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# **Congress sweeps 1st phase of gram** panchayat polls in Telangana

Hyderabad (TSIT): The ruling Congress on Friday swept the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections in Telangana, winning more than half of 4.236 Sarpanch posts. Candidates backed by Congress bagged 2,319 Sarpanch posts, including those elected unopposed. Though the elections were fought on a non-party basis. the results show that Congress-backed candidates swept the polls in the majority of Gram Panchayats.

Main opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) was in second position, bagging 1,159 Sarpanch posts. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was distant third with 188 posts. Others and independents were elected in 534 Gram Panchayats. While 396 Sarpanches were elected unanimously, the polling was held for 3,834 Sarpanch posts

in 31 districts on Thursday. Barring Siddipet and Kumaram Bheem districts, the Congress secured a majority in all the districts. The ruling party secured a

clear majority in Nalgonda, Khammam, Medak, Yadadri Warangal, Bhuvanagiri, Adilabad, Surypapet, Karimnagar, Kamareddy, Nagakurnool, Jangaon, Narayanpet, Nizamabad, Nirmal, Peddalli, and Manechrial, Rajanna Sircilla, Vikarabad, Javashankar Bhupalapally, and Jagtial districts.

BRS-backed candidates bagged the majority in Siddipet and Kumaram Bheem. The BRS gave a tough fight to Congress in districts Mahabubabad, Mahabubnagar, Wanaparthy, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Rangareddy, Sangareddy,

and Hanumakonda.

According to the State Election Commission, 84.28 per cent polling was recorded. Polling began at 7 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m. for 3,834 Sarpanch posts and 27,628 Ward Member posts. A total of 12,960 candidates were in the fray for Sarpanch posts, while 65,455 candidates competed for the Ward Member posts. More than 56 lakh voters were eligible to cast their votes at 37,562 polling centres spread across 189 mandals. The counting of votes was taken up from 2 p.m. and continued past midnight. In Gram Panchayats where the margin of victory was one or two votes, recounting was taken up. The poll notification was issued for 4,326 Sarpanch posts and 37,440 Ward Member posts. No nomination was filed for 5 Sarpanch posts and 169 Ward Member posts.

Sarpanches for 396 Gram

Panchayats and 9,633 Ward Members were elected unanimously.Courts had granted a stay for elections to one Gram Panchayat and 10 Ward Members. A total of 56,19,430 electorate, comprising 27,41,070 males and 28,78,159 females, were eligible to cast their votes in the first phase. According to the SEC, 45,15,141 voters exercised their franchise.Over one lakh polling staff were on duty. In 3,461 Gram Panchayats, direct webcasting had been arranged to ensure real-time monitoring of the polling process.More than 50,000 police personnel were deployed to ensure peaceful polling.

### Rahul calls for debate, formulation of national plan to combat air pollution

NEW DELHI, DEC 12: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday urged the government to formulate a comprehensive, city-specific strategy to tackle air pollution, calling it a "nonideological" issue that needs discussion to formulate a "united" national action plan.

Calling for full cooperbetween the Treasury and Opposition benches over the issue, Gandhi, while speaking in the Lok Sabha, pressed structured a Parliamentary discussion followed by a long-

term national plan. Spelling out his suggestion, he added, "it would be good if we have a detailed discussion, and then the Prime Minister puts in place a plan for each city - a methodical, systematic plan on how within the next five or ten years... maybe, we cannot resolve the problem, but



how we are going to impact the problem and make life for our people easier"

In a message on X, the LoP said, "Air pollution has become a national catastrophe demands a comprehensive and immediate national action plan. This is not a political issue but a bipartisan responsibility, for which we are ready to work with the PM to combat it, solve it and protect the future of our people."

### Cognizant breaks ground for new IT campus in Visakhapatnam space in the city. The new

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for Cognizant's new state-of-the-art campus at Kapuluppada IT Hills, giving a major push to

Visakhapatnam's rapidly

expanding technology land-

AI, Machine Learning, Digital Engineering, and Cloud Solutions, further strengthening Visakhapatnam's reputation as an emerging hub for

advanced domains such as

centre will focus on

next-generation technolo-



scape. The upcoming facility, planned to accommodate 8,000 employees, will be developed in three phases with a total investment of Rs.1,583 crore. Cognizant aims to complete the first phase by 2026, while full campus completion is scheduled for 2033. Until then, the company will operate from a rented office

gies. Alongside Cognizant, foundation stones were also laid for eight other IT companies, including Tech Tammina, Satva Developers, Imaginnovate Tech Solutions India, Fluentgrid Ltd., Motherson Technologies, Quarks Technosoft, ACN Healthcare RCM Services,

and Nanrel Technologies.

#### Silver surges past Rs 2 lakh/kg. gold prices jump nearly 2 pc



**NEW DELHI:** Silver touched the Rs 2 lakh mark to hit an alltime high of Rs 2,013,88 per kilogram on the Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) during the intraday trade on Friday. The price of the future contract expiring on March 5, 2026, rose over Rs 2,400 during the day before settling at Rs 2,00462, up Rs 1,520 against the previous session's closing of Rs 1,98,942.

The precious metal witnessed a sharp rally in the retail market as well, surging from Rs 8,000 to Rs 1,95,180 per kg. According to the Indian Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA), silver closed at Rs 1.86.988 per kg on Thursday. Silver extended its golden run in 2025 after delivering more than 20 per cent return in 2024. Prices posted their highest yearly gain of more than 100 per cent since 1979.

## **Akhilesh Yadav hails CM Revanth** for declaring Sadar a state festival



HYDERABAD (TSIT): Samajwadi Party president and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has lauded Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for the historic decision to officially recognise Sadar, a festival celebrated with pride by the Yadav community, as a State festival. Akhilesh Yadav said the move has deeply touched Yadavs not only in Telangana but across the country. He stated that the community will always remember Revanth Reddy for giving due respect and prominence to their long-standing cultural tradition. According to him, this decision

has placed the Chief Minister "forever in the hearts of the Yadav community." Expressing his gratitude, the former UP Chief Minister thanked Revanth Reddy for extending strong political recognition and dignity to Yadavs in Telangana. He noted that such inclusive steps by governments play a vital role in strengthening social harmony, community pride, and cultural identity. Yadav added that the recognition of Sadar as a State festival marks a significant milestone for the community and sets an example of respecting diverse cultural traditions in a democratic society.

# Cabinet approves bill to hike FDI in insurance sector to 100 pc

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Friday approved investment in the insurance sector to 100 per cent, according to sources. The bill may be introduced in the ongoing Winter session Parliament, which is slated to conclude on December 19. According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the Insurance Laws

(Amendment) Bill 2025, which seeks to deepen penetration, accelerate growth and development of the insurance sector and enhance ease of doing business, is part of the 13 legislations listed for the upcoming session of

Parliament. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in this year's Budget speech, proposed to raise the foreign investment limit to 100 per cent from the existing 74 per cent in the insurance sector as part of new-generation financial sector reforms. So far, the insurance sector has attracted Rs 82,000 crore through foreign direct investment



(FDI).The finance ministry has proposed amending various provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, including raising FDI in the insurance sector to 100 per cent, reducing paid-up capital, and introducing a composite licence.

As part of a comprehensive legislative exercise, the Life Insurance Corporation Act 1956 and the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority Act 1999 will be amended, alongside the Insurance Act 1938.

The amendments to the LIC Act propose empowering its board to such as branch expansion and recruitment.

The proposed amendment primarily focuses on promoting policyholders' interests, enhancing their financial security, and facilitating the entry of additional players into the insurance market, thereby driving economic growth and employment generation.

Such changes will help enhance the efficiency of the insurance industry, enable ease of doing business, and enhance insurance penetration to achieve the goal of 'Insurance for All by 2047'.

The Insurance Act of 1938 serves as the principal Act to provide the legislative framework for insurance in India. It provides the framework for the functioning of insurance businesses and regulates the relationships among insurers, their policyholders, shareholders, and the regulator,

## 10 more Maoists surrender in Sukma; Chhattisgarh moves closer to Naxal-free future

Raipur/Sukma, Dec 12: Sukma in Chhattisgarh has witnessed a significant success in the fight against Naxal insurgency, with ten Maoists from the Darbha division surrendering before security

The surrendered cadres carried a combined bounty of Rs 33 lakh, including Medium Bhima, who alone had an Rs 8 lakh reward on his head. The group, which included six women, handed over weapons such as an AK-47, two SLRs, and a BGL (barrel grenade launcher), signalling their decision to embrace the rehabilita-



central and state governments. The surrender program was attended by Bastar Inspector General P Sundarraj, CRPF (Central Reserve Police DIG (Deputy Inspector General) Anand Singh Rajpurohit, Sukma SP Kiran Chavan, and Collector Devesh Dhruv.

Officials reiterated that the rehabilitation policy guarantees dignity, livelihood, and reintegration into society for those who abandon violence.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, in a statement on his X handle, hailed the development as part of a historic transformation in Bastar under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He emphasised that the Margem Rehabilitation Rejuvenation" initiative is helping Maoist cadres

return to the mainstream,

offering them a secure and

dignified life with their

families

rises over 2,000 as DGCA tightens oversight

**IndiGo flight count** 

**NEW DELHI (TSIT):** Demonstrating the sign of operational normalisation and stability since the last four days after the government stepped into the crisis management, IndiGo said that it is set to operate over 2,000 flights on Friday, as per its revised scaleddown schedule. The airline has been continuously increasing its number of flights. It operated over 1,700 flights on December 8, over 1,800 on December 9, over 1,900 and 1,950 on December 10 and 11, respectively.



President Draupadi Murmu interacted with members of the Maram tribe, Manipur's only PVTG, at Senapati.

# **Warangal Police Urge Public to Resolve Disputes** Through National Mega Lok Adalat on December 21

WARANGAL, December 12, TSIT: Warangal Police Commissioner said that the parties should take advantage of the National Mega Lok Adalat which will be held on Sunday 21st of December.

Warangal Police Commissioner released the wall poster made by Warangal Commissionerate Police in connection with this National Mega Lok Adalat. CP spoke on this occasion National Mega Lok Adalat is held on Sunday, 21st of December in negotiable

° Criminally compound-

- able cases, ° Cases of civil strife, Property division
- ° Family cases,
- ° Cases related to married life,
  - ° Bank Recovery,
- ° Electricity theft, ° Check bounce
- He said that there is a possibility of compromise between the parties such Compromise is the royal way, Don't waste your time and money by going



around the courts with petty cases. He said that everyone should take advantage of the opportunity given by the judicial department. Police officers in the district, constables performing court

duties and where other police personnel have compromised will be identified will be conducted and awareness will be created to reach a compro-Therefore, anyone who

and both sides will be

called and counseling

wants to compromise their cases should contact the police officers. The Police Commissioner informed that the victims will get speedy justice through Lok Adalat. The programme was attended by Warangal ASP Shubham, David Raju, Ramesh, Inspectors

#### **Universal Health Coverage Day: Awareness Drive, Helpdesk Launched at Siricilla Govt Hospital**



Rajanna Siricilla, December 12 (TSIT): observance Health Universal Coverage Day 2025, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), in coordination with the District Medical and Health Department, organised an awareness program at Government Hospital in Siricilla on Thursday. A dedicated health helpdesk was also launched to provide

patients and attendants

with essential information and services at a single point.

The program was conducted under the directives of DLSA President and District Chief Justice P. Neeraj, and on the instructions of Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Secretary Lakshmanachary. Officials highlighted the objectives of Universal Health Coverage, stressing the importance of accessible, free, and qualfinancial hardship for citizens.

District Hospital Superintendent Praveen Kumar, C.S. Suman Mohan Rao, Lok Members Chintoju Bhaskar and Aadepu Venu, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel Mallesh Yadav, Panel Advocate Aruna, and PO-RBSK Dr. Naeem Jha participated. Para Legal Volunteers Vikram and Sindhuja, along with doctors and paramedical staff, were also present.

### Devotees Throng Shri Kalabhairav Temple on Bhairav Jayanti

Manchirial, dec12, TSIT: The annual Bhairav Jayanti festival was celebrated with devotion and grandeur at the ancient. self-manifested Kalabhairav Temple in Parupalli village of Kotapalli Mandal, under the Chennur Assembly Constituency. From the early hours of the day, thousands of devotees flocked to Kalabhairav Hill, transforming the forested surroundings into a vibrant spiritual hub.

Nestled amid dense greenery and natural beauty, the temple of Shri Kalabhairav Swamy was adorned with special decorations and ornaments for the auspicious occasion. Devotees performed sacred rituals, offered bhog, and chanted mantras with immense enthusiasm as they observed Kalabhairav Ashtami. To manage the unprecedented flow of devotees, temple authorities arranged additional facilities to ensure smooth darshan and movement.

Following the rituals, the temple committee and local devotees organized a grand Mahaprasadam distribution, in which thousands participated. The chants of "Bhairav Nama Smaran" echoed across the hill for



hours, accompanied by the ringing of temple bells, glowing lamps, and devotional music, creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere.

Devotees arrived not only from Mancherial, Karimnagar, and Hyderabad but also from neighboring states such as Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. The extraordinary turnout reflected the deep faith and spiritual significance associated with this sacred shrine.

#### **Strong measures to control road** accidents.Rajanna Sircilla District **In-charge Collector Garima Agrawal.**



December - 12,TSIT. In-charge Collector Garima Agrawal has ordered that strong measures be taken to control road accidents in Rajanna Sircilla district. The district road safety meeting was held at the district integrated office complex with the officials of the respective departments on Friday.

First, the in-charge collector asked the officials about the reasons for the high number of accidents in various parts of the district.Speaking on the occasion, the in-charge collector ordered that R&B, NH, police and transport officials jointly survey the black spots where road accidents occur in the district. He said that U-turns that cause accidents should be closed and speed guns should be purchased to check vehicles traveling

road. It was suggested that the work of filling old wells near the road in the district and removing tree branches growing on both sides of the road should be completed. It was suggested that radium stickers and signboards should be installed along the roads to prevent accidents. The in-charge collector ordered that radium signboards be installed in areas where accidents occur most. RTA Non-Official Member Sangeetham

Srinath, EER R&B Narasimhachari, District Transport Laxman, Sharifuddin, EER PR Sudarshan Reddy, GGH Superintendent Municipal Praveen. Commissioners Khadir Pasha, Anvesh, Police Excise officers, concerned staff, and others participated in the meeting.



Tirupati MLA Sri Arani Srinivasulu was the chief guest today and laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new "Sakhi One Stop Centre" building in Tirupati, aimed at the safety and welfare of women.

#### Ozempic, world's most prescribed GLP-1 drug, launched in India for Type-2 diabetes

ity healthcare without



New Delhi, December 12, 2025: Novo Nordisk, the global healthcare major, has officially launched Ozempic® (injectable semaglutide) in India, marking a major milestone in diabetes care for the country. Known as the world's most prescribed GLP-1 receptor agonist, Ozempic® is a once-weekly injectable therapy approved as a first-line treatment for adults with uncontrolled Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM), along with diet

India currently has 101 million people living with diabetes and another 136 million with prediabetes, according to WHO estimates for 2023-24. With rising obesity and metabolic disorders, healthcare experts consider the arrival of Ozempic® significant for addressing the growing burden of chronic dis-

Ozempic® offers powerful HbA1c reduction, meaningful weight-loss benefits, and additional protection against cardiovascular and kidney complications, making it suitable for adults with HbA1c ≥7%, including those at high cardiac

"Ozempic's launch is a major milestone," said Shrotriya, Managing Director, Novo Nordisk India, noting that its globally trusted safety profile and simple weekly dosing make it a strong choice for longterm diabetes management.

The drug works by improving glycaemic control, regulating appetite, reducing cardiovascular risks, and slowing kidney disease progression. Backed by over 38 million patient-years of global use, Ozempic® is now available in India in 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, and 1 mg FlexTouch® pen formats to support physicianguided titration.

#### SLAP Shoulder Injuries Rising Among Weekend Warriors, Warns Sports Medicine Expert

Hyderabad, Dec 12: A growing number of casual athletes, popularly called "weekend warriors," are developing a painful shoulder condition known as a SLAP tear, according to Dr. Jishnu Jonnalagadda, Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Specialist. The surge is linked to sudden, intense physical activity after long periods of weekday inactivity. A SLAP tear affects the labrum, the soft cartilage ring that stabilises the shoulder. The injury occurs when the upper portion of this labrum—where the biceps tendon attaches—gets damaged. Common symptoms include deep shoulder pain, clicking, weakness, and difficulty lifting or throwing.Dr. Jonnalagadda notes that the injury is increasingly seen among people engaging in overhead sports such as cricket, badminton, tennis, volleyball, and gym workouts. Sudden falls, jerks, and agerelated wear also contribute to rising cases, especially among individuals above 40. The condition is often overlooked, but



untreated SLAP tears can lead to long-term pain, instability, and even early arthritis. Diagnosis typically involves physical tests and an MRI

scan. Fortunately, 60–70% of patients recover without surgery through rest, physiotherapy, activity modification. medication, or targeted injections. Surgical repair is recommended for persistent cases—SLAP repair for younger athletes and biceps tenodesis for older adults.Dr. Jonnalagadda advises early medical consultation for pain lasting more than two weeks and urges regular conditioning, warm-ups, proper technique, and gradual training to prevent injury. "Respect your shoulder," he says.

#### Railway safety at record high as annual accidents drop to 11 in 2025–26: Railway Ministry

New Delhi, Dec 12 (PIB): Indian Railways has achieved its highest-ever safety performance, reporting just 11 consequential train accidents in 2025–26 (up to November)

 a dramatic reduction from the annual average of 171 accidents recorded between 2004 and 2014. The Ministry of Railways highlighted the milestone in its latest safety update released on Friday.Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that the

Railway Safety Budget has seen a massive threefold increase — from 1,16,470 crore in the current fiscal, strengthening infrastructure and modernising operations nationwide.A striking improvement was recorded in fog safety preparedness. The availability of safety devices fog increased from just 90 in 2014 to an impressive 25,939 in 2025, marking a 288-fold rise.Over the last

four months, Railways has also completed Centralised Electronic 39,463 crore in 2013-14 to Interlocking and trackcircuiting works in 21 stations each, enabling safer train movements and minimising human error. The ministry emphasised that passenger safety remains the top priority, with all unusual incidents undergoing thorough investigation. Cases involving suspected sabotage are jointly probed by State Police, and when required.

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#### DCB BANK Ltd. Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010

#### **POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securifization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement ) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, 2002, calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers at mentioned in column no. 3 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers and co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in column no. 6, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possessions of the property as described herein below in column no. 4 in exercise of powers confer him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules,

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,	Loan Account	Borrowers/Co-Borrowers	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount Demanded	Date of Possession
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		seets: "All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khanesmari N		

7.315200000000001x10.972800000000001 Meters(24 X 36 Feets) situated at Pamenhalli Village, Davangere Taluk belongs to Sri N. Ajjaiah S/K Nagendrappa and Smt, Gangamma W/o, N Ajjayya N consists of RCC Building. Presenty within the limits of Tholahunase Grama Panchayath Davanegere Taluk and District and bounded by, EAST: The property belongs to Poojari Thimmanna; WEST: Remaining property in the sam survey No. Belongs to Hanumanthappa; NORTH: Property belongs to Belludi Susheelamma and Mahadevappa; SOUTH: Road DRHLDAA00510526 "MR SYED FAIROZ (Borrower) and MRS ALMAS BANU (Co

Description of Secured Assets :All the piece and parcel of the Residential house property bearing SITE NO 85 ITS DOOR NO 589/85 MEASURING 20°30 FEET, SITUVATED AT ANEKONDA VILLAGE RE SUVEY NO 130/A-A1, DAVANGERE, DAVANGERE TALUK AND ring SITE NO 85 ITS DOOR NO 589/85 DISTRICT within the limits of DAVANGERE MAHANAGAR PALIKE and Bounded on the : East By: Site No. 86 Door No. 589/96; West By: Sit No. 84; North By: Road; South By: Site No. 72".

DRMBDAV00445257 1)Mr. Hafizulla Khan 2)Mr. Sadiq Khan 3)Mrs. Naziya Parveer 12-Dec-25 DRBLDAV00516388 4)Mrs. Mumtaz Bi Description of Secured Assets: "All that part and parcel of Residential House Property bearing Site No.476, Door No. 476, Measuring 20 X 3 eet, Situated at Sir Mirza Ismail Nagar, within the City Corporation limits of Davangere, Davanagere Taluk and District and bounded on the : East Site No.477, West: Site No.475, North: Site No.485, South: Road".

DRHLSHI00478909 1)Mr PRADEEPAV 2)Mrs. Prema V & Mr. 3)Erappa P

Description of Secured Assets: 'All that piece and parcel of Vacant site property situated in within Honnali Taluk, Belaguthi Hobli, Nyamat Grama Panchayath limits, Nyamathi village, bearing Panchayath property No:673/19, e-Khata, (FROM 9 & 11A) proper

No:151200502500102227, measuring 7.5X9.00 meters or in total 67.50 Sq. meter, bounded by: East by: Property No: 673/18, West by: Proper DRMBSHI00407500 "MR NAVEENKUMAR T S (Borrower) and MR PRAMODA, MR

SACHINKUMARATS and MRS RAJANI (Co Borrower)" Rs.8,58,678.09/-Description of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the RCC house property situated within Tarikere town Tarikere Town Municipal limits: Ramadevara Beedi, bearing TMC Assessment No: 1773/1667, measuring 34X32 feet bounded by East By Chikkahanumaiah;West By: House Property of Kodanna; North By: Road (Ramadevara beedi); South By: Passage'.

DRBLSHI00458813 | "MR B N BASAVARAJ (Borrower) and MRS B VEENA (Co and Borrower)" Description of Secured Assets: "All the piece and parcel of RCC house measuring 125.46 Sq. meters, constructed over a site measuring over site measuring 533.61 Sq. Meters, having its Kallihal Grama Panchayath Assessment No.526/29/8/307, PIN No. 152400104000320089, situate

in D.B Halli, Kallihal Grama Panchayath, Bhadravathi Talluk, Shivamogga District and the same is bounded by: EAST:Property in LA Hi No. 2A5, WEST: Property of Parameshwarappa (LA Hi 9); NORTH: Property of Parameshwarappa (La Hi 5); SOUTH: Road The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid property and any dealing with the sai property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd. for the amount mentioned therein and further interest and cost thereon.

Sd/-Authorised Officer,

Rajendra Prasad Garu and TDP Floor Leader Sri

Meenakshi Chaudhary lit the ceremonial lamp and officially inaugurated the showroom. She praised the vibrant festive collection, saying it perfectly captured the spirit of the season.The leadership team of South India Shopping Mall expressed deep gratitude to the people of Tenali for their support. Chairperson & Whole-Time Director Mr. Potti Venkateswarlu said the city's cultural richness

Pasupuleti Trimurthi

Mr. Seerna Rajamouli noted that the new showroom strengthens their commitment to joyful and value-driven family shop-Whole-Time ping. Director Mr. Tiruveedhula Prasada Rao highlighted that the collections were designed to cater to all celebrations and age groups.

The Tenali showroom Tenali and neighbouring areas to join in the festive celebrations.

## South India Shopping Mall opens 37th store in Tenali with festive collections

Tenali, Dec 12: Festive fashion arrived in full vibrance as South India Shopping Mall, one of the most popular retail destinations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated its 37th showroom in Tenali on December 12, 2025. Located at Old Venu Talkies, Bose Road, the new store brings curated Christmas, New Year, and Sankranthi collections that beautifully blend traditional elegance with contemporary trends.

The grand launch drew an enthusiastic gathering of local residents and wellwishers. Distinguished guests included Andhra



Pradesh MLC Sri Alapati and 19th Ward Councillor

Garu.Adding star power to the event, noted actress made the milestone special. Managing Director

offers an extensive selection of festive sarees, luxurious silks, designer drapes, and diverse men's, women's, and kids' wear across ethnic, western, and Indowestern styles. Positioned as the city's newest fashion landmark, the store invites shoppers from THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES

## SHIVAKUMAR SAYS DINNER WITH PARTY FRIENDS NOT AN OFFICIAL MEET

Belagavi: Dismissing any dinner meet with MLAs, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that he can't say no to dinner invitations from his party men.

Speaking to reporters at Circuit House. he said, "Friends from the region affectionately call me for lunch or dinner, how can I say no? It is not any dinner meet, but I have to go when I am invited."

Asked about his purported dinner meet with MLAs on the outskirts of Belagavi, he said, "A boy from my constituency is working here, he said he will send 'mudde and upsaaru' for lunch. Can I say no? Day after, Asif Sait and Feroze Sait have invited me.' "Doddannavar is a former president of Belagavi district Congress and he is a friend too. He has been inviting me home

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance
Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of
Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT N0.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under
section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a
demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days
from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the
amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that
the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of
powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 8 of the
Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF RCC HOUSE PROPERTY NO. 183/21, E-KATHA NO. 150800300500200202 SITUATED AT LAKKARASAPALYA VILLAGE, KOLLEGALA TO, CHAMARALAMAGAR DISTRICT, WITHIN THELIMITS OF SIDDAIAHNAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH DURATION, THE BOUNDARIES AS FOLLOW: EAST BY: ROAD, WEST BY: THE CHANEL, NORTH BY: THE SITE NO. 22 BELONGS TO GURUBASAVACHARI, SOUTH BY: THE CONSTRUCTED AT SITE NO. 20 BELONGS TO MAHADEVAPPA S/O LATE CHANNAPPA.

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCELS OF THE PROPERTY E —SWOTHU KATHA 11A, FROM NO.9, PROPERTY BEARING NO.230, PID NO. 151600504101020025, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 27, 1272 AND NORTH TO SOUTH 9.0159 METERS TOTAL SITE MESURIMENT IS 25.558 AND THE SAID PROPERTY SITUATED AT HALEBELAGOLA VILLAGE, CHANNARAYAPATANA TALUK AND HASSAN DISTRICT, STATE-KARNATKA, BOUNDED AS: EAST—GOVT ROAD, WEST-GRAMA PANCHAYAT ROAD, NORTH— MANJEGOWDA CHIKKEGOWDA SITE AND EREGOWDA BOMMEGOWDA HOUSE, SOUTH-GOVT ROAD

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Date of Possession

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor Date of Demand Notice

227000003375, 1) MR. MANJUNATHA B S/O BASAPPA 2) MRS. SHWETHA W/O MANJUNATHA



for dinner for a long time. Can I forget my Congress family? Hence, I and a few others had gone there for dinner. It was not a dinner meet."

\*Permission for cricket matches\*

Asked about permitting cricket matches to be conducted at Chinnaswamy stadium, he said, "We have taken necessary steps to protect the reputation of Bengaluru. We have given permission on the condition that adequate preventive measures would be taken." "Home Minister Parameshwar has been given the responsibility of ensuring adequate preventive measures during matches. KSCA President Venkatesh Prasad and his team will have a discussion with the police department," he added.

## Parliament to accommodate more lawmakers after **Census and delimitation that will follow**



New Delhi, Dec 12: In a significant decision, the government on Friday (December 12) approved a two-phase, fully digital Census 2027 with an allocation of Rs 11,718 crore. According to officials, the digital design will speed operations and improve data quality.

The decadal count was postponed from 2021 largely because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, with authorities arguing that immediate post-pandemic enumeration in many countries produced quality and coverage problems.

Additionally, it was also pointed out that logistical and human-resource disruptions warranted a delay.

The Census is India's foundational demographic exercise, involving extensive planning, resource allocation, and the legal process of delimitation that shapes electoral

Incidentally, India's last full census in 2011 recorded a population of 1.21 billion, documented trends in urbanisation, literacy gains, and a slowly improving sex ratio. Such data help in guiding a decade of policy and planning. These decadal snapshots are the primary source for socio-economic indicators used by ministries, states, and researchers to design welfare schemes and infrastructure investments.

The population count helps the constitutional process of delimitation, redrawing constituency boundaries to ensure, roughly, equal representation. It supplies the demographic frame that forms the base for electoral rolls and for sample groups selected for surveys.

However, the delayed process and the decision to include caste data have raised political and technical concerns; while in southern states, there are worries over population-based seat redistribution. The delimitation exercise that follows the decennial Census reallocates seats among states based on updated population figures.

The freeze on the total number of Lok Sabha seats is due to be revisited after 2026, which opens the door to redistribution and potential increases in total seats if Parliament so decides. The southern states have publicly expressed concern that fresh census figures could trigger delimitation that reduces their relative representation, given slower population growth in parts of the South compared to those in the north.

The Centre has assured that such concerns will be discussed at the appropriate time.

Meanwhile, the inclusion of caste enumeration has also added political sensitivity, with debates over how the data might be used in reservation and electoral calculations. Considering that the increase in population through this period would result in a larger number of lawmakers, the government had to design a Parliament building to comfortably accommodate them.

Thus, planning ahead, the government built the new building where the Lok Sabha can seat up to 888 members and the Rajya Sabha, up to 384. The exact number of future representatives would be known only after appropriate legal and political steps, following the conclusion of the 2027 Census and a delimitation process. The increased capacity removes a physical constraint that previously limited how many members could be accommodated in each house at one time.

The new complex was planned not only as a modern workplace but also to future-proof India's legislature for a larger membership and more complex committee work.

Reports quoting experts emphasised that the old circular chamber was cramped for a growing democracy and lacked space for expanded membership, modern technology and committee rooms. Thus, the practical rationale was for a larger, triangular complex that can host more simultaneous legislative activity.

The new Parliament building thus removed a practical bottleneck, being ready to accommodate a larger legislature, but actual seat increase requires political consensus and legal action after the Census and delimitation. Until those steps are taken, the building's greater capacity remains a contingency rather than a guarantee. In practice, Parliament would need to pass enabling legislation or a constitutional amendment to change the total number of seats; the Delimitation Commission then redraws boundaries and allocates seats among states using the new population data.

orcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
Whereas the undersigned is the Authorised officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd.
("SSFBL") under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) to discharge in full their liability to the Company by making payment of entire outstanding including up to date interest, cost and charges within 60 days from the date of respective Notices issued and the publication of the Notice as given below as and way of alternate service upon you. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset (s) have been mortgaged to SSFBL by the said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower ( Co-Borrower ( Guarantor | Date of Demand Notice | 01.12.2025

lame of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025	
249000164279, 1.Mr. A Srikantanayka S/O	Date of NPA	08.11.2025	
Ankanayaka, 2.Mr. Ankanayaka S/O Bellanayaka, 3. Mr. Mangalamma S/O Kullanayaka		Rs. 7,24,450.58/- as on 13.11.2025	

escription Of Secured Asset(S) //Immovable Property (les): All The Piece And Parcel Of immovable Property Mangalore Tiled House Property No: 526 E.-Katha No-0800104100100822 Situated At Thammadahalli Village Chamarajanagara Tq & Disttrict. Within le Limits Of Nanjedevanapura Grama Panchayathi Duration Measurement Ew- 9, 144 Meters dl Ns- 12.192 Meters And Total Piot Area Measurement 111.48 Sq. Meters And Total Building as Measurement 111.48 Sq. Meters. East By: The Basement of Ramachandranaika, West By the Property Of Kalanaika, North By: The Property Of Madashetty, South By: The Road.

239000002591, 1. Mr. Anil Kumar V S/O	<b>Date of Demand Notice</b>	01.12.2025
Venkataswamy, 2. Mr. Venkataswamy S/O Chikkegowda, 3. Mrs. Vasantha W/O	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
Venkataswamy, 4. Mr. Sunil S/O Venkataswamy	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 8,16,593/- as on 13.11.2025

otion Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All That Piece And Parcel Of able Property Bearing Present Khaneshumari Katha No. 104/140 And Pid No. 400200300144, Measuring East To West 6.85 Meters And North To South 20.00 Total Measuring 137.19 Sq. Meters, Situated At Lakkojanahalli Village, Bannikuppe Panchayath, Kylancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk And Ramanagara District-562159, unded As Under: East: House Of Gowramma, North: Land Of Ramachandraiah, West: y Of Girigowda, South: Govt. Road. Date of Demand Notice

249000164675

1, MRS. ANITHA W/O DINESH,	Date of NPA	08.06.2025
2. MR. M L DINESH S/O LAKSHIMAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,14,024.63/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable P Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-152, Pa Situated At Mathigata Village, Within The Nonavinakere Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur Dist North-South: 6.40 Meters, Total Measurement 33 33.15 Sc. Meters, And Bounded As Under: East:	anchayath Unique No. 1 Limits Of Hunasegatta rict-572224, Measuring:	52500802600800126, Grama Panchayath, East: 5.18 Meters &

	01.12.2025
Date of NPA	08.11.2025
Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,84,789.68/- as on 13.11.2025
	Total Outstanding

lesidential House Bearing Old Property No- 12/12/4 New Property No- 52200300115900019, Measuring East To West= 4,8768 Mtr, North To South= 9,7536 Mtr, Otal Extent= 47.57 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Haramballikoppalu Village K.R.Nagara Mysore ilstrict, And Bounded As Under: East: House Of Jnaneowda, North: Remaining House Of Jamesha, West: Galli & House Of Javaregowda, South: Road.

249000165047, 1. MR. ARAVINDA M S/O MURGESH M, 2. MR.	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
MURUGESH S/O MUTTAIAH, 3. MRS. C JAGADEESHVARI W/O MURGESH M		Rs. 8,50,637.75/- as on 13.11.2025
escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All That	Piece And Parcel C

escription of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All That Piece And Parcel Of operty E- Swothu Katha 11b, Property Bearing No. 404/2, Pid No. 15210020100200767, easuring East To West 20.1158 Meters And North To South 8.2296 Meters Total easuring 165.55 Sq.Meters The Said Property Situated At Madenahalli Village, Maddur luk, Madhya District, And Bounded As Under: East: Road, North: Property Of withramma W/O Lingappa, West: Garibi Site, South: Site Of Kamalamma.

237000001581, 1. MR. ARUN KUMAR B S/O BELLA SHETTY, 2. MR. BELLA	Date of Demand House	O II. I E. E. O E. O	
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025	
SHETTY S/O LATE RANGA SHETTY, 3. MRS. RATHNAMMA W/O BELLA SHETTY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,81,804/- as on 13.11.2025	
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All That	Piece And Parcel O	

mmovable Property Bearing Katha No-54, Panchayath Unique No. 152200522161000054 Situated At Baguru Village, Within The Limits Of Kudlapura Grama Panchayath, Dodda Kowalnda Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: 12.192 Meters, & North-South 1.572 Meters, Total Measurement 55.74 Sq.Meter, And Bounded As Under: East: House O aju, North: House Of Javarashetty, West: House Of Chikkarangashetty

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27000002895, 1. Mr. Ashok Kumar M S/O Muddumadaiah, 2. Mrs.	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
Mangalamma W/O Muddumadaiah	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,50,123/- a on 13.11.2025
scription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All That	Piece And Parcel

Date of Demand Notice 01.12.2025

escription of Secured Asset(s) /mmovable Property (les): All That Piece And Parcel of the Rcc House Property No; 751, E-Katha No - 150800104100101038 Situated All hammadahalli Village, Chamarajanagara Tq & District, Within The Limits Nanjedevanapura ram Panchayathi, And Bounded As Under: East: The Community Hall, North: The House Of perkatajah And Siddaha West: The House Of Devamana South: The Road

enkatalah And Siddalah, West . The nouse of	Devanima, South: The K	080.
Rajappa, 2.MR. RAJAPPA S/O	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
RAMAPPA, 3. MR, SAROJAMMA S/O SHIVAJAPPA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,63,598/- as on 13.11.2025

escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All The Piece And Parcel Of ite No 47, Door No 47, Measuring: E-W – 7.6 Fts And N-S: - 26 Fts 197.6 Sq Fts, Situated it Kondajii Road, Shibar Badavane, Davangere, And Bounded As Follows East By: Road, Vest By: Vacant Property, North By: Site Of 46, South By: Site No 48.

259000083892, 1.MR. GAJENDRA S/O- CHOWDAPPA HP. 2. MRS. ANITHA	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025	
	Date of NPA	08.10.2025	
	LAKSHMI W/O GAJENDRA		Rs. 3,08,420.33 as on 13.11.202

escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All The Piece And Parcel Of ite Carved In Sy. No. 149/2. 150/1b3 150/2b6 And 151/1, Site No 86/1 Situated At A.K. olony, Hale Kunduwada, Davanagere, Within The Limits Of Davanagere Municipality avanagere Taluk, Davanagere District-577566, Measuring: E-W -: 14 Fts And N-S: -40 Fts nd Bounded As Follows East By: Site No 86/2, West By: Site No 85, North By: Site No 01, South By: Road.

259000089708, 1.MRS. GOWRAMMA W/O NINGARAJU, 2. MR. NINGARAJ S/O BIKKALAIAH	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,09,602.45/- as on 13.11.2025
escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All That	Piece And Parcel C

escription of Secured Asset(s) immovanie rruperty (tes). All the research of the Residential House Bearing Old Property No-316 New Property No-52200602611100278 Measuring East To West= 10.36 Mtr, North To South= 5.79 Mtr, vaid Extent= 59.98 SQ.Mtr, Stuated At Sulekote Village Perivapatina Taluk Mysore District armataka 571187. And Bounded As Under: East: House Of Vishwanatha, North: House Of resha , West : Road, South : House Of Ningaraju

39000055420, 1. MRS, GOWRAMMA

W/O MADESHU, 2, MR, MADESHU	Date of NPA	08,11,2025
S/O MAHADEVAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,02,749.61/- as on 13.11.2025
scription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les): All Tha	t Piece And Parcel Of 50800400800100996

Date of Demand Notice 01.12.2025

he manigore filed nouse bearing Property Not: 730, E-Aura No. 130000400000100998 (truated At Madduru Village, Yalanduru Taluk, Chamarajanagara District Karnataka 571441, total Measuring : 69.12 Sq. Meters, Within The Limits Of Madduru Gram Panchayath uration And Bounded As Under : East: The House Of Sannamadaiah, North : The Road , /est : The Road , South : The Own Site.

227000004849, 1. MRS. KEMPAMMA D/O MOORI CHIKKANDALA, 2. MRS. GIRISH S/O SHIVAIAH.	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,52,541/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All The	

mmovable Property Bearing Katha No-813/2, Panchayath Unique No 152200541052020323, Situated At Hallere Village, Within The Limits Of Hallere Grama Parchayath, Hullahalii Hobii, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: A488 Meters, 8 North - South : 6.4008 Meters, Total Measurement 60.48 Sq. Meter, And Sounded As Follows:- East By: House Of Mahadevaiah, West By: House Of Chennaiah, North By: House Of Maripillaiah, South By: Road.

227000005202 4 14 14	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
227000005202, 1.Mrs. Manjula W/O Lakshman Nayaka, 2. Mr.	Date of NPA	06.03.2025
Lakshman Nayaka S/O Boranayka.	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,71,392/- as on 13.11.2025

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Altum ALTUM CREDO HOME FINANCE PVT. LTD.

Credo Regd. Office: Floor No. 7, Kalpataru Infinia, Wakd ENDIX IV - POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Prope

The undersigned being the authorized officer of Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd, (ACHFL), Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act, 2002") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Enforcement Rules"). Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s (collectively referred to as the "Borrowers") mention herein below to repay the amoun (collectively reterred to as the Borrower's Internation herein Decivity repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the public in general that the under signed has taken **Symbolic / Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in supersize of powers conferred upon him under Sub-section(4) of Section 13 of the said act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to prevision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in receipt of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby caution not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ACHFL for an amount mention herein under with the interest thereon.

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.		Date of Possession
Basavaraju H RAMESH H DYAMAKKA LAN: 1192040100083	13/05/2025 Rs. 5,15,921/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Only) NPA: 01/05/2025	09-Dec-25

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of site no. 322, Current Door No. 42/1422/322, measuring 20 X 30 Fts. i.e. 600 Sq. Fts. Situated at Babu Jagjeevar Ram Nagar, Chitradurga and bounded on: East: Site No. 321 West: Site NO. 323, North : Road, South: House of Hanumanthappa

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time hereinafter by way of public auction/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcemen **Authorised Officer** 

Date: 12.12.2025 Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL) Place: Chitradurga

259000058203, 1.MR. NAGENDRA P S/O PUTTASUBBASHETTY, 2. MR. PUTTASUBBA SHETTY S/O PUTTAMADASHETTY, 3. MRS. BANGARAMMA W/O PUTTASIDDASHETTY	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,76,018.40/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) //immovable The Mangalore Tiled House Property No:	76 E-Kath No-150800103	700100074 Situate

Grama Panchayathi Duration, Which Is Bounded As Follows: East: The House Of Bhagyam, West: The Road, South: The House Of Shambhulingappa, North: Road. 227000002657 1 MR NAN IAPPA R S S/O Date of Demand Notice

SHIVAPPA, 2. MRS. GOWRAMMA W/O SHIVAPPA, 3. MR. MANJUNATHA B S S/O SHIVAPPA	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,65,891/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property E Swothu Katha 11b, Property Bo	Property (les) : All That learing No.28a, Pid No.15	Piece And Parcel Of 1600701000300389

Property Situated At Bettadasathenahalli Village, Holenarsipura Taluk, Hassan District And Situated As Follows: East: House Of Rudrappa., West: House Of Irappa And Hemalatha. South: House Of Shilipa, North: Road.

249000078484, 1.MR. NARASIMHAPPA R 6/0 RANGAPPA, 2. MRS. KAMALA K W/O NARASIMHAPPA R	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,14,440.32/ as on 13.11.2025
secription Of Secured Accet(S) //mmovable	Property (les) - All That I	Diace And Parcel C

Description Of Secured Asset(5) //Immovable Property (les): All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Es/worthu 11b, Property Bearing No.27211, Pid No. 151202032030320149 Measuring East To West 3.77952 Meters And North To South 12.192 Meters Total Measuring 46.08 Sq. Meters The Said Property Situated At Anaberu Village, Davanagere Taluk, Davanagere District. East: Land Of Ontinal Gangappa., West: House Of Duggappa., South: Land Of

259000171658, 1, MRS, NETHRAVATHI

Date of Demand Notice 01.12.2025

W/O MANJUNATHA, 2, MR.MANJUNATH	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
S/O MRANKASHETTI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,40,875.69/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable mmovable Property Bearing Old Property N Measuring East To West-6.4008 Mtr, North T Mtr. Situated At Nemmanahalli Village Saragu Follows: East: Road, West: House Of Somashe	lo-17 New Property No-15 o South-15.24 Mtr, Total Ex Iru Taluk Mysore District-5	52200102502000071 ktent=97.548192 Sq. 71121, Bounded As

259000048853, 1.MR. RADHAMMA W/O S Date of Demand Notice 01.12.2025 B CHANDRASHEKARA, 2, MR. S B Date of NPA 11.05.2025 CHANDRASHEKARA S/O BAIRALINGA NAYAKA Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All The Piece And Parcel O Immovable Property Measuring Bearing No.0121 Form No.11b, Property Rdpr Pid No.151600200801320014 Measuring Fast To West 6 40008 Mir 8 North To South 10 05845 to West 6 40008 Mir 8 North To South 10 05840 Nor

Total Extent 64.38 Sqmtr And House Builtup Grampanchayath, Property Situated Singenaha Bounded As Follows. East: Property Of Chan South: Property Of Chandrashekar, North: Roz	alli Village, Arsikere Taluk, I drashekar, West: Property	Hassan District And
230000001830 1 MP PA IESH C S/O S C	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025

239000001830, 1.MR. RAJESH C S/O S C BEEDI CHANNA BASAVAIAH, 2. MRS. MAHADEVAMMA W/O RAJESH	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2020
	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,37,423/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable	Property (les) : All That	Piece And Parcel Of

Description of Secured Assets of Internovation Property No. 508/217, E-Katha No-150800330100600516 The Roc & Mangalore Tiled House Property No. 508/217, E-Katha No-150800330100600516 Situated At Teramballi Village, Kollegala Tq & Chamarajanagar District. Within The Limits of Kunthuru Gram Panchayathi Duration. Which Is Bounded As Follows: East: The Govt Road, West: The House Of Bhattamma W/O Puttamadalah, South: The Pathway, North: The Site Of

237000000191, I.WK, KAJESH 3/0 L		
CHANDREGOWDA, 2. MRS. KALPANA W/O CHANDREGOWDA, 3.MR. CHANDREGOWDA S/O JAVAREGOWDA	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,97,518/- as on 13.11.2025
Description Of Coursed Accet(C) //mmeuchle	Bronosty (loc) - All	That Bart And Disco

Description Of Secured Asset(\$) /Immovable Property (les): All That Part And Piece Residential House Bearing Old Property No-7991/2 Janiar No-1416 Property No-7991/2 Janiar No-1417 New Property No-152200300117301490 Measuring East To West 10.668000000000001 Mr, North To South-12.192 Mtr. Total Extent=130.06 Sq. Mtr Buldringt Measuring = 85.94 Sq Mtr. Situated At Gandhanahalli Village K.R.Nagara Taluk Mysore Distring Measuring = 85.94 Sq Mtr. Situated At Gandhanahalli Village K.R.Nagara Taluk Mysore Distring North: Shoot Computed.

259000069111, 1. MR. RAMESH NAYAK S/O MOTA NAYAK, 2. MRS. SHOBHA RAI W/O RAMESH NAYAK	Date of Demand Notice	01.12.2025
	Date of NPA	09.07.2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,87,628.84/- as on 13.11.2025

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (les): All That Piece And Parcel O The Property Bearing Present Kaneshumari/Katha No 43/40 And Pid No 15290010050050056f Measusring East To West 11.2 Meters And North To South 6.6 Meters Total Measuring 73.93 Sq Meters Situated At Menasiganahalli Village Bhuhalli Grama Panchayath Channapatna Talul Ramanagara Dist Karnataka 562138, And Bounded As Under: East: Remaining Property North: Remaining Property, West: Govt Road, South: Devi Bai.

259000047526, 1. MRS. REKHA W/O K N Date of Demand Notice CHANNABASAVEGOWDA, 2, MR, K N Date of NPA

Hannabasavegowda S/O K C Ningaiah,	Total Outstanding	Rs. 10,68,563.14/-
3. Mrs. Chennamma W/O K C Ningaiah	Amount in Rs.	as on 13.11.2025
escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property Bearing E-Swothu Katha 11tb p.152200700304400620 Measuring East-West	o, Property Bearing No.	.87 Janger No.101 Pi

No.152200700304400620 Measuring East-West 17.0688 Meters North-South 12.8016 Meters Totally Measuring 218.51 Sq.Meters There On Bullding Measurement 218.51 Sq Meters The Said Property Situated At Menasikyathanahalli Village, T. Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District And Bounded As Follows: East By: House Of Sakamma WO Channabasavegowda, West By: House Of Puttachernamma WO Siddamadegowda, North By: Own Site And Road, South By: Site Of Davani Kalegowda. 259000076032, 1. MRS. SHRUTHI BM W/O Date of Demand Notice

	H S JAGDEESH, Z . WK. HS JAGDEESH S/U	Date of NPA	01.07.2025
I	LATE SANJEEVA SHETHI, 3. MRS. LAKSHMI DEVI W/O LATE SANJEEVA SHETHI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,68,893.93/- as on 13.11.2025
l	Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable P	roperty (les) : All The	e Piece And Parcel C

Immovable Property Bearing Town Municipal Council Karina Assessment No-Sou, Property No-40-18-65a, Situated At Ward No-23, Akkihebbalu Road, Hosaholalu K.R.Pete Town & Taluk, Mandya District. Within The Limits Of Town Municipal Council, K.R.Pete Town & Taluk, Mandya District., Bounded As Follows: East: Ramaiah House No-40-502-40, West: Galli & No-40-502-44 House Of Narashimhashetty, North: Road, South: Galli & No-40-502-42 House Of Mani W/O Rama Krishna Shetty.

237000001221 1 MR VAIKUNTARA III S/O

239000002476, 1.MRS. VANAJAKSHI

CHELUVAIAH, 2. MRS. PUTTASIDDAMMA	Date of NPA	08.11.2025
W/O CHELUVAIAH.	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,26,292/- as on 13.11.2025
escription Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Pesidential House Bearing Old Property No-71/	Property (les) : All The 70 New Property No-	Piece And Parcel Of 152200101106600086

Date of Demand Notice 01.12.2025

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	Date of Downed Nation	04 42 2025
Chikkakalaiah, South : Road, North : Hous	e Of Mahadevamma W/O Channar	pa.
Mysore District. Bounded As Follows		
Mtr. Building Measuring=69.68 Sq. Mtr. S	Situated At Kattemanuganahalli Vill	age H.D.Kote Taluk
Measuring East To West=15.24 Mtr, No		
Residential House Bearing Old Property		

W/O SANTHOSHAKUMARA, 2, MR.	5010 01 111 71	OO. I TILOLO
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239000001411, 1). MRS. JYOTHI w/o BHADRAPPA 2) MR. BHADRAPPA S/O LATE	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,44,931/- as on 24.06.2025
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237000017949, 1). MR MAHALINGA G S/0 GOVIND RAJU 2) MRS. BHAGYAMMA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,82,798.51/- as on 24.06.2025
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239000000804, 1) MR. SRIKANTA NAYAKA S/O LATE CHIKKA MADANAYAKA 2) MRS. CHIKKAMMA W/O SRIKANTA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,45,245.04/- as on 22.07.2025
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237000018993, 1) MR. AKASH S S/O SAVAKAIAH 2) MR. AKSHAY S S/O SAVAKAIAH 3) MRS. RAJAMMA W/O	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,71,317.51/- as on 22.07.2025
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259000064417, 1) MR. DILIP N S/O NAGARAJU 2) MR. NAGARAJU W/O KONDAIAH 3) MRS, JAYAMMA W/O	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,39,735.50/- as on 22.07.2025
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239000003249, 1) MRS. CHINNAMMA W/O SOMAIAH 2) MR. SOMAIAH S/O LATE BASAVAIAH	Amount in Ks.	Rs. 3,47,465.00/- as on 22.07.2025
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249000128240, 1) MRS, NANDINI W/O MANJU G 2) MR, M SHANKARA S/O	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,93,479.58/- as on 23.06.2025

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239000040729, 1) MR. SHREEKANTHA N S/O NARAYANA GOWDA 2) MR, NARAYANA GOWDA G S/O LATE GOVINDEGOWDA 3) MRS. SUNDARAMMA WIO NARAYANA GOW	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 9,13,270.95/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	10.12.2025(Symbolic

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Place : Karnataka, Date : 13.12.2025 Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limite THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES



# In Rajasthan, Hindutva Governance Turns to Caste as a Shield Against Elite Dominance

In early December 2025, the education minister of Rajasthan, Madan Dilawar, ignited a controversy when he sought to mark December 6 – the day the Babri Masjid was demolished in 1992 – as "Shaurya Diwas" in state-run schools. For a moment, it seemed the recasting of the event as "Heroism Day" might become official.

Then the order was abruptly rescinded, but not before the uproar laid bare a familiar pattern: using a public figure from a non-elite caste background - the education minister belongs to the Khatik community, designated a Scheduled Caste in Rajasthan – to issue communal statements. This statement is not unusual but part of a tactic to redirect public attention away from more uncomfortable questions: who truly controls power in Rajasthan, who shapes institutions and who benefits economically from the rise of Hindutva?

On December 6, 2025, Tararam Gautam, a Dalit author, also controversially claimed on a podcast that "Rajput identity originated from giving daughters to Mughal rulers". The statement is not only historically false but deeply derogatory to women and the Rajputs.

What links Dilawar's Babri remark and Gautam's narrative is its political functions. Both leaders' remarks operate as proxy interventions, designed to inflame sentiment among marginalised groups. Meanwhile, the dominant power structure never comes under scrutiny.

Rajasthan today offers one of the clearest examples of how Hindutva governs, and it is not only through communal polarisation but through castecalibrated narrative management. In this narrative, Muslims are the most visible enemy. Rajputs are increasingly transformed into internal villains. And Dalit and Other Backward Class (OBC) voices are deployed as messengers of controversy.

Meanwhile, those entrenched within institutions that control or signify social, political and economic power - in which members of elite castes and their networks dominate – rule silently, above the turbulence.

#### From history wars to power distribution

Much of the public discourse on Rajasthan remains stuck in historical quarrels: Rajput versus Mughal, temple versus mosque, medieval loyalty versus betrayal. These disputes generate heat, but they also perform a strategic function. They redirect the public gaze away from present-day power distribution. Look, instead, at contemporary institutions. In Rajasthan's university system, the Brahmins occupy a striking share of vice-chancellorships – 11 out of 32 state-run universities, despite being a small fraction of the population (State Higher Education Department data, 2024). In the Chief Minister's Office, over one-third of deputed officers are Brahmins (CMO staffing list, 2024). Among district police chiefs, the officers belonging to the elite castes dominate again. Interestingly, the Rajputs belong among the twice borns, or Savarna, in the traditional Hindu caste hierarchy, and are popularly regarded as possessing "warrior" traits. However, there is only one Rajput and not a single Muslim district superintendent of police in the state. These are not random statistics. They determine whose knowledge becomes syllabus, whose culture receives state patronage, whose religious boards receive funding and whose grievances move through the administrative pipeline quickly. The aggressive promotion of Parsnuram Institutions, vipra boards and Sanskritic Iestivals alongside selective cow protection enforcement and dietary policing shows that Rajasthan's Hindutva governance is not only communal.

# Pakistan's Push For An India-Less 'SAARC' Is Pure Delusion

Many of Pakistan's well-meaning, liberal-minded and smart analysts act like the helpless husband of an intolerable shrew. They must manage the difficult situation at home and keep the pretences in the world by staying in denial. Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, recently expressed his frustration with institutions like SAARC. His vision for "open and inclusive regionalism" where "our own national development needs and regional priorities cannot - and should not - be held hostage to anyone's rigidity" could be deemed perfectly reasonable. So would his insistence that South Asia "could no longer afford to remain trapped in zero-sum mindsets, political fragmentation and dysfunctional regional architecture".

#### Except they are not. Except nobody is getting fooled anymore.

Pakistan is performing to the gallery, as usual, by building a misleading narrative. Almost every charge Islamabad levels at New Delhi for obstructing South Asian regionalism traces back to Pakistan's own delinquent strategic behaviour. Pakistan's provocation for a bloc excluding India is less about solving regional problems and more about avoiding accountability for its own role in systematic dysfunction across South Asia. This potcalling-kettle-black attitude has been Pakistan's policy for both domestic and international audiences for decades. Look Inward, Perhaps

In official statements and diplomatic commentary, Islamabad routinely blames India for the stagnation of SAARC, which has not held a summit since 2014. But this overlooks Pakistan's own patterns of diplomatic churlishness. Decisions in SAARC require unanimity, and Pakistan has repeatedly refrained from ratifying key protocols that would significantly deepen regional cooperation, like the Motor Vehicles Agreement and the Regional Railways Agreement. When these agreements were poised to be finalised in 2014, Pakistan withdrew its consent for political reasons. Pakistan's refusal to ratify these initiatives has greatly impeded SAARC's functional utility, but it continues to act like a sullen teenager, unable to accept responsibility for anything. When Pakistan blocks such agreements, it blames India for their collapse, turning accountabili-

ty on its head. South Asia's intraregional trade languishes at around 5% of total trade, well below ASEAN's 25%. Pakistan accuses India of stalling regional trade, yet Pakistan repeatedly refuses reciprocity. India extended Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan in 1996, a key enabling condition under the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework for equitable tariffs, which should have set the stage for reciprocal market access. Pakistan has never reciprocated that status. India's offer continues to stand, but Islamabad has refused to extend MFN, citing unresolved political disputes instead. So, Islamabad's holding India responsible as a barrier to deeper economic integration is nothing but a charade.

#### Can Pak Match The Numbers?

Pakistan routinely argues that India's dominance has stifled regional cooperation. And yet, India's financial commitment to one of SAARC's most important institutions - the South Asian University (SAU) - dwarfs Pakistan's contribution. India has funded nearly 90% of SAU's total budget, while Pakistan's share since 2010 amounts to just about 2.7%, despite being assigned a 13% funding quota. If Pakistan truly believed in SAARC's potential, it could at least contribute proportionately to shared institutions. Instead, Islamabad's underfunding of SAU indicates a consistent pattern of performative engagement rather than substantive investment.

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charges against India often frame New Delhi as unwilling to disengage political disputes from regional cooperation. But Islamabad itself has repeatedly linked broader engagement to unresolved territorial conflicts, particularly over Kashmir. It's comical to see Pakistan reiterating its commitment to the "freedom of Kashmir" while PoK remains tethered to political and economic instability. Islamabad has been crushing the demands for parity from the people of PoK with an iron fist. Yet, historically, Pakistan has been holding most diplomatic engagement with India on progress hostage to what it sees as the "Kashmir problem". This has created a stalemate that feeds institutional paralysis in larger forums. In contrast, India has been consistently approaching Pakistan, despite the latter's endless attempts at creating regional instability, to find a common minimum ground for cooperation. This pragmatic approach highlights a key divergence: India attempts functional cooperation while Pakistan prioritises grievance narratives. Despite multiple efforts of three Prime Ministers - Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Manmohan Singh, Narendra Modi - who decided to make personal overtures to normalise relations with Pakistan, India has not received reciprocal goodwill.

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#### Nobody Is Onboard

Pakistan's alternative bloc proposal Blaming India for bilateral tensions will likely deepen fragmentation, not

Even if Pakistan's rhetorical targeting of India resonates domestically. the proposal for a South Asian bloc excluding India is unlikely to succeed. Yes, Pakistan enjoys China's patronage, but even the latter does not believe in excluding India from regional equations. Building regional cooperation without South Asia's largest economy and the world's fifth largest - India accounts for roughly 70% of SAARC's GDP - is strategically impractical. Smaller South Asian states, whose trade and infrastructure linkages pivot around India, have little incentive to join a grouping that alienates New Delhi.

Pakistan's unabashed criticism of India's role in regional cooperation serves domestic political narratives but obscures a much harsher reality: Pakistan's own record on regional cooperation is rather poor. If Pakistan truly wants regional cooperation to flourish, it must first acknowledge and address its own contributions to the problem rather than cast blame outward.

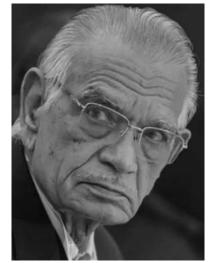
While multilateral groupings, without earmarked hardcore security and defence investments, achieve precious little in real terms, they signal bonhomie. India should not worry too much about any grouping that ostensibly excludes it. It's merely like being disinvited from a wedding without an open bar. However, Pakistan may want to shed its "Naach na Jaane, Aangan Tedha" (or, a "poor worker blames his tools") mentality for its own good. And the "hapless husband", the Pakistani intellectual, must stop being the willing instrument of deception.

# Shivraj Patil: The 'Always Dapper' Home Minister, Brought Down By 26/11

The November 30, 2008 meeting of the Congress Working Committee looked like Caesar's Senate baying for blood. An embattled Sonia Gandhi, wearing several hats back then, such as the United Progressive Alliance's (UPA) chairperson, Congress President, National Advisory Council chairperson and head of the Congress Party in Parliament, had set the tone of the deliberation in the wake of the dastardly 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai. In her opening remarks at the Congress Working Committee (CWC), she stressed that condolences or resolutions would not do. "It is time for action and some hard decisions," she said in a voice that reflected both anxiety and strain. Rahul Gandhi was more concerned about the response to the terror attack and kept talking about how the UPA government would tackle Pakistan.

The good doctor survived because there was nobody to take up his job. Dr Manmohan Singh offered to quit office soon after Sonia Gandhi called for hard decisions and action. On the other hand, Defence Minister AK Antony, his colleague in the External Affairs Ministry, Pranab Mukherjee, were criticised to the extent that both offered to step down. Finally, Dr Karan Singh rose to deliver the punch. Sitting next to Rahul Gandhi, he looked directly at Union Home Minister Shivraj Patil and said, "Mr. Shivraj Patil, you have to go to save the party. There is no other way." The 'Transponders' Jibe

Patil hurriedly wrote a resignation letter and carefully made two copies to hand them over to the Prime Minister and Sonia Gandhi. Manmohan Singh refused to take it in front of some 40-odd people. Prior to Karan Singh's blunt demand, Patil was heard saying that he had been considering putting tracking



transponders on boats operating in the Arabian Sea. At that point, a Cabinet Minister was said to have whispered under his breath, "Look at him! He is at sea and he is talking about transponders."

Earlier in the day, Patil had reportedly received a feeler asking him to remove heads of the Intelligence Bureau, the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) and a few paramilitary forces in order to showcase his 'decisiveness' and fix responsibility for the 26/11 terror attack. Patil, however, told the emissary that instead of acting against 'patriotic' officers, he

would prefer to get sacked. Patil was somewhat confident that Sonia Gandhi, who had brought him to the North Bloc despite his defeat in the 2004 Lok Sabha election, would not ask him to quit. Buzz in the Congress circles then was that Dr Karan Singh's blunt call, "Mr. Shivraj Patil, you have to go to save the party. There is no other way", was scripted and had blessings of the high command. Interestingly, Patil, while leaving the fateful Congress Working Committee (CWC) on November 30, 2008, had assured everyone that he would not be quitting the Congress. The declaration made many wonder whether he was actually thinking about it.

#### A Sonia Favourite

In Congress circles, Patil's association with Sonia is often traced to early 1981. when a group of 50 MPs, led by a thenyoung Patil, had called on Indira Gandhi, asking for Rajiv Gandhi to don the political hat. That was the time Maneka Gandhi was trying to get a political role after Sanjay Gandhi's death. Patil remained a Sonia favourite throughout UPA years. He was made the Union Home Minister despite losing his Lok Sabha seat and almost made it to the Rashtrapati Bhawan when the Congress's Left allies forced Sonia to look at another 'Patil' -Pratibha - for the President's post.

#### A 'Well-Dressed' Coterie

Much later in life, Shivraj Patil would often wonder why there used to be so much focus on his clothes. Since childhood, he had believed in dressing impeccably and appropriately for all occasions. So, following the Mumbai attack, he merely followed that habit. He went and attended a lengthy party meeting in a cream-coloured bandhgala. By the time he would reach home and pick a fresh one - this time, black - horrible news of serial blasts splashed across television screens. A tired and worried Patil returned home and changed into a spotless white suit to accompany Sonia Gandhi to a city hospital. Patil's aide used to insist there was nothing wrong or unusual about it. "It is just a habit. Some like to colour their hair. Some keep combing, some fiddle with their chin. If he did not change clothes, would the gravity of the situation have lessened?" asked a close associate.

## Leadership Tussles Plague Nepal's Major **Parties Ahead of March Elections**

Kathmandu: Nepal's two major parties the Nepali Congress (NC) and the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), or CPN-UML - are locked in fierce intra-party leadership tussles ahead of the March 5 national elections. The CPN-UML, led by K.P. Sharma Oli, will be holding its general convention in Kathmandu from December 13 to 15 to elect new leadership, while the NC is scheduled to hold its convention in mid-January. Even before the GenZ movement, Oli had amended the party statute to pave the way for a third consecutive term as chair, ignoring objections from senior leaders. His intolerance for dissent has been evident since he seized party power in 2015. He scrapped the membership of former president Bidya Devi Bhandari after she challenged his leadership, and sidelined former prime minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, who led the party for 15 years, forcing him to defect in 2020. Similarly, senior leader Bhim Rawal was pushed out after contesting the 2021 leadership election against Oli. As a result, the party's internal democratic culture has severely eroded.

Following the Gen-Z protests, pressure mounted on Oli to step down. In several internal meetings, top leaders argued that his continued chairmanship would tarnish the party's image and lead to poor electoral performance. In contrast, Oli sought to further consolidate his power. It is believed that he announced the general convention to silence questions regarding leadership change. He argued that the mandate lies with the convention delegates rather than with social media platforms - a direct reference to the criticism flooding digital channels. While Oli temporarily averted a crisis by calling the convention, the road ahead is rocky. Vice-chairman Ishwar Pokharel has announced his candidacy for party president. This move throws cold water on Oli's plan to be re-elected by consensus. While Oli claims he is open to compe-



tition, his preference for consensus carries the subtext that senior leaders must fall in line. However, opponents argue that Oli's stronghold over the selection of convention representatives makes his victory likely. Pokharel is reportedly backed by former president Bhandari. Although currently outside the party, Bhandari represents a rival faction. If Oli is defeated, her return to the CPN-UML is considered almost certain. As the contest heats up, Oli's camp has reverted to playing the "nationalist card."

They characterise the September 8-9 protests as an attack on the government and the CPN-UML by external forces. Leaders draw parallels to the "colour revolutions" seen in many countries after the Cold War, arguing that only Oli can safeguard Nepal's sovereignty. However, this strategy may be losing its potency. Oli's popularity has dipped significantly compared to his previous terms in 2015 and 2021. This is largely due to the killing of 19 young people during the September 8 protests, which damaged his reputation both within the party and among the public.

#### More conventions

Meanwhile, the Nepali Congress has decided to convene from January 11 to 13  $\,$ in Kathmandu. As per party statutes, president Sher Bahadur Deuba cannot contest again. Having been severely beaten by protesters alongside his spouse, Arzu Rana Deuba, during the unrest, Deuba has shown little interest in retaining control. He has already assigned vicepresident Purna Bahadur Khadka as acting president.

The race in the 'grand old party' is now a contest between second and third-rung leaders. Incumbent general secretary Gagan Kumar Thapa, highly popular among the rank and file, has announced his bid for the presidency. However, a cohort of seven senior leaders, including Bimalendra Nidhi, Purna Bahadur Khadka, Prakash Man Singh, and Krishna Prasad Sitaula, are bent on stopping Thapa. Additionally, senior leader Shekhar Koirala, who lost to Deuba in 2021, is also in the fray.

The dynamic in the NC mirrors the national mood. Senior leaders are becoming increasingly unpopular following the Gen-Z movement, while Thapa, who rose to prominence as a student leader in 2006, enjoys broad support. Unlike the UML, leadership change in the NC is imminent. The only question is who will take the helm. Complicating matters, some senior NC leaders are pushing to postpone the convention until after the general election. They fear that an intense internal contest could create factions and sabotage their electoral prospects.

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# Indian Railways: A Decade of **Purposeful Transformation**

Indian Railways, one of the world's largest public transport systems, has entered a period of visible and measurable transformation over the last decade. The scale remains unmatched 13,000 trains moving 2.5 crore passengers every day, supported by more than 10 lakh employees, but today the change is defined not by size but by direction In 2023-24, the Railways recorded revenue of ?2.56 lakh crore, with freight operations adding another ?1.64 lakh crore. Equally significant is the steady improvement in safety, train accidents and related fatalities have reduced by almost half in less than ten years. For a system long criticised for stagnation, these are not minor achievements.

#### Infrastructure push

For decades after independence, India's railway infrastructure expanded at a sluggish pace. That trajectory shifted decisively in the past ten years. During this period, 31,180 km of new track was



added, while 40,000 km of routes were electrified. covering nearly 99 percent of the network. The redevelopment of 1,326 stations is underway, and the Kashmir rail link, long considered an engineering challenge, is close to completion.

These numbers signal not incremental improvement but structural renewal. The railway system, once seen as outdated, is being reshaped into a faster, cleaner, and more efficient

national asset.

#### Rise of Vande Bharat

Perhaps the most public symbol of this change is the Vande Bharat Express. Introduced in 2019, built with indigenous technology, and capable of 180 kmph, it has quickly gained acceptance among travellers. With 54 trains already operating and more planned, Vande Bharat represents a new standard in speed, comfort, and service.

Its impact extends beyond mobility. Routes served by these trains have seen a notable rise in tourism and business activity. showing how modern transport can revive

#### Safety Innovations and Technology

regional economies.

Modernisation has also focused on safety. Kavach, the indigenous anti-collision system, is being deployed across the network. Its ability to detect

signal violations, operate effectively in fog, and issue emergency alerts when two trains are on the same track marks a si nificant leap forward. In a country where millions depend on rail travel daily, such technological interventions are critical.

#### South India's key role

South India with its talent pool, industrial strength, and stable governance is poised to play a pivotal role in the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. Enhanced railway connectivity, including the rapid expansion of Vande Bharat services, is already contributing to regional growth.

#### Privatisation unsafe

Amid this progress, occasional suggestions emerge about private ownership of railway operations. Recent disruptions in the private aviation sector, especially the strain caused by a near-monopoly carrier, serve as reminders of the risks of placing essential public services entirely in private hands.

## Hyderabad, Outdoor Scene Set for Saturday at Mindspace SOCIAL

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the iconic Rock Garden, back after a long break and returning with louder energy, bigger sound, and a fresh festival feel. From 4 PM to 12:30 AM, the space opens up like a mini boutique music playground built for sunshine, groove, and easygoing Hyderabad mood. Hyderabad has always loved its clean electronic grooves and relaxed music culture, especially on weekends where a slow start turns into a full scene. This edition brings that vibe back with Fake Tattoos on the lineup, setting the tone for a relaxed, day-tonight session. Holding down the rest of the groove is a solid crew of artists the city knows and rates: Neil Richter, Scintillate, Promode, 3Spear, Propaganda, Serket, and Kartoos. Together, they're lining up everything from smooth daytime energy to fullpower evening sets. No overthinking, no tension. Just music, mood,

Hyderabad, December

2025: Mindspace SOCIAL



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and straight-up Hyderabad scene. Lite lo, enjoy yaaron. Expect a setup that feels like a pocket festival inside Mindspace SOCIAL. Think upgraded sound, vibrant production lights, colourful touches to lift the outdoor mood. The Rock Garden's openair layout brings that familiar SOCIAL-in-thehood energy back into play, creating an easy spot for sunset sets. smooth transitions, and long hangs as the beats get heavier through the night. Rhythm-inspired cocktails keep the flow steady, matching the pace of the music and

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# Warner Bros. Discovery wraps up 2025 with brand new shows, episodes and year end specials for the holiday season

Mumbai, December 12, 2025: Warner Bros. Discovery is closing out the year with a burst of new stories on Cartoon Network and POGO. As the festive mood settles in and kids and families gear up for Christmas time, the kids' channels are rolling out new shows along with fresh episodes of fan favourites on Discovery Kids that add cheer, colour and plenty of laughs to the holiday season.

#### Om Nom Stories Debuts on Cartoon Network

Adding to the Christmas cheer, Cartoon Network is set to kick off fun-tainment season for all fans with the launch of its new show, Om Nom Stories, premiering on December 15. The series follows Om Nom, the curious green blob figured monster who jumps into a new adventure every day. From superheroes to astronauts to café owners, each episode places him in a new role and turns simple moments into fast,



funny and imaginative stories. With Nibble Nom, Om Nelle and Spider joining the chaos, the show brings light, quick entertainment perfect for the festive mood. The show will air Monday to Friday at 10:30 AM and on weekends from 8:30 AM

#### A Season of Supercharged Fun on POGO

POGO brings even more year-end excitement with the launch of a new comedy show - Omi No. 1. Starting December 15, airing Monday to Friday at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM, Omi No. 1 will be

available for POGO viewers in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. The show will follow the escapades and adventures of Omi, an over-pampered but big-hearted grandson of Milk King Kedarnath. His regular day often spirals into wild situations, including first days at school, unexpected jobs, chases, competitions and even jungle and desert adventures. His mistakes usually snowball into chaos, yet he somehow ends up saving the day in his own quirky and fun way. It's packed with energy, humour

and moments that fit perfect-

with the cheerful Christmas season.

#### Discovery Kids Brings Festive Fun with Tittoo Discovery Kids adds to the

holiday cheer with its yearend stunt, Titoo: Shararat ka Grand Countdown, starting from December 25 to December 31, everyday 9.30 AM onwards. With the funniest pranks, storylines, rapid turns, and lighthearted escapades, Tittoo is setting up a joyous holiday finale.

#### Christmas Extravaganza Continues with Cartoon Network and POGO

Adding to the festive enthusiasm, the Cartoon Network is rolling out brand-new episodes of Teen Titans Go! from December 25 to January 2 at 11:30 AM, adding the sparkle of comedy, energy, and boundless adventure. POGO, on the other hand, is presenting a line-up of special telefeatures and crossovers.

# Care for your skin this winter with California Almonds

Winter comes with cozy nights and festive cheer, yet it also brings a familiar challenge for many: dry, dull, and sensitive skin. The cold air pulls moisture from our skin, leaving it susceptible to flakiness and irritation. Topical skincare can help, but lasting nourishment starts from within. Nutritionist Ritika Samaddar explains that the most effective approach to winter skincare lies in fueling your body with the right foods. She explains that winter drvness is not only a skincare concern but also a nutritional one. She highlights the importance of incorporating foods rich in protein, healthy fats, vitamin E, and omega-3, such as fatty fish and California Almonds. Including almonds in your daily diet can nourish the skin from within, helping it stay soft, hydrated, and healthy, even in harsh weather conditions. Almonds are a powerhouse of essential nutrients that support



skin health in multiple ways. They are one of the richest natural sources of vitamin E, an important antioxidant that protects the skin from damage. Vitamin E also strengthens the skin's natural barrier, helping it retain moisture and stay smooth during harsh winter months. Apart from this, Vitamin E also contains anti-aging properties that help your skin maintain elasticity. Another reason California Almonds are a winter essential is their high content of healthy monounsat-

urated fats. These healthy fats act as internal moisturisers, improving skin elasticity and preventing excessive drvness. They help the skin appear plump and smooth while reducing the visibility of fine lines that tend to stand out in colder weather Almonds are also rich in protein, riboflavin, and zinc, all of which contribute to the maintenance of overall skin. These nutrients together help restore glow, reduce dullness, and support a stronger skin barrier.

Research also suggests that consuming almonds regularly may help improve facial skin tone and reduce the appearance of wrinkles. Ritika also points to the link between gut health and skin health. Studies have shown that almonds support gut wellbeing, which can reduce inflammation and breakouts. This is especially helpful during winter, when digestive issues are more common. She recommends adding California Almonds to daily meals and consuming them in the morning to enhance nutrient absorption. This winter, glowing skin doesn't need to come from expensive treatments or complicated routines. Sometimes the most powerful beauty solutions are rooted in simple, everyday nutrition. With their exceptional nutrient profile, California Almonds offer a natural, effective, and delicious way to care for vour skin all season long.

## Croma Opens First Store in Nizamabad, Telangana at Vinayak Nagar

Nizamabad, December 12, 2025: Croma, India's trusted omni-channel electronics retailer from the Tata Group, has announced the opening of its first-ever store in Nizamabad, Telangana. Located in Vinayak Nagar, the launch marks a significant milestone in Croma's continued expansion, taking its presence to 37 stores in the state. The new store, situated at Ganesh Colony, Vinayak Nagar, Hyderabad Road, Nizamabad - 503230, spans 8,070 sq. ft. and is designed as a full-fledged experience centre. Customers can explore the latest technology across categories, enjoy live product demos, and receive expert guidance to make informed decisions—all within an immersive and seamless shopping environment. Exclusive Launch Offers: Celebrate the launch with exciting deals on select smartphones, LED 32 inch and 40 inch TV, Laptops, Refrigerators and Front



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#### Dec 12 - Dec 26: 5% off up to ?12,00

#### Dec 27 - Jan 11: 4% off

'We are delighted to bring Croma to Nizamabad for the first time. With this store, our aim is to offer customers in the region access to cutting-edge technology. Ou r knowledgeable in-store experts, combined with our omnichannel capabilities, will make technology shopping more convenient and satisfying for the local community." Said a spokesperson of Infiniti Retail Ltd.

The store will be open daily from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. For more information on products, services, and ongoing offers, please visit the new Croma store in Vinayak Nizamabad-Nagar or log on to www.croma.com. Offers valid on select brands, categories, and

models only. Terms and

conditions apply.

## New Think Tank Bharat Ki Soch launched to shape contemporary policy discourse with learnings from ancient Indian knowledge systems

New Delhi, 12 December 2025: Bharat Ki Soch, a Think Tank on ancient Indian wisdom for contemporary challenges has been launched. It aims to enrich India's growth narrative by drawing on the country's deep civilisational knowledge systems and intellectual heritage.

By researching, reinterpreting and contextualising ancient Indian wisdom for modern needs, Bharat Ki Soch seeks to offer fresh perspectives for nation-building anchored in India's own cultural and philosophical foundations. With a vision to reimagine Bharat's civilizational wisdom for a resilient and progressive nation, the Think Tank made its inception with an inaugural conference titled Navigating Growth and Development in Global Uncertain Times, held at the Constitution Club of India. The conference reflected on how India can sustain its developmental momentum, blending institutional strength, innovation and the timeless wisdom of its civilisation to chart a steady course toward Viksit Bharat. It brought together thought leaders and scholars to examine how India's civilisational knowledge systems can inform responses to global economic, geopolitical and developmental uncertainty. The dialogue featured eminent speakers including Mr. Dinesh



Trivedi, former Union Minister for Railways, Mr. M. J. Akbar, former Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, Mr. Raghvendra Singh, former Culture Secretary, Government of India, Mr. Atanu Chakraborty, Chairman, HDFC Bank, Mr. Ram Madhav, President, India Foundation, Dr. T. C. A. Raghavan, former High Commissioner to Singapore & Pakistan and Former Director

General of the Indian Council of World Affairs and Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Advisory Council, Bharat Ki Soch and Mr. R. K. Pachnanda, Director, Bharat Ki Soch. Across

wide-ranging discussions, the speakers underscored a shared belief that India's next chapter of growth cannot rely solely on contemporary frameworks but must draw confidently from the intellectual wealth embedded in its civilisational inheritance. Bharat Ki Soch seeks to build precisely this bridge, engaging scholars, policy makers, technologists and practitioners to reinterpret ancient Indian knowledge for India's evolving developmental needs. Through a mix of deep research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and public dialogue, Bharat Ki Soch will cover a range of subjects from governance, economy

and agriculture to sustainability, health & wellness, and national security and will be informed by time-tested Indian frameworks in our ancient scriptures. In his welcome address, Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Advisory Council, Bharat Ki Soch, described the moment as the beginning of a new intellectual journey for the country. "Today marks not just an event, it is the beginning of a journey to rediscover India's timeless knowledge and reimagine our growth story with confidence, clarity and cultural rootedness," he said. Reflecting on the global environment, he highlighted significant challenges like growing debt distress, climate crises, demographic decline, food insecurity and consequences of rapid technological transformation like job displacement and data insecurity to the growing concentration of technological power, "We are living through a period of deep global transition, one that is reshaping vulnerabilities as much as it is opening up opportunities," he said, attributing India's unique position as the world's fastest growing major economy to the stabilising force of India's civilisational Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Atanu Chakraborty situated the moment within a wider civilisational

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# Trump's Gaza peace plan struggles to progress as Israel and Hamas face tough choices

A steady stream of water trickles through openings in the tent Ghadir al-Adham shares with her husband and six children in Gaza City. Her family is still displaced after the war and waiting for reconstruction to begin. "Here we are, living a life of humiliation,' she told the BBC. "We want caravans. We want our homes rebuilt. We long for concrete to keep us warm. Every day I sit and cry for my children." Two months into an American-imposed ceasefire, Gaza is stuck in the first phase of Donald Trump's peace plan - its territory divided between the warring parties, its people still displaced and surrounded by rubble. Heavy rain has deluged camps and led several buildings to collapse, as a powerful winter storm sweeps through the Strip. More than 800,000 Gazans are at risk from flooding, the UN says.



Sticking point Plans for new homes - and new government - lie frozen in the next stage of US President Donald Trump's peace deal, as the search continues for Israel's last missing hostage, Ran Gvili. Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has insisted Hamas must return all Israel's hostages – living and dead – before the two

sides move on to the next, more difficult, stage of the peace deal.

But several searches of Gaza's rubble have so far shown no sign of him. Mr Gvili was captured during the 7 October Hamas attacks - a police officer, recovering from a broken shoulder, who went to defend nearby kibbutz Alumim. In response, a

Hamas official told the BBC their allegations were untrue, and that Israel was trying to avoid implementing the agreement. But with no sign of Ran's body, and pressure from Washington growing, his parents say they are counting on Israel's leaders not to move forward before their

son is found. "Everyone in

Israel['s] government says

to us. 'No, we don't move to the second level until Ran comes back.' This is their promise," Talik said. Many in Israel believe it would be politically difficult for Netanyahu to carry out the next steps in the deal, including withdrawing Israeli forces further back towards Gaza's perimeter, if even one hostage is still missing in Gaza. Time 'running out' Both Israel and Hamas face difficult concessions in the next stage of For Hamas, it means hand-

For Hamas, it means handing over weapons and power. For Israel, handing over security to an international stabilisation force. And this is also why leaders on both sides may be hesitating, says retired General Israel Ziv, a former head of Israel's military Operations Directorate. "Israel and Hamas are sharing the same interests not to move so fast into the second

stage," he told me. "Hamas doesn't want to lose control. and the Israeli side for political reasons also prefer to stay in Gaza, as nobody wants to explain to their base that they have to withdraw." He says Trump is the only one who can force the two sides forward, and that time is running out. "By waiting I think we might miss the opportunity because Hamas is reorganising and [its] strength is back," coming explained. "We have to take a deep breath and go forward with that plan, because staying in the situation as it is, it's the worstcase scenario." Disarming Hamas - in a way both sides will accept - is seen as the first major hurdle. Without that, no foreign countries are likely to commit troops to secure the Strip, and no reconstruction is likely to begin in Hamas-controlled areas.

# Russia hits back at Europe's big plan to loan Moscow's frozen cash to Ukraine



Ukraine is running out of cash to keep its military and its economy going, after almost four years of Russia's full-scale war. For Europe, the solution to plugging Kyiv's budget hole of 135.7bn (£119bn; \$159bn) for the next two years lies in frozen Russian assets sitting in Belgian bank Euroclear and EU leaders hope to sign that off at their Brussels summit next week. Russian officials warn the EU plan would be an act of theft and

Russia's central bank announced on Friday it was suing Euroclear in a Moscow court even before a final decision is made. In total. Russia has about 210bn of its assets frozen in the EU, and 185bn of that is held by Euroclear. The EU and Ukraine argue that money should be used to rebuild what Russia has destroyed: Brussels calls it a "reparations loan" and has come up with a plan to prop up Ukraine's economy to the tune of 90bn.

#### Taylor Swift shown breaking down in tears after she met Southport attack families



Taylor Swift broke down in tears after meeting survivors and families of the victims of the Southport stabbing attack, backstage footage from her Eras tour reveals. The star met privately with some of those affected by the attack in July 2024, which took place at a Taylor Swiftthemed dance workshop, and claimed the lives of young girls. Afterwards, she sobbed in her dressing room, as her mother, Andrea, tried to comfort her. "I know it doesn't seem like it, but I know you helped them," she said. Swift, who was already in her

stage costume, then had to pick herself up and perform for three and a half hours at London's Wembley Stadium. Speaking to select members of the media, including the BBC, at the New York premiere of her new six part Disney+ documentary, Swift revealed she had felt compelled to "create some form of escape" for her fans after the incident. "From a mental standpoint, I do live in a reality that's unreal a lot of the time," the star says in the first episode. "But I need to be able to handle all the feelings and then perk up and perform."

# Reddit launches High Court challenge to Australia's social media ban for kids



Reddit has launched a challenge in Australia's highest court against the nation's landmark social media ban for children. The online forum is among 10 social media platforms which must bar Australians aged under 16 from having accounts, under a new law which began on Wednesday. The ban,

which is being watched closely around the world, was justified by campaigners and the government as necessary to protect children from harmful content and algorithms. Reddit is complying with the ban, but in its case will argue that the policy has serious implications for privacy and political rights.

# Solve for Tomorrow 2025: Young Innovators Using AI to Transform Health, Hygiene & Wellbeing in India

Technology's role in healthcare is no longer just futuristic-it is reshaping diagnostics, care, and dignity for patients today. Samsung Solve for Tomorrow (SFT) 2025, Samsung's flagship education programme, in partnership with IIT Delhi, showcased this transformation by challenging thousands of students nationwide to design AI-first, humancentred solutions under the theme "Future of Health, Hygiene and Wellbeing."

Here's what this wave of innovation looks like:

1. Rooted in Real-Life Challenges

Students were invited to build accessible healthcare tech addressing hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, emotional well-being, and preventive care—ensuring better health outcomes are a right, not a privilege.

2. Practical Solutions for Better Tomorrow

Teams like Alchemist, BRHM, Hear Bright, Pink Brigadiers brought innovations ranged from multiarticulated bionic hands and AI early detection tools to predictive breast health apps and speech recognition devices tailored to India's linguistic diversity—all focused on delivering dignity and accessibility in care.

· Alchemist (Andhra Pradesh) – AI-powered platform with deep learning model to detect subclinical silicosis

· BRHM (Uttar Pradesh)

– Low-cost bionic hand to restore mobility for people with disabilities

· Hear Bright (Delhi) – AIpowered glasses that convert speech into text for supporting hearing impaired

Pink Brigadiers (Odisha) – Predictive AI app for women to self-check their breast health at home with

3. Theme Winner – Paraspeak: Giving Voice to the Unheard
Among the four national

winners, Paraspeak stood out. Developed by 16-year-old Gurugram student Pranet Khetan, it is a compact AI device that converts impaired speech into clear, fluent playback—including Hindi. Inspired by people battling speech disorders, Pranet created India's first dataset for dysarthric Hindi, filling a critical gap in AI healthcare.

4. Other Winning Innovations Beyond Health & Well-Being

SFT 2025 also honoured:

· NextPlay.AI – AI sports coaching platform

Percevia – AI-powered glasses

· Prithvi Rakshak – Gamified sustainability app

5. Support to Scale & Succeed

Winners received up to ?1 crore incubation support at IIT Delhi, with additional awards for top teams, including ?1 lakh grants, Goodwill Awards and Young Innovator Awards and Samsung Galaxy Z Flip smartphones for the top 20 teams.

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# Anant National University Hosted the 7th Convocation with Dr Sridhar Vembu as Chief Guest

December 2025: Anant National University recenthosted the 7th Convocation, conferring degrees on 299 students from the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Design, Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, MSc in Sustainability and Built Environment and Anant Fellowship in Climate Action. Padma awardee and Chief Scientist and Co-founder of Zoho Corporation, Dr Sridhar Vembu, was the Chief Guest. Mr Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, Dr Sanjeev Vidvarthi, Provost, Anant

National University, and the members of the board were present during the convocation. Addressing Anant graduands during his convocation address, Dr Vembu said, "Coming to Anant National University has truly been a joy. The creativity and purposedriven designs by Anant students blew my mind. I saw remarkable work, the kind of innovation our nation urgently needs. We often celebrate the achievements of our past, yet rarely do we pause to honour what we are building in the present. We must think beyond our own lifetimes and create for the future, and Anant is clearly teaching

its students to do exactly that. Good design elevates the soul and spirit, and I have seen that spirit alive across this campus. Keep dreaming, stay young, stay relevant. When you suspend your ego and stop trying to make a statement, you often end up making vour most powerful one. Focus on the problem, and extraordinary work will follow." Dr Sridhar Vembu cofounded Zoho Corporation in 1996 and served as the company's CEO from 2000 to 2024. In 2025, he assumed the role of Chief Scientist to focus on deep-tech R&D, particularly in AI development. Zoho Corporation has emerged as the largest

software product company in India while pursuing a unique set of choices that span hiring, training, product strategy, location and customer satisfaction, all driven by a holistic philosophy that puts contentment and humility as key virtues. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, said, "Design gives us the tools to reimagine industries, rebuild communities and renew our environment. It is how we transition from 'Make in India' as an aspiration to 'Design for India' as a philosophy, one rooted in creativity, craftsmanship and care.

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lair Obscur: Expedition 33 has been named game of the year in a recordbreaking haul at this year's Game Awards. The French-developed roleplaying game (RPG) cleaned up in nine of the 10 categories it was up for, with further wins in best narrative, best music and best perform-

It fended off competition from Death Stranding 2, Nintendo platformer Donkey Kong Bananza, indie games Hollow Knight: Silksong and Hades 2, and medieval adventure Kingdom Come: Deliverance 2 to claim the top prize. During the ceremony in Los Angeles, players also got their first glimpses of two new Tomb Raider games, sequel Control Resonant and a new Star Wars role-playing game. Clair Obscur is set in a world where a supernatural being known as The Paintress prevents the population from growing past a certain age. The game, which tells the story of a group of adventurers on a quest to destroy The Paintress, was praised for its emotional narrative and use of old-school, turn-based battles. Players were also won over by the story of developer Sandfall Interactive, formed by a group of employees who left gaming giant Ubisoft to make their dream project.

Accepting the game of the year award, director Guillaume Broche - wearing a red beret and striped t-shirt in a nod to the game's strong French identity - said the year had been a "weird timeline" for the studio as he thanked his team. He also extended thanks to the "unsung heroes" of the industry - "the people who make tutorials on YouTube on how to make a game, because we had no idea how to make one before". Clair Obscur was the hot favourite going into the awards, and the most-nominated game in the ceremony's history with a total of 12 nods.

# Germany accuses Russia of 2024 cyber-attack and disinformation

Germany has accused Russia of a cyber-attack on air traffic control and attempted electoral interference, and summoned the Russian ambassador. A foreign ministry spokesman said Russian military intelligence was behind a "cyber-attack against German air traffic control in August 2024". The spokesman also accused Russia of seeking to influence and destabilise the country's federal election in February this year. He said that Germany, in close coordination with its European partners, would respond with counter-measures to make Russia "pay a price for its hybrid actions". There was no immediate response from Russia. The



spokesman said the August 2024 cyber-attack could be attributed to the Fancy Bear Russian hacker group. "Our intelligence findings prove that the Russian military intelligence service GRU bears responsibility for this attack," he added. The ministry spokesman added it was now certain

that Moscow had attempted to "influence and destabilise both the last federal election and the ongoing internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany" through a disinformation campaign called Storm 1516. The campaign, it said, had focused in part on lead Green Party candi-

date Robert Habeck and Friedrich Merz, who is now chancellor. The German government said security agencies had identified fake videos alleging ballot manipulation as part of a Russian disinformation effort just days before the election. Fancy Bear is said to have previously leaked World Anti-Doping Agency data, and played a key role in the 2016 cyber-attack on Democratic National Committee. according to security experts. The latest accusations come amid heightened concerns in Europe over suspected Russian cyber-attacks since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

# Chief of S Korea's high-stakes exam quits over 'insane' English test

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The English section of South Korea's gruelling college entrance exam, or Suneung, is notoriously difficult, with some students comparing it to deciphering an ancient script, and others calling it "insane". So intense was the criticism around this year's test that the top official in charge of

resigned to take responsibility for the "chaos" it caused. "We sincerely accept the criticism that the difficulty of questions... was inappropriate," said Suneung chief Oh Seung-geol, adding that the test "fell short" despite having gone through several rounds of editing. Among the most daunting questions are one on Immanuel Kant's philosophy of law and another involving gaming jargon. The latter, worth three points, asks students to pick where a sentence should fit in a given paragraph. Here's the sentence in bold, followed by the paragraph.



# Suryakumar Yadav: IPL Beast To India's Worry, What Is Going On?

Suryakumar Yadav walked in for the post-match duties after India's 51-run loss in the 2nd T20I vs South Africa with a smile on his face - but behind that calm exterior sits a storm he can't ignore. India folded for 162 while chasing 214 in New Chandigarh, only their fourth T20I defeat in more than a year. But the bigger story wasn't the loss. It was their captain. After the match, he admitted: "We can't rely on Abhishek all the time... I should have taken that responsibility and batted deeper." It was honest. It was mature. But it didn't stop the question every fan is now asking. Is the Captain hiding? The moment India sent Axar Patel at No. 3 ahead of Suryakumar in a pressure chase, social media exploded. Experts like Dale Stevn and Robin Uthappa openly called the move an attempt to shield struggling captain. Responsibility in words is one thing. Responsibility with the bat is another. And

right now, SKY's bat is



unusually quiet. The International Slide Nobody Saw Coming. After bossing IPL 2025, SKY's international numbers have crashed hard. T20I stats in 2025: -201 runs in 17 innings - Average: 14.35 - Strike rate: 126.41 - Zero fifties - Three ducks In the South Africa series, he managed just a five in the second T20I. Former India batter Robin Uthappa summed it up

bluntly:
"This one loss won't hurt...
but if the form continues
until the World Cup, that's a
serious worry." Two Halves
of 2025: IPL Monster vs
India's Missing Man It's wild
how different SKY looked
just a few months ago. IPL
2025 for Mumbai Indians: 717 runs in 16 innings Average: 65.18 - Strike rate:
167.9 - Five fifties He

destroyed bowling attacks for fun, played his 360-degree circus shots with confidence, and carried MI all season. And then... came the slump in India colours. Is Captaincy the Culprit? Here's the telling number: - As a pure batter: Avg 43.40 - As T20I captain: Avg 25.03 The strike rate stays high, the intent is there - but the runs simply aren't. SKY insists captaincy isn't

injury breaks - Bowlers preparing better plans -Slower pitches exposing his high-risk strokes - His reliance on flat decks where his unorthodox shots shine It all adds up to one truth: SKY is out of runs, and India can feel it. The Paradox India Can't Ignore For all his struggles with the bat, SKY's leadership numbers are outstanding: - 80% win record as captain - 35 matches, three series wins - Asia Cup 2025 title He's ticking the leadership boxes. But the runs? They've gone missing at the worst possible time. India Need the Old SKY Back soonest The 2026 T20 World Cup isn't far. India don't just need a smart captain - they need their best T20 batter firing again. The guy who changed the geometry of the Right sport. Suryakumar Yadav looks more human than he ever has. But India will need the superhero version - soon.

affecting him. There's also: -

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## India vs Pakistan U19 Asia Cup Clash To See Epic Battle As Sameer Minhas Slams 177 On Day Vaibhav

Arch-rivals India and Pakistan are set to face each other on Sunday (December 14) in an Under-19 Asia Cup 2025 match in Dubai. It will be a Group A game between the sides. The much-anticipated contest has got more eyeballs even before its start for the way both teams began their respective campaigns in the tournament. While India outplayed the United Arab Emirates by 234 runs in Dubai, Pakistan routed Malaysia by a margin of 297. Apart from the convincing wins, it was the performances of their openers that stole the show. India's U-19 batter Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashed 171 off 95 balls with the help of nine fours and 14 sixes, while his Pakistani counterpart Sameer Minhas smashed 177 not out off 148 balls, an innings laced with 11 fours and eight sixes. Apart from Survavanshi's spectacular knock, Aaron George (69) and Vihaan Malhotra (69) contributed with crucial half-centuries. Trivedi



Abhigvan Kundu (32), and Kanishk Chouhan (28) provided the finishing touches to India U-19 posting a massive 433 for 6, the highest score in the tournament's history. It's also India's highest total in U-19 ODIs and the third-highest ever score in men's U-19 one-day cricket. Suryavanshi's knock had a strike rate of 180. He brought up his half-century in 30 balls, before getting his century in just 56 deliveries and reaching his 150 in 84 balls. Just some kilometres away from it, the Pakistan U-19

team was also wreaking havoc. Centuries from Ahmed Hussain and debutant Sameer Minhas powered the side to 345 for 3 before the bowlers bundled Malaysia out for just 48 in 19.4 overs. Minhas was the star of the show with an unbeaten 177 off 148 balls, striking 11 fours and eight sixes to claim the Player of the Match honour. He shared a mammoth 293-run stand with Hussain who made 132 off 114 deliveries, and ensured Pakistan's dominance from the outset.

## "Main Bihar Se Hoon": Vaibhav Suryavanshi's Epic Response On Sledging By UAE Players During Stellar 171

Vaibhav Suryavanshi was on a record-breaking spree on Wednesday as he slammed a 95-ball 171 in an India vs UAE U-19 Asia Cup match in Dubai. The young southpaw's 171 propelled the Indian team to a mammoth first-innings total of 433/6 in 50 overs. The highlight of the innings was Suryavanshi's boundary-hitting. young batter from Bihar smashed the UAE bowlers for nine fours and 14 sixes - a world record in U-19 cricket. While he was batting, Suryavanshi faced sledging too. The incident happened in the 32nd over when leftarm spinner Uddish Suri was bowling to Suryavanshi, who was batting in the 90s.

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ing behind the stumps, tried to break Suryavanshi's confidence. However, the 14-year-old batting sensation wasn't having any of it and decided to give it back to the UAE wicketkeeper. "Come on boys. 90's curse." Amin was heard saying on the stump mic. Suryavanshi gave an agitated reply, say-

ing, "Tere saath selfie loon?"
Later, Suryavanshi was asked about the incident. He replied: "Main Bihar se hoon. Peeth peeche jo bhi baatein hoti hain, usse mujhko farak nahi padta." (I am from Bihar. What is said behind my back does not bother me.) Talking about the match, after being invit-

ed to bat by UAE captain Yayin Rai, India U-19 suffered an early hiccup when skipper Ayush Mhatre departed for four runs in the third over. This brought Suryavanshi and Aaron George together, and what followed was an innings of outright aggression. Suryavanshi, who has been in scintillating form, played with caution before shifting gears into destructive mode. He raced to his half-century in just 30 deliveries. The remarkable display of power-hitting Survavanshi etch his name into the tournament's record books, breaking the record for the most sixes hit by a batter in a single innings of the U-19 Asia Cup.

# "Tere Saath Selfie Loon?": Vaibhav Suryavanshi's Reply Shuts Down UAE Star's Sledging

India's batting prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi had a hilarious exchange with UAE wicketkeeper Saleh Amin during their U19 Asia Cup group fixture in Dubai on Friday. The incident happened in the 32nd over when left-arm spinner Uddish Suri was bowling to Suryavanshi, who was batting in the 90s. Amin, who was standing behind the stumps, tried to break Suryavanshi's confidence. However, the 14-year-old batting sensation wasn't having any of it and decided to give it back to the UAE wicketkeeper. "Come on boys. 90's curse. 90's curse," Amin was heard saying on the stump mic. Suryavanshi gave an agitated reply, saying, "Tere



saath selfie loon?" The Rajasthan Royals (RR) opener continued his rich vein of form by smashing another century. He hit a sensational 171 off just 95 deliveries with the help of nine fours and a recordbreaking 14 sixes. Suryavanshi, who has been in scintillating form,

played with caution before shifting gears into destructive mode. He raced to his half-century in just 30 deliveries. The highlight of the innings was Suryavanshi's boundary hitting. The young batter from Bihar smashed the UAE bowlers for nine fours and 14 sixes. This

remarkable display of power-hitting Suryavanshi etch his name into the tournament's record books, breaking the record for the most sixes hit by a batter in a single innings of the U19 Asia Cup, previously held by Afghanistan's Darwish Rasooli (10 sixes in 2017). His century came off in just 56 balls. Suryavanshi was relentless, going on to complete 150 runs in just 84 balls before finally being run out on 171 off 95 deliveries, with a strike rate of 180. Survayanshi's 171 is now officially the secondhighest score by an Indian in a Youth ODI, falling just short of Ambati Rayudu's 177 not out against England U19 in 2002.

# Vonn, 41, becomes oldest downhill World Cup winner



American Lindsey Vonn became the oldest skiing downhill World Cup winner at St Moritz on Friday. The 41-year-old retired from the sport in February 2019 due to knee problems but made her competitive return in December 2024. Vonn has won one gold and two bronze at the Winter Olympics and is on track to represent the USA at the 2026 Games in February. She crossed the line in one minute and 29.63 seconds - nearly a second quicker than second-placed Magdelena Egger - to wrap up her 83rd World Cup win and first since 2018. "I knew I was skiing fast but you never know until the first race," Vonn told TNT Sports. "I think I was a little faster than I expected. It's a very exciting time." Vonn has four overall World Cup titles in the bank from a glittering career that has spanned across 20 years. Friday's event marked the beginning of the downhill World Cup campaign, with a further eight races set to take place before the World Cup Finals at Kvitfjell in Norway on 21 March. Vonn returns to the St Moritz slope for the next World Cup on Saturday.

# Vinesh Phogat Makes LA Olympics Declaration With Big Retirement U-Turn

Wrestler Vinesh Phogat, whose medal dream at the 2024 Paris Olympics came to a stunning end after she was found overweight on the day of her final bout, has announced that she is reversing her retirement decision. She had announced her retirement on August 8, 2024. On Friday, Vinesh Phogat confirmed her return after an 18-month hiatus to chase her Olympic dream, stating that she has come out of retirement from professional wrestling. Last year, Phogat announced her retirement from wrestling after being disqualified in the 50 kg freestyle final at the Paris Olympics. She had advanced to the gold medal bout by defeating Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez 5-0 in the semi-finals. She was set to



compete against the United States' Sarah Ann Hildebrandt for the gold medal but was disqualified for breaching the weight limit. In an X post on Friday, Phogat wrote: "People kept asking if Paris was the end. For a long time, I didn't have the answer. I needed to step away from the mat, from the pressure, from the expectations, even from my own ambitions. For the first time in years, I allowed myself to breathe. I took time to understand the weight of my journey - the highs, the heartbreaks, the sacrifices, the versions of me the world never saw. And somewhere in that reflection, I found the truth: I still love this sport. I still want to compete. In that silence, I found something I'd forgotten: 'the fire never left'. It was only buried under exhaustion and noise. The discipline, the routine, the fight... it's in my system. No matter how far I walked away, a part of me stayed on the mat. So here I am, stepping back toward LA28 with a heart that's

# unafraid and a spirit that refuses to bow."

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# Ravindra Jadeja's Wife Rivaba's Shock 'Intoxication Claim' Involving India Players

Gujarat Minister Rivaba Jadeja, wife of Indian cricket team superstar Ravindra Jadeja, has stirred significant controversy while attempting to highlight her husband's exceptional discipline. Speaking at an event in Gujarat's Dwarka, she talked about the cricket team's "vices" while offering an intriguing perspective on the moral choices faced by high-profile athletes. "My husband, the cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, has to travel to many countries like Dubai, and London. Australia to play cricket," Rivaba Jadeja said at the event. "Despite this, to this day, he has never touched or engaged in any kind of addic-



tion or vice, because he understands his responsibilities. The rest of the team all indulge in vices, but there is no restriction on them." The minister's remarks focused on the challenges inherent in a life spent touring the globe as elite cricketers. "My

husband has been away from home for 12 years; he can do whatever he wants, but he understands his moral duty - what he needs to do," she said. 'Her comment that "the rest of the team all indulge in vices" has sparked a debate, with many mates in an unfavourable light within the Indian and global cricket fraternities. Rivaba Jadeja's comments are seen to suggest that Jadeja's personal restraint set him apart in the highpressure environment of professional cricket. Ravindra Jadeja Turns a New Chapter The statement comes at a time of significant transition for Ravindra Jadeja's career. Though he remains an integral part of India's Test and ODI squads, Jadeja is no longer an active player in T20 Internationals, and his domestic franchise tenure has just seen a monumental shift.

### Keshav Maharaj Named Pretoria Capitals Capitals For SA20 Season 4



South Africa's left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj has been named captain of Pretoria Capitals for the upcoming SA20 Season Four, the franchise announced on Friday. Maharaj, who led Durban's Super Giants in the previous edition of the competition, will take over from Rilee Rossouw at the Capitals. "One of South Africa's most experienced and respected leaders, Maharaj brings a wealth of international pedigree across formats, along with a proven track record of guiding teams with composure, clarity, and intent. Having captained South Africa in white-ball cricket and served as a senior figure within the national setup for several Maharaj's leadership experience, tactical understanding, and consistency make him an invaluable addition in this role. His presence strengthens the balance and direction of the Pretoria Capitals squad as the team heads into the new season," the franchise said in a release. Pretoria Capitals will enter the upcoming SA20 season with a new-look coaching staff as well former India captain Sourav Ganguly will take charge as head coach and will be assisted by former South Africa captain Shaun Pollock.

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## Fun-filled, edge-of-the-seat comedy Entertainer Gurram Paapireddy is set to thoroughly entertain audiences: Producers Jayakanth (Bobby) and Amar Bura

Gurram Paapireddy, starring Naresh Agastya and Faria Abdullah, is being produced by Venu Saddi, Amar Bura, and Jayakanth (Bobby), presented by Dr. Sandhya Goli. Director Murali Manohar brings a dark comedy concept that audiences have not seen on screen before. With all work completed, the film is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 19th of this month. In an interview today, producers Jayakanth (Bobby) and Amar Bura shared the highlights of the movie. Producer Jayakanth (Bobby) said, "Director Murali Manohar is our friend. When he narrated the story of Gurram Paapireddy, we found it extremely interesting. We felt that an offbeat story like this would be perfect for our first production and decided to go ahead. Generally, new producers tend to begin with a love story or youthfocused content, but we wanted to avoid routine projects. That's why we chose to produce a film in the dark comedy genre." "When Tharun Bhascker heard the story, he expressed interest in playing the lead. However, due to his prior commitments, things kept getting delayed. Another young hero also liked the subiect, but his onboarding was taking time as well. Chaitanya Jonnalagadda agreed to play an important role in the film. We thought Naresh Agastya would be perfect for the lead role and narrated the script to him. He showed



interest, and after interacting with him, our director felt Naresh was indeed the right fit. Naresh has already worked in films with unique concepts like Mathu Vadalara, and he performed exceptionally as the titular character in Gurram Paapireddy. Faria Abdullah has great comedic timing. In Jathi Ratnalu, her character Chitti was traditional, but in our film, the role of Saudhamini is completely different. She not only acted but also wrote, sang, and choreographed a song, which is now going viral. Brahmanandam and Yogi Babu have also played significant roles. While dubbing, Brahmanandam mentioned that it felt like he had played a major role - he hasn't taken up such a lengthy

character in recent times. His character appears from beginning to end. We waited for two months to bring Yogi Babu on board. The comedy between Raj Kumar Kasireddy and Vamsidhar Kosigi has worked out hilariously, and this film will bring both of them notable recognition. We wanted to cast artistes who truly fit their characters, which increased the budget beyond our initial plan. At that point, our friends Venu and Dr. Sandhya from the US joined the production. We are being careful in terms of business, finalizing deals only when we get the price we are confident about. We believe strongly in the film's content and are sure of its success. Producer Amar Bura said, "Our film revolves

around how a group of not-so-smart people confront a clever one. It offers fun and comedy that will surely entertain audiences. People don't come to theatres for messages; they come to be entertained, and that is what our film aims to do. We have complete confidence in our content. Just like how characters in MAD and MAD 2 made us laugh the moment they appeared, audiences will find our artistes funny right from the start. Mathu Vadalara earned Naresh Agastya a strong theatrical name, and we believe Gurram Paapireddy will elevate him even further." Filmmaking is a challenge every day. Our budget increased due to the story's scope and the impact of strikerelated delays. During the strike here, we even shot in Mysore. Film business isn't easy - though everyone liked our content, the lack of a star hero posed challenges on the business side. Still, we trusted the film and decided to release Gurram Paapireddy in 140 screens. Instead of going for a huge release initially and risking low turnout, we chose to increase screens based on response. We've also ensured ticket prices remain affordable. We hope our film receives strong audience support. We are releasing it alongside Avatar. Just as Avatar has its audience, we believe our film also has its own audience base. As producers, we have all come together as a strong team and hope to continue making films together.

### Mega Power Star Ram Charan's Peddi New Schedule Begins Tomorrow In Hyderabad, Talkie Part To Be Wrapped Up By January End, Theatrical Release On March 27, 2026

Mega Power Star Ram Charan is coming up with a rural action entertainer, Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. The film has already created a strong buzz, with its first-look posters, First Shot Glimpse and first single Chikiri Chikiri winning widespread acclaim. In particular, the song—showcasing Charan's trademark mega grace and electrifying screen presence-has taken social media by storm, emerging as a global sensation. Peddi is being produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the banner of Vriddhi Cinemas and is proudly presented by Mythri Movie Makers in association with Sukumar Writings. Boasting a lavish budget and grand-scale production, the film promises a high-octane cinematic experience. Bollywood sensation Janhvi Kapoor joins Ram Charan as the leading lady. Meanwhile, the Peddi team has commences a new shooting schedule from tomorrow in Hyderabad. This schedule will feature several pivotal sequences, some of which will be canned in Delhi. Filming



will continue until the end of January, by which time the entire talkie part of the movie is expected to be wrapped up. As planned, all aspects of production are progressing smoothly, with post-production work moving ahead at a good pace. Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar essaying a crucial role adds further gravitas to the film, while Jagapathi Babu Divyendu Sharma appear in significant supporting roles.

On the technical front, Peddi boasts a powerhouse crew: Oscar-winning maestro AR Rahman scoring the music, acclaimed cinematographer R Rathnavelu crafting the visuals. National Award-winning editor Navin Nooli shaping the narrative flow, and Avinash Kolla enriching the film's world with his meticulous production design. Peddi is all set for a grand pan-India theatrical release on March 27, 2026.

Dhurandhar' box office collection day 8 : The Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, R Madhavan starrer is on a roll. crosses Rs 220 crore after completing week 1





# WILL & JADA HIT BACK AT \$3M THREAT COMPLAINT

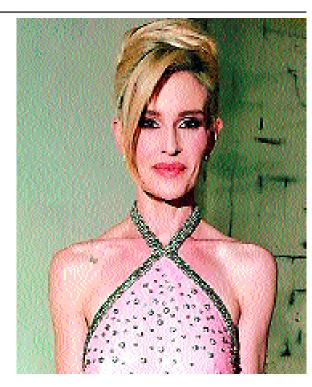
Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are fuming over a \$3 million lawsuit filed against Pinkett Smith, with a source close to the couple calling the complaint "a lot of crap" and dismissing the plaintiff as "an opportunistic person out to exploit them."

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a "retaliatory campaign," especially after a "viral" interview
Salaam — also known as he gave. Insiders say the Brother Bilaal — who alleges that the actress confronted him in a Calabasas mall lobby in September 2021 and warned him that if he continued sharing her "personal business," large transparent cash grab: "They see it as a money ploy to get what they can out of them. Naturally, both of them dislike people around them talking out of acheal." her "personal business," people around them talking out he would "end up miss- of school."

#### Cardi B flaunts new body mods

ardi B is back with another bold look. The rapper recently revealed a dermal implant on her lower back and a new piercing on her neck. Sharing the update on Instagram, Cardi captioned her photos "Girls night." She wore a black leather halter top with lace-up pants, a neon green wig, and layered silver jewelry. Close-up shots highlighted her tattooed back and the freshly done piercings. Piercer Robbie (@nyc.piercing) from New York,



# Kelly Osbourne fires back at body shamers

recent physical changes. shared singer weight found grief

**T**elly Osbourne has Osbourne.

delivered a power-ful message to keep thinking they're "To the people who critics commenting on being funny and writher weight, revealing ing comments like, 'Are the deeply personal you ill?' or 'Get off reason behind her Ozempic,' or 'You don't look right' — my dad just died, and I'm doing In a clip from the best that I can, Piers Morgan Kelly said. "The only Uncensored thing I have to live for on right now is my family. Wednesday, the I choose to share the 41-year-old happy side of my life, said not the miserable side.' She ended her mesloss is the sage bluntly: "So to all

result of pro- those people, f--k off." Kelly also recently following addressed speculation the death about her weight loss in her an other interview, father, rejecting claims that Oz z y she uses Ozempic.

Ozzy Osbourne, the legendary rock icon, died in July at age 76 after suffering cardiac

# VIN DIESEL PUNCHES INTO FIRST WRITING GIG

and produce via his banner, One Race Films. In a statement shared through Mattel, Diesel he said.

rin Diesel is swapping gear shifts for giant punches. As the wait for the next Fast & Furious continues, the actor has reimagining it for today's audiences. "I am excited to expand the landed his first feature-writing credit in decades — script- Mattel universe by bringing this classic toy from my childhood to ing Mattel Studios' upcoming Rock 'Em Sock 'Em a modern audience... by telling a story that examines the role of Robots adaptation. Diesel is already attached to star competition in a world often measured by strength and dominance, and dares to reveal the power of compassion at its core,"