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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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PM MARKS 350TH SHAHEEDI DIWAS OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI IN KURUKSHETRA

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The 350th Shaheidi Diwas of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji became a moment of deep national reflection as the Prime Minister marked the historic day in Kurukshetra. The occasion was not only a remembrance of the Ninth Sikh Guru's supreme sacrifice but also a national tribute to the values that continue to shape the moral spirit of India. Kurukshetra, already known in Indian tradition as the land of dharma and righteous duty, served as the solemn stage for a commemoration that connected history with modern aspirations. The event brought together spiritual leaders, scholars, Sikhs from many regions, and citizens who see the life of Guru Tegh

Bahadur Ji as a symbol of fearlessness and compassion. The Prime Minister addressed the gathering by highlighting the timeless message that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji gave through his actions. The Guru is remembered in Indian history as the protector of faith. His sacrifice to uphold the freedom of religious practice is unmatched. At a time when Mughal authority was attempting to enforce religious conversions, Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji stood firm on the principle that every individual has an undeniable right to practice his or her beliefs. His martyrdom in 1675 was not only a moment of Sikh history but a turning point in the larger struggle for human

rights and spiritual dignity. The Prime Minister's remarks reinforced that this message is even more relevant today when societies across the world debate issues of liberty, identity, and peaceful coexistence. The commemoration began with prayers and kirtan by renowned ragis who sang verses from the Guru Granth Sahib. These hymns expressed the deep philosophical insights shared by the Guru on life, courage, and detachment. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji wrote extensively on the nature of fear, the temporariness of human existence, and the power of a calm and truthful mind. His bani is celebrated for its simplicity and depth. Participants at the event



reflected on how these teachings are a source of strength for people even today. The Prime Minister, in his address, noted that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji taught the importance of inner freedom far before modern thinkers articulated similar ideas. Kurukshetra holds a special place in Indian culture as the land where Lord Krishna delivered the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita. By choosing this location, the event symbolically linked the spiritual heritage of different eras. The Prime Minister highlighted that the teachings of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji harmonise with the messages of courage and righteousness found in the Gita. Both emphasize integrity and steadfastness in the face of injustice. The Guru displayed this firmness when he refused to bow to tyranny. His sacrifice was a stand taken not for political power but for the spiritual liberty of a persecuted community. This connection between the Gita and the Guru's message created a powerful spiritual atmosphere during the event. The 350th Shaheedi Diwas became a moment for educating the younger generation as well. Students from local schools and colleges participated through exhibitions and presentations that showcased moments from the Guru's life. These included his

travels across northern and eastern India to spread spiritual awareness, his contributions to Sikh philosophy, and his vision for a society based on equality and community service. The Prime Minister interacted with several students and encouraged them to learn from the courage and wisdom of the Guru. He emphasized that the Guru's life was a guide on how to stay rooted in values even when faced with pressure or adversity. The event also highlighted the importance of pluralism in India's cultural identity. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji stands as a national figure because his sacrifice protected the freedom of another community. His stand for the Kashmiri Pandits is remembered as one of the most selfless acts in history. The Prime Minister described this moment as the highest form of humanity because the Guru defended people who were not part of his own religion. This act of courage strengthened the foundation of India's civilizational idea which teaches respect for all paths of faith. Speakers at the event shared that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's actions prove that India has always believed in harmony and mutual respect. During his speech, the Prime Minister spoke about the significance of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's teachings in the

context of modern India. He said that India's progress is rooted in the same values that the Guru upheld. Courage, truth, patience, and service remain essential for a society that wants to grow while maintaining peace. He also spoke about the efforts made by the government to preserve Sikh heritage. Restorations, research projects, and memorials dedicated to the Sikh Gurus were mentioned as steps taken to honor their contributions to India's cultural fabric. The Prime Minister stated that remembering the Gurus is not a ceremonial act but a moral responsibility that inspires the nation to choose the path of righteousness. A special part of the event was the distribution of langar which reflected the Sikh tradition of community service. People from different backgrounds sat together, symbolizing equality and shared humanity. Volunteers from various gurdwaras worked throughout the day to prepare and serve the langar. This act of service became a living representation of the values that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji cherished and encouraged. The Prime Minister praised the selfless service of the volunteers and mentioned that the concept of langar teaches the world the importance of sharing and humility. The speeches given by Sikh scholars added depth to the occasion. They reminded the audience that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji did not merely speak about bravery but demonstrated it through his actions. His journey from Anandpur Sahib to Delhi, his arrest, his refusal to abandon his principles, and finally his execution are described in Sikh records with profound respect. These scholars emphasized that the Guru's martyrdom gave rise to a stronger community identity among Sikhs who later established the Khalsa under



Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The Prime Minister referred to this transformation and said that the Guru's sacrifice laid the foundation for future generations who fought for justice with courage and discipline. Cultural performances that depicted moments from the Guru's life were also showcased. Artists from Punjab presented scenes that illustrated his early life, his deep spiritual nature, and his unwavering resolve in the face of oppression. These performances brought to life the emotional depth of the story and helped the audience connect with the historical narrative. The Prime Minister



appreciated the performers and mentioned that art and culture are powerful mediums for keeping history alive in public memory. As the event progressed, the atmosphere was filled with reverence. Kurukshetra became a gathering place where history, spirituality, and contemporary values merged. The Prime Minister spoke about the importance of collective remembrance. He said that remembering great figures like Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji is essential to maintaining a strong national character. Their lives remind people that courage and sacrifice are required to protect the truth. He added that the 350th Shaheedi Diwas is not only a remembrance but also an opportunity to renew commitment to justice and compassion. The Prime Minister concluded his address by expressing gratitude to the Sikh community for preserving the legacy of the Gurus with devotion. He said that this legacy inspires every Indian regardless of religion or background. He also reminded the audience that the responsibility to uphold the values of the Gurus does not lie with one community alone but with the entire nation. He urged people to walk on the path that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji chose which is the path of courage, dignity, and respect for all. The 350th Shaheedi Diwas event ended with a collective prayer for peace and harmony. As the sun set over Kurukshetra, the gathering left with a sense of pride and introspection. The sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, remembered after centuries, continues to serve as a moral lighthouse. The Prime Minister's commemoration reaffirmed the fact that India honors those who stand for truth even in the darkest times. The story of the Guru remains a living inspiration that guides the nation toward unity, resilience, and justice.

EVENTS



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the newly constructed Bio-CNG and Fertilizer Plant by Banas Dairy and lays the foundation stone of the 150-ton powder plant in the Vav-Tharad district of Gujarat.

The Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat pinned the Armed Forces Flag Day lapel pin and donated to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, in New Delhi.



The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal interacting with the media on the theme "Samajik Nyay", in New Delhi.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh and Defence Minister of Russia Mr Andrei Belousov signed the protocol of the 22nd IRIGC-M&MTC meeting at Manekshaw Centre, in New Delhi.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu hosted a banquet in honour of The President of Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi.



PM meeting with the President of Russia, Mr. Vladimir Putin at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi.

RUPEE FALLS BELOW 90 AGAINST THE DOLLAR



The Indian Rupee falling below 90 against the US Dollar has become one of the most discussed economic developments in recent times. This level has always been seen as a psychological milestone, and crossing it reflects the pressure building on India's currency from both global and domestic forces. The decline is not the result of a single event but a combination of consistent challenges that have gradually pulled the rupee downward.

A major reason for the weakening rupee is India's heavy import dependency. The country imports large quantities of crude oil, electronics, machinery, fertilizers and several essential industrial components. Since these payments are made in US Dollars, the demand for the dollar remains high. When import bills rise, especially during periods of elevated global commodity prices, the need for foreign currency increases even more, which places additional strain on the rupee.

Foreign investment trends have also played a key role in the recent depreciation. When global uncertainty rises, investors often move their money to stable and developed markets. This flow of capital away from emerging markets

like India reduces the supply of dollars coming into the country. As foreign investors withdraw funds from equity and debt markets, demand for the dollar rises and the rupee feels the impact.

The global financial environment is another important factor behind the recent slide. The US Dollar has gained strength due to high interest rates in the United States and strong demand from investors seeking safe assets. When the dollar strengthens against major world currencies, emerging market currencies often face pressure. The rupee is no exception. Global geopolitical tensions, tight monetary policy across regions and slower international trade have further intensified the downward movement.

Apart from global forces, domestic uncertainties and delays in major trade agreements have also affected investor confidence. When long term economic policies or trade negotiations appear uncertain, foreign businesses become cautious. This affects foreign direct investment and slows the inflow of stable foreign capital, creating additional pressure on the currency. A weaker rupee creates both positive and negative effects for the Indian economy. Exporters stand to gain because Indian goods become

cheaper for foreign buyers. Sectors like textiles, software services and handicrafts often see improved demand when the rupee weakens. However, the advantage is limited because many export oriented industries also depend on imported raw materials and machinery. If the cost of these imports rises, the benefit from a cheaper rupee reduces significantly.

For consumers, the more immediate impact is rising inflation. A weaker rupee makes imported goods and global commodities more expensive. Fuel prices often rise first, and since fuel affects transportation and logistics, inflation spreads to multiple sectors.

Everyday items that depend on imported ingredients or packaging also become costlier. Electronics, appliances and luxury goods show noticeable price increases, affecting household budgets.

Businesses that rely on imported technology or components face higher production costs. They may need to increase prices or absorb losses, both of which create financial pressure. This can reduce economic activity, slow expansion plans and affect overall business sentiment. Looking ahead, the future of the rupee will depend on global economic conditions, domestic policy actions and investor confidence. If global interest rates soften and trade flows stabilize, the rupee may find some support. The Reserve Bank of India is likely to intervene when needed to prevent sharp volatility. Strengthening domestic manufacturing, reducing import dependence and improving export competitiveness will be essential to protect the currency in the long term.

The rupee falling below 90 is a reminder of the vulnerabilities that exist within the economic system. While some sectors may benefit, the broader impact highlights the need for stronger strategies to ensure stability and support growth in the months ahead.

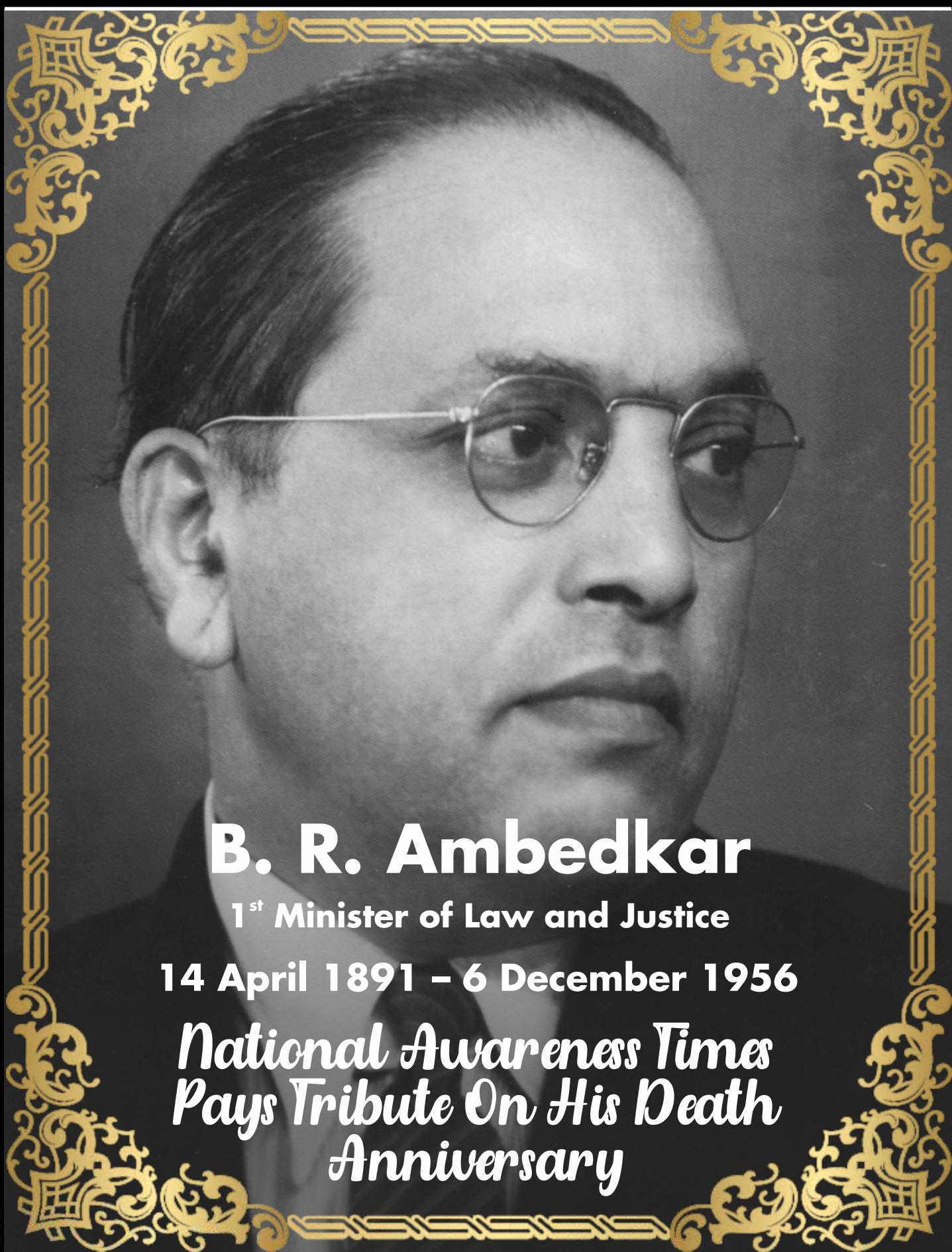
NEW PHASE OF INDIA RUSSIA RELATIONS



The visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to India has drawn significant global attention, strengthening a long standing partnership that has evolved across defense, energy, trade and geopolitical coordination. The meeting comes at a moment when global power balances are shifting, regional conflicts are reshaping alliances and major nations are reassessing their strategic priorities. India and Russia have shared decades of cooperation, and this visit reaffirms the relevance of their relationship in a changing world. A key focus of the visit is the continued defense collaboration between the two countries. Russia has historically been one of India's largest defense suppliers, and several major platforms in the Indian military carry Russian technology. Although India has diversified its defense procurement in recent years, Moscow continues to play an important role. Discussions during the visit include joint manufacturing, modernization of existing equipment and technological cooperation in advanced systems. India is keen to enhance self reliance through local production, while Russia seeks long term stability in its defense partnerships. Energy cooperation holds equal

importance. India is one of the world's fastest growing energy consumers and needs stable and affordable supplies to sustain economic growth. Russia remains a major global energy exporter. Talks during the visit highlight long term crude supply commitments, expansion of liquefied natural gas trade and collaboration in nuclear energy. India aims to secure diversified energy routes and predictable pricing, while Russia values dependable buyers at a time when global energy markets face volatility. Economic cooperation is another significant pillar of the visit. Bilateral trade has grown in recent years, especially with India's increased purchase of Russian energy. Both nations are exploring ways to expand commercial ties beyond the energy and defense sectors. Discussions cover areas such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, diamonds, metals and technology. Efforts to develop more efficient payment mechanisms and reduce dependence on traditional financial channels are part of the conversation, especially as global financial systems face geopolitical pressures. Strategically, the visit highlights the diplomatic independence that India seeks to maintain. India and Russia often hold different

positions on global issues, yet they continue to engage constructively. For India, Russia remains a nation with which it shares mutual respect and a tradition of stable dialogue. For Russia, India is a major Asian economy and an influential global voice. The visit reinforces the idea that both countries benefit from keeping communication strong even when global alignments shift. The leaders also discuss regional security issues. Stability in Eurasia, developments in Asia Pacific and challenges related to terrorism and global conflict form part of the agenda. Both nations support multipolarity and emphasize the importance of balanced international relations. India focuses on safeguarding its national interests without becoming entangled in power blocs, while Russia seeks to maintain strategic relevance across regions. People to people links are also highlighted. Cultural exchanges, education partnerships and tourism promotion are areas where both sides aim to deepen engagement. These soft power elements help sustain long term goodwill and add depth to a relationship that has historically gone beyond transactional interests. Putin's visit signals continuity and adaptation. The world is undergoing dramatic economic and political changes, yet India and Russia find value in strengthening a partnership built on decades of trust. The visit underscores a shared belief that dialogue and cooperation remain essential in an unpredictable global landscape. While challenges exist, the commitment to expanding ties across multiple sectors shows that the relationship remains strong and strategically important for both countries.



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INDIGO STRUGGLES AS NATIONWIDE FLIGHT DELAYS DISRUPT TRAVEL PLANS



IndiGo, one of India's largest airlines, has been facing growing criticism due to repeated flight delays that have affected thousands of passengers across major airports. These disruptions have created long queues, missed connections and widespread frustration among travelers who rely on IndiGo for punctual and affordable travel. The recent wave of delays shows how a combination of operational challenges, weather issues and rising passenger loads can create a ripple effect across the entire aviation network.

The main problem begins with the tight scheduling that most low cost carriers follow. IndiGo operates a dense network of flights with quick turnaround times. When even one early morning flight gets delayed due to weather, technical checks or airport congestion, every subsequent flight on that aircraft can be pushed back. This creates a chain reaction that grows worse over the day, leaving passengers waiting for hours with little clarity on updated departure times.

Weather conditions have also played a major role. Fog during winter, heavy rain in certain cities and unpredictable winds can reduce visibility, force aircraft to hold in the air or divert them to other airports.

Such conditions cause a buildup of pending flights and increase congestion on runways. Since airlines cannot compromise on safety, delays become unavoidable. However, passengers often feel the communication from the airline does not match the severity of the situation, which adds to dissatisfaction.

Technical checks and maintenance requirements can also lead to delays. Regulations require aircraft to undergo strict inspections, and even minor issues can keep a plane grounded until engineers clear it. While these checks ensure safety, they can disrupt schedules when spare aircraft are not readily available. IndiGo operates a large fleet, but demand often matches capacity, leaving little flexibility to replace aircraft at short notice. Airport congestion worsens the situation. Several major Indian airports operate close to maximum capacity. High passenger traffic, limited parking bays, slow baggage handling and crowded security lanes can all contribute to flight delays. When multiple airlines experience schedule disruptions, the overall burden increases. IndiGo, with its large number of daily flights, becomes one of the most affected airlines.

Passengers have raised concerns regarding the lack of timely updates and assistance. Many passengers report receiving delayed notifications about rescheduled flights or learning of a delay only after reaching the airport. Transparency plays an important role in maintaining trust, and inconsistent communication can make even short delays feel more frustrating. Travelers also complain about long queues at help desks, limited compensation options and insufficient staff support during peak disruption hours.

The impact of these delays is significant. Business travelers often miss important meetings. Families face stress while traveling with children or elderly members.

Passengers with connecting flights may lose their onward bookings entirely, forcing them to purchase new tickets at higher prices. Delays can also disrupt airport operations, increase fuel consumption for airlines and raise overall operating costs.

Looking ahead, solutions require coordinated efforts. Airlines need greater buffer time in their schedules, more reserve aircraft and improved crew management systems.

Enhanced communication tools can ensure passengers receive real time updates. Airports must continue to expand capacity, improve runway efficiency and upgrade infrastructure to handle rising traffic. Weather forecasting systems, air traffic coordination and digital monitoring can also reduce operational uncertainties.

IndiGo remains a popular airline because of its wide network and reliable service record over the years. However, the recent delay problems serve as a reminder that the aviation ecosystem must evolve to meet growing passenger expectations. A combination of better planning, stronger communication and improved infrastructure can help ensure smoother travel experiences in the future.

DHURANDHAR TURNS GOLDMINE FOR RANVEER SINGH; NETFLIX SHELLS OUT RS. 130 CR



Last week's big release, *Dhurandhar*, has emerged as a huge success, as evident by the strong Monday hold. The film collected more than Rs. 20 crores on its fourth day, which proves that the public has widely accepted it and it'll have long legs at the box office. For its lead actor Ranveer Singh, this super-success has come as the much-needed boost to his star power. And that's not all. Bollywood Hungama has learned that *Dhurandhar* has been paid handsomely for its OTT rights as well.

A source told Bollywood Hungama, "Netflix has paid Rs. 130 crores for the streaming rights of *Dhurandhar*. This includes both parts. Hence, one can say that the rights were sold for around Rs. 65 crores each for *Dhurandhar* Part 1 and Part 2."

The source continued, "Nevertheless, this is a huge figure in today's times when the OTT prices have crashed. Also, it is a significant shot-in-the-arm for Ranveer Singh. This is his biggest OTT deal yet, if we count the amount given to both parts of *Dhurandhar*."

Bollywood Hungama had earlier reported, in 2022 and 2023, that the OTT rights of Ranveer Singh's 2021 sports film '83 were sold for Rs. 30 crores to Netflix. *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani* (2021), meanwhile, earned Rs. 80 crores from the sale of the digital rights to Amazon Prime Video. The two parts of *Dhurandhar*, as one can see, has gone ahead in leaps and bounds on this front.

Dhurandhar has collected nearly Rs. 130 crores in four days and an additional 3.83 mil. USD [Rs. 34.48 cr.] were collected from overseas territories over the weekend. The final lifetime is expected to be very high and the sale from the OTT rights will prove to be sone pe suhaga. It also sets up the excitement for the second part of *Dhurandhar*, which is sure to open with a bang and also emerge as a success at the box office, looking at the trends of the first part at the ticket window.

AAMIR KHAN, KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN, R. MADHAVAN, SHARMAN JOSHI SET TO REUNITE FOR 3 IDIOTS 2



Rajkumar Hirani's blockbuster film *3 Idiots*, starring Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor, R. Madhavan, and Sharman Joshi, first released in 2009. Even after 15 years, the film continues to be celebrated for its humor, memorable performances, and strong social message, making it relevant for audiences across generations. Now, fans of the iconic movie have a reason to rejoice as the story is set to return with a sequel.

According to a report by Pinkvilla, the script for *3 Idiots 2* has been finalized by Rajkumar Hirani, and the project is slated to go on floors in 2026. The sequel will bring back the original star cast, including Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor Khan, R. Madhavan, and Sharman Joshi, promising to recreate the magic that made the first film a cult classic.

While Hirani had been toying with the idea of a sequel for a long time, he

decided to revisit it only recently after his *Dadasaheb Phalke* biopic went on hold. "He dedicated time to expand the *3 Idiots* sequel into a full-fledged screenplay. Hirani always had a seed of an idea for *3 Idiots 2*, but he wanted it to be perfect and something that would stand up to the legacy of the original," an insider revealed.

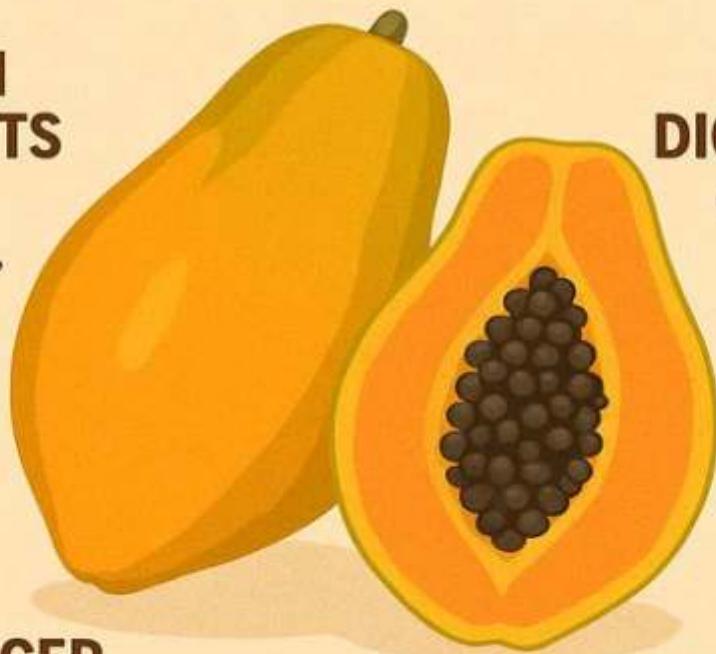
The report also mentions that Aamir Khan and Rajkumar Hirani have temporarily shelved the *Dadasaheb Phalke* biopic as they aren't satisfied with the script.

While details of *3 Idiots 2*'s storyline are still under wraps, it is expected to follow the original characters fifteen years later, exploring their journeys with a mix of humor, emotion, and life lessons. The announcement has already created massive excitement among fans, who are eager to witness the reunion of Rancho, Farhan, Raju, and Pia. With Hirani at the helm, the sequel is expected to honor the legacy of the original while adding fresh humor and emotional depth.

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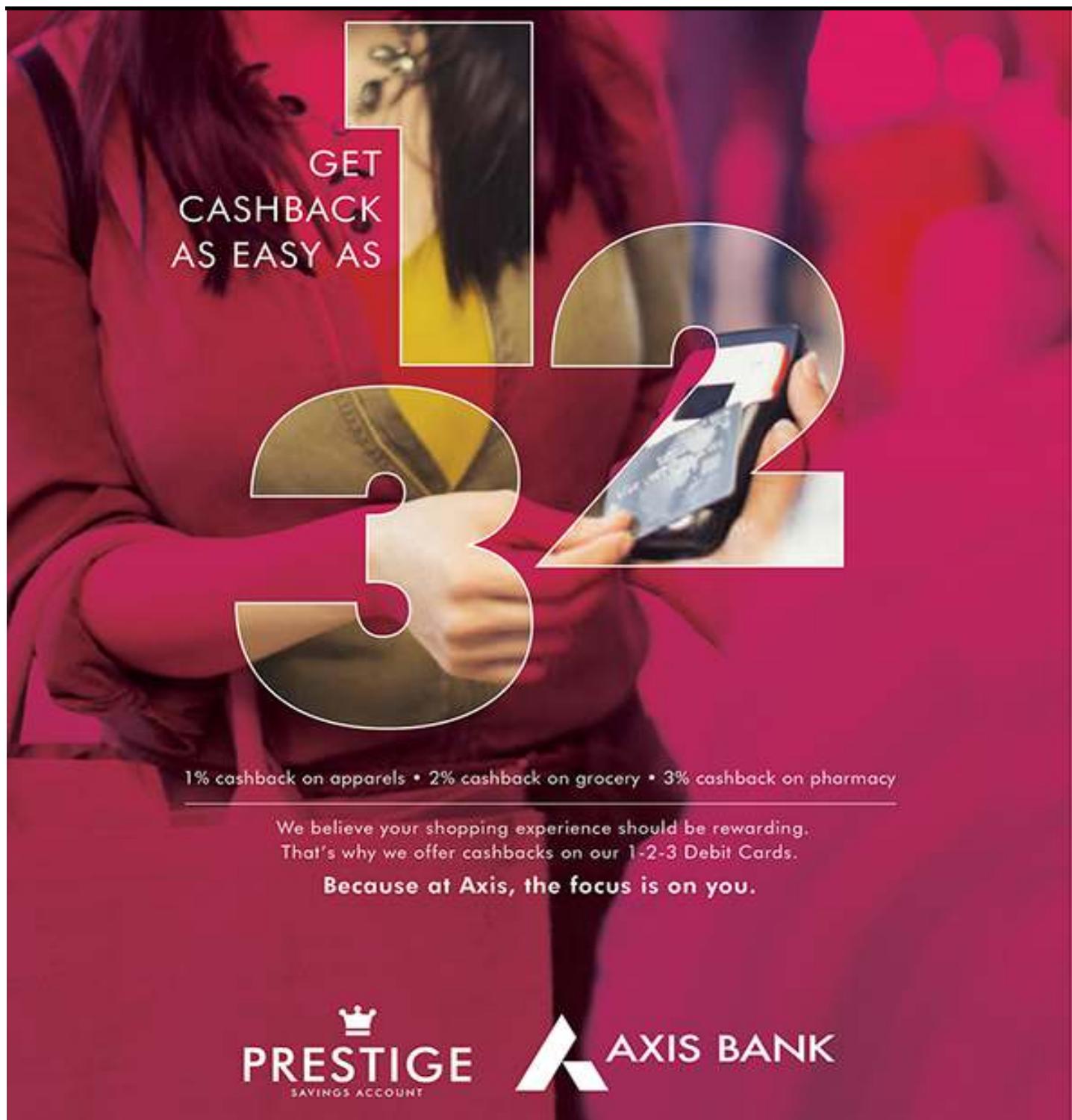


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