

Samsung Galaxy Z Fold 5, Galaxy Z Flip 5 launched as foldable phones become popular



Samsung on Wednesday announced the launch of its new foldable phones — Galaxy Z Fold 5 and Galaxy Z Flip 5, as the company continues to dominate the foldable market in the world. The new Galaxy Z Fold 5 and Galaxy Z Flip 5 come with sleek and compact designs, new customisations, better screens, and “an aesthetically balanced and solid design.” The new phones do not bring major upgrades over the last generation, but rather finesse on what an increasing number of customers have been using.

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The highlight of the Samsung Galaxy Unpacked event was the Galaxy Z Flip 5, which debuted alongside the Galaxy Z Fold 5, Galaxy Tab S9, and Galaxy Watch 6. READ MORE Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2023 event: Here's everything announced at the event

Samsung Galaxy Z Flip 5 While there is not a lot to differentiate between the Galaxy Z Fold 5 and its prequel visually, the Galaxy Z Flip 5 finally switches to a bigger cover display, giving the Motorola Moto Razr 40 Ultra a run for its money. It is still small by current industry standards but bigger than that of the Galaxy Z Flip 4. Samsung is calling it the Flex Window, which, according to the company, will allow users to quickly access useful information, interact with widgets, and control media playback, among other things. The Galaxy Z Flip 5 also has a better processor and better cameras, but the inner display still measures the same.

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The rise of Proptech and how technology is transforming the real estate industry



The rise of Proptech has brought about a seismic shift in real estate. From property searches and transactions to management and maintenance, technology has significantly improved efficiency, transparency, and accessibility. The integration of data analytics, virtual reality, and automation has empowered buyers, sellers, investors and property managers to make well-informed decisions and streamline their operations. As tech-

nology continues to advance, the real estate industry can expect further transformation, unlocking new opportunities and reshaping the way we buy, sell and interact with properties. Disrupting Traditional Property Searches - Gone are the days when prospective buyers had to rely solely on local listings or real estate agents to find their dream homes. Proptech platforms have emerged as powerful tools, allowing users to search for properties based on their preferences, budget, and location. These platforms aggregate listings from multiple sources, making it easier for buyers to explore a wide range of options. Features like detailed property descriptions, high-quality images, and virtual tours provide buyers with a comprehensive view of the property before they physically visit it. Overhauling Real Estate Management - Proptech is upending the way realtors and realty service management companies do business. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are helping realtors respond to raw material shortages, potential surge in prices and supply chain bottlenecks before these problems

materialise. It is helping property service companies generate automated incident reporting and quick security and response management for properties that they service. Technology is also helping these companies offer their clients services that are tailored to their unique needs (e.g., the best of mortgage deals, AI-generated digital documentation, and real estate security management through apps like MyGate). Proptech is even changing the way Indians decorate their homes through virtual stagings and monthly rental furniture. Traditional v/s Proptech: Compared to other sectors like banking, real estate has been a sort of laggard when it comes

Samsung Galaxy Flip 5 vs Flip 4: What has changed



Samsung on Wednesday (July 26) launched the Galaxy Z Flip 5 as a successor to the Galaxy Z Flip 4. While the form factor of the new phone remains the same, there are quite a few upgrades that it brings. Starting from the horizontal camera island to the larger secondary panel, and to the new internal hardware. The Samsung Galaxy Z Flip 5 has it all on paper which makes it stand apart from its predecessor. READ MORE Top five washing machines under 15,000 to buy in India Here in this article, let's see what exactly has changed in the new 2023 Flip phone when comparing it with the 2022 Flip. READ MORE Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2023 event: Here's everything announced at the event

the event Samsung Galaxy Flip 5 vs Flip 4: Design and Hinge The Samsung Galaxy Z Flip 5 keeps the same form factor that we all like but changes a few design elements. It now has flat sides and curvy edges. The device doesn't leave any gaps when folded, which was the case with Flip 4. That said, it's thinner than its predecessor when folded. The Flip 5 has new colors like Mint, Cream, and Lavender. The only color that's common between Flip 5 and Flip 4 is the Graphite shade. As for the hinge, it is said to be improved on Flip 5. It has the new Flex hinge that is said to be more robust. READ MORE Samsung Galaxy Watch 6, Watch 6 Classic with rotating bezel launched: Check details

Tracking India's digital progress: The need for measuring digital skills

Digitalisation has been a big part of the national agenda in the last decade. The Prime Minister's “Digital India goals 2026” include creating a \$1 trillion digital economy by 2025-26. Even as individuals, technology is an integral part of our daily lives. Digital skills are necessary not just to remain competitive in the workforce, but also to participate fully in modern society. In a post-pandemic world, SDG 4.4.1 — about youths' digital literacy skills — has emerged as a key competency goal, which might also dictate future opportunities available to youth. With India's growing and large youth population, digital literacy of the youth can be one of the keys to unlocking the much-anticipated demographic dividend.

The Indian government had launched its flagship Digital India campaign in 2015 to improve digital literacy and empower citizens with technology. Recognising the rural-urban gap in digital literacy, the government introduced the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in 2017. This scheme aims to train at least one person in eligible rural households with functional skills like setting up devices, browsing the internet, and using online applications for various practical uses. The PMGDISHA course structure focuses on digital literacy through a range of devices, including not just computers, but also smartphones, tablets, and keypad-phones with Internet connectivity. The curriculum prioritises

applications that are relevant to the agricultural majority residing in rural India, as it teaches the participants how to look up crop prices, weather patterns, college courses or job openings, and even how to book railway and bus tickets online. The programme also highlights digital payments, a critical aspect of the Indian government's digitalisation objectives. The existence of such national-level schemes warrants mechanisms to assess the current status of digital skills in all parts of the country, and to track their improvement over time. In the absence of any data, it is difficult to determine which digital skills should be prioritised and to plan targeted interventions. The Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS) reported by MIS ranged from basic skills like moving a file, copying and pasting, and using email and spreadsheets; to specialised skills like computer programming. The survey was conducted in a self-reported format, that is, people

Oppo A78 5G Price in India, Launch Date, Specifications Tipped



Oppo is gearing up to launch their next phone in the Oppo A series. The Chinese manufacturer is reportedly set to reveal Oppo A78 5G this month in India. The upcoming handset could make its debut in India on January 14, according to a report. Along with the launch timeline, the report also dives into the phone's expected price and specifications. The Oppo A78 5G is said to succeed the Oppo A77 5G that launched in Thailand last year in June. According to a report in Appuals, the Oppo A78 5G is just over a week away from its India launch. Besides the reported January 14 launch date, the report also provides insights into the phone's specifications, design, and pricing. A leaked image

of the purported Oppo handset on the website hints that the device could be powered by a MediaTek Dimensity 700 SoC. The Oppo A78 5G is also tipped to feature a 6.6-inch screen while carrying 8GB RAM and 128GB internal storage. According to the report, the device could run Android 13-based ColorOS 13.0 out-of-the box. The report also tips that the Oppo A78 5G base variant could be priced at

How to use Google Meet to co-watch YouTube videos with your friends: A step-by-step guide



Google Meet has an interesting feature, which allows meeting participants to watch a video on YouTube together. This feature is also useful for teachers if they want to explain any topic to their students through a YouTube video. READ MORE YouTube will soon allow users to watch videos at 2x speed. This feature is powered by the Live sharing feature of Google Meet that allows users to share and interact with content with other meeting participants. Users can also start a live sharing session from the Meet app or the YouTube app. We will discuss this too. READ MORE YouTube Music may soon get a comments section. However, before starting on sharing and interacting with YouTube content with your friends on Google Meet, users need to fulfil some requirements. They need to have an Android device that can run the Google Meet app and YouTube

app. They also need to sign in with a personal Google account, not a paid Workspace account. READ MORE YouTube Music now auto adds songs to last playlist. Here's how to enable it. In addition to this, they need to have a YouTube Premium membership, which gives them access to ad-free videos, offline downloads, and other benefits. However, their meeting guests do not need to have a YouTube Premium membership to co-watch the video with them. They can join the live sharing session with any Google account and device that supports Meet. If you find this feature interesting and want to start a live YouTube sharing session on Google Meet with your friends, here is a step-by-step guide on how to use Google Meet to co-watch YouTube videos with others. A step-by-step guide on how to use Google Meet to co-watch YouTube videos with others Step 1: Join or create a Google Meet meeting using the Meet app. Step 2: Tap the screen to show the call controls and tap More actions (three dots) at the bottom. Step 3: Tap Activities and then tap YouTube. Step 4: Search for the video you want to co-watch and tap on it. Start 5: Tap Start from the pop-up menu that asks to start a live sharing session. Step 6: Enjoy watching the

video with your meeting participants. Anyone can pause, rewind or forward the video for everyone. Alternatively, you can start a live sharing session from the YouTube app. Step 1: Search and find the YouTube video you want to watch together and tap Share on the video. Step 2: Tap Meet live sharing from the share options. Step 3: Tap Start from the pop-up menu that asks to start a live sharing session. Step 4: A Google Meet meeting will start in the background with a floating picture-in-picture experience at the bottom of the YouTube app. Step 5: Enjoy watching the video with your meeting participants. Anyone can pause, rewind or forward the video for everyone. It is worth noting that some YouTube videos can't be played during live sharing, such as content for

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka meet Sambhal victims' kin

New Delhi, Dec 11 Congress MP and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met the family members of the Sambhal victims at Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi's residence here on Tuesday evening. Last week, the Uttar Pradesh Police prevented Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and other Congress leaders from travelling to Sambhal to meet the family members of those killed in police firing there.



Cybercrime, climate change new threats to human rights: President Murmu

New Delhi, Dec 11 President Droupadi Murmu highlighted cybercrime and climate change as emerging threats to human rights, noting that the growing significance of artificial intelligence (AI) means the culprit could be a non-human but intelligent agent. "As we progress into the future, we are confronted with emerging challenges. Cybercrime and climate change are new threats to human rights," President Murmu said while addressing the Human Rights Day event organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

"These challenges underscore the importance of fostering a safe, secure, and equitable digital environment that protects the rights and dignity of every individual. The Information Technology Act (IT Act) of 2000, the IT Rules, 2021, and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, address the challenges of privacy in the digital age, balancing technological advancement with individual rights," she said.

"Artificial Intelligence has now entered our day-to-day life, solving many problems and creating several new ones too. The human rights discourse so far has been centred on the human agency, that is, the violator is assumed to be a human being, who would have a range of human emotions such as compassion and guilt. With AI, however, the culprit could be a non-human but an intelligent agent. I leave the matter for you to ponder upon," the President said. She said, "The case of climate change too forces us to review the human rights, thinking at the global level. Polluters of a different place and a different era are affecting the lives of people in another place and another period."



Maharashtra Cabinet expansion likely by Dec 14; Fadnavis to meet PM in Delhi

Mumbai, Dec 11 The Cabinet expansion of the Devendra Fadnavis-led Maharashtra government is likely to take place by December 14, a senior BJP leader said on Wednesday.

Fadnavis left for Delhi on Wednesday, his office said, adding it was a courtesy visit, the first after becoming the chief minister, as he would be meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. Talking to PTI, a BJP leader said the Shiv Sena would not get the home department and was also unlikely to be allocated the revenue portfolio. Talks are getting delayed be-

cause three parties (Mahayut allies BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP) are involved, the politician said. "The cabinet expansion is likely by December 14.

The allocation of home department to Shiv Sena is ruled out. The Shiv Sena may get urban development, but is unlikely to get revenue," said the leader, who did not wish to be named.

The BJP is expected to keep 21 to 22 ministerial berths, including the CM's post, the leader said, adding that four to five ministerial berths may be kept vacant. Shiv Sena leader and Deputy CM Eknath Shinde was not travelling to the national capital, as per his office. On December 5, Fadna-

vis took oath as CM along with Shinde and NCP leader Ajit Pawar as his deputies, after the Mahayut alliance won 230 of the 288 seats in the state assembly polls. The Maharashtra Cabinet can have a maximum of 43 ministers, including the chief minister.



Industry should realign itself keeping political, strategic policies in mind: Sitharaman

New Delhi, Dec 11 Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said the industry will have to realign its policies keeping in mind political and strategic decisions of the country.

Outlining the priorities of the economy for the next decade, Sitharaman also said attempts should be made to restore global calm and normalcy and noted that war or any form of disruption should be avoided.

Sitharaman said the economy has to "clawback" more to regain its strength after the Covid pan-

demic and any skirmish or war will impact the supply chains and food value chains. "The world is facing challenges which are reflected in the economy," the Minister said at the CII Global Economic Policy Forum here.

Talking about ways to tackle supply chain disruptions, Sitharaman said currently there is a need to blend economic priorities with politics and strategic needs.

"When we talk about restoring supply chains to frictionless supply chains, let's not forget it's not just economics, it's more

than that... We have to build in our own decision making not just in economic sense but also in a political and strategic sense.

"Supply chains will have to be restored but you would have to reset it, realign it, you will have to make sure that it is spread so much that no geopolitical or strategic risks will threaten our well-being," Sitharaman said.

She said lessons learnt in the last decade should tell us that the country will have to now realign, and industry will have to realign itself not just on economic principles. There is a need to

blend large, small and medium industries to achieve "scale and spread" and job creation, Sitharaman said. "Industry will have to look at ways to adapt with newer challenges," she said, adding scale cannot be the only criteria.



Photo of the day : Kareena, Ranbir, Alia, Neetu Kapoor pose with PM Modi

► Raj Kapoor's family meets PM Modi, invites him for centenary celebrations

New Delhi, Dec 11 Ahead of a mega celebration to mark the centenary of legendary filmmaker Raj Kapoor, the entire Kapoor family descended in the capital on Wednesday to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and invite him to be part of the occasion. PM hosted the Kapoors—Neetu Kapoor, her son Ranbir, daughter-in-law Alia Bhatt and daughter Riddhima Kapoor, sisters Kareena and Karisma, and Saif Ali Khan -- at his 7 Lok Kalyan Marg residence here.

After the meeting, all the Kapoor family members separately shared their experience of meeting the PM on their Instagram accounts. Neetu Kapoor led with the thanks giving message where she posted, 'We are deeply humbled and honoured to have been invited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate the extraordinary life and legacy of our grandfather Raj Kapoor. Thank you Modi ji for such a special afternoon. Your warmth, attention, and support in celebrating this milestone meant the world to us. As we celebrate 100 glorious years of Raj Kapoor's artistry, vision, contribution



to Indian cinema we honour the timeless impact of his legacy which continues to inspire us and generations to come.' The Kapoor family will showcase Raj Kapoor's iconic films and remember the impact he had on Indian cinema with the Raj Kapoor 100 Film Festival from December 13 to 15 across 40 cities and 135 cinemas.

India-Russia friendship higher than highest mountain: Rajnath in meeting with Putin

New Delhi, Dec 11 Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Tuesday and the two leaders noted that the India-Russia partnership holds immense potential and combined efforts will pave the way for "remarkable outcomes". According to the defence ministry, Singh, in the meeting, said, "Friendship between our countries is higher than the highest mountain and deeper than the deepest ocean." The defence minister conveyed to Putin that India has always stood by its

Russian friends and will continue to do so in future. Singh also conveyed warm greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to President Putin. "Rajnath Singh discussed various issues of bilateral defence cooperation," the defence ministry said in a statement. "Both leaders expressed that partnership between both countries holds immense potential and combined efforts will pave the way for remarkable outcomes," it said. Singh called on Putin after co-chairing the 21st session of the India-Russia Inter-Govern-

mental Commission on Military and Military Cooperation



along with his Russian counterpart Andrey Belousov.

Delhi elections 2025 : Is AAP-Congress reunion on the cards?



New Delhi, Dec 11 Until Tuesday there was complete clarity that Aam Aadmi Party and the Congress, former allies in Delhi, will go it alone in the 2025 state elections. But then an image came by, which triggered talks that the two might be rekindling their past affections.

The image was posted by Nationalist Congress Party-SP leader Supriya Sule. It showcased AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, his trusted parliamentary aide and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, his lawyer in the exercise scam case and Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's right hand man Gurdeep Sappal sitting with NCP-SP chief Sharad Pawar and other senior opposition leaders.

Supriya Sule captioned the image saying, "Joined Hon. Pawar Saheb in a pivotal meeting with @ArvindKejriwal Ji, Sanjay Singh Ji, and @NCPSpeaks MPs, MLAs, and assembly candidates. Deliberated on critical issues impacting the nation and charted a strategic way forward." The result was the Congress lost its base in Delhi where Sheila Dikshit had been a three-term CM. In the next two polls, Kejriwal returned with a thumping majority with Congress candidates even losing deposits.

That said, AAP this time said will contest the Delhi polls alone.

This after Congress and AAP talks for a pre-poll arrangement in the Haryana Assembly polls failed. Kejriwal again made it clear today that AAP was going alone in Delhi. But as they say in politics -- Nothing is final till it is final.

ICC Test rankings : Bumrah maintains No.1 spot among bowlers

Dubai, Dec 11 Bumrah maintained his number one position at the top of the Test bowlers' rankings with 890 rating points. The Indian has some tough competition from South Africa quick Kagiso Rabada (856) and Australian pace bowler Josh Hazlewood (851).

Jadeja too maintained his top spot on the Test rankings for all-rounders with 415 rating points, followed distantly by Bangladesh skipper Mehidy Hasan Miraz (285), who gained two places to move to second following his side's series against the West Indies. Charismatic England batter Joe Root's

reign at the top of the ICC Test batting rankings ended on Wednesday with compatriot Harry Brook taking the number one spot, while India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and spinner Ravindra Jadeja held on to their top positions in the bowlers' and all-rounders' charts respectively in the longest format.

Brook, 25, overtook Root following his eighth Test century against New Zealand in Wellington last week, with the right-handed player now enjoying a slender one-point advantage over his more experienced teammate at the top of the latest ICC rankings.



Champions League : Real Madrid revives title defence with win against Atalanta

Madrid, Dec 11 Real Madrid's big stars turned on the style to revive the Spanish giant's faltering Champions League title defence. Kylian Mbappe, Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham scored in a thrilling 3-2 win against Italian league leader Atalanta. However, Madrid had to ride its luck as Mateo Retegui missed a golden chance to level the game in stoppage time, firing over from in front of goal.

The victory was only Madrid's third in the revamped league phase and leaves the 15-time champion in the unseeded playoff positions in 18th place. Coach Carlo Ancelotti emphasised the importance of the win, noting the tough nature of Champions League matches. "We suffered and competed. In the Champions League, you have to suffer," he said.

Pressure had been mounting on Madrid after three losses in their opening five games. Questions were also raised about Mbappé following his uncertain start since his move. However, Mbappé answered with a brilliant 10th-minute strike to put Madrid 1-0 up, marking his 50th Champions League goal at just 25 years old. He became the second-youngest player to reach this milestone,



behind Lionel Messi. Mbappé was substituted off before halftime with a potential injury, and Atalanta's Charles De Ketelaere equalised from the penalty spot. However, Madrid regained control

with two goals in three minutes in the second half from Vinicius Junior and Bellingham. Despite Ademola Lookman's late goal for Atalanta, Madrid held on to the win the game 3-2.

West Ham stars dedicate vital win to Antonio after horror car crash

► West Ham United's English striker #20 Jarrod Bowen (C) fights for the ball with Wolverhampton Wanderers' Gabonese midfielder #05 Mario Lemina (L) and Wolverhampton Wanderers' Brazilian striker #10 Matheus Cunha (R) during the English Premier League football match between West Ham United and Wolverhampton Wanderers



that he is doing fine. He is a massive player and he is in my heart. It was really tough for us. "I was so scared what was going to happen. It was a really tough week for him, his family and us." Antonio, who had appeared in all of West Ham's Premier League games this term prior to the crash, is being monitored in hospital after his operation. Soucek revealed his friend

inspired West Ham's win over their relegation rivals by speaking to the players before the clash at the London Stadium. "We had a video call with him, the whole team, before the game. He smiled to us and gave us all the best. I can't wait to visit him," he said. "He is a really lovely guy and also funny. He even made a few jokes before the game and he wished us all the best."

Shami fires with bat and ball to help Bengal into quarters

► Bengal 159 for 9 (Karan 33, Shami 32*, Pramanik 30, Jagjit 4-21, Bawa 2-27) beat Chandigarh 156 for 6 (Bawa 32, Yadav 27, Ghosh 4-30, Seth 2-35) by 3 runs

New Delhi, Dec 11 Bengal are through to the quarter-finals of the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) after prevailing by three runs in a thriller against Chandigarh at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday afternoon.

The hero was seamer Sayan Ghosh, who picked up 4 for 30 to remove the cream of Chandigarh's batting in their pursuit of 157. The target was set up largely by Karan Lal, who top scored with 33, and Writtick Chatterjee, who made a 12-ball 28.

The unlikely batting hero, though, was Mohammed Shami, who walloped an unbeaten 17-ball 32 from No. 10, his highest score in T20s, to give them momentum going into the break. Shami, who had picked up a wicket with his second delivery in his first spell that finished with figures of 3-0-13-1, conceded 12 in his final over upon his return at the death and



while picking up nine wickets at an economy of 7.49. As of Monday, it's understood Shami will remain with the Bengal squad for the remainder of their campaign.

Hope I can throw a few more punches at Bumrah at Gabba : Nathan McSweeney

Brisbane, Dec 11 Ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah has dismissed Nathan McSweeney three times across four innings, but the Australian opener is hoping to "throw a few more punches" at his Indian nemesis in the third Test, beginning here on Saturday.

The 25-year-old had a disappointing start to his international career after being ousted by Bumrah for 10 and zero in the first Test at Perth. McSweeney, however, made 39 and 10 not out in Adelaide as the hosts made a comeback into the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy with an emphatic series-levelling 10-wicket victory in the pink-ball Test. "To get a bowler like Jasprit early in my career, it's not going to get much tougher than that



and I take some confidence from getting through a spell in Adelaide. The more I face, the more comfortable I'll get against him," he said. "Facing him for the first time - he's quite a unique bowler. He's obviously world-class and a bit different to most bowlers I've faced. [It's about adapting to his angle and where he delivers on the crease," said McSweeney, who was one of the Australian batters to train at the National Cricket Centre on Wednesday.

Sutherland 110, Gardner five-for make it 3-0 for Australia

► Australia 298 for 6 (Sutherland 110, McGrath 56*, Gardner 50, Reddy 4-26) beat India 215 (Mandhana 105, Deol 39, Gardner 5-30, Schutt 2-26) by 83 runs

W.A.C.A., Dec 11 All-round brilliance from Annabel Sutherland and Ashleigh Gardner helped Australia overcome heroic performances from Arundhati Reddy and Smriti Mandhana as they swept the ODI series against India in fierce heat at the WACA, in Perth.

After being sent in, Sutherland lifted Australia out of trouble with 110 off 95 balls as the home team reached a formidable 298 for 6. Having struggled with the bat across the opening two matches in Brisbane, India had an uphill task in their bid to pull off the second-highest chase in women's ODI history.

Mandhana gave India hope with a classy 105 off 109 balls but her dismissal in the 36th over effectively ended their chances of a consolation victory. India lost their last seven wickets for 26 runs to be



bowed out for 215 in the 46th over. Gardner backed up her half-century to run through India's middle-lower order and she finished with career-best ODI figures of 5 for 30. India's chase started on the wrong note when Richa Ghosh, promoted to open for the second straight game, was bowled for 2 by a delivery that kept low from Megan Schutt.