

## National“This is a very special game you can be the inspiration for thousands of children.” Mrs. Nita M. Ambani urges MI players ahead of ESA Day

**MUMBAI, APR 25:** Mumbai Indians’ game against Lucknow Super Giants, scheduled for Sunday, 27th April at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, will be dedicated to the Education and Sports for All (ESA) initiative championed by Mrs. Nita M. Ambani. The annual ESA game is one of the biggest highlights of the IPL season every year for the Mumbai Indians, with thousands of spirited children from NGOs across the city lighting-up the stadium with their infectious energy and dreams.

Ahead of the upcoming ESA game, speaking to the Mumbai Indians team, Mrs. Nita M. Ambani said, “People who have been with Mumbai Indians know our next game is very special, we have underprivileged children coming, and the energy is really special. So please, put up your best show for them. They wait for years in line to get to come and see one match.”

She also recalled a moving experience from a past ESA Day: “I was sitting in the stands with all of them, and



this girl wasn’t eating much. She was picking on her food. I asked her why, and she said, ‘I’m saving it for my brother, because he’s never tasted cake in his life.’ These are the things that we want to support. We want to inspire these kids, that in spite of coming from different backgrounds, you can achieve wonders.”

Urging the players to make the day extra special, she added: “This is a very special game me and for all of you who

have been a part of this for many years. You can be the inspiration for these children and show them that they can be whatever they dream to be.”

A sunlit Sunday afternoon will see the iconic Wankhede Stadium transformed into a sea of blue and gold, with around 19,000 children from diverse NGOS supported by Reliance Foundation across Mumbai, including 200 children with special needs, cheering for their favourite cricketers. The

match will mark the first-ever live match experience for most of the kids and a memory they will cherish for life.

ESA, a flagship initiative of Reliance Foundation (the CSR arm of Reliance Industries Limited) in collaboration with Mumbai Indians, was launched in 2010 with the vision of making education and sports accessible to children from all backgrounds. Each year, MI’s one IPL match is designated as the ESA game, bringing to life the initiative’s mission to empower young minds, inspire ambition, and instill the joy of sports and learning.

Over the years, ESA has become a symbol of inclusion and hope, echoing the dreams of India’s youth. It is an embodiment of Reliance Foundation’s belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, play, and grow. In addition to the ESA Match, the initiative supports year-round activities that provide educational, sports, and cultural experiences to children from humble communities.

## Apple to shift production of more than 60 million iPhones for the US to India by next year

**NEW DELHI, APR 25:** Apple is planning to shift the manufacturing of all iPhones meant for sale in the US to India by next year.

the move comes after the Trump administration announced reciprocal tariffs on certain countries. The company’s goal is to source all of the more than 60 million iPhones sold annually in the US from India by the end of 2026. This means the Cupertino-based company will shift its production from China, a major producer of iPhones globally, to India. As per the announcement by US President Donald Trump earlier, the reciprocal tariff on India’s exports to the US was set at 26%, while China faced a 145% tariff and Vietnam 46%. However, just a week later, the US postponed the imposition of these tariffs



on imported electronic items, including those from China.

Apple has been diversifying its iPhone production away from China, which currently assembles more than 80% of iPhones, toward India due to geopolitical issues.

According to data, Apple assembled \$22 billion worth of iPhones in India in FY 2024–25, marking a 60% increase over the previous year. This means Apple now manufactures 20%, or one in five iPhones, in India.

## Airtel announces new plans to revolutionize International Roaming (IR) experience

**JAMMU, APR 25:** Bharti Airtel has announced new plans to its IR portfolio that will make it simpler, more affordable and completely hassle-free for customers. The company has unveiled India’s first unlimited\* IR plans that offers unlimited data across 189 countries.

Additionally, for the long-staying NRI community, Airtel also launched a unique recharge plan for Rs. 4000 with one-year validity. The plan offers 5GB data and 100 voice minutes for use when abroad, while in India customers can use the same plan and get 1.5GB daily data and unlimited call benefits. The plan gives customers a hassle-free connectivity experience anywhere across the 189 countries and use the same number while in India without having to do a separate recharge.

Siddharth Sharma, Director Marketing and CEO – Connected Homes, Bharti



Airtel, said, “At Airtel, we are dedicated to simplifying our customers lives and delivering greater value and convenience to them. We have dramatically simplified our IR plans that will truly redefine our value proposition for customers and give them the freedom to use data and voice generously

while roaming the world. We remain continuously committed to delivering solutions that meet our customers’ ever-evolving needs.”

Customers will continue to enjoy other IR benefits with these plans that include: In-flight connectivity, auto activation of services upon

landing overseas, 24x7 contact centre support.

One Plan for travel to 189 countries. No confusion over which zone or pack to select. No need for multiple packs across multiple countries or transit airports.

Auto renewal feature for frequent travelers. This will remove the need to buy the pack multiple times and will enable hassle free travel

Affordable packs. These will be more affordable than most in-country / local sims and will eliminate the hassle and expense of acquiring local SIM cards, providing globetrotters with a simplified solution to stay connected.

All control will rest in the customer’s hands. They will be able to manage their entire International roaming needs on the Airtel Thanks app with updates on usage, billing amount and addition of data or minutes as needed.

## 2025 Bajaj Dominar 400 Reach Showrooms Before Launch New Features

**NEW DELHI, APR 25:** Earlier this year, spy shots of 2025 Bajaj Dominar 400 surfaced on the internet. This is the first time Bajaj has offered a meaningful update to its flagship Dominar brand for a very long time. Now, we can see these units have reached dealerships ahead of launch, flaunting their newfound updates. Let’s take a closer look. Marketed as a Power Cruiser, Bajaj Dominar 400 has been a great choice for motorcycling enthusiasts who craved a bike that can do the daily commutes and be able to stretch its legs on the highway. Many motorcycles can do these duties, but not with the same vigorous performance that Dominar 400 offers. Even with the 2025 model, Dominar 400 continues to be offered in a sole variant with Touring accessories fitted as standard. This motorcycle still carries a functional windscreen, knuckle guards, a rear luggage rack



and a pillion backrest. There don’t seem to be any changes in touring capabilities of this motorcycle. Where we can see changes, are in the instrumentation department. Bajaj is offering an improved fully digital instrument cluster. This is the same unit that made its debut with Pulsar NS400Z, which incidentally, gets the

same engine as Dominar 400. With this new cluster, Dominar now gets Bluetooth connectivity for the first time.

A second tell-tale cluster on its fuel tank has been eliminated completely and in its place, we now get a USB charger. To control this new instrument cluster, Bajaj has updated the switchgear as well, which also

resembles the ones seen on Pulsar NS400Z. There’s a D-Pad on left switchgear that will be used to control this cluster.

Speculations suggest inclusion of ride-by-wire and ABS modes with 2025 Bajaj Dominar 400, similar to Pulsar NS400Z. We can expect some changes to the engine that will make it compliant with the latest and more stringent BS6 P2 OBD2B emission standards that came into effect from vehicles manufactured after April 1st, 2025.

Other than meeting newer emission standards, there shouldn’t be any dramatic changes to Dominar 400’s performance. The 373.3cc single-cylinder liquid-cooled engine will be capable of delivering around 39 bhp and 35 Nm, mated to a 6-speed gearbox. Bajaj might add more colours and we can expect a slight price bump over the current model’s Rs 2.26 lakh (Ex-sh) price tag.

## Sensex plunges over 1,000 points amid geopolitical jitters

**MUMBAI, APR 25:** Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined sharply in morning trade on Friday dragged lower by Axis Bank and growing concerns over geopolitical tensions following the terror attack at Pahalgam, in Jammu & Kashmir. Wiping out all early gains, the 30-share BSE benchmark gauge tanked 1,004.04 points to 78,797.39 in late morning trade. The NSE Nifty dropped 338.1 points to 23,908.60. Experts said worries over growing geopolitical tensions amid Tuesday’s terror attack weighed on market sentiment. From the Sensex firms, Axis Bank declined 4.50 per cent after the country’s third largest private sector lender reported a marginal decline in March quarter profit to Rs 7,117 crore, from Rs 7,130 crore in the year-ago period. Adani Ports, Bajaj Finserv, State Bank of India, Power Grid, Eternal, Bajaj Finance,



NTPC, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Steel were also among the laggards. However, Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services were trading higher.

There are tailwinds and headwinds for the market now. A strong tailwind is the sustained FII buying which has touched a cumulative amount

of Rs 29,513 crore during the last 7 days, VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

He further added that another tailwind is US Treasury Secretary Scot Bessent’s remark that “India is expected to strike the first bilateral trade deal with the US.”

## Vinfast India Plant To Open By June 2025

**MUMBAI, APR 25:** Leading Vietnamese electric car manufacturer, Vinfast, has been eyeing Indian car market for some time. The company is building its dedicated facility at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu, India. This facility will start operations by June 2025, as revealed by CEO Pham Nhat Vuong. Let’s take a closer look. As part of its latest strategies, Vinfast is shifting focus away from North American market and its associated uncertainties. Till the dust settles down in North America by the ongoing trade war, Vinfast is spearheading into major Asian markets like Indonesia and Philippines. In that regard, Vinfast is set to open its plant in India by June 2025 and in Indonesia by October 2025. Owing to high logistics fees, Vinfast is deterring its advances in markets like USA, Canada and the European Union. The company is currently investing around USD 4 billion (Rs 34,233 Cr) in their manufacturing facility in North Carolina, USA. However, the advancements in US market have been delayed by up to three years to 2028. The company is waiting for the right time and right signals to continue onwards with North Carolina plant. In the meantime, operations in India, Indonesia and Philippines have been sharpened and the company hopes to open its Thoothukudi plant by July 2025. A groundbreaking ceremony took place in February 2024. This is a USD 2 billion (Rs 17,112 Cr) project and the company has pledged USD 500 million (Rs 4,277 Cr) for the first five years of this project. This facility is touted to have an annual production capacity of 1,50,000 cars. The plant in Indonesia is said to go operational in October 2025 and it will have an annual production capacity of 2,00,000 units.

For Indian market, Vinfast will commence its operations by launching premium vehicles like VF 6 and VF 7. There will be more electric vehicles from Vinfast in India down the line. Vinfast VF e34 has been spied multiple times and smaller vehicles like VF 3 have been trademarked in India as well.

## 2025 Yezdi Adventure Launch On 15th May – New Design, Colours

**NEW DELHI, APR 25:** In the fast-growing adventure-tourer segment, the Yezdi Adventure has emerged as one of the popular options. The bike is preferred for its robust performance, well-rounded features and accessible price point. To make it even better, Yezdi will introduce some more updates to the bike to be launched on May 15th, 2025. Since the bike has already received significant performance-oriented updates last year, the focus this time around could be on visual enhancements. Some new colour options could be introduced. The bike can also benefit from sporty graphics, as seen with rival offerings. As of now, graphics and stickering are largely missing. Some may prefer this minimalist approach, but a significant percentage of users would also want a livelier profile for their bike. Existing Yezdi Adventure has ‘Est. 69’ lettering on the tank brace and Yezdi logo on the fuel tank. Side panels get the ‘adventure’ badging. In comparison, rivals like Hero Xpulse 210, KTM 250 Adventure and Royal Enfield Himalayan 450 have a more dynamic look and feel. A lot more vibrant and captivating colours and graphics have been used. Colour options for Yezdi Adventure don’t seem to align with the bike’s proven capabilities in performance. As of now, there are two Matte (Tornado Black, Magnite Maroon) and two Gloss (Wolf Grey, Glacier White) colour options available with Yezdi Adventure. None of these seem to match the intensity and perkiness of shades available with rival adventure bikes. Yezdi Adventure can probably deliver better results if some exciting, fun colourways are introduced.

## DC2 Tanq Electric SUV Spotted In Indore 650bhp, 180kWh



**NEW DELHI, APR 25:** We all know about the transition of DC Design to DC2 and then came the strategic collaboration of DC2 with Mercury EV-Tech to form DC2 Mercury Cars. This was followed by Mercury EV-Tech acquiring 69.84% of stakes in DC2 Mercury Cars and the unveiling of their first electric SUV called “Tanq”. The company first showcased DC2 Tanq at 2025 Auto Expo in Delhi earlier this year. At the

event, DC2 Mercury Cars revealed that this interesting-looking electric SUV will launch in 2026. However, a DC2 Tanq electric SUV is spotted in Indore by Utkarsh Arya. It is seen with white registration plates and it dons no camouflage. As if the vehicle was launched and someone purchased it. Let’s take a closer look. This interesting-looking electric SUV was slated to launch in 2026 and was showcased at the 2025 Auto Expo

earlier this year. This showcased unit was a concept that was far from production or even prototype phase. It is not clear whether DC2 Tanq has launched in India or is still in concept or prototype phase. But the recent spy shots show a DC2 Tanq with white number plates belonging to MP09 RTO of Indore city in Madhya Pradesh. For a vehicle to pack a White registration plate, it needs to have been launched first after rigorous testing and homologation. This vehicle looked massive on the road with a lot of road presence.

It featured rear-view cameras, identical to its concept that will probably not make it to production in India. Other notable elements include 22-inch wheels wrapped with 33-inch tyres and a unique silhouette. The rear has wide connecting LED tail lights that are set very high. There are two red inserts at the rear bumper that are filling the blank, I guess.

## Kia India Car Production Crosses Record Milestone Of 15 Lakh



**NEW DELHI, APR 25:** Kia India has achieved a major milestone by rolling out its 1.5 millionth vehicle from its manufacturing plant in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh. The landmark vehicle, a Kia Carens, underlines the company’s growing success in India. Kia is now India’s fastest and youngest carmaker to cross the 1.5 million production mark since starting operations in August 2019. Commemorating the achievement, Kia India

also announced the launch date of the updated Carens, scheduled for May 8, 2025. The new Carens promises to be smarter, safer, and more advanced, reflecting Kia’s ongoing focus on future-ready mobility solutions. While the existing Carens will continue to be on sale, the updated version will cater to customers looking for a more premium experience. Spy shots hint at changes like a refreshed front fascia, sharper LED lighting elements, new

alloy wheels, and a more SUV-like stance. Inside, the new Carens is expected to offer advanced features like Level-2 ADAS, a 360 camera, and minor tweaks to the dashboard and center console, further strengthening its appeal in the competitive MPV segment.

Gwanggu Lee, Managing Director and CEO, Kia India, said, “Rolling out our 1.5 millionth ‘Make in India’ vehicle is a proud and emotional moment for Kia India and every partner who has been a part of this journey. From the very first Seltos to the 1.5 millionth Carens today, each car stands as a testament to the trust, love, and support of our customers and partners. We are deeply grateful for this association and look forward to continuing our pursuit of automotive excellence. The future of Kia India looks bright as we remain steadfast in driving innovation, offering industry-leading products, and shaping the mobility landscape in India.”

## Leapmotor EV India Launch Confirmed As Stellantis’ Next Venture

**MUMBAI, APR 25:** Stellantis conglomeration is expanding its India lineup with addition of new car brands. If you were expecting the launch of iconic Italian marque like Alfa Romeo in India, you should probably wait for longer. For now, Stellantis is excited to announce the introduction of Leapmotor electric vehicles in India. Let’s take a closer look. With the new Leapmotor brand, Stellantis aims to expand its operations in India and secure a bigger chunk of the country’s automotive market than it already does. This also aligns with the company’s commitment to contribute to the country’s automotive market growth along with the brand’s sustainability goals. With Leapmotor, Stellantis aims to offer smart, sustainable and accessible electric vehicles to Indian buyers. The goal is to drive innovation forward and expand its EV foot-



print in India, which has emerged as a leading automotive market in the world. If we look at Leapmotor’s global portfolio, we can see vehicles like T03 chiq city hatchback, B01 compact sedan, B10 compact SUV, C01 mid-size sedan, C10 mid-size SUV, C11 mid-size SUV and C16 full-size SUV. Considering India’s love for SUVs, there is a good probability that

Leapmotor’s Indian portfolio to lean heavily on SUVs.

Especially the bigger ones like C10 and C16. Both of these make perfect sense as Leapmotor’s halo vehicles to establish the company as a premium car manufacturer. There is a good case for T03 as well, which could help Leapmotor to push volumes and firmly set the scene for future products.