapil is also gearing up for the theatrical release of his comedy entertainer *Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2*. The film features an ensemble cast including Hina Warina, Ayesha Khan, Tridha Choudhury, Parul Gulati and Manjot Singh, among others.



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT APPLE

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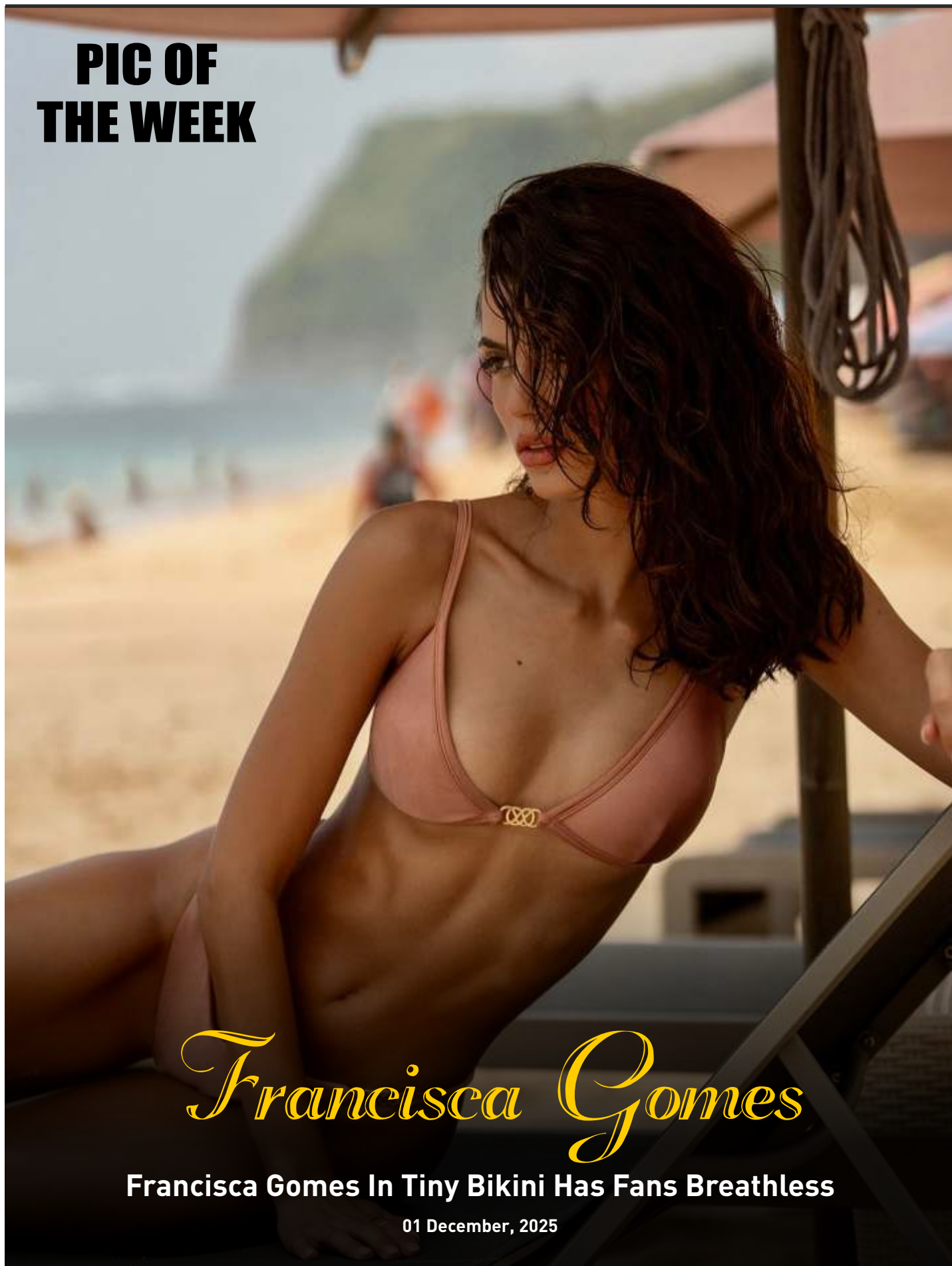
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