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NATION I NEWS

Assam Movement will always have a prime place in our history: PM Modi on **Swahid Diwas**



WORLD | NEWS

Ukraine 'ready for elections 'if partners guarantee security, Zelensky says

SPORTS I NEWS

Sanju Samson's Road To India XI Has 2 Two Roadblocks, R Ashwin Names Them



TELANGANA RISING BHARAT FUTURE CITY HYDERABAD, TELANGANA

Eleven Maoists with Rs.82 lakh bounty surrender in Gadchiroli

Nagpur. Dec 10: As many as 11 Maoists carrying a combined reward of Rs 82 lakh surrendered before the police in Maharashtra's Maoist-hit Gadchiroli on Wednesday, marking a major success for the state police in its efforts to weaken the red rebels' influence in the region. Officials said all eleven Maoists had been involved in violent activities for decades together and were active across

Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. They all surrendered before Maharashtra Director General of Police Rashmi Shukla at an event organised in Gadchiroli. Of the 11, four of them surrendered along with their weapons and Maoist uniforms.

Stage set for first phase of panchayat elections in Telangana



HYDERABAD (TSIT): The stage is set for the first phase of gram panchayat elections in Telangana on Thursday. Station Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini said that all arrangements have been made for peaceful and free and fair elections. More than 56 lakh voters are eligible to cast their votes for 3.800 gram panchavats and 37,440 wards spread over 189 mandals. The polling will be held from 7 a.m. The counting of votes will be taken up immediately after the polling. A total of 56,19,430 candidates are eligible to cast their votes. The poll panel has set up 37,562 polling stations. She said 12,960 candidates are in the fray for the offices of sarpanches while 65,455 candidates are contesting for the offices of ward members. Sarpanches for 395 gram panchayats have been elected unanimously.

Will make world class':

Revanth announces Rs 1,000 cr for Osmania University



HYDERABAD (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Wednesday, vowed transform Osmania University (OU) into a world-class university as he announced a development plan of Rs 1,000 crore for it.At a meeting held at the historic Arts College building on the campus, Revanth Reddy said he came to the university with the determination to make it an international university.

Hours before the Chief Minister's visit, the government issued an order according administrative sanction of Rs 1,000 crore for infrastructure development in the Osmania University campus.

A draft master plan for the development of the university was also released. The Chief Minister unveiled a special QR code inviting students to share their feedback and suggestions on the proposed master plan

and designs.

The authorities have planned new roads, cycling tracks, a sports complex, a library, a gym, entry gates, Osmania Plaza, a memorial, a convention centre, an amphitheatre, an academic research centre, student commons & learning greens, a hostel zone, a multipurpose hall, a dining centre, a health centre and other facilities on the sprawling campus. University

announced that the final Master Plan and designs will be finalised based on the opinions and suggestions received from the students.The Chief Minister, in his speech, referred to the long and rich history of Telangana and noted that it was the institution that strongly voiced the aspiration for a separate state Telangana.He pointed out that Osmania University

produced great personali-

Rao, Jaipal Reddy, George Reddy, and Gaddar. Recalling that Osmania University was at the forefront of the Telangana movement in the second phase, he alleged that the previous government of the BRS weakened it for 10 Stating that people in

ties like P.V. Narasimha

Telangana aspired for freedom, social justice. and equal opportunities, he claimed that people got all these after Congress came to power two years ago. Revanth Reddy said he came to the campus to see if the people's aspirations have been fulfilled or not. "Some people asked me how I am so courageous to visit Osmania University. What is needed to come here is not courage but admiration. I have come here with a heart full of admiration and to pave the way for the development of the university," he said.

India's Deepavali inscribed on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list

NEW DELHI (TSIT): India's Deepavali -- the festival of lights -- was on Wednesday inscribed on UNESCO's the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, sparking celebrations to mark the earning of the

coveted tag. The decision was taken during a key meeting of UNESCO being hosted at the Red Fort in



Hind', 'Vande Mataram' announced that the celeadded to the prestigious UNESCO

dressed in different traditional attire performed in front of the main stage while images of the Deepavali festival played on the big screen. Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the addition of Deepavali to UNESCO's Intangible Heritage List, saying it will contribute to the festival's global popularity.

"People in India and and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' around the world are rent the air as UNESCO thrilled," PM Modi said in a post on X, respondbrated festival has been ing to a post from listing

list after a discussion by Deepavali Delhi. Chants of 'Jai its committee. Artistes Intangible Heritage List. Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 concludes;

Revanth Unveils Vision 2047 Roadmap

Hyderabad(TSIT)

Telangana has reinforced its position as a premier investment destination with the successful conduct of the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 on December 8 and 9 at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad. The two-day summit attracted a record-breaking Rs 5.75 lakh crore in investments, spanning diverse sectors.

The energy sector led the investment inflow with commitments worth Rs 3,24,968 crore, followed by significant contributions in pharma, IT & ITeS,



entertainment, real estate, education, and tourism. Global giants such as Vietnam's VinFast Group and Reliance's Vantara were among the major investors signaling confidence in Telangana's growth trajectory. Vision 2047: Telangana's Roadmap to a \$3 Trillion Economy

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the muchanticipated Telangana Rising Vision 2047 document on Wednesday, the second day of the summit, outlining an ambitious roadmap to transform the State into a US \$3 trillion economy within 22 years. The 83-page blueprint details strategies to scale from the current \$200 billion economy to \$1 trillion by 2034, and ultimately \$3 trillion by 2047. The plan emphasizes the creation of three economic zones: Core Urban Economic Region (CURE): A net-zero services metropolis

within a 160 km Outer Ring Road, Peri-Urban Economic Region (PURE): Between the ORR and the 360 km Regional Ring Road and Rural and Agricultural Economic Region (RARE): Beyond the RRR. Key projects such as Bharat Future City, Musi River rejuvenation, a dry port, and a 12-lane expressway linking Krishnapatnam Port are projected as gamechangers. The government also aims at establishing a global knowledge hub, inviting world-class institutions to set up offshore centers. leaders Global Telangana's vision

CM Naidu orders major administrative reforms to boost public satisfaction

AMARAVATI (TSIT): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed all government departments to urgently enhance public satisfaction in service delivery, ordering sweeping administrative reforms and setting January 15 as the deadline for bringing every government service online.

During a high-level review meeting with Ministers, Secretaries and Heads of Departments at the Secretariat, Naidu stressed the need for a more responsive and citizen-centric administration.

He urged officials to adopt a humanitarian approach in handling public issues and questioned the reluctance to revise rules when they stand in the way of faster service. "If the Constitution can be amended for the people, why not administrative rules?" he asked, calling for simplified procedures and accountability at all levels.



Reaffirming the government's commitment, he assured that there will be no increase in power tariff this year and said efforts are underway to bring down the power purchase cost from Rs.4.92 to Rs.4 per unit. Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's strong investment climate, the Chief Minister noted the state now leads the country with 638 industrial parks. He announced the development of three major

STARTING

NAIDU SETS JAN 15 DEADLINE FOR BRINGING ALL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ONLINE; RULES CHANGE SUGGESTED FOR QUICKER FILE CLEARANCE

economic zones in Visakhapatnam, Amaravati and Tirupati to ensure balanced regional growth. Naidu reported robust economic performance, with AP

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registering 12.02% growth in Q1 and 11.28% in Q2, supported by improved irrigation capacity and 944 TMC water storage across projects.He instructed departments lagging behind in digital readiness to act immediately and emphasised a more proactive, solutions-oriented governance model.

A strong grievance redressal system with direct interaction with petitioners will remain a top priority.



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Armed security in place for peaceful panchayat polls in Warangal



Warangal, December 10, Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh announced that extensive armed security arrangements have been put in place to ensure the peaceful conduct of the first phase of panchayat elections scheduled for tomorrow across various mandals under the Warangal

Police Commissionerate. More than 2,000 police personnel have been deployed for election duties. The force includes Three DCPs, Five Additional DCPs, 13 ACPs, 28 Inspectors, 122 SIs, 412 ASIs/ Head Constables, 1,154 Constables and 285 Home Guards, supported by District Guards and Bomb Disposal teams. A Special Striking Force led by an Additional DCP has been positioned for rapid response, while an ACP will supervise each mandal going to polls.

To strengthen security at polling stations, route mobile teams, shadow parties, SIs/ ASIs, Constables and Home Guards will be stationed locations. across all Continuous patrolling by mobile teams will be carried out throughout the polling and counting process.

Since the enforcement of election rules, strict checkpost monitoring has been implemented, resulting in the seizure of 6.04 lakh in cash through intensive inspections. Police also registered 120 liquor-related cases, seizing bottles worth 10.69 lakh, along with 322 litres of gudumba worth 1.19 lakh in 46 cases. Additionally, ganja worth 1 lakh was confiscated from various locations.

Dr .M. Ramesh Reddy Praised for Strengthening **Modern Policing and Technology-Driven Governance in Telangana**

Telangana

Hyderabad:Telangana Police is witnessing significant improvements in efficiency, transparency, and public-centric policing, thanks to the proactive role of IGP (Planning & Logistics) Dr.M. Ramesh Reddy. Known for his disciplined leadership and commitment to innovation, with the Cooperation of Higher Authorities Ramesh Reddy has been instrumental in modernising police infrastructure and ensuring seamless coordination among various wings of the department. Along with Higher Authorities Under his guidance, Telangana Police has accelerated the implementation of smart policing initiatives, upgraded equipment and logistics systems, and enhanced digital monitoring mechanisms to improve safety, law enforcement and service

Recognising the growing demands of a rapidly develop-



ing Telangana, the IGP has prioritised:

Strengthening CCTV surveillance networks

Upgrading police barracks, command centres and communication systems

Enhancing mobility support through modern vehicles and field equipment

Improving welfare infrastructure for frontline police

officials have Senior acknowledged his role in ensuring high-quality planning for major state events, especially those involving national and international participation. His clear planning framework, timely execution and focus on preventive measures have contributed to smooth event security and improved operational readi-

Police personnel have also appreciated his approachable nature and commitment to welfare measures including improved mess facilities, sanitation, accommodation, and structured duty planning during large deployments. With Telangana emerging as a hub of global business, technology and tourism, IGP Dr.M.Ramesh Reddy's forward-looking approach is helping shape a police system aligned with international safety standards.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Hails Global Summit as Turning Point for Telangana

Hyderabad: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud said that the successful conduct of the Telangana Rising Global Summit marks a new era of progress and investment for the State. Addressing the media at the CLP office, he stated that the overwhelming response from global industry leaders reflects the renewed trust Telangana's governance under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Goud noted that international and domestic investors have shown strong interest in Telangana, and many have already committed to establishing largescale projects in the State. He added that greetings from senior leaders including Rahul Gandhi, Privanka Gandhi Vadra Mallikarjun Kharge further boosted the summit's significance.The Global Summit emerged as a major success, positioning Telangana as a preferred investment destination. Telangana's earlier participation in Davos brought investments worth 1.70 lakh crore, he recalled. The proposed Future City and Fourth City models will become national reference



points for innovation, employment and infrastructure.Telangana is now being watched closely by investors, policymakers and global markets.

Mahesh Kumar Goud announced that new working presidents, campaign committees and key appointments including chairpersons for corporations and boards will be finalised before the end of this month.He confirmed that his candidature from Nizamabad was decided by the Congress high command, putting an end to speculation.He also said that the local body elections are progressing peacefully, demonstrating improved public confidence in the administration.Launching a strong attack on the previous government.

International Human Rights Day Observed at Kakatiya University College of Law



Warangal:The International Human Rights Day was observed with dignity and purpose at the University College of Law, Kakatiya University, Subedari campus in Wednesday. The programme, jointly organised by the Resource Center for United Nations (RCUN) and the University College of Law, commenced at 11:00 AM with an overwhelming response from students, academicians, and distinguished community members. The event was chaired by RCUN Coordinator D. Rajagovindu and Dr. N. Sudarshan, Principal of the College. Notable dignitaries including Kakatiya University Executive Council Members P. Sudhakar and Dr. Ch. Raju graced the ceremony. In his address.Prof.M.Srinivas. Dean. Faculty of Law. emphasized the crucial role legal education plays in ensuring the protection and advancement of human rights in modern society. He urged students to uphold justice, equality, and dignity—core ideals symbolised by Human Rights Day. Distinguished keynote speakers Dr. K. Sudhakar and Prof.T. Vijayachandra, both former Principals of the college, delivered impactful lectures. Their speeches focused on the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), its global relevance, and this year's theme "Human Rights Our Everyday Essentials."The speakers also highlighted the pressing need for continuous public awareness, legal accountability, and citizen participation to safeguard fundamental freedoms. Faculty members, non-teaching staff, and a large number of law students actively participated in the programme, reflecting strong institutional and community engagement. Several intellectuals and public figures from diverse walks of life also attended.

Newly Allotted IPS Probationary Officers Call on Telangana DGP



Hyderabad: Four newly allotted IPS probationary officers met the Director General of Police, Telangana B. Shivadhar Reddy, at the DGP headquarters on Wednesday as part of their induction process. The probationers Mandhare Soham Sunil (2023 batch), Rahul Kant (2023 batch), Ayesha Fatima (2023 batch) and Manisha Nehra (2024 batch) attended the interaction, during which the DGP briefed them on key policing priorities, crime patterns, and the evolving law and order ecosystem in the state.

Addressing the officers, the DGP advised them to learn Telugu at the earliest, particularly its Telangana dialect, to enhance their communication skills and connect effectively with citizens during field responsibilities.

After completing their initial training at the Telangana State Police Academy, the probationers will undergo district-level practical training across various units in the state. As per the deployment plan:Mandhare Soham Sunil from Maharashtra will be posted to Karimnagar Commissionerate Rahul Kant from Jharkhand will undergo training in Adilabad District Ayesha Fatima from Madhya Pradesh will be trained in Siddipet Commissionerate Manisha Nehra from Rajasthan will be posted to Mulugu District The Telangana Police Department extended best wishes to the new officers as they begin their service journey in the state.

Global Summit at Bharat Future City Concludes Successfully Telangana Brand Gets Major Boost

Hyderabad: The two-day Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, held at Bharat Future City on the outskirts of Hyderabad, concluded on a grand note, marking a signifimilestone in Telangana's global investment outreach and innovation roadmap. The closing ceremony featured cultural performances and a spectacular Guinness World Record breaking drone show, making the finale a memorable showcase of Telangana's futuristic vision and artistic excellence.

The Summit was inaugurated by Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, and over the course of two days, it hosted 27 thematic sessions focused on critical sectors such as IT, energy, healthcare, biotechnology, mobility, infrastructure, and green



innovation. Representatives from global institutions including the World Bank and Health Organization (WHO) took part in panel discussions, strengthening Telangana's international engagement and policylevel dialogue.During the valedictory session, the government unveiled the landmark "Telangana

New Executive Body of Hyderabad

GPO Association Elected

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad District Gram Panchayat Officers'

Association (GPOATG) elected its new executive committee

during the General Body Meeting held on Wednesday. The elec-

tion process was conducted under the leadership of the

Association's State President Garrike Upender Rao. The pro-

gramme was attended by several key officials and dignitaries,

including K. Ramakrishna, TGE JAC Co-Chairman & GPO ATG

State Honorary Advisor S. Ramulu, TGTA State President

Ramesh Paka, TGTA State General Secretary Prem Kumar,

TGTA Hyderabad District Presiden Kadumuri Chandraiah,

Associate President, GPO ATG Shravan Goud, State Publicity

Secretary, GPO ATGAddressing the gathering, the invited dig-

nitaries congratulated the newly elected members and urged

them to work with commitment, transparency and unity for the

welfare of Gram Panchayat Officers across the district. They

emphasised the importance of strengthening the association

and ensuring that the concerns of officers engaged in grassroots

governance are resolved promptly. State President Upender Rao

expressed confidence that the newly formed executive team

would uphold the association's values and work proactively to

address administrative and service-related issues.

Rising 2047" Vision Document, outlining longterm economic strategies, global partnership frameworks, and investment objectives for the coming TGIIC decades. Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy, who participated in the closing ceremony along with Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Minister Vakiti Srihari expressed immense satis-

faction over the successful execution of the summit.Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy said the Global Summit has ushered in a new era for Telangana, describing the investment commitments announced during the event as a "wave of opportunity" that will accelerate industrial growth and employment generation.

"This summit has enhanced Telangana's global brand image and positioned the state as a strong hub for investments, innovation, and futuristic development," she noted. With international industry leaders, policymakers, and innovators pledging collaboration and investment, the Telangana Rising Global Summit stands as one of the state's most impactful global engagements to

New Ministerial Association Executive

Committee Calls on DGP

Hyderabad: The newly elected office bearers of the Ministerial

Staff Association of the DGP Office met Telangana Director

General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Wednesday in

Hyderabad. During the courtesy meeting, the DGP congratu-

lated the new team and encouraged them to work with dedica-

tion, unity and transparency for the welfare of the ministerial

staff. He stated that employee welfare and administrative

efficiency go hand in hand and appreciated the unanimous

election of the new committee. The committee members

expressed their commitment to strengthening internal coor-

dination, safeguarding employee rights and ensuring

accountability in their future activities.New Executive

Committee Members President: R. Upender Reddy Vice

President IN. Rajender Vice President II: Md. Hafeez uddin

Secretary T. Shiva Ranjani Joint Secretary (Women) K.

Kavitha Joint Secretary I: B. Shyam Kumar Treasurer K.

Sankirth Reddy Organizing Secretary K. Shiva Kumar

Publicity Secretary Sudheer Sports Secretary: Mukesh

Cultural Secretary P. Satish EC Member: P. Venkatesh EC

Member A. Vikram RajEC Member P. Narendra Kumar The

meeting concluded with an assurance from the newly

elected body to work responsibly and uphold the interests

of ministerial staff members across the department

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Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION	
Mrs. BOJJA NIRMALABorrower Mr. BOJJA MAHESHCo-Borrower Both Are R/o. H.No.10-93/1, Nuthankal, Nuthankal, Near Govt High School, Suryapet, Telangana, India 508221. Loan No. AP/HDB/SRPT/A000000346.	13.09.2025 Rs.7,29,142/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty- Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two Only)	09-12-2025	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the dismantled and Newly constructing House bearing No. 10-93/1, land, Comprising total area as per plan 227.00 Sq. Yards-189.80 SQ Mtrs, Plot no.2, Sy.No. 403/A2, Nuthanakal Revenue Village of Nuthanakal Mandal o Survaget District a BOJJA RAMAIAH Boundaries EAST: Place of Nagam Sunil Reddy WES Place of Nagam Sunil Reddy, NORTH: 15 Feets Road, SOUTH: Land of Ameer

1. Mr. Gajantri GaneshBorrower
2. Mrs. Gajantri SusheelaCo-Borrower
Both Are R/o.3-27, Bikkumalla, Nuthankal, Suryapet,
Telangana, India – 508221.
And Also:1. Gajantri Ganesh &. Mrs. Gajantri
Susheela House. No4-27, Bikkumalla, Nuthankal,
Suryapet, Telangana, India – 508221.
Loan No.AP/HDB/SRPT/A000000363.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the House Existing Revenue House no.4-25 admeasuring total area as per plot area 242.00 Sq. Yards 202.34 Sq. Mtrs, area, Plinth Area 276.00 Sq. Feets A.C.Sheets Situated at Bikumalla Revenue Village. Nuthankal Mandal an Suryapet District. District Registrar Nalgonda and Sub-Registrar of Suryapet, and entir ouse is bounded by: BoundariesNORTH: OPEN PLACE OF VURUKONDA VEERASWAMI SOUTH: OPEN PLACE OF KARAMPUDI VEERASWAMI, EAST: HOUSE OF VURUKOND. VEERASWAMI, WEST: G.PROAD

1. Mr. Prabhakar Bandhu, R/o.H.No.2-201 Mmpur
Road, Singareddy Palem Penpahad
Mandal, Near Water Tank, Rural, Suryapet,
Telangana, India – 508213Borrower
2. Mrs. Saritha Bandhu, R/o. H.No.2-201, Mmpur
Road, Singareddy Palem Penpahad
Mandal, Near Water Tank, Rural, Suryapet,
Telangana, India – 508213 .
Co-Borrower
Loan No.AP/WGL/KMAM/A000000140.

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Telangana Gears Up for First Phase of Gram Panchayat Elections Heavy Security Deployment in Place

Panchayat elections in Telangana will be conducted tomorrow, December 11, 2025, across

more than 3,800 Gram Panchayats covering approximately 37,000 wards. Polling will take place in all districts except Hyderabad.

To ensure transparency and fair conduct of polling, direct webcasting has been arranged in over 3,000 Gram Panchayats for real-time monitoring by election authorities.The

Telangana Police Department has

Hyderabad: The first phase of Gram implemented extensive bandobast arrangements across the state. Personnel from Civil Police, Armed Reserve, Telangana

State Special Police (TGSP) and staff deputed from departincluding ments Forest and Excise have been deployed. All polling stations have been categorized as critical or normal, and forces have been strategically positioned based on the

sensitivity and vulnerability of each location.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securit Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable propertie

mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Sanga Reddy Branch will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16-01-2026, for recovery of mentioned hereinafter due to Can Fin Hor Ltd. from respective Borrowers and Guarantors as on the respective dates, together with further interest and other charges thereon. Amount due Reserve Description of the property

ю.	and Guarantors	as per liability	Price	Money Deposit	Possession	
1	Mr. Malusuri Ravi S/o. Late. Malusuri Gopal Rao,& Mrs. Malusuri Sumathi W/o. Mr. Malusuri Ravi	Rs.37,50,000 /- (Rupees Thirty Seven lakhs Fiffy thousand rupees only)	Rs. 38,74,000/ (Thirty eight lakhs seventy four thousand only	Rs.3,87,400/- (Rupees three lakhs eighty seven thousand four hundred only)	Physical	Flat No 503, In Fifth Floor of Vishwanath Elite, On Plot No 246, In Sy.No 29, Covered Under Block No 33, Situated at Sriram Colony, Tirumala Enclave, Gajularamaram Village, Under GHMC Quthbullapur Circle & Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana State. Boundaries:Nort:Staircase, Corridor & Lift, East-Flat No. 502 & Plot No 247, 30' Wide Road, South-Open to Sky & Plot No.267, West-Open to Sky & PLot No.245, Known Encumbererance:-Nil

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1.e-Tender No.:167_CO_SC_25_OT Name of the work: Provision of Divyangjan amenities to meet shor term targets in Sr.DEN/Co-ordination section, Approx. Tender Value in (₹ 1,40,95,626/- EMD : (₹) 2,20,500/-Completion period in Months: 06 Maintenance period in Months: 36 2. e-Tender No.:168_CR_SC_25_O1 Name of the work : SNF-SC-KZ. section: Provision of Divyangjar amenities to meet short term targets in stations in SNF-SC-KZJsection Approx. Tender Value in (₹) 2,99,87,283/- EMD : (₹) 3,00,000/ Completion period in Months: 06 Maintenance period in Months: 36 3. e-Tender No.:169_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work : SC-KZJ section SW 1) BG - Constrution of Male 8 bedded Barracks at RPF Bhongir post SW 2) DLS/KZJ: Up gradation of Office

period in Months: 36 4. e-Tender No.:170_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work :SC-KZJ Section CHZ - Annual operation & maintenance of 300 KLD Sewerage Treatment Plant for two years a Charlapally Railway station. Approx Tender Value in (₹) 20,86,269/- EMD (₹) 41,800/- Completion period in Months: 24 Maintenance period in

Building of RPF at DLS/KZJ. Approx

Tender Value in (₹) 1,25,75,923/

EMD : (₹) 2,12,900/- Completion

period in Months: 08 Maintenanc

Months: Nil 5. e-Tender No.:171_CR_SC_25_OT Name of the work :SC-KZJ Section Proposed replacement of steel girder with PSC slabs for Br. No. 366 DN Exg. 10x12.20m GB at Km. 263/22-30 in SC KZJ section. Approx Tender Value in (₹) 3,86,98,172/- EMD : (₹) 3,43,500/-Completion period in Months: 12

laintenance period in Months: 36 6. e-Tender No.:172 NW SC 25 O Name of the work :PDPL-NZE Section: Proposed dewatering of accumulated rain water and clearing silt under ADEN/KRMR sub-division Approx Tender Value in (₹) 58,29,516/- EMD : (₹)1,16,600/-Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: Nil 7. e-Tender No.:173_NW_SC_25_OT Name of the work : Provision of Divyangjan facilities to meet short tern targets in DEN/North-West section Approx Tender Value in (₹) 2,84,71,846/- EMD : (₹)2,92,400/-Completion period in Months: 06

Maintenance period in Months: 36 8. e-Tender No.:174_S_SC_25_OT Name of the work : KZJ-KI & DKJ-MUGR sections: SW 1) TRR (P) for a total length of 8.700 Kms. SW 2) TBR Through Ballasting of track along with deep screening by BCM for a total 7.369 TKm. SW 4) TTR (WCMSC) 2sets, TTR (DS)-4sets, TWSEJ-15 Sets & GJ-30 sets under ADEN/DKJ Section. Approx Tender Value in (₹) 1,54,66,325/- EMD : (₹) 2,27,400/-Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)

9. e-Tender No.:175_S_SC_25_OT Name of the work: KZJ-KI, DKJ-MUGR. KRA-SYI & MTMP Sections: Cess repair-509609 Cum under Sr.DEN/South/SC Jurisdiction. (Two packet system) Approx Tender Value in (₹) 15.01.39.798/- EMD : (₹) 9.00.700/-Completion period in Months: 12 aintenance period in Months: 12

10. e-Tender No.:176 S SC 25 OT Name of the work : KZJ-KI & MTMI-JNPD Sections: SW 1) TRR (P) for a total length of 6.378 Kms. SW 2) TBR: Through Ballasting of track along with deep screening by BCM for a total ength of 9.954 Kms. SW 3) TFR (All) -11.067 TKm, TFR (Pad)-1.285 Tkm Motumari-Janapahad -TFR (All)-38.050 Tkm, TFR (Pad) -21.000Tkm SW 4) TTR (FS+TWS+WCMSC)-4sets under ADEN/MDR Section. Approx Tender Value in (₹) 1,55,17,227/-EMD :(₹) 2,27,600/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)

11. e-Tender No.:177 S SC 25 OT Name of the work : KZJ-KI Section: SW 1) TRR (P) for a total length of 13.481 Kms. SW 2) TFR (All) - 6.448 Tkm, TFR (Pad)-1.850 Tkm under ADEN/S/KZJ section. Approx Tender Value in (₹) 83,65,956/- EMD : (₹) 1,67,400/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (Days)

12. e-Tender No.:178_S_SC_25_OT Name of the work : Provision of Divyangjan amenities to meet short term targets Sr.DEN/South section Approx Tender Value in (₹) 4,37,72,728/- EMD : (₹) 3,68,900/-Completion period in Months: 06 Maintenance period in Months: 36 13. e-Tender No.:179_S_SC_25_OT Name of the work: KZJ-KI Section SW-I: Supply, stacking of 50mm gauge machine crushed hard, durable and angular stone ballast of approved quality as per Railway specifications to Ballast depot at PANDILLAPALLI station in Secunderabad division and loading the same into Railway hoppers/Traffic ballast wagons by mechanical means (Qty----100,000 CuM), in Sr.DEN/South/SC section. SW-II:Proposed shunting neck line at PANDILLAPALLI station in connection with direct reception to ballast siding line. (Two packet system). Approx Tender Value in (₹) 11,26,06,245/-EMD : (₹) 7,13,100/- Completion period in Months: 36 Maintenance period in Months: 45 (days)

.Tenderers should participate

New Ministerial Association Executive Committee Calls on DGP



ers of the Ministerial Staff Association of the DGP Office met Telangana Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Wednesday in Hyderabad.

During the courtesy meeting, the DGP congratulated the new team and encouraged them to work with dedication, unity and transparency for the welfare of the ministerial staff. He stated that employee welfare and administrative efficiency go hand in hand and appreciated the unanimous election of the new committee. The committee members expressed their commitment to strengthening internal coordination, safeguarding employee rights and ensuring accountability in their future activities. New Executive Committee Members President: R. Upender Reddy Vice President I N. Rajender Vice President II: Md. Hafeez uddin Secretary T. Shiva Ranjani Joint Secretary (Women) K. Kavitha Joint Secretary I: B. Shyam Kumar Treasurer K. Sankirth Reddy Organizing Secretary K. Shiva Kumar Publicity Secretary Sudheer Sports Secretary: Mukesh Cultural Secretary P. Satish EC Member: P. Venkatesh EC Member A. Vikram RajEC Member P. Narendra KumarThe meeting concluded with an assurance from the newly elected body to work responsibly and uphold the interests of ministerial staff members across the department

through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.

Tender conditions/other particular are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be Participated and can view any modifications if any.

3.All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit EMD through online payments / BG only.

Sr.DEN/Co-ordinatio

Senior Divisional Electrica Engineer/Traction/Guntakal acting for invites E-Tenders for the followin

1.Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-62 2025-26 Name of Work Guntaka Division - Outsourcing of OHE & PSI maintenance activities of 130 TKM (DHNE (excl.) - NDL (excl.)) ir GTL-NDL section. Approximate Value (₹) 1,14,97,264.20/- EMD :(₹) 2,07,500/-

Closing date and time: 02.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs.

downloaded from www.ireps.gov.ir by tenderers free of cost.

For Bidding the tender and other detail login to http://www.ireps.gov.ir Corrigendum if any will be issued

Traction, Guntak

otice No. NED/ E-33,34 25-26 dt. 09.12.2025

Offers are invited for the follow E-Tenders @ www.ireps.gov.in S. No: 1. NED/E-33/2025-26 Name o

the work:- Nanded division: 1. Tensile fabrics roof over Porch & Parking Precast RCC Coping on PF, Ducts or PF & Solar Panels over Parking roo top at MVO, SELU, PTU.RGO & NSL Electrical Arrangements. 2. Tensile abrics roof over Porch & Parking recast RCC Coping on PF, Ducts or PF & Solar Panels over Parking roo top at ADB, KNVT, HEM, BOKR, WHM & New BO at WHM - Electrica rrangements. Approximate cost (₹) 1,48,08,500/- Bid Security : (₹ 2,24,100/- Validity of offer: 60 day Period of completion: 12 Month Available at: www.ireps.gov.in, unde Nanded Division Administration Date and time of closing: 15.00 hrs o 31.12.2025

S. No: 2. NED/E-34/2025-26 Name of the work:- Jalna - Development of Infrastructure facilities for Installatio of new Pit Wheel Lathe at Coaching Depot Jalna- Electrical arrangement Approximate cost: (₹) 1,20,20,038 Bid Security : (₹) 2,10,100/- Validity of offer: 60 days Period o completion: 12 Months Available at: www.ireps.gov.in, under Nande vision Administration Date and tim of closing: 15.00 hrs of 31.12.2025 S. No: 3. NED/E-35/2025-26 Name of he work:- Extension/Augmentation o Health Unit along with CC tile paving Infront, CC road and Compound Wal at Adilabad and CHI Office at Washim Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost: (₹) 41,00,842 Bid Security : (₹) 82,000/- Validity of offer: 60 days Period of completion 12 Months Available at www.ireps.gov.in, under Nande Division Administration Date and tim of closing: 15.00 hrs of 31.12.2025 For Tender document, details o eligibility criteria, special conditions etc. go to our web site as mentioned

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

above. It is advised to check if there

any corrigendum published online

Divisional Railway Manager(Elec.

before submission of offer.

BRS thanks Tony Blair, Subba Rao for speaking 'truth' at Global Summit

Telangana

Hyderabad, Dec 10: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has thanked former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Duvvuri Subba Rao for acknowledging the tremendous growth of Telangana under its 10-year rule. Citing the speeches of Blair and Subba Rao at the concluding session of Telangana Rising Global Summit on Tuesday night, the opposition party said they spoke the truth in presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who has been spreading hate against former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR). BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao took to 'X' on Wednesday to post the video clips of the speeches.

"No amount of false propaganda can hide true progress for long! In 2014," Rama Rao posted along with the clip of Tony Blair's speech.

"Telangana began its journev carrying the aspirations of 3.5 crore people A decade later, the State's GDP has tripled, and its per capita income is now among the highest in India Listen to former UK Prime Minister

Tony Blair speak about the remarkable progress Telangana has achieved over the last 10 years under the leadership of KCR garu,' wrote KTR, as Rama Rao is popularly known.

KTR, through another post, thanked Subba Rao for acknowledging Telangana's growth story since 2014. "Truth has a way of asserting itself Thank you Duvvuri Garu, Former RBI Governor for acknowledging the brilliant growth story of Telangana since 2014. Leadership of KCR Garu in achieving statehood and leading the state to glory cannot be undermined

by petty politics," he said. Truth doesn't shout, it simply appears, and every lie collapses. And today, the truth is crystal clear. The fact that Telangana's GSDP tripled within a decade, as acknowledged by Former Britain PM Tony Blair, and the reality that Telangana was India's fastest-growing economy, as affirmed by Former RBI Governor Dr. Duvvuri Subbarao, have shattered every lie propagated by Revanth Reddy and the Congress," posted another

"No amount of PR, rhetoric, or manufactured narracan hide what Telangana achieved under KCR's leadership," added.

top BRS leader and former

minister T. Harish Rao.

"Telangana progressed well in the last 10 years under KCR! - Duvvuri Subbarao speaking at Telangana Global Summit. While Revanth Reddy and Congress continue to spread blatant lies about KCR's rule, noted economists like ex-RBI Governor Duvvuri Subbarao garu understand the truth," reads a post from the BRS handle.

Panchavat Elections Must Be Conducted Peacefully: Shamshabad Additional DCP Poornachander



RANGAREDDY: hamshabad Additional DCP Poornachander has directed officials to ensure that the upcoming panchayat elections are held peacefully without any untoward incidents. A meeting with police officers was conducted at Buggareddy Garden in Shadnagar regarding security arrangements for the sarpanch elections scheduled to take place on

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK Regional Office, 3rd Floor, ABK Mall, Ramnagar Cross Road, eside Old Bus Depot, Hanamkonda, Telangana-506 001.Ph.: 0870-243177

TENDER FOR DIGITAL SIGNAGE BOARDS nvite tenders from the vendors for supply cum Installation and preventive maintenance of the DIGITAL SIGNAGE BOARDS for at least 5 years Detailed terms & conditions and application form may be downloaded from our website www.iob.bank.in/tendrs. Last Date for submission of Tenders is 24-12-2025 by 3.00 pm. Sd/- Senior Regional Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE
NEULAND LABORATORIES LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates issued by **NEULAND LABORATORIES LIMITED** ("the Company") have been lost/ misplaced and the holder of the said Equity Shares have applied to the Company to issue Duplicate Share Certificate(s). Certificate(s).

Certificate(s).

Any person(s) who has/have any claim(s) in respect of the said share certificates should lodge such claim(s) with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents, KFin Technologies Limited (Formerly known as KFin Technologies Private Limited at Selenium Tower B, Plot No 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad 500032, within 15 days from the date of this notice, after which no claim will be entertained and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates without any further limiting to the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates without any further limiting to the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates without any further limiting to the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates without any further limiting to the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates.

Share Certificate No. Distinctive Nos. No. of shares Folio No Name of the holders | 2515401 - 2515500 | 100 | 0003031 | Mona Kant/Rashmi Kant

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Hyderabad, Telangana that an LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limite by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

To carry on the business of management, strategy, technical, industrial, financial, commercial consultancy, compliance, advisory, personnel and labour adviser, legal and taxation advisers, and to provide services in all forms and aspects of trade and industry, including, without limitation, direct and Indirect taxes, real estate, MIS, strategic and operational planning, information technology and knowledge management, corporate management, and any other related activit to companies, bodies corporate, LLPs, governments, central or state, municipal or local authority society, undertaking, institution or any association of persons or any individual, whether in India

A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed compan may be inspected at the office at 1-10/B/1701, B-1701 PBEL City, Peeramcheruvu, Gandipe Rangareddy - 500091, Telangana, India.

A Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to The Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), IICA, Plot no. 6,7 and 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurugram – 122050, Haryana, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Name(s) of Applicar 1. Manish Gupta, DIN - 11213498 2. Rohit Kumar Singh, DIN - 06681162

Tanaji Wakade inspected the distribution centre



University College of Law, Kakatiya University, Subedari, Hanamkonda, solemnly observed International Human Rights Day on Wednesday in university Law College campus. The programme was presided over by RCUN Coordinator D. Rajagovindu and Dr N Sudarshan principal of the Law college along with Kakatiya University Executive Council Members P. Sudhakar and Dr. Ch. Raju. Prof. M. Srinivas, Dean, Faculty of Law addressed the gathering and highlighted the role of legal education in promoting and protecting human rights in society.

International Human Rights Day in

Kakatiya University

The event featured with distinguished keynote speakers Dr. K. Sudhakar, and Prof. T. Vijavachandra, former Principals of the College delivered insightful lectures emphasizing the significance of Human Rights, the

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Corporate office at"#167-169", 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015.

APPENDIX -IV Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) hereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance imited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets an forcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under ction 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) arantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to th rower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has take possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred or im under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the curity Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to rovisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, t

edeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of

HHFLfor an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.					
Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION			
1. Mr. MATYADA PETERBorrower 2. Mrs. MATYADA PALLAVICo-Borrower	13.09.2025 Rs. 11,02,978/-	10-12-2025			
Both are R/o. H.No. 3-60/1, SC Colony, Dharmapur Dharmasagar, Warangal, Rural, Telangana, India 506144 And Also:	(Rupees Eleven lakh two thousand nine				
Mr. MATYADA PETER & Mrs. MATYADA PALLAVI H,No.3-2/6 Dharmapuram Vill Dharmasagar Mdl	hundred seventy- eight Only)				

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and R.C.C Roof House With Open Place roperty Bearing H.No.3-2/6 Admeasuring 626.00 Square Yards R.C.C Roof Plinth Area T 100.00sq Ft, Situated At Dharmapuram Vill Dharmasagar Mdl Hanumakonda Dist sub registar as Bheemadevarapally Follows:East: House Of B. Jayakar,West: House Of

oan Account Nos. AP/WGL/WRNG/A00000931

Bairapaka Srinu, North: Land Of R. Damodar Reddy, South: 25 Feet Road				
Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION		
1. Mr. Gundeboina SureshBorrower 2. Mrs. Pulluri MaheshwariCo-Borrower Both Are R/O.H.No.3-89, Tharalapally, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Urban, Hanamkonda, Telangana, India 506003. And Also:Mr. Gundeboina Suresh & Mrs. Pulluri Maheshwari H.No. 59-3-146 (Old Gp Hno 3-89) Taralapally Vill Madikonda Revenue Vill Kazipet mdl Warangal Dist taralapally, Kazipet, Urban, Warangal, Telangana, India 506003.	13.09.2025 & Rs.11,03,010/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Three Thousand Ten Only)	10-12-2025		
Loan Account Nos. AP/WGI /WRNG/A000000884				

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All That The Land And R.C.C Roof House With Open Place Property Bearing H.No.59-3-146(G.P.H.No 3-89) Admeasuring 287.00 Square Yards R.C.C. Roof Plinth Area To 1000.00 Sq Ft, Madikonda Revenue Village Situated At Taralapally Village Kazipet Mandal Hanumakondadist, Subregistar Warangal(R.O) As Follows: Boundarie East: H.No 59-3-178 Of Nanneboina Yellaiah, West: H.No 59-3-150 Of Y.Uppalaiah, North H.No 59-3-74 Of Chimala Sammakka. South: House Of Others And 12'-0" Wide Road

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice	DATE OF PHYSICA
Name of the Borrower/ 60-Borrower/Oddramon/EAN No.	Date and Amount	POSSESSION
1. Mr. Rajkumar Vaddepally, R/o.H.No 16-4-1013,	13.09.2025	
Shivanagar, Warangal, Warangal Rural, Warangal,	& Rs.5,74,798/-	10-12-2025
Telangana, India – 506002Borrower	(Rupees Five lacks	10 12 2020
2. Mrs. Vaddepally Savitha, R/o.H.No 16-4-1013,	Seventy-four	
Shivanagar, warangal, Warangal Rural, Warangal,	Thousand Seven	
Telangana, India – 506002 Co-Borrower	Hundred Ninety-	
Loan Account Nos. AP/WGL/WRNG/A000000688	Eight Only)	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and R.C.C. Roof House with ope place property bearing G.W.M.C. H.No. 16-4-1013, to an extent of 41.00 Sq. Yards., (or 34.28 Sq. Mts., and including plinth area 266.00 Sq. Feet., Situated at Shiva Naga Warangal City & District, and within the Limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, and within the Registration District Warangal and within the Jurisdiction of ub-Registrar Office, Warangal-Fort and the following boundaries East: H.No.16-4 1524/1 Of Ch. Prabhakar, West: Existing 30'-0" Wide C.C Road, North: Existing 30'-0 Wide C.C Road, South: H.No. 16-4-1012 Of Garnepally Vinay

ate :10-12-2025

Place: WARANGAL Sd/-Authorised Office For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

Additional Collector Ashwini



Karimnagar, December 10, TSIT: As part of Gram Panchayat General Elections-2025

the first phase of polling in Karimnagar district will be held at the Choppadandi Mandal Distribution Center organized in Choppadandi Zilla Parishad Boys High School.

The center was visitby Additional Collector of Local Bodies Ashwini Tanaji Wakade on Wednesday.

She said that they should talk to the election personnel who are going to the polling centers and check the election materials thoroughly according to the check list. If there are any problems it is advised to inform the Zonal and Route officials. She ordered to complete the election process following the rules and regulations of Election the

Commission.

Name of borrowers

and guarantors

Registered Office: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008 (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1) Whereas the Authorized officer of CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PVT. LTD, (Clix), a Non- Banking Financial Company duly incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2016 (34 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as Act.) and in exercise of the powers (enforcement) Rule, 2002 (sisted a Demand Notice to the following borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowerfGuarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on as per under mentioned Date. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of *CLIX* and interest other charges thereon. The attention of the Borrower is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Vijaykantha S/O K Satyanarayana, 3. M/S. S. R. Traders Through Its Proprietor, All At No. 8-1-68/A/1/34 Vinayaka Nagar, Shaikpet Golconda Hyderabad, 500008.

mand Notice Dated: 19.09.2025, Date of Possession: 05.12.2025 nount of Demand Notice: Rs. 55,33,576.52/- as on 18.09.2025

etails Of Property: "All That Piece And Parcel The Unit No. G-1, Bearing Ghmc No. 7-2-813/5/A/1/VipiG-1 (Pti No. 1100725976), On Ground Floor, Of "Vasavis Indraprastha" dmeasuring 966 Sq. Feet, Including Common Area And Balconies Area, And One Car arking Approximately Measuring 100 Sq. Ft., Together With Undivided Shair Of Land dmeasuring 34.00 Sq. Yds. of Vas. In Premises Bearing Ghmc o. 7-2-1813/5/A/1, In The Survey Nos. 61/1, 61/2, 61/3, 61/4 And 129/3 (Part), Situated At zech Colony, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, T.S., And Bounded By As Under: North Of – Unit o. G-2 South Of – Lift And Staircase East Of – Common Passage West Of – Open To Sky"

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 05.12.2025 Authorised Officer, Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd

Outstanding

Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Jail for Rape of Minor in Mancherial

Mancherial . Dec 10. TSIT : A fast-track special court in Mancherial has sentenced a man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of 12,000 after finding him guilty of kidnapping and raping a 13-year-old girl under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The convict, Borem Sa Sunil, originally from Kommera village and resid ing in Vinayakabasti, Naspur, was arrested follow ing the incident that occurred on March 17, 2021. According to police reports, the accused abducted the minor from near her home, threatened her, and took her to his residence where he committed the crime. The victim injured and traumatized returned home and informed her family, who immediately lodged a complaint at Naspur Police Station. The case was registered by then Sub-Inspector Srinivas, and investigated by Mancherial Rural Circle Inspector Kumaraswamy. Sunil was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. During the trial, Special Public Prosecutor Dr. A. Rambhav presented 13 witnesses. which led to the conviction. Delivering the verdict, Judge Lalsingh Srinivasa Navak sentenced Sunil to 20 years in prison and ordered him to pay the fine.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)] he undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets a

Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amoun mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization 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 the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

Description of the property

rl of al ai mid- i, v- d g d mid- i- d i, d l,	1	Mr. BHUKYA SURAJ KUMAR S/O BHUKYA HEMANTH KUMAR (APPLICANT) & Mrs. NANDURI SESHA MANIKYA SURYASANTHISINDHUJ A W/O BHUKYA SURAJ KUMAR (CO APPLICANT)	SCHEDULE -A All that the Open Plot No.D-343 Parts, VLTN/ Assessment No.2119800198 and Plot No.D-344 Part(South), VLTN/Assessment No.2119800199 being part of Survey Nos.12, 13,19,20 and 21, admeasuring 476 Sq. Yards., or 398 Sq.Mtrs., Situated at Salarjungkancha Village, Peerzadigudda Municipal Coporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Under SRO Narapally, Telangana State and Bounded by:NORTH: Plot No.D-344 Part (North Side), SOUTH: Plot No.D-342, EAST: Plot No. D-403 and D-42 Parts, WEST: 30 Feet Wide Road. SCHEDULE -B: All that the Semi Furnished Flat No.502 in Fifth Floor of the apartment known as "HARI KRISHNA RESIDENCY", having plinth area of 1470 Sq.Feet, including common areas and car parking, together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 47.6 Sq.Yards., on Plot No.D-343 Parts, VLTNI/Assessment No.2119800198 and Plot No.D-344 Part (South), VLTNI/Assessment No.2119800199 being part of Survey Nos.12, 13, 19,20 and 21, Situated at Salarjungkancha Village, Peerzadigudda Municipal Coporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Under SRO Narapally, Telangana State and Bounded by:- NORTH: Open to Sky, SOUTH: Open to Sky, WEST: Corrider, Staircase, Lift and Flat No.501	01-10-2025	Rs.72,40,534/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Four Rupees Only) with further interest at contractual rates	09-12-2025	
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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for the amount mentioned against each property along with further interest thereon till the date of realisation. Sd/- Authorised Officer Date: 10-12-2025.

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Andhra Pradesh Will Lead India's AI Revolution: Minister Nara Lokesh

"Every Household Should Have an A TVI Professional — CM Chandrababu's Vision" "Google's Investment in AP Is Just the Beginning" "AP Has Experienced and Visionary Leadership" "Google Data Center Groundbreaking in March"

San Francisco: Andhra Pradesh will be placed at the forefront of India's Artificial Intelligence revolution, stated Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh. He participated in the Bay Area Council meeting held in Silicon Valley, San Francisco, on the theme "Aligning Skills, Trust and Sectoral Transformation in the AI Era.'

Addressing the gathering, Lokesh said that Andhra Pradesh is one of the youngest states in the country and currently holds a \$180-billion economy. The government aims to transform it into a \$2.4-trillion



economy, achievable with a 15% annual growth rate. To realize this vision, the state is moving ahead with a clusterbased development model, identifving around 20 key sectors including automotive, renewable energy, electronics, CBG,

oats, aquaculture, and AI. "We

needed to develop each of these clusters. Today, 9% of Kia's global production comes from AP, and 50% of India's ACs are manufactured here. We will raise this to 70% in the next 24 months," he said.

AP Among Top 5 Renewable

Energy States Lokesh highlighted that Andhra Pradesh ranks among the top five states in renewable energy in India. "Our aim is for AP to stand at No. 1 or No. 2 in every sector," he said. Explaining why global companies should invest in the state, he outlined three key reasons:

AP/Telangana

1. Experienced and Visionary Leadership:

"CM N. Chandrababu Naidu has a proven track record. Nearly 50% of MLAs are first-time legislators, and 17 out of 25 ministers are first-time ministers bringing fresh energy and ideas," he noted.

2. Speed of Doing Business: "Once you sign an MoU with us, the project becomes our project. We track every MoU diligently. Major investments get a dedicated WhatsApp group for direct follow-up. I personally monitor around 30 such groups," Lokesh said.

Police Commissioner Reviews Holding Areas and Surveillance Ahead of Bhavani Deeksha Viramana

Vijayawada (TSIT) Vijayawada Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, on Tuesday inspected the holding areas and CCTV camera arrangements set up for the upcoming Bhavani Deeksha Viramana festivities. The annual religious event, which begins on December 11, 2025, will conclude with the Maha Poornahuti on December 15, 2025. Lakhs of devotees from across Andhra

Pradesh as well as neighboring states are expected to arrive in Vijayawada to relinquish their Bhavani Deeksha after wearing the sacred mala.

In preparation, the Commissioner conducted a briefing session for officers deployed on bandobust duty. He then inspected the holding areas arranged at Seethamma Vari Paadalu and near the Municipal Office. He instructed the officers on managing the movement of



devotees, ensuring smooth transition from holding areas into the queue lines.Later, the Commissioner reviewed the functioning of the CCTV surveillance systems installed around the temple premises. Monitoring the feeds from the control room at the Model Guest House, he issued necessary directions to the officials to ensure efficient crowd management and security throughout the event.

Farmers of Vaddamanu Support Land Pooling, Assurances of Smooth Process: Minister Narayana

Amaravati: Minister P. Narayana reiterated that the government will ensure a smooth and trouble-free process for farmers contributing land for the development of the state capital. Speaking after an interaction with farmers in Vaddamanu village of Thullur mandal, he said the delays in capital construction were a result of the previous government's mismanagement. The Minister toured Vaddamanu along with local MLA Sravan Kumar and CRDA Additional Commissioner Bhargav Teja. The government plans to take up land pooling in the village to develop crucial capital infrastructure such as a railway track, railway station, International Sports City, and Inner Ring Road. The meeting was held to address farmers' doubts and concerns. Minister Narayana said farmers expressed full support for land pooling and assured that the issues faced during earlier land pooling rounds would not be repeated.

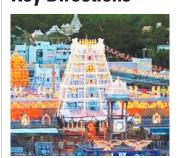


Farmers in Land Pooling' Minister Narayana stated that the value of farmers' lands would increase only with the establishment of projects like the International Sports City, international airport, and smart industries. With the experience of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the government has decided to acquire 16.666 acres through land pooling for these development projects.

He emphasized that all farmers were supportive of the initiative and none opposed it. The challenges arising from the 2019 change in government and subsequent legal hurdles caused delays, he said. The Minister assured that issues raised by farmers would be resolved jointly with MLA Sravan Kumar and that certain matters would also be discussed with the Chief Minister for final decisions. "Rapid Development Works in Farmers' Returnable Plots" Narayana announced that returnable plots would be allotted quickly to farmers participating in land pooling, along with fast-tracked development of basic infrastructure. He instructed officials to immediately begin construction of the

into Vaddamanu village. DPRs for infrastructure development across the 29 capital region villages are currently underway, and a separate DPR for Vaddamanu will also be prepared, he said. Delays in construction were caused not only by previous government decisions but also by heavy rains, the Minister added. Three Farmers Voluntarily Submit Lands Ahead of Notification During the interaction. three farmers from Vaddamanu voluntarily submitted their land documents for land pooling even before the official notification.

Tirumala Parakamani Theft Case: AP High Court Issues Key Directions



Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Tuesday issued a series of crucial directions in the sensational Tirumala Parakamani theft case, marking significant progress in the ongoing investigation.The court instructed authorities to submit the postmortem report of former TTD AVSO Satish Kumar in a sealed cover, emphasizing the sensitivity and seriousness of the matter. The High Court further ordered that inquiries related to the Lok Adalat proceedings and the properties of accused Ravi Kumar must continue without interruption.In a notable directive, the court suggested that an FIR be registered and clarified that both CID and ACB officials may conduct independent investigations into the case.

Promotions Must Reflect in Better Public Service: Pawan Kalvan



Mangalagiri (TSIT)In a major address to Panchayat Raj and Rural Development employees, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan emphasized that the joy of promotions must translate into better services for the people. Speaking at the "Mata-Manti" interaction program in Mangalagiri, he stressed transparency, fairness, and commitment in public service.Pawan Kalyan said that under the previous government, postings and promotions carried a "rate card," but the present coalition government has prioritized seniority and sincerity. Over 10,000 employees have been promoted—an unprecedented move even compared to the undivided Andhra Pradesh era.He stated that as the son of a government employee, he understands their challenges. Under his leadership, the departments have implemented sweeping reforms to strengthen the Panchayat Raj system.

These include transparent promotions, restructuring panchayats into independent units, appointing village development officers, upgrading large panchayats to "Rurban" status, and establishing 77 new DDO offices to ensure urban-level services in rural areas. The Deputy CM directed immediate payment of pending wages to outsourcing employees and assured full protection of employee rights and safety. He warned of strict action against harassment of women employees and promised to stand with staff facing political or administrative pressure.Pawan Kalyan reiterated that as the state's financial system stabilizes under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and with support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, employees' aspirations will increasingly be fulfilled. He urged all staff to work impartially, uphold public trust, and ensure that every reform benefits people at the grassroots.

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Telangana Rising Global Summit at Bharat Future City stands as a high impact platform translating a forward looking development vision into meaningful investor

engagement, policy alignment and an integrated roadmap for rapid progress. It aims to accelerate Telangana's journey toward the \$1T goal by 2034 and the \$3T aspiration for 2047, with far reaching economic and social benefits for the state and beyond. This momentum reflects the Chief Minister's strong commitment and purposeful leadership, shaped by years of perseverance, resilience and unwavering dedication to public service. In the evolving political and developmental landscape of Telangana, one leader stands out for his grit, vision, and groundedness, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. His journey from humble beginnings to the helm of leadership reflects the timeless truth that struggle shapes strength. What follows is not just a chronicle of his governance, but a portrait of conviction transforming into collective progress.

The Making of a Leader: From early on, it was evident that Revanth Reddy aspired for more than personal advancement. He envisioned a life rooted in public service, one that would leave tangible, transformative imprints on his land and its people. His resolve was forged not in comfort, but in challenge. each setback became a stepping stone, each failure, a lesson. These trials shaped the resilience and conviction that would later define his leadership ethos. His success is no mystery. It is the cumulative

result of long days, sleepless nights, and an unwavering belief that social change emerges from consistent effort and fearless conviction. As he leads, his life becomes an exemplar of how passion, discipline, and purpose driven vision can truly move mountains. Among his boldest environmental initiatives stands the Musi River Rejuvenation Project, often mischaracterized as mere "beautification" but envisioned as a complete ecological and urban revival. The plan seeks to restore the Musi's health, clear encroachments, rechannel its flow, and transform it into a sustainable urban waterway. The Chief Minister defends the project as a structural necessity for Hyderabad's future, preventing floods, reclaiming ecology, improving livelihoods, and positioning the city globally.

Critics allege mismanagement or inflated costs, yet supporters note that transformation inevitably disturbs the status quo. For Revanth Reddy, reviving the Musi is not cosmetic, it is symbolic of cleansing the city's developmental conscience.

To rebuild the foundation of Telangana's education system, Revanth Reddy launched the Young India Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRS) initiative, one in every constituency, each on 25 acres. Over Rs.11,600 crore has been earmarked for this mission.

The goal is to provide quality, holistic education to rural and underprivileged children, bridging access gaps and nurturing future leaders. Simultaneously, junior colleges and digital infrastructure are being upgraded for systemic improvement.

While lauded for vision, critics argue that resources should first strengthen existing public schools. Yet, the initiative underscores Revanth Reddy's belief that transformative reform demands new architecture, not patchwork repairs. Recognizing the employability gap, the government established Young India Skills University (YISU), a forward looking public-private partnership integrating academia, industry, and state effort.YISU provides industry aligned skill training in logistics, healthcare, pharma, BFSI, and communication.Its permanent campus is rising within Bharat Future City, a visionary 30,000 acre masterplan.

YISU embodies Telangana's focus on bridging learning with livelihood, preparing its youth for the knowledge economy.

Revanth Reddy's personal interactions with students, particularly at Osmania University and other campuses, reflect his effort to reconnect government with the youth. He has pledged upgraded infrastructure, better hostels, and enhanced academic support reaffirming that student welfare and empowerment remain central to Telangana's growth story.

One of the most transformative steps under Revanth Reddy's leadership is the transition from the Dharani portal to Bhu bharathi. A structural reform in land administration designed to decentralize power and democratize access.

By devolving authority to the village, mandal, and district levels, Bhu bharathi ends the long standing dependency on

state level bureaucrats and middlemen. Farmers now have direct access to land services without having to navigate urban offices or rely on brokers.

The establishment of Appellate Authorities under the Act allows for grievance redressal without the need to approach courts, making justice more accessible and time efficient.

The government also reinstated village

level revenue personnel as Grama Panchayat Officers (GPOs) to ensure smoother village administration and stronger farmer support. Most notably, the

provision for Sadabainama regularization under Bhubharathi has breathed relief into over 9 lakh long waiting applicants, enabling them to register and validate their rightful land holdings after years of uncertainty.

This reform is more than administrative modernisation, it symbolizes reinstating trust between the state and the farmer, bridging governance with ground realities, and ensuring that land justice reaches the grassroots.Vision Beyond Projects: Telangana Rising 2047 & Bharat Future CityRevanth Reddy's governance is guided by a macro vision. Telangana Rising 2047 to propel the state into a \$3 trillion economy and make Hyderabad a global model of futuristic, inclusive urbaniza-

Bharat Future City: A 30,000 acre, new age urban cluster featuring an AI City, Health Hub, Education Clusters, and Climate-Resilient Infrastructure.

Zonal planning: Defining economic functions, core urban (within ORR), industrial/manufacturing (between ORR-RRR), and agrarian (beyond RRR).

Water climate linkage: Integrated urban water grid, lake revival, and Musi restoration for climate resilience.

Mobility revolution: Expansion of metro, regional ring rail, elevated corridors, and futuristic connectivity like a proposed bullet train link. Knowledge & Innovation economy: Partnerships with global universities, R&D ecosystems, and startup clusters. for talent driven

infrastructure, human capital, and systems reform, marking Telangana's evolution from rapid development to sustainable. **BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY**

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State Bank of India, SARB Branch, Vijayawada, Rep. by its Chief

Miss. Pagadala Sumalatha, D/o Pagadala Naga Raju SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Miss.Pagadala Sumalatha, D/o Pagadala Naga Raju, Aged about 37 Years, Occ: Government Service, R/o Door No.4-96-C, Near Petrol Pump swaramma Colony, Madanapally Village & Mandal, Chittoor District, A.

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In accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, you the efendants are directed as under:i) To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to wh

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To disclose particulars of assets other than properties and assets specified by Applicant under serial number 3A of the original application

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the bank or financial institution holding security interest over such assets You are hereby required to show case on 05.01.2026 at 10:30 Am a ebts Recover Tribunal-II Hyderabad, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids Hyderabad in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relie

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Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of the T day of December, 2025

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Gautam Adani, Satya Nadella discuss vast potential of AI

New Delhi, Dec 10: Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, on Wednesday said he met Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella and discussed the vast potential of artificial intelligence (AI) for the future of technology.

The meeting came as Microsoft announced to invest \$17.5 billion in India over the next four years to drive AI diffusion in the country.

"Always a pleasure to meet @satyanadella and gain his valuable insights into the future of technology. We are excited to continue building a 360 degree partnership as the physical and digital worlds converge in the age of AI," said the Adani Group Chairman in an X post.

Gautam Adani further said that "Getting a demo from him of the AI apps he is personally building was another testament to the hands-on leadership that truly great leaders exemplify".

Nadella on Tuesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who asserted that the country's youth "will harness this opportunity to innovate and leverage the



power of AI for a better planet". "Thank you,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for an inspiring conversation on India's AI opportunity. To support the country's ambitions, Microsoft is committing US\$17.5 billion — our largest investment ever in Asia—to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI first future," Nadella said in a post on X.

Responding to Nadella's post, PM Modi wrote: "When it comes to AI, the world is optimistic about India!""Had a very productive discussion with Mr. Satya Nadella. Happy to see India being the place

make its largest-ever investment in Asia. The youth of India will harness this opportunity to innovate and leverage the power of AI for a better planet." the Prime Minister posted. Microsoft said that India stands at a pivotal moment in its AI journey, one defined by impact at scale, determined to lead. As technology becomes a catalyst for inclusive growth and economic transformation, the country is emerging as a frontier AI nation. Nadella arrived in India for an AI

Telangana announces landmark multi-year global partnership with IIFA

Hyderabad, December 2025: In a historic boost to India's cultural diplomacy and creative economy, the Government of Telangana has announced a landmark multi-year global partnership with the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Weekend & Awards and IIFA Utsavam. The announcement, made during the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, positions Telangana as a major cultural, cinematic and creative hub on the world

Under this first-of-itscollaboration, Telangana will be the Official Partner State at the 26th edition of IIFA Weekend & Awards in 2026, gaining visibility across 120 countries and a global audience of over 2.5 billion. This strategic initiative titled 'Taking Telangana to the World' aims to elevate the State's global identity, boost tourism, and deepen international engagement with investors, industry leaders and the diaspora.

As part of the 'Bringing the World to Telangana' strategy, Hyderabad will host IIFA Utsavam from 2026 to 2028, celebrating South Indian cinema Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam industries. The event is expected to bring thousands of visitors annually and position Telangana as the cultural capital of South India and a rising centre for film-led tourism and creative industries.

Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy said the partnership marks a defining moment in Telangana's journey toward becoming a future-ready State. He highlighted how the association supports the State's ambition to become a USD 1 trillion economy by 2034 and contribute 10% to India's GDP by 2047. "Through IIFA 2026, we will take the story of Telangana to the world, and through IIFA Utsavam from 2026 to 2028, we will bring the world back to our State," he said.

The collaboration also aligns with Telangana's Tourism Policy 2025–2030, with initiatives to strengthen 'Film in Telangana', introduce youth skilldevelopment programmes with TASK, and enhance cultural diplomacy. Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, said the partnership would redefine Hyderabad as the filmmaking capital of South India and deepen global engage-IIFA Co-Founder Andre

Timmins described the partnership as a historic milestone that unites India's creative industries while elevating Telangana's global presence. He emphasized IIFA's commitment to positioning Hyderabad as a global creative hub and strengthening Telangana's cultural and economic footprint

internationally.

With a legacy spanning 25 years across iconic world capitals, IIFA's association with Telangana marks one of the most ambitious cultural and economic alliances undertaken by an Indian State—setting the stage for unprecedented global visibility, tourism growth and creative-economy expansion.

All India SBI Inter Circle Kabaddi Tournament 2025–26 begins in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, December 9, 2025: The All India SBI Inter Circle Kabaddi Tournament 2025–26 began with great enthusiasm at the Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy Indoor Stadium, Yusufguda. The inauguration ceremony, held at 6:00 PM, drew an impressive lineup of senior dignitaries from the State Bank of India.

Among those present were Shri Ponnambalam Murugan, Chief General Manager (HR), Corporate Centre; Shri Ravi Kumar Verma, General Manager, NW-I; Shri Satish Kumar, General Manager, NW-II; Shri Priyadarshi Pankaj, Deputy General Manager CDO; Shri K. Chandrasekhar, General Secretary, AISBISF; Shri H. Shankar, President, SBIOA Hyderabad Circle; Shri K. Anjaneya Prasad, General Secretary, SBIOA Hyderabad Circle; and Shri K.S. Sandilya, CWC Secretary & General Secretary, SBI Staff Union

The evening opened with a lively cultural performance, followed by the

Hyderabad Circle.

ceremonial welcome of all dignitaries.

In their addresses, speakers highlighted the importance of sports in promoting team spirit, fitness and camaraderie among employees. Shri Ponnambalam Murugan encouraged participants to compete with dedication and uphold the true essence of sportsmanship. He later met and interacted with the captains of all participating teams, culminating in a group photo session with the players. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the AGM

The inaugural match between Hyderabad Circle and Kolkata Circle set an exciting tone for the tournament. In a gripping contest, Hyderabad Circle secured a well-earned victory, marking a promising start to the championship.

Medicover Successfully Treats Large Brain AVM with Non-Surgical Radiosurgery

Hyderabad, 10th December, 2025: Medicover Cancer Institute, Hitech City, has successfully treated a 31-year-old Somalia, male diagnosed with a large and complex brain Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) using advanced Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS). The case was managed by a multidisciplinary team of neurosurgeons and radiation oncology experts at Medicover Cancer Institute.

The patient had been experiencing recurrent headaches and seizures for nearly a year—symptoms that many individuals, particularly women aged 25–45 years, often dismiss or attribute to stress or hormonal imbalances. Studies indicate that women in this age group typically delay neurological assessment by 6-12 months, increasing the likelihood of complications. In India, AVMs occur in approximately 1-2 per 100,000 people, with about 40%presenting initially with seizures. Lack of awareness and limited access to specialists in rural and semi-urban regions further prolong diagnosis.

An MRI revealed a 5.5 cm AVM located in the left temporo-parietal region, an area where open surgery



carries significant risk to speech, memory, and motor functions. Given the complexity and the patient's reluctance to undergo invasive surgery, the team opted for Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) as the safest and most precise treatment option. She received 30 Gy in 5 fractions in October 2025, a targeted treatment that eliminates abnormal vessels while protecting surrounding healthy brain tissue. Following treatment, the patient reported marked improvement, including a substantial reduction in headaches and seizure episodes, allowing her to resume normal daily activities. "Headaches, dizziness, and seizures are symptoms that people tend to ignore until they disrupt daily life, especially working women who often attribute these problems to stress or routine fatigue.

Hi Life Jewels unveils grand year-end jewellery showcase at Novotel HICC

Hyderabad: Hi Life Jewels is set to captivate Hyderabad with a spectacular year-end jewellery showcase, bringing together an extraordinary collection of fine craftsmanship and luxurious designs. The threeday exhibition will take place on December 12, 13 and 14 at Novotel HICC, offering visitors a chance to explore some of the most exquisite creations in contemporary jewellery.

The showcase features an impressive range, including heritage polki pieces, handcrafted gold jewellery, contemporary diamond collections, fusion designs, and striking statement sets crafted to elevate every celebration. From timeless classics to modern masterpieces, each creation highlights the brand's commitment to artistry, innovation and

unmatched elegance.
Hi Life Jewels invites
jewellery lovers, brides-tobe and connoisseurs of lux-



ury to experience brilliance up close and discover pieces that bring sparkle to every moment. The exhibition

promises an immersive blend of tradition and trend, making it a must-visit event for this festive season.

GITAM Hyderabad team wins Smart India Hackathon 2025, bags Rs.1.5 lakh

Hyderabad: GITAM (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad, has secured a proud national achievement as its student team emerged victorious at the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025, held at the Ahmedabad nodal centre. The team won a cash prize of Rs.1.5 lakh for developing an innovative AI-driven platform designed to analyse public sentiment on government e-consultation feedback.

The winning team—second-year B.Tech CSE and Krishnapriya Koppolu, Abdul Basith Hassan Shaik, Kondiparthy, Karmanghat Yashwanth, Yuktha Chavali, and Sharanya Madina—created an intelligent system capable of sentiment classification, policy stance detection and automatic summarisation of large volumes of public responses on draft laws and regulations. Their solution aims to support policymakers with faster, databacked insights and strengthen participatory governance.

Faculty mentor Dr. Chandrasekhar Uddagiri



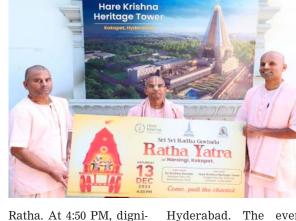
expressed pride in the team's accomplishment, noting that their innovation and execution greatly impressed the jury. He also appreciated the continued support of GITAM's Venture Development Centre (VDC), which provided mentoring, resources and logistics throughout the competition.

The university leader-ship—including the HoD CSE, HoD AIML / Director-School of Technology, Deputy Director-VDC, Director-GSB, Dean-GSB, and the Pro Vice-C hancellor—were acknowledged for fostering a strong culture of innovation, research and experiential learning that contributed to this significant national win.

Hare Krishna Movement announces grand Sri Radha Govinda Ratha Yatra on Dec 13

Hyderabad: The Hare Hvderabad. announced the Grand 4th Annual Sri Sri Radha Govinda Ratha Yatra, to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. The sacred chariot festival will celebrate India's spiritual legacy as the beautifully adorned Deities of Sri Sri Radha Govinda travel from Sri Krishna Go Seva Mandal Goshala. Gandipet "Y" Junction, to Hare Heritage Tower at Narsingi-Kokapet.

The procession will be accompanied by devotional music, kirtans, worship, and enthusiastic participation from devotees and residents along the route. Organisers are making elaborate preparations to ensure a spiritually enriching experience for all.The celebrations will begin at 4:30 PM at Sri Krishna Go Seva Mandal with uplifting Hare Krishna kirtans, stage performances and the inaugural puja of Sri Sri Radha Govinda on the



taries will offer Prathama Arati and perform the traditional brooming ceremony. The grand Ratha Yatra will start at 5:00 PM, passing through Kokapet, Allu Studios, 7 Hills Road, Rajapushpa Atria and Golden Mile Road, before reaching the Heritage Tower by 7:00 PM.

On arrival, devotees will be welcomed with Mega Kirtans and a special spiritual discourse by His Grace Sri Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhuji, President of the Hare Krishna Movement.

Hyderabad. The event will conclude at 7:30 PM with the final arati and the distribution of dinner prasadam to all attendees.

His Grace Sri Satya Gaura Chandra Chandra Dasa Prabhuji has extended a heartfelt invitation to devotees, families, and well-wishers to join the procession, pull the chariot, and receive the divine blessings of Sri Sri Radha Govinda. The event will also see participation from Governing Body Members, temple presidents from across India, congregational members, youth, and devotees.

JioHotstar unveils Rs.4,000 crore South investment plan at star-studded Chennai event

At a star-studded event that marked a watershed moment for South India's Media & Entertainment industry, JioHotstar announced to invest Rs.4,000 crore over the next five years to boost the region's creative economy. The evening was graced by the Deputy Chief Minister Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, Member of Parliament Padma Bhushan Thiru. Kamal Haasan, Hon'ble Minister of Development, Information and Publicity Thiru M.P Saminathan, and some of the most illustrious icons from across the South film and TV industries, reflecting the scale and cultural significance of the occasion. The presence of Sushant

Sreeram, Head of SVOD &

Chief Marketing Officer at JioStar and Krishnan Kutty, Head of Cluster, Entertainment (South) at JioStar underscored JioHotstar's bold leadership of India's content evolution and reaffirming the platform's commitment to elevate and expand South Indian storytelling at scale.

JioHotstar also announced signing a Letter of Intent with the Government of Tamil Nadu, establishing a partnership that reflects a shared vision to accelerate the state's creative and production ecosystem. As part of this, JioHotstar will play a pivotal role in strengthening Tamil Nadu's creative economy introducing regional-first formats, new age stories and sto-



rytellers scaling their work beyond geographical boundaries. Complementing this effort, JioHotstar will also introduce creator-focused initiatives such as writing labs, mentorship programs and skill-building workshops aimed at nurturing the next generation of filmmakers, writers, editors and digital storytellers.

As a symbolic beginning to this next chapter, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin unveiled JioHotstar's blockbuster South lineup of 25 new titles showcasing a bold vision for the future of regional entertainment, where sto-

ries rooted in the South take centre stage.

Underlining the transformative potential of this alliance in shaping the next chapter of Tamil Nadu's creative future, the Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin stated, "I am delighted to launch this partnership with JioHotstar. Chennai's tradition and passion for art and culture are ages old, and even Telugu and Malayalam films are made here. Art is a powerful force in politics and life; art can liberate, and movies can educate. We have a history of stories causing social changes, with figures like Annadurai and Karunanidhi instrumental in revolutionary changes in Tamil cinema. The contribution of South India

for Indian cinema. Content is the King, and we have a long way to go. We recognize that OTT is not replacing cinema; it is expanding it. Today, everyone has a voice—a filmmaker in Madurai or Salem can upload a story and reach an audience across the world. partnership with JioHotstar will have a massive impact: it will create 1,000 direct jobs and 15,000 indirect jobs. Our government is committed to building a strong economy hand-in-hand with cinema."Framing the vision, Sushant Sreeram, Head -SVOD Business & Chief Marketing Officer, JioStar,

said: "JioHotstar started as a

dream. To build the entertain-

ment future of tomorrow, one

has created a new benchmark

that's rooted in the rich storytelling heritage of our great country and its many facets, powered by cutting-edge technology, and serve as the default destination for Indian entertainment everywhere. We are thrilled with the progress we have made in less than a year across live sports and entertainment, establishing JioHotstar as the clear choice for all India. The resplendent story-telling heritage of South India and its sheer impact on India's storytelling culture motivates us to keep championing rich. authentic and rooted narratives while delivering greater variety, accessibility and viewing experiences tailored to every viewer's tastes and dreams.

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EDITORIAL

The 'Red Carpet' Question: What We Have Learned from the West About Refugees

International Human Rights Day is meant to reaffirm a simple idea: dignity isn't a favour granted by the state. Rights are supposed to attach to people because they are people, not because they carry the right passport, belong to the right religion, or arrive in ways that are convenient for border regimes. And yet, in refugee debates, we keep returning to a different script: that those who cross borders without permission are not primarily human beings in danger, but problems to be managed. That is why a recent remark made by the Chief Justice of India Surya Kant posing the question of whether people who entered "illegally" should be welcomed with a "red carpet" - has struck such a nerve. A rhetorical question can do real political work. It doesn't simply express doubt; it sets the frame for what counts as "reasonable," what counts as "excessive," and whose suffering counts at all.

The law is a door, and before the door sits a gatekeeper

Scholar Eddie Bruce-Jones asks a deceptively simple question: Does international refugee law belong to human rights law or immigration law? The question matters because it determines what we think refugee protection is. Is it a regime anchored in dignity and the restraint of state power? Or is it a managerial apparatus for regulating entry - where compassion is optional and exclusion is the default? This question invites deeper reflection on the divergent - and sometimes convergent - logic underpinning these frameworks. I argue that immigration law is an infrastructure that enables and sustains colonial powers in a postcolonial world. It is a technology of sorting that decides whose mobility is normal and whose mobility is suspicious; whose movement is "travel," and whose movement is "invasion." It converts human beings into categories - legal/illegal, admissible/removable, deserving/undeserving - and then asks us to mistake those categories for moral truth.

International refugee law, as we know it, emerged in response to shifting European conceptions of "charity and humanitarianism to restitution, reparations, and responsibility" - key elements of Europe's post-war and post-imperial reckoning, tied to the paternalism of the "white man's burden." It was formed amidst a specific historical and geopolitical context where states grappled with their roles in the aftermath of war and empire.

But this origin story contains a contradiction. Refugee law speaks the language of responsibility while operating in a world still shaped by colonial afterlives: uneven borders, uneven mobility, and uneven legitimacy. Immigration control becomes the mechanism through which old hierarchies reproduce themselves under new names - sovereignty, security, "orderly migration." When immigration logic colonises refugee protection, refuge stops being a human-rights project and becomes border management with a humanitarian accent.

What the "red carpet" comment reveals about India's refugee discourse

The Supreme Court hearing that produced the "red carpet" line concerned a petition alleging the disappearance of Rohingya persons from custody and seeking that if deportation occurs, it should be carried out through due process. Yet the exchange that travelled into public debate pivoted quickly from the state's duties to the migrant's supposed audacity. As reported, the Chief Justice offered a hypothetical of illegal entry – "you cross the fenced border illegally, you dig a tunnel, and you enter India" - and then asked whether, after entry, a person can insist that "your laws must apply to me," including show-cause notice, food, shelter, and entitlements for children, concluding: "Do we want to stretch the law like this?" The line that crystallised the posture was: "If an intruder comes, do we give them a red-carpet welcome...?" This is precisely the moment where the Bruce-Jones question becomes concrete. If refugee law belongs to human rights, then the purpose of law is to restrain the state – especially when the state's power over a person is total and the person's political voice is nil.

Why India, Which Sends Rice To 170 Nations, Must Ignore Trump's Basmati Blues

President Donald Trump's latest threat against India has quite literally stirred the rice pot, and everyone from growers to grocery shoppers is now waiting to see if it will reach the boiling point. This time, he has set his sights on India's basmati, accusing India, without providing evidence, of "dumping" cheap rice into the American market. In an off-thecuff remark, the President in his usual style promised tariffs to punish what he called "unfair" trade. The threat came during a White House meeting with farmers and lawmakers. Indeed, this is the kind of political theatre in which Trump thrives. Just to remind the readers, a grumbling farmer spoke of cheaper imports from India and a couple of other rice exporting countries. Mr Trump seized the moment and assured the complaining farmer he would take action. He boasted that tariffs can solve the problem in two minutes.

Sounds Like Desperation

It sounds a lot like a campaign slogan. Mid-term polls are only less than a year away. The warning did not come in isolation. Only minutes earlier, President Trump had unveiled a \$12 billion support package for American farmers who have been squeezed from all sides. Costs are rising. Inflation has not eased despite promises. Input prices are spiralling because tariffs have made imported fertilizer and machinery more expensive. Also, let's not forget retaliatory measures from strong trading partners have dented American exports to some extent. Rural anger in the US, the kind that hurts political fortunes, is also thick in the air. In such a moment, blaming foreign competitors is emotionally satisfying and perhaps politically convenient. Therefore, blaming India was even easier. Mr Trump insisted that India was "dumping" rice, asking again and again why it was allowed, as if repeating the question made it true.

India's Big Pie

India exported over 20 million metric tonnes of rice in 2024 to more than 170 countries. It is easily the world's largest rice exporter, bigger than the next four countries combined. Yet, the US buys only a sliver of India's shipments. In 2025, Indian rice exports to the US amounted to about \$392 million, roughly 3% of India's total rice exports. Most of that is basmati, the long-grain aromatic rice loved by the Indian diaspora as well as immigrants from the Persian-Arab world. American farmers do not grow basmati. They cannot. The soil needs different minerals and the grain needs Himalayan foothill air. The US produces long-grain and medium-grain varieties suited to Louisiana, Arkansas and California. So the idea that India is undercutting American farmers by dumping basmati is like saying Italian olive oil is destroying the soybean market. They are not substitutes.

Mind you, dumping, in trade law, is not an insult. It is a technical finding. A country must investigate whether the exporter is selling below cost. It must also prove that these sales are harming domestic producers. This involves months of paperwork, hearings and appeals. Who will dare to tell the President that this complicated, long-drawn out process is as bureaucratic as rice is simple. And if tariffs are raised without proof, India will always have the option to challenge the move at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), however subservient it has become to the US these days. India has done so before and has won in several cases

Trump, however, uses tariffs like a magic wand. He waves it and expects the world to be frightened. No mention of legal requirements. No mention of due process. No mention that the US has lifted tariffs on some products because they were hurting American households just as much as they were hurting foreign exporters.

A Misdirected Threat

Dipankar Bhattacharya, general secre-



basmati gap. Tariffs will not help

them. So, the benefit, if at all, will be

emotional rather than economic. For Indian rice exporters, the impact will be slightly sharper. Firms such as KRBL and LT Foods have built solid basmati brands in the US. A sudden tariff may slow demand but it won't make too much of a difference to them, as India's rice exporters are not dependent on America. They supply Europe, the Gulf, Africa and Southeast Asia - to 172 countries. The business is extremely diversified and resilient. When one market closes, shipments could move to another. It is inconvenient, but it is manageable. Exporters say they are preparing for any turbulence, working with the government to expand sales in new regions. India is already pushing deeper into Africa, where basmati Latin America, where niche markets are forming. It is targeting 26

It's Not About Rice

Now let's return to Trump's latest allegations against India. His threat has far less to do with rice and far more to do with geopolitics. Washington has been uneasy, sometimes quietly and sometimes loudly, about India's continued purchases of discounted Russian crude. While the West tried to isolate Moscow economically, New Delhi used that discounted Russian crude to keep domestic inflation in check. President Vladimir Putin, during his state visit to New Delhi last week, even pledged uninterrupted supplies. Trump, meanwhile, was seeking from India a public show of solidarity. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted economic stability at home. Trump has repeatedly raised India's energy ties with Moscow and used the tariff stick as political pressure. His earlier duties on Indian steel and aluminium followed the same pattern. They arrived just after India declined to condemn Russia in the language Washington preferred. Seen in this backdrop, the new threat on Indian rice fits the pattern.

It is not a carefully built legal case of dumping, but a political warning wrapped in trade language, aimed at signalling displeasure over India's independent foreign-policy choices. It is less about farmers in Arkansas and more about diplomatic expectations from India. Basmati has Civilisational Value In consumption is rising and into India, basmati is the queen of fragrance. Persians, who love Indian basmati, call it the soul of their meals. In such a world, a tariff fight feels pedestrian.

SIR Is Not The Problem. The Way It's Being Implemented

By the time you read this, the three-day debate in Parliament on '150 years of Vande Mataram' would have ended. The Union government made the discussion on the national song a non-negotiable condition before any other issue (electoral reforms/SIR) was taken up. The Opposition were very keen to let Parliament function despite being up against a government that often makes a mockery of Parliament. Yes, a discussion on SIR was and continued to be top priority. 39 people have lost their lives in Bengal alone. However, in the spirit of parliamentary democracy, the Opposition decided to accept the Government's proposal about the sequence in which the two issues would be taken up and made a tactical change. As the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha proceed with their discussions, let's be very clear. No one is against SIR (Special Intensive Revision) as a concept. No one is against having clean electoral rolls. It is the methodology and the haphazard implementation that is being questioned. We are looking for answers to many questions. Here are five of

Question One: Is SIR meant to protect the voter list or exclude basis

Four states are going to elections in a few months. Assam, Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. Three out of these four states are going through the SIR process. One state only has a 'Simple Revision'. Ten points if you guessed Assam. Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland are all states that share borders with Bangladesh or Myanmar. Why is there no SIR being conducted in these states? It is common knowledge that protecting borders (infiltration) is the responsibility of the Border Security Force, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the Central Reserve Police Force, the Sashastra Seema Bal. These institutions are all under the Home Minister. So who should be held accountable?

Question Two: Are States being singled out?

There have been innumerable cases of Bengali-speaking citizens being targeted solely due to their mother-tongue. Those who speak Bengali in a different dialect have been labelled infiltrators. There are 4,635 communities in India.

Each one have their own distinct identity. Why do all of these diverse identities need to fit the Union Government's ill-shaped cookie-cutter mold?

Question Three: Will the Union Government call for fresh elec-

The same electoral rolls that the Election Commission of India (ECI) now dismisses as unreliable were good to go for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Thereafter, the rolls were also deemed good enough for elections held in three states. Several questions arise. How did these rolls become defective overnight? And if they are indeed defective, should the Lok Sabha, elected through these supposedly compromised rolls, not be dissolved immediately? Will the Union Government call for fresh

Question Four: Who is responsible for the human cost of this exercise? SIR is being debated in Parliament.

The Opposition will hold this government accountable. Many issues will be raised about rushing the unplanned, SIR exercise. At the height of the Rabi season, why were thousands of farmers forced to stand in day-long queues? Why were daily-wage workers losing their wages running pillar to post to authenticate their documents? Why were development programmes in many states brought to a standstill? Who will take responsibility for the lives of Block Level Officers (BLOs) lost because of the inhuman psychological and physical pressures while executing SIR?

Question Five: Is the ECI taking enough accountability?

The ECI is a constitutional body. Its functioning should be non-partisan, above reproach. But what is happening in Bengal leading up to the Assembly elections deserves scrutiny. Here are two examples. (i) Originally, to be a BLA (Booth Level Agent), one needed to be a registered elector in the 'part of the Electoral roll' for which he/she is appointed. This rule has now been changed. Now, even if a BLA is unavailable from the same part of the Electoral roll, a BLA can be appointed from any registered elector of the same Assembly Constituency. (ii) There is an AI app being used to identify duplicate voters. There is no clarity about who built it, when the tenders were issued, or what data the app uses. Looking for answers is not anti-national.

There Is An Unexpected 'Mentor' Guiding Rahul Gandhi These Days

new countries for rice exports.

tary of the Communist Party of India [Marxist-Leninist] seems to be the newest friend, philosopher, guide of Rahul Gandhi filling the void left behind by the late Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury. Throughout 2014-2024, Rahul looked up to Yechury as a political ideologue and a theoretician, sharing a relationship marked by mutual respect. often to the chagrin of his own party leaders. Post the Bihar debacle, Dipankar has been seen and heard providing comfort to Rahul, suggesting that the outcome had little to do with the Mahagathbandan's weakness. The Meeting About Bihar Just recently, Dipankar's 25, Meena Bagh residence saw All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Krishna Allavaru walking in. The two leaders then went towards 10, Janpath via Maulana Azad Road, about 500 metres away, where Rahul Gandhi was waiting for them. For the next couple of hours, the Bihar poll outcome was dissected. Dipankar was convinced that the result had little to do with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's popularity or the generous doles given out to women voters. Phrases like "unnatural result", "special intensive revision [SIR] being superfluous" were mentioned. The statisticianturned-political theoretician he is, Dipankar convinced Rahul that the poll outcome was not a crisis of opposition but a threat to democracy. Rahul, too, kept harping on how some influential figures in the United States of America had hinted at "something" going on with elections. Another interesting reference was reportedly about a high constitutional functionary sending feelers to the Leader of Opposition, stating that he had great regards for the principal opposition party. The functionary is said to have pointed out that he had worked closely with senior Congress leader PJ



Kurian and had no 'bias' towards the Congress or the leader of the opposition. The overture is said to have resulted in derisiveness, scorn and threat of punitive action whenever the Congress gets voted to power. Bhattacharva's Role In Bihar Poll Strategy Dipankar's influence on Rahul Gandhi was visible throughout the Bihar electoral campaign. The CPI-ML leader was seen holding hands with him, acting as a peacemaker, dealmaker and strategist, all rolled into one. He had famously browbeat Mukesh Sahni of the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) into giving a written undertaking to Rahul, saying "main Kahin Nahin jaa raha hoon" (I'm not going anywhere). Dipanakar was also instrumental in making the Mahagathbandan issue a public statement saying that Sahni would be crowned as the Deputy Chief Minister if the grand alliance came to power. Both Congress and CPI(M) insiders are bewildered at Dipankar's proximity and influence over Rahul. According to party leaders, Rahul's economic and political leanings are deeply influenced by Left-of-Centre thought, often colouring his judgment and putting party leaders at odds with him. In 2010, Rahul spoke to the

Cambridge campus paper Varsity, describing himself as an 'economist'. Interviewers Merrow Golden and Ashleigh Lamming were quoted by his biographer, Aarthi Ramachandran, as saying, "He [Rahul] tended to talk about things using economic language; he talked about affirmative action as being a problem of 'supply and demand', and...talked about teachers no longer having a 'monopoly' over information, but being one of the many sources of it." During the interview, Rahul, who has an M. Phil in developmental economics, said he disagreed with a lot of what was taught at Cambridge. "I am a lot less leftwing now than I was, for one thing." Rahul's left leanings have been often attributed to his close advisors too. But the impracticality of his vision is evident from the CPI(M)'s 23rd Party Congress at Kannur in Kerala. There, the party had observed, "The political influence and organisational strength of Congress has been declining and the 'weakened' party is unable to rally all the secular opposition parties." Eye On Bengal Dipankar's CPI-ML has several ideological and tactical differences with both the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the CPI(M).

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Congress high command's decision final: Siddaramaiah on leadership 'tussle' in Karnataka



Belagavi, Dec 10 : Amid the leader-ship "tussle" in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said the party high command's decision is final. He was speaking after garlanding and offering floral tributes to the portrait of late leader S. Nijalingappa at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on the occasion of his birth anniversary.When asked whether he would continue as Chief Minister,

Siddaramaiah responded that the decision of the party's senior leadership would be final.

Earlier, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had asserted that he would remain in office for the full five-year term. His son, Congress MLC Yathindra, also stirred controversy by stating that the high command had rejected Chief Minister Deputy Shivakumar's demand to become

Chief Minister and that his father would continue in the post for the entire five years.

Responding to questions on whether MLAs had sought revisions to the guarantee schemes, the Chief Minister clarified that "there has been no discussion on guarantees in the Congress

Legislature Party (CLP) meeting." "Is it possible to share all details of the CLP meeting with the

However, sources revealed that boththecampsofCMSiddaramaiah and Dy CM Shivakumar have been asked not to issue any statement over leadership and the CM's post.

Sources also stated that MLAs vehemently opposed the five guarantee schemes and urged to provide funds for developing their constituencies.

CM Siddaramaiah also stated that he had written to the Prime Minister urging the Centre to fix a Minimum Support Price for tur

Siddaramaiah described former Chief Minister late S. Nijalingappa as one of Karnataka's finest political leaders, calling him a capable honest statesman. "Nijalingappa was a capable and principled person. He remained honest till the very end and was an extraordinary political leader Karnataka has seen." He noted that Nijalingappa had

served as the Chief Minister of Karnataka and as the President of the undivided Congress at the AICC. "Nijalingappa had political differences with then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and went on to form a separate party. He was a leader who firmly opposed corruption," Siddaramaiah said. He added that Nijalingappa played an important role in the unification of Karnataka. "The ideals of an honest and courageous leader like him continue to guide us. On his birth anniversary, the government remembers and honours him," he said. Shivakumar offered floral tributes to Nijalingappa's portrait at the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi.

Rajendra Cholan Spearheads Major **Drive Against Illegal Flex Displays**



Bengaluru: In an effort to preserve the aesthetic appeal of the city, and as per the directions of GBA Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation—under the instructions Commissioner Rajendra Cholan—conducted a special drive to remove unauthorized flex boards, banners and buntings across its jurisdiction. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Executive Engineers from various divisions of the city corporation.

Ädditional Commissioner (Development), Daliit Kumar, inspected several locations and oversaw the flex removal activities.

Mass Cleanliness Drive: To further strengthen public cleanliness in key localities—Gandhinagar, Chamarajpet, Chickpet, Shantinagar, C.V. Raman Nagar Shivajinagar—a mass cleanliness drive was Bengaluru Central City Corporation limits.

Intensive Cleanliness Drive at K.R. Market:

A large-scale cleanliness initiative was carried out at K.R. Market, one of the city's major commercial hubs, earning significant appreciation from the public.

As part of the operation,

tractors, JCBs, auto tippers and other mechanical equipment were deployed to clear silt deposits, unused household furniture, construction debris, waste materials and other accumulated garbage from major roads and frequently used public areas. Chief Engineers of Zones 1 & 2, Superintending Engineers, DGM and AGM of the Solid Waste Management Department, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Ward Marshals Pourakarmikas and actively participated in

this cleanliness drive.

SANY India to Unveil Its Most Powerful Line-up at EXCON 2025 for Viksit Bharat

Bengaluru: SANY India, a leading manufacturer of construction and heavy equipment, is set to create a defining present at EXCON 2025 with the unveiling of its most powerful and advanced machinery line-up ever showcased in India. This year marks a milestone moment for SANY India as it introduces a new generation of equipment engineered for speed, sustainability, cost-efficiency and large-scale execution, in alignment with India's national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

SANY India's new line-up spans Excavation, Hoisting, Mining, Heavy-Duty Electric Logistics and Electric Forklifts, reflecting a strong focus on precision engineering, digital intelligence and eco-friendly performance. At EXCON 2025, the company will showcase 39 next-generation machines across construction, mining, lifting and electric equipment. In line with the EXCON 2025 theme, "Chariots of Development – Every Man. Every Machine. Every Minute. Working Towards Viksit Bharat," the SANY stall is designed as a modern chariot corridor, symbolizing India's ongoing infrastructure iournev.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr.



Deepak Garg, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, SANY India & South Asia, said, "EXCON 2025 represents a significant milestone not only for SANY, but for India's journey toward becoming one of the world's most advanced infrastructure economies. The products we are unveiling bring global innovation to Indian soil more intelligent, more efficient and more sustainable than ever before with every new machine reflecting our focus on boosting customer productivity while contributing to national progress. Our theme, 'Chariots of Development', reflects our belief that progress is powered equally by people and machines, and at EXCON 2025 we are proud to demonstrate how Every Man, Every Machine, and Every Minute contributes to building a Viksit Bharat@2047. This is SANY's commitment to Viksit Bharat further powerful machines for a powerful future."

Further added, Mr. Sanjay Saxena, COO, SANY India, said, "Our product line-up is more than a showcase of new machines, it represents a strategic leap toward the future of India's infrastructure growth. Every model launched by SANY India is built on real-world insights from contractors, mining operators, fleet owners and logistics leaders across the country. With higher uptime, electrification, digital intelligence and Indiaspecific engineering, we are enabling our customers to build faster, safer and more sustainably. At EXCON 2025, we reaffirm our commitment to technology that enhances productivity today and

accelerates national development in the decade ahead. "At EXCON 2025, SANY India will unveil a comprehensive lineup spanning Excavation, Material Handling, Metro & Civil Infrastructure, Mining, Hoisting and Road Equipment, reinforcing its leadership in high-productivity and sustainable construction technologies.

At EXCON 2025 SANY India will be introducing its latest range of excavators - SY33C PRO, SY38U PRO, SY150C PRO, SY220C-9 XL SPARC+ and SY390C-10 HD GraMa+, engineered for the diverse requirements of urban development, quarrying and high-capacity mining. With advanced hydraulics, enhanced fuel efficiency and superior operator comfort, this range is built to deliver maximum productivity across construction environments. Additionally, SANY will debut the SY215EP, a next-generation 21-ton cable-operated electric excavator powered by a 150 kW PMS motor generating 800 Nm torque, operating on a 380-415V, 400A, 3-phase AC supply. Delivering zero emissions and up to three-times lower operating costs than diesel equipment, along with a heavy-duty undercarriage and premium C11 cabin, the SY215EP is purpose-built for crusher feeding.

DIAMOND FRESH CHICKEN APP BRINGS FRESH **CHICKEN TO YOUR DOORSTEP IN JUST 60 MINUTES**

Bengaluru: Meat lovers now have a healthier, fresher, and more trustworthy option at their fingertips. The newly launched Diamond Fresh Chicken App aims to deliver fresh, high-quality chicken at affordable prices directly to customers' doorsteps within just 60 minutes of placing an

The app has been developed with a strong focus on public health and food quality. Studies show that while our ancestors lived for 100 to 120 years, the average human lifespan today has decreased to 70 to 80 years, largely due to unhealthy dietary habits. The increasing consumption of fast food, junk food, and processed, preservative-rich products has been identified as one of the major causes of declin-

ing health. In the meat industry, several large brands sell processed, frozen and preserved chicken, which is often stored for many days using ice, refrigeration and chemical preservatives. Attracted by colorful advertisements, many



customers unknowingly purchase such chilled or frozen meat online. Scientific studies have confirmed that the longterm consumption of processed meat can have adverse effects on health. Recognizing this growing concern, the founders of Diamond Fresh Chicken App have taken a traditional and transparent approach to provide customers with truly fresh, hygienic and chemicalfree chicken.

Once an order is placed through the app, a healthy live chicken is procured from a nearby authorized

outlet located within 2-3 kilometers of the customer's home. The chicken is then freshly cut, cleaned and processed as per the customer's preference and delivered to the doorstep within 60 minutes, ensuring maximum freshness and quality. The app operates daily from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, with Monday being a weekly holiday. Initially, the service is available across Bengaluru, and plans are already in place to expand the operations to all district and taluk headquarters across Karnataka in the coming days.

R. Ashok slams Karnataka government over neglect of North Karnataka, demands white paper & immediate relief

Belgavi: opposition leader R. Ashok demanded that Proper leadership is needed to resolve the issues in North Karnataka. However, the Congress government has not provided compensation to farmers, nor to those who lost their homes. They should release a white paper to explain which promises for North Karnataka have been fulfilled.

Speaking in the assembly about the problems in North Karnataka, he said that during floods, people stay in gruel centers. The government should provide immediate compensation at that time. Under the Congress government, compensation was given 9 months later in July 2013-2014, 8 months later in 2014-15, and 7 months later in 2015-16. In our BJP government, compensation was provided within just two months after the August 2019-20 flood. For the 2022 flood, it was within two months; for the 2021-22 flood, within two months; and for the 2023 flood, within one month. Such delays in providing compensation should not happen, he said.

According to NDRF norms, Rs 95,000 is given for house damage. The BJP state government added four lakh rupees, making a total of Rs 5 lakh in compensation. The Congress government is not providing such compensation for house damage in North Karnataka and is only giving the central share. It's impossible to build a house with just Rs 95,000. The BJP government provided Rs 6,651.15 crore in crop damage compensation to the bank accounts of 51.95 lakh farmers. The Congress government introduced the FRUITS software instead of DBT, causing a four-month delay. Now, compensation is being delayed, he said. From 2014-2022, the Narendra Modi

government provided Rs 11,603 crore in relief, while the Manmohan Singh government gave Rs 3,233 crore. That means four times more relief was received. The previous BJP state government did not ask the central government to provide relief immediately. Funds were first disbursed from the state treasury. My opinion is that we should not wait for the central government. Similarly, the Congress government should now take money from the treasury and provide it, he demanded.



CM Should Have Come by Car

More than 117 villages in districts like Kalaburagi, Bidar, Vijayapura, and Yadgir have been flooded. Over 20,000 houses have been damaged, crops in 14.58 lakh hectares have been affected, and 2,890 schools have been damaged. While Dasara was being celebrated in Mysuru, people in North Karnataka were in water. We all went by car to visit, but Chief Minister Siddaramaiah conducted an aerial survey. Instead, he could

have come by car and met the people. IAS officers always say everything is fine. The Chief Minister should have visited every village. Officials have not come to the villages for surveys either. In many places, they have given false reports saying there was no flood, he said. Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai has written a letter to the government about this. Even though he informed which villages were flooded, the revenue department has not responded. The government is abandoning farmers and doing injustice. Therefore, the government should conduct another survey, he urged.

Plight of Sugarcane Farmers As the saying goes, 'Mandya's long sugarcane reaches chest level,' that's the condition of sugarcane farmers. In the state, 41 lakh tonnes of sugarcane are produced, grown on 9.81 lakh hectares. There are 81 sugar factories, all of which are reportedly in loss. Applications have come for starting 31 new factories. Cheating is happening in weighing machines, and only 50% of them have been installed. There is a 6% deduction in machine harvesting. The government needs to pay attention to the old models of RSP and SAP. In Mudhol, fire broke out in 240 tractors, burning 1,033 tonnes of sugarcane. Would this have happened if there was fear of the police department? 32 sugarcane farmers have committed suicide. Farmer Lakkappa Gunakar from Raibag committed suicide. No

Water from the Tungabhadra reservoir gate flowed to Andhra Pradesh. This problem occurred because 33

ministers visited then, he said.

gates were not installed. When I visited, the contractors said Rs 12 crore bill has not been paid. Despite padayatras and bandhs, the government did not take action. Due to this, two crops have been lost. Therefore, Rs 25,000 per acre compensation should be provided, he demanded. The problems of North Karnataka are mentioned in the Dr. Nanjundappa report. Last time in the assembly, CM Siddaramaiah said he would give a report in 6 months. A committee was formed under Prof. Govindarao, but even after 12 months, the report has not come. Under KKRDB funding, Rs 900 crore was to be given for building district taluk hospitals, PHCs, CHCs. Where is the progress on that? CM Siddaramaiah spoke about industrial promotion. But 216 factories are still in the establishment stage. Under the commerce and industries department, 221 factories are in the same situation. Cotton factory development, tourism development, raising the Almatti reservoir to 224 meters by acquiring 73,603 acres, etc., were mentioned. But none of these have been implemented, he said.

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Stalin awards Rs.27 lac URP grant to Kalasalingam University for health-tech research

Srivilliputhur: Kalasalingam University has secured a Rs.27 lakh research grant under the University Research Partnership (URP) programme supported by TIDCO, Government of Tamil Nadu. The grant was formally presented by the Chief Minister Thiru. M. K. Stalin during the TN Rising Investment Conclave held in Madurai.

The funded project, titled "PAC DOC CARDIO TROPHY," aims to deliver society-centric technological solutions to enhance community health. The initiative will be led by Dr. J. Deny, Head of the Kalasalingam University TBI, who serves as the Principal Investigator. The project will be jointly implemented with industry partners Sri Veera and Ms. Deepika from AparoksTech Private Limited, strengthening the bridge between aca-



and industry. University leaders, including Chancellor Dr. K. Sridharan, Pro-Chancellor Dr. S. Arivazagi Sridharan, Vice President Dr. S. Shasi Anand,

Vice Chancellor Dr. S. Narayanan, and Registrar Dr. V. Vasudevan, congratulated the TBI team for securing this prestigious project. They noted that this achievement further ele-Kalasalingam vates University's profile in industry-academia collaboration and research-driven

Tamil Nadu

Deepam row: Judge rejects government plea, summons Chief Secretary, ADGP

CHENNAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday directed the Secretary and the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) to appear through video conference on December 17 in connection with a contempt of

court petition linked to the lighting of Karthigai Deepam atop Tiruparankundram hill.The order was passed by Justice GR Swaminathan while hearing a contempt plea filed over the non-implementation of his earlier

directive to permit the lighting of the ceremonial lamp at the Deebathoon pillar site, claimed by one section as a mere survey stone, on the hill during the recent Karthigai Deepam festival. The controversy arose after DMK government

moved an appeal against the direction and declined to implement the single judge's order, citing law-and-order concerns, while continuing to light Deepam at Uchi temple Pillayar Tiruparankundram hill, citing a century-old tradition.



Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development issued appointment orders to Junior Employment Officers selec ted through the TNPSC at the Secretariat.

AIADMK led alliance will sweep 2026 polls with over 200 seats, says Palaniswami

CHENNAI: The AIADMK led alliance would win 210 seats in the 2026 Assembly polls as the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu has lost its popularity, party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami said on Wednesday. He was addressing the members of the party's top decision-making bodies-the Executive Committee and General Council that met here.

Palaniswami said the DMK has been critical of his party's alliance with the BJP, but "they cannot say anything about the golden rule of AIADMK



regime.""The AIADMKled alliance will win 210 seats. You all should extend your cooperation for us emerging victorious in next year's polls,' he said.

The AIADMK is heading the NDA in Tamil Nadu. Elections to 234 Assembly seats in the state are due in April-May 2026. Maintaining that the party was built Ramachandran (founder) and J Jayalalithaa, he said, "Peace, prosperity and development was their motto and because of their welfare initiatives to the people of Tamil Nadu, today no one can touch the party.' Attacking the DMK, Palaniswami said the

and protected by the late

chief ministers M G

Stalin-led government has lost its popularity among the public and in view of the forthcoming Assembly polls, the DMK had announced that it would give away 10 lakh free laptops to students.



Kalasalingam University, Srivilliputhur, signed an MoU with Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd, Chennai. The Chancellor Dr. K. Sridharan presided over the event, and Pro Chancellor Dr. S. Arivazagi Sridharan, Vice President Dr.S. Shasi Anand, Vice Chancellor Dr.S.Naravanan. Registrar Dr. V. Vasudevan. and Director - Industry Relations Dr. K. Mukilan felicitated the proceedings. University Vice President Dr.S. Shasi Anand, and Zoho Corporation, Regional Product Evangelist, Dr. P. Nandhakumar signed in the MoU. Through this partnership, students and faculty will receive training on Zoho Creator under the Young Creators Program. This will help them to prepare for industry needs. Dr. Jeevitha, HoD - CS&IT organised this event.

TVK-led alliance could challenge DMK in 2026 Assembly polls, claims TTV Dhinakaran

Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) general secretary T.T.V. Dhinakaran Wednesday said Tamil Nadu is likely to witness a coalition government after the 2026 Assembly elections, as no single political party appears poised to secure an absolute majority. Addressing the media. Dhinakaran said the current political landscape in the state pointed clearly towards a fractured mandate.

While all parties naturally nurture the ambition of forming a government on their own, the prevailing ground reality suggested that a coalition arrangement would be inevitable. "Whatever alliance takes shape, no party is likely to cross the



majority mark on its own. A coalition government will be unavoidable," he said. He further observed that if a fullfledged political alliance were to be formed under actor Vijay-led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), it could pose a serious political challenge to the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)-led

His comments come amid growing speculation about new political alignments ahead of the crucial 2026 polls. Responding to ques-

tions about his recent meeting with former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Tamil Nadu president K. Annamalai, Dhinakaran sought to dispel any political inference.

clarified that the meeting in Coimbatore was strictly personal in nature. "We are longtime friends. There was nothing political about that meeting," he said. On Annamalai's allegation that 125 Hindu temples had been demolished, the AMMK leader said he would refrain from commenting without verifying the facts.

Anbumani forged my sign: Ramadoss





Ramadoss Wednesday said his son Anbumani Ramadoss had no right to use his name or photograph in any manner, and insisted that the faction led by him had submitted false claims before the Election Commission.

Speaking to reporters Thailapuram in Tindivanam, he said his signature had been forged in documents filed before the poll body.

Ramadoss said his faction had moved court against the Election Commission, Anbumani's side had appeared "with bags of lies" despite having no connection to the case. "The document submitted to the EC carries a

nature. Anbumani should not use my name or my photograph. If he wishes, he can start his own party. He has no right to use my identity," he said. He added that it was

shameful for Anbumani's faction to claim in court that the PMK belonged to them. "Is it not embarrassing to say in court that the party does not belong to me, that I have no authority in the party? After all these years? I have worked for this organisation for 46 years. Is this how one speaks about me?" he asked. He said he was saddened that he had been forced to recount the work he had done for the party over

Attention drift: Social media, not gaming, drives teen inattention

The digital revolution has become a vast, unplanned experiment and children are its most exposed participants. As ADHD diagnoses rise around the world, a key question has emerged: could the growing use of digital devices be playing a role?

To explore this, we

studied more than 8,000 children, from when they were around ten until they were 14. We asked about their digital habits and grouped them into three categories: gaming, TV/video (YouTube, say), and social media. The latter included apps TikTok, such as Instagram, Snapchat, X, Messenger and Facebook. We then analysed whether usage was associated with long-term change in the two core symptoms of ADHD: inattentiveness and hyperactivity. Our main finding was that social media use was associated with a gradual increase in inattentiveness. Gaming or watching videos was not. These



patterns remained even after accounting for children's genetic risk for ADHD and their families' income. We also tested whether inattentiveness might cause children to use more social media instead. It didn't. The direction ran one way:

social media use predict-

ed later inattentiveness. The mechanisms of

how digital media affects attention are unknown. But the lack of negative effect of other screen activities means we can rule out any general, negative effect of screens, as well as the popular notion that all digital media pro-

duces "dopamine hits", which then mess with children's attention. As cognitive neuroscientists, we could make an educated guess. Social media introduces constant distractions, preventing sustained attention to any task. If it is not the messages them-

selves that distract, the mere thought of whether a message has arrived can act as a mental distraction. These distractions impair focus in the moment, and when they persist for months or years, they may also have long-term effects.

Gaming, on the other hand, takes place during limited sessions and involves a constant focus on one task at a time.

The effect of social media, using statistical measures, was not large. It was not enough to push a person with normal attention into ADHD territory. But if the entire population becomes more inattentive, many will cross the diagnostic border. Theoretically, an increase of one hour of social media use in the entire population would increase diagnoses by about 30%. This is admittedly a simplification, since diagnoses depend on many factors, but it illustrates how even an effect small at the individual level can have a significant effect when it affects an entire population. Some argue that the rise in ADHD diagnoses reflects greater awareness and reduced stigma.

That may be part of the

story, but it doesn't rule

out a genuine increase in inattention. claiming symptoms of inattention have not increased often examined children too young to own smartphones, or periods that predate the avalanche in scrolling. Social media probably increases inattention, and social media use has rocketed. What now? The US requires children to be at least 13 to create an account on most platforms, but these restrictions are easy to outsmart. Australia is currently going the furthest. From December 10 2025, media companies will be required to ensure users are 16 or above, with high penalties for noncompliance. Let's see what effect that legislation will have. Perhaps the rest of the world should follow the Australians.

AIADMK names EPS as party's CM face for 2026 Assembly polls

CHENNAI: The General Council and Executive Committee of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) on Wednesday passed a series of key political resolutions declaring party general sec-Edappadi K. Palaniswami (EPS) as the Chief Ministerial candidate for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and granting him full authority to finalise alliance decisions.The meetings were held at a private hall in Vanagaram on the outskirts of Chennai.

With party chairman Tamil Makan Hussain absent due to ill health, Deputy General Secretary K.P. Munusamy presided over the sessions.A total of 16 resolutions were unanimously adopted during the General Council meeting. One of the most significant resolutions authorised EPS to form alliances on behalf of the party. The council formally approved the continuation of the AIADMK-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and endorsed an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to defeat the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in 2026. The resolution stated that only parties that accept the leadership and objectives of the alliance would be included. It also indicated that decisions on the possible entry of leaders such as T.T.V. Dhinakaran and O. Panneerselvam into the NDA would rest solely with EPS. Another resolution formally endorsed EPS as the Chief Ministerial candidate for 2026, effectively projecting him as the NDA's face for the

Tamil Nadu election.

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Blenders Pride Fashion Tour Drives Fashion into the Fast Lane

The Tour accelerated into Jaipur with a dynamic showcase of motorcore, signalling Fashion's Next Move. 10th December: Blenders Pride Fashion Tour shifted gears in Jaipur, transforming into an intersection of highfashion and motorsport. Pushing boundaries, the Jaipur edition explored motorsports-inspired design, glamourous performance wear, and highoctane fashion showcase, thatmarked'Fashion's Next Move' - racing forward with speed and precision. In collaboration with Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), the showcase reimagined the runway into a high-speed circuit of style and power. Leading designers Namrata Joshipura and Abhishek Paatni reinterpreted highoctane motorcore aesthetics, transforming racing culture into statementmaking fashion. Bollywood star Harnaaz Sandhu commanded the

runway as the finale show-

stopper, embodying the

fusion of glamour and

speed, while rap sensation

Raftaar closed the night



with an electrifying performance that matched the show's pulsating energy. The show unfolded with a three-lap runway experience that transformed the stage into an immersive motorsport arena. From The Start Line's racing silhouettes to The Pit Lane's chrome-driven sleek and tactical looks, to The Glam Night's high-octane glamour, ending with a thrilling sport cars stunt that uplifted that shot up the whole vibe of the show. The expe-

rience amplified the cultural and creative pulse of India - fast, sharp and unstoppable, and positioned Blenders Pride Fashion Tour as the engine driving fashion forward with unprecedented pace. Debasree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India said "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour has always been at the forefront of shaping fashion and cultural conversations. The Tour's Jaipur edition takes that vision further, by fusing worlds of high-octane motorsport and glamourous high-fashion, creating an immersive experience that celebrates boldness, style, and innovation" Designer Abhishek Patni said, "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour has always breaking championed through boundaries of creativity. With this collaboration, together we shifted fashion into new gears, and fused speed with style to present a bold glimpse of where fashion is headed

Joshipura said, "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour has inspired me to bring highoctane couture into a distinctive, fashion-forward space. Together we defined fashion's next evolution bringing precision of motorsports into the glamorous world of haute-cou-Showstopper ture." Harnaaz Sandhu said, "Taking the runway for Blenders Pride Fashion Tour in Jaipur felt like stepping onto a racetrack pure adrenaline and confidence, bringing alive a showcase that championed bold & fearless fashion." Rapper Raftaar said. "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour has taken fashion onto a whole new track, making fashion move forward with speed, power and attitude." Sunil Sethi, Chairman. FDCI, "FDCI is expressed, delighted to collaborate Blenders Pride with Fashion Tour, uniting two powerhouses of fashion to shape its future. The Jaipur edition celebrates creativity, culture, and sets the pace for what's next in Indian fashion.'

next." Designer Namrata

How Bharat Redefined Digital Friendships in 2025



Bengaluru, December 2025: FRND, India's first avatar-based audio social discovery platform, the marquee product of Interact Group, today unveiled its 'Year in Conversations study, capturing the digital behaviour of Bharat. With a staggering 92% of all engagement now coming from outside Tier 1 regions, this study highlights a clear cultural shift; India's Tier 2 & 3 towns are driving the country's most meaningful and emotional digital friendships. From Ernakulam (Kerala) in the south to Anantnag (J&K) in the north and Jamnagar (Gujarat) in the west, users engaged heavily in voice-led companionship, weekend video conversations, and

expressive regionally interactions, shaping India's emerging digital behaviour patterns. Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Chennai led India's conversation map with the most active users, while Andhra Pradesh users talked the longest. Highlights: Bharat users recorded 285 million+ conversations, spending 418 million minutes together on the FRND app. from Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra recorded the highest number of conversations in the year. Rose and Chai were the most popular virtual gifts. A total of 974 million virtual gifts were sent in 2025. Remote & small towns dominated FRND's growth, with

95% of new users joining from non-metro/remote regions with 79% coming via mid and entry-level devices. Weekends drove a deeper connection: every Saturday, FRND saw an 8% surge in video calls, with Diwali marking the highest single-day video usage at 4.04 lakh conversations. The 2025 data paints a powerful picture of India's changing digital identity, one that is voice-first, emotional. and rooted in regional expression. With 95% of new users coming from non-metros and thousands joining from the US, UK, Malaysia, and Australia, FRND is becoming a global yet deeply Bharat-led space for genuine companion-

Sundaram Finance Celebrates 25 Years of Service at Tirupati branch

Tirupati, December 2025 -Sundaram Finance marked a meaningful milestone today as its Tirupati branch completed 25 years of continuous service. More than a celebration of time, the event recognized the enduring partnership with customers, the dedication of employees, and the support of their families who have shaped the branch's legacy Tirunelveli. Sundaram Finance, what longevity, but the spirit of truth, fairness, and service that defines our relationship with people. This branch has endured because of the values it lives by-and the community it serves and belongs to," said Mr. S. Balasubramanian Vice President & Head of Andhra region - Sundaram Finance. "Established in 2000, the Tirupati branch has played a vital role in expanding financial access in Tirupati. often serving customers who were outside the reach of mainstream finance.

Small business owners,



first-time borrowers, selfemployed professionals, and transport operators have all found a dependable financial partner in this branch" said Mr. Sekhar B, Senior Branch Manager, Tirupati retail branch. The branch has stood for more than financial support—it has stood for transparency, dignity, and a human touch, helping generations of customers build livelihoods live confidence. The strength of the Tirupati branch lies in

its people. Many employees have spent significant parts of their careers here, serving not just with competence, but with honesty, empathy, and purpose. Their bond with customers goes beyond transactions it is built on mutual respect and shared progress. This milestone also honours the families of employees, who have quietly stood behind every achievement. Letters of heartfelt appreciation personally signed by Mr S. Balasubramanian

<u>Highlights</u>

■ Sundaram
Finance marked a
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region, Sundaram finance were presented to family members acknowledging their role in making this journey possible.As Sundaram Finance prepares to celebrate 75 years in 2029, this branch milestone serves as a reaffirmation of the company's founding philosophy—to serve with integrity, grow with humility, and remain rooted in community.The Tirupati branch is not just a place of work or finance—it is a symbol of continuity, character, and commitment to doing what is right.

Amazon is powering the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, plans to invest more than \$35 billion in India through 2030

New Delhi, December 10, 2025 –

An Economic Impact Report by Keystone Strategy released at the sixth edition of Amazon Smbhav Summit reveals that Amazon's cumulative investments of \$40 billion in India since 2010, including compensation to employees and the development of infrastructure, have significantly contributed towards India's Atmanirbhar vision. According to Keystone, these investments have established Amazon as the largest foreign investor in India, the largest enabler of ecommerce exports, and among the top job creators in the country. The company has invested at scale towards building physical and digital infrastructure, including fulfillment centers, transportation networks, data centers, digital payments infrastructure and technology development. According to the Keystone report, Amazon has digitized over 12 million small businesses and enabled \$20 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports, while supporting approximately 2.8 million direct, indirect, induced and seasonal jobs across industries in India in 2024. At the same

forum, Amazon reiterated its

commitment to India and



announced that it plans to invest more than \$35 billion across all its businesses in the country through 2030, focusing on business expansion as well as three strategic pillars: AIdriven digitization, export growth, and job creation. Amit Agarwal, Senior VP Emerging Markets, Amazon said. We are humbled to have been a part of India's digital transformation journey over the past 15 years, with Amazon's growth in India perfectly aligned with the vision of an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat. We have invested at scale in growing the physical and digital infrastructure for small businesses in India, creating millions of jobs, and taking Made-in-India global. Looking ahead to 2030. we're excited to continue being

a catalyst for India's growth, as we democratize access to AI for millions of Indians and quadruple cumulative ecommerce exports enabled to \$80 billion. In 2030, Amazon businesses will support 3.8 million direct, indirect, induced and seasonal jobs. "Strategic Investments for India's Growth:

With the additional \$35 billion in planned investment by 2030, Amazon aims to further accelerate digital transformation, strengthen infrastructure, and support innovation across the country. These investments are strategically aligned with India's national priorities and will focus on expanding AI capabilities, enhancing logistics infrastructure, supporting small business growth and cre-

ating jobs. Supporting millions of jobs: Amazon supported approximately 2.8 million direct, indirect, induced and seasonal jobs across India in 2024, spanning technology, operations, logistics, retail, and creative services. In 2030, the company will support 3.8 million direct, indirect, induced and seasonal jobs. will stem from These Amazon's business expansion as well as its growing fulfillment and delivery network. which simultaneously supports parallel industries including packaging, manufacturing, and transportation services. Taking Made-in-India Global: As Amazon Global Selling completes 10 years of operations, Amazon enabled exports from India have surpassed \$20 billion. The company has now set a goal of enabling \$80 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports from India by 2030. Taking a significant step toward this goal. Amazon today launched "Accelerate Exports," a manufacturing-focused initiative designed to connect digital entrepreneurs with trusted manufacturers while enabling manufacturers to become successful global sellers.

Vi Business Expands IoT Portfolio with Smart Gas Metering Solutions

Vi Business, the enterprise arm of India's leading telco Vi and India's leading IoT solutions provider, announced the expansion of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) portfolio with Smart Gas Metering solutions for the City Gas Distributions (CGDs). Being pioneers in the smart meter energy ecosystem with India's first deployment in 2018, Vi Business is now extending its IoT and AMI capabilities to address India's rapidly growing CGD sector. This strengthens Vi's commitment to supporting the Government's efforts to modernise utility infrastructure, enhance operational standards, and accelerate digital metering adoption across the energy value chain. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) projects the CGD sector to emerge as India's largest natural gas consumer, accounting for almost one-third of the total volume by the end of this decade. With the rise in demand, Smart Gas Metering has emerged as a critical enabler for CGD companies seeking to combat Lost and Unaccounted Gas (LUAG) due to leakage, theft, manual billing errors, and pilferage. Vi Business' Smart Gas Metering solution leverages Narrowband-IoT technology and robust communication networks to help CGD operators enhance operational efficiency and improve billing accuracy. Arvind Nevatia, Chief



Enterprise Business Officer, Vi, said "Digital metering is reshaping how utilities operate, and Smart Gas Metering is the next frontier in India's utility transformation. With our proven IoT and AMI expertise, we are committed to supporting CGD operators to modernise their networks, reduce inefficiencies and deliver better service outcomes in reducing unaccounted gas and enhancing revenue assurance. Vi Business will continue to enable India's utility sector with scalable and future-ready solutions."

Truecaller launches Family Protection to Protect The Whole Family from Phone Scams

New Delhi, December 10, 2025: Truecaller today announced the launch of Family Protection, a major new feature designed to make digital safety a shared experience among families. Built directly into the Truecaller app on both Android and iOS, Family Protection enables users to form trusted family groups to provide real-time protection against scams and unwanted calls. On Android, the Family Administrator can receive alerts during potential scam calls for other family members and end such calls remotely.

Family Protection lets up to five people join a trusted family group with shared tools that help them stay safe from scam calls. Each group has a Family Admin who can set protection levels, manage blocklists, and guide how unwanted calls are handled. On Android, the Admin can also use real-time support tools to

A New Proposition for Family Safety

tion levels, manage blocklists, and guide how unwanted calls are handled. On Android, the Admin can also use real-time support tools to step in when a suspicious call appears. The aim is simple: make it easier to protect less tech-savvy loved ones from increasingly sophisticated scam calls.

Powerful Protection and Remote Management



Family Protection gives the Family Admin a clear set of tools to guide safety across the group. The Family Admin can set and update protection levels, manage blocklists and use remote support tools when needed. On Android, the Admin can also receive alerts during potential scam calls, send suspicious calls to family members remotely and see real-time status signals such as battery level, phone activity and availability. These tools give families a clearer

phone activity and availability. These tools give families a clearer picture of how their loved ones are using their phones and help them step in when support is needed.

A Growth Driver for Engagement

and Premium Conversion Family Protection is a free feature but opens a new path for engagement and long-term revenue. By helping families protect one another, Truecaller strengthens its role in daily communication and adds a shared safety layer that encourages repeat use. For families who want a stronger level of protection, Truecaller Premium Family offers a natural upgrade. The plan covers up to five people and adds advanced spam blocking, automatic rejection of high-risk numbers, and an ad-free experience. This aligns directly with Truecaller's strategic objective of growing recurring subscription revenues and driving user stickiness through high-value features.

Phased Rollout and Market FocusFamily Protection is first rolling out

in four pilot markets: Sweden, Chile, Malaysia, and Kenya. India launch is planned for Q1 2026. This phased rollout allows Truecaller to learn from early adoption and prepare for broader deployment in our largest market.

Looking Ahead

Family Protection marks an important step in Truecaller's product strategy, moving beyond call identification toward a wider ecosystem of communication safety. It reflects the company's long-term vision to make tomorrow's communication smarter, and efficient."Truecaller is already being used by members of the family, and now we empower the "CTO" of the family to protect the less tech savvy said members' Jhunjhunwala, CEO at Truecaller. "As scam tactics evolve, we want Truecaller to be the platform families rely on for peace of mind and proactive protection."

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Ukraine 'ready for elections' if partners guarantee security, Zelensky says

Ukraine is "ready for elections", President Volodymyr Zelensky has said, after US President Donald Trump repeated claims Kyiv was "using war" to avoid holding them. Zelensky's five-year term as president was due to end in May 2024, but elections have been suspended in Ukraine since martial law was declared after Russia's invasion. Speaking to reporters following Trump's comments in a wide-raging Politico interview, Zelensky said he would ask for proposals to be drawn up which could change the law. Elections could be held in the next 60 to 90 days if security for the vote was guaranteed with the help of the US and other allies, he said. "I'm asking now, and I'm stating this openly, for the US to help me, perhaps together with our European colleagues, to ensure security for the elec-

tions," he told reporters. "The



issue of elections in Ukraine, I believe, depends first and foremost on our people, and this is a question for the people of Ukraine, not the people of other countries. With all due respect to our partners," Zelensky said. "I've heard hints that we're clinging to power, or that I personally am clinging to the presidency" and "that's why the war

isn't ending", which he called "frankly, a completely unreasonable narrative". Zelensky won election in 2019 with more than 73% of the vote. Discussions around holding elections have made headlines since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Russia has consistently claimed Zelensky is an illegitimate leader and demand-

ed new elections as a condition of a ceasefire deal – a talking point which has been repeated by Trump. "They talk about a democracy, but it gets to a point where it's not a democracy anymore," the US president told Politico. There are significant practical obstacles to a wartime election. Soldiers serving on the front lines could be either

leave to do so. According to the UN, there are about 5.7 million Ukrainians living abroad because of the conflict. And any ballot would require complex, additional security measures. Such a vote would only be fair if all Ukrainians could participate, including soldiers fighting on the front line, a Ukrainian opposition MP told the . Lesia Vasylenko of Golos also told the World Service's Newsday programme that "elections are never possible in wartime", alluding to the suspension of elections in the UK during World War Two. Oleksiy Goncharenko, an opposition MP from the European Solidarity party, said: "I am completely against the idea, I can't even understand why Zelensky would say it." "It is completely impossible," he said, adding that elections involve an entire process of

"Maybe Zelensky sees it as an opportunity to hold quasielections that will be favourable to him, while he controls the media and his opponents are likely not ready." There is little domestic political pressure on Zelensky to call elections while the conflict is ongoing, said Oleksandr Merezhko, the chairman of the foreign policy committee in Ukraine's parliament. There was "strong consensus" among politicians and civil organisations that elections would not be held under martial law, the MP from the Servant of the People -Zelensky's party - told the . "Even the opposition, which is against Zelensky and would like to see him removed are against elections, because they understand the danger of attempting to hold elections during the war," he said.

CHAOS IN BRAZIL CONGRESS DURING PUSH TO CUT BOLSONARO'S SENTENCE



parliament descended into chaos on Tuesday as conservative lawmakers continued to push a law which would reduce the prison sentence of former president Jair Bolsonaro. One left-wing lawmaker was forcibly removed by police after trying to disrupt proceedings, while footage showed scuffles breaking out as security tried to restore order. Bolsonaro began a 27-year jail term in November for attempting to plot a coup following his 2022 election defeat. His conservative allies in Congress have

proposed a law which would reduce sentences for coup-related offences, as well as free dozens of Bolsonaro supporters stormed government buildings shortly after left office. Meanwhile, court documents showed that Bolsonaro's legal team filed an official request asking a court to grant him permission to leave prison for surgery. The appeal repeats a plea for the ex-president to be allowed to serve his sentence under house arrest health grounds.

South Korea protests Chinese and Russian warplanes in its airspace



South Korea has lodged a complaint with the Chinese and Russian defence attaches based in the country, a day after their warplanes entered its air defence zone. Seoul said it sent up fighter jets to "take tactical measures in preparation for any Russian and two Chinese military aircraft "briefly entered" the zone on Tuesday, but noted they "did not violate" South Korea's airspace. Some countries delineate air identification defence wherein they require foreign planes to identify themselves. These are not part of sovereign airspaces under international law. In March this year, Seoul also deployed fighter iets after several Russian warplanes flew into the zone. The Russian aircraft entered Korea's Air Defense Identification Zone (Kadiz) near Ulleung Island and Dokdo, while the Chinese aircraft entered near Ieodo, a Joint Chiefs of Staff official said, according to South Korean

media. Both sides' aircraft then regrouped in the airspace near Japan's Tsushima Island, the official said. "Our military will actively respond to aircraft activities from neighbouring countries in the Kadiz in compliance with international law," South Korea's defence ministry said Wednesday when lodging the complaint. Both Japan and South Korea have laid claims to the Dokdo island grouping, as has North Korea. Ieodo - a submerged rock above the South Korean island of Jeju - is a point of dispute between Seoul and Beijing, each of whom have included it in their air defence zones. China on Wednesday confirmed that its air force had conducted a joint patrol with Russia in the East China Sea and Western Pacific airspace. The exercise was part of an "annual cooperation plan" between Beijing and Moscow to "address regional challenges and maintain regional peace and stability".

Sperm from donor with cancer-causing gene was used to conceive almost 200 children



A sperm donor who unknowingly harboured a genetic mutation that dramatically raises the risk of cancer has fathered at least 197 children across Europe, a major investigation has revealed. Some children have already died and only a minority who inherit the

mutation will escape cancer in their lifetimes. The sperm was not sold to UK clinics, but the BBC can confirm a "very small" number of British families, who have been informed, used the donor's sperm while having fertility treatment in Denmark.

US could ask foreign tourists for five-year social media history before entry

Tourists from dozens of countries including the UK could be asked to provide a five-year social media history as a condition of entry to the United States, under a new proposal unveiled by American officials. The new condition would affect people from dozens of countries who are eligible to visit the US for 90 days without a visa, as long as they have filled out an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) form. Since returning to the White House in January, President Donald Trump has moved to toughen US borders more generally - citing national security as a key reason. Analysts say the new plan could pose an obstacle to potential visitors, or harm their digital rights. The US expects a major



influx of foreign tourists next year, as it hosts the men's football World Cup alongside Canada and Mexico, and for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. The proposal document was filed by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), of which the agency is part. US media reported that it appeared in the Federal

Register, which is the official journal of the US government. The BBC has asked DHS for comment. The proposal says "the data element will require ESTA applicants to provide their social media from the last 5 years", without giving further details of which specific information will be required. The existing ESTA requires a comparatively limited

travellers, as well as a one-off payment of \$40 (£30). It is accessible to citizens of about 40 countries - including the Ireland, France, Australia and Japan - and allows them to visit the US multiple times during a twoyear period. As well as the collection of social media information, the new document proposes the gathering of an applicant's telephone numbers and email addresses used over the last five and 10 years respectively, and more information about their family members. The text cites an executive order from Trump in January, titled "Protecting the United From States Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats".

GUNFIRE AS REBELS TARGET KEY DR CONGO CITY DESPITE TRUMP PEACE DEAL

Sporadic gunfire and explosions have been reported as rebels advance towards a key city in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, in an offensive that has forced thousands to flee across the border into Burundi. Residents and military sources said soldiers were fleeing the assault on Uvira, the last government-held city in the mineral-rich region. US President Donald Trump brokered a peace deal last week between DR Congo's President Félix Tshisekedi and Rwanda's Paul Kagame to end the long-running conflict but fighting has continued. Shops and schools have closed, with

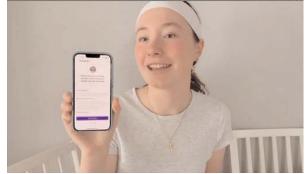


terrified residents staying indoors amid fears that rebels had taken control of some government buildings. But South Kivu Governor Jean-Jacques Purusi dismissed reports that the rebels were in the city as "completely unfounded rumours".

Residents told the BBC that Uvira was in lockdown on Wednesday, with some reporting gunfire in the city that is just 27 km (17 miles) from Burundi's capital, Bujumbura. A local rights official told AP news agency that there was a "risk of a massacre" if the

ed strong resistance. "It's chaotic, nobody's in charge. Uvira is done for," a Burundian officer told AFP news agency. "Three bombs have just exploded in the hills. It's every man for himself," a resident told AFP, while another added: "We are all under the beds in Uvira - that's the reality." Military and security sources said the rebel fighters advanced from the north, near the Burundian border. In an interview with UN-backed Radio Okapi, Purusi denied Uvira had fallen to the M23, saying the city remained under the control of government forces.

KEY DR ACE DEAL remaining soldiers mounted strong resistance. "It's chaotic, nobody's in charge. Uvira is done for," a Burundian officer told AFP news agency. "Three bombs have just exploded in the



Australia's world-first social media ban for children has taken effect, with throngs of teenagers waking up to find their accounts have gone dark. Others tell they have already snuck past barriers and will continue scrolling and posting freely until they are caught. The new law means social media firms including Meta, TikTok and YouTube - must take "reasonable steps" to ensure Australians aged under 16 don't hold accounts on their platforms. The ban, eyed with excitement by global leaders and trepidation by tech companies, was justified as necessary to protect children from harmful content and algorithms though critics have argued blanket prohibition is neither practical nor wise. This landmark policy has been one of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's pet projects, and speaking to media on Wednesday he said he believed it has the power to change lives around the world. "This is a day in

minister prime Australia has never been greater," he said, flanked by parents and media figures who had pushed for the ban. "This is Australia showing enough is enough." "I think it will go [down] with the other great reforms Australia has led the world on." Various governments, from the US state of Florida to the European Union, have been experimenting with limiting children's use of social media. But, along with a higher age limit of 16, Australia is the first jurisdiction to deny an exemption for parental approval in a policy like this - making its laws the world's strictest. Countries like Denmark, Malaysia, Singapore, Greece and Brazil are among those who have said they're looking at Australia as a test case. The Australian government has named 10 social media platforms as a start, including all of the most popular ones, but has also warned others it's coming for them next.

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Nobel Peace Prize winner will be in Oslo but won't make awards ceremony

María Corina Machado, the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, is "safe" and will come to Oslo, but will not be able to make the awards ceremony scheduled for 12:00 GMT on Wednesday, the Nobel Institute has said. The Nobel Institute awarded the Venezuelan opposition leader the prize for "her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy" in her home country. There has been much speculation about whether Machado, who has been living in hiding, would be able to defy a travel ban to attend the ceremony in Norway's capital. Organisers said her daughter would accept the award in her stead. In an



audio recording shared by the Nobel Institute, Machado said "I will be in Oslo, I am on my way." However, the director of the Nobel Institute, Kristian Berg Harpviken, said that Machado was expected to arrive "sometime between this evening and tomorrow morning" - too late for the ceremony. In her mother's absence, Ana Corina Sosa is expected to give the speech Machado had prepared. Earlier on Wednesday, the Nobel Institute had said they were in the dark about Machado's whereabouts, triggering concern among her supporters. Two of her children and her mother are

in Oslo, hoping to be reunited with Machado after being separated for more than a year. Machado went into hiding shortly after Venezuela's disputed presidential election in July 2024. The last time she was seen in public was on 9 January when she spoke to her supporters at a rally protesting against the swearing-in of Nicolás Maduro to a third term as president. The elections were widely dismissed both by the opposition in Venezuela and on the international stage as rigged, and sparked protests across the country. Around 2,000 people were arrested in the crackdown which followed. among them many members of Machado's opposition coalition.

Two teenagers went to seek gold. They were buried alive in a mine collapse

There is a sense of disbelief in this Sierra Leonean village as people weep in front of the bodies of two teenage boys wrapped in white cloth. The day before, 16-year-old Mohamed Bangura and 17-yearold Yayah Jenneh left their homes in Nyimbadu, in the country's Eastern Province, hoping to earn a little extra money for their families. They had gone in search of gold but never returned. The makeshift pit they were digging in collapsed on them. This was the third fatal mine accident, leaving a total of

at least five children dead, in the last four years in this region. Mohamed and Yayah were part of a phenomenon that has seen a growing number of children missing school in parts of Sierra Leone to mine the precious metal in potentially lethal pits, according to headteachers and communiactivists. Eastern Province has historically been known for diamond mining. But in recent years informal - or artisanal - gold mining has expanded as the diamond reserves have been depleted.



Hardik Pandya's Shoutout To 'Partner' Mahieka Sharma Day After Blasting Paparazzi For 'Cheap' Act



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all-round performance as India registered a thumping 101-run victory over South Africa in the first T20I of the five-match series on Tuesday in Cuttack. Asked to bat first, India were struggling at 78/4 when Hardik played an unbeaten knock of 59 off 28 balls, propelling the hosts to 175/6 in 20 overs. Later, Hardik also contributed with a wicket as India bundled out the Proteas for 74, taking a 1-0 lead in the series. After the match, Hardik took a moment to credit his girlfriend, Mahieka Sharma, for his performance. "A special mention to my partner. A lot of great things have happened; she's been nothing but the best to me ever since she came into my life," said Hardik in a video posted on BCCI.TV. "I think I have been a very honest and real person in my life, which has helped me a lot. I don't really sugarcoat anything. It's

Hardik Pandva delivered an never about the other person or how others think-it's just about how I feel from inside." he added. Earlier. Hardik expressed his anger on social media after seeing paparazzi "cross the line" while taking pictures and videos of Mahieka Sharma. In a powerful statement, Hardik hit out at the paparazzi for what he described as disrespectful and intrusive photography of his partner. "I understand that living in the public eye comes with attention and scrutinyit's part of the life I've chosen. But today something happened that crossed a line," Hardik wrote in an Instagram story. "Mahieka was simply walking down a staircase at a Bandra restaurant when paps decided to capture her from an angle that no woman deserves to be photographed from. A private moment was turned into cheap sensationalism," he stated. Hardik recently confirmed his relationship with

model and yoga trainer Mahieka. After initial speculation sparked by social media interactions and shared travel sightings, Pandya made the relationship official in October 2025-just before his 32nd birthday-by posting intimate photos and videos of the couple enjoying a private beach getaway and celebrating a puja together. "The power that Hardik Pandya has, especially against spin. That bat swing is something that I would trade anything for. After watching his innings, I feel like he is supremely confident. He is not thinking about how many wickets have fallen, how much his score is, and all that. The ball is there to hit, he is hitting it. He is very clear in the head, and he is very confident in the way he is batting. There is no replacement for Hardik in India at this point in time, and I hope we can really find one," Ashwin said of his former teammate.

Sanju Samson's Road To India XI Has 2 Two Roadblocks, R Ashwin Names Them

Sanju Samson was not included in India's XI for the first T20I against South Africa. For a talented wicketkeeper-batter, it was a signal that the team may not be looking at him as a firstchoice option. From the time Shubman Gill made an entry into the T20I XI, things were going to be tough for Samson. who made most of his runs as a T20I opener. The fact that Jitesh Sharma is now being preferred over him as a middle-order batter and wicketkeeper does not augur well for Samson. Ravichandran Ashwin was blunt in his analysis of Samson's situation. "There was a lot of talk before the game that Sanju should play, and why is he not being played, and all that. Whenever Sanju is dropped from the team, there is always a discussion, the question of whether he got a fair run, and all that. The moment Shubman Gill came into the side, and as a vicecaptain, Sanju was always going to find it difficult to get into the XI," R Ashwin said on his YouTube channel. "Sanju has not played enough at No.5, and Jitesh Sharma is



there in the squad for his finishing abilities. That was the role he played for RCB, so it was always going to be difficult for Sanju. If you are playing Sanju, play

him at No.3, use him against spin." Ashwin also praised Hardik Pandya, slammed a brilliant 59* off 27 balls. "India were five down for literally nothing, from there they were able to score freely and get 170 plus. Hardik Pandya played a brilliant knock, it did not seem like he was coming back from an injury. He looked in pristine form, but South Africa did not have enough ammunition in their bank to

restrict India," Ashwin said. "The power that Hardik Pandya has, especially against spin. That bat swing is something that I would trade anything for. After watching his innings, I feel like he is supremely confident. He is not thinking about how many wickets have fallen, how much his score is, and all that. The ball is there to hit, he is hitting it. He is very clear in the head. and he is very confident in the way he is batting. There is no replacement for Hardik in India at this point in time, and I hope we can really find one " Ashwin said of his former teammate.

NICHOLAS POORAN REFUSES TO STUMP BATTER, TEAM RETIRES HIM OUT

Desert Vipers clinched another thrilling victory, edging past MI Emirates by just one run at the Zayed Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. The nail-biting finish marked the Vipers' fourth consecutive win in ILT20 Season 4. Defending a total of 159, the Vipers initially struggled to take wickets, but the game turned dramatically in the 19th over when David Payne-who finished with figures of 4 for 29-claimed three crucial scalps. Beyond the win, one strategic move by the Desert Vipers proved to be the ultimate game-changer. The Vipers were 117/1 in 15.5 overs when MI Emirates

had a golden opportunity to



dismiss Max Holden, who was batting on 42 off 36 balls. Spinner Rashid Khan bowled a delivery outside off-stump, tempting Holden to step out of his crease in search of a big shot. However, Holden missed the ball completely. Wicketkeeper Nicholas Pooran collected the ball but, surprisingly, chose not to stump Holden. The decision was deliberate-Pooran aimed to keep Holden at the crease to slow down the Vipers' scoring rate. This move, well within the laws of the game, is often referred to as a tactical nonstumping. Tactics? Oneupmanship? Nicholas

Pooran chose not to stump Max Holden, but the Vipers had a trick up their sleeve as well, retiring the batter the very next ball. In the very next over, the Vipers played their trump card by retiring Holden out and sending Sam Curran to accelerate the innings. The strategy paid off as the Vipers finished at 159/4 in 20 overs and later restricted MI Emirates to 158/9, sealing a dramatic one-run win. Reflecting on the loss, MI Emirates captain Kieron Pollard said: "In our last game, we snuck over the line when we probably shouldn't have won, and this time it turned around on us. The Vipers bowled brilliantly.

Cameron Green Likely To Be The Highest IPL **Auction Bid After This Masterstroke**

The IPL 2026 mini auction is scheduled for December 16 in Abu Dhabi, with a total of 359 players going under the hammer. Earlier on Tuesday morning, the BCCI trimmed the initial list of 1,005 names to 350 players. However, a revised list featuring nine additional players was later released, taking the final tally to 359. The biggest name in the auction pool is Australian all-rounder Cameron Green, who is expected to attract the highest bid during the event. Being a seam-bowling allrounder makes Green a valuable asset for any team. as such players are hard to find. Keeping the remaining purse of all franchises in mind, Green has adopted a smart strategy to maxi-



mize his chances of fetching a record bid. Despite being all-rounder, Australian star has registered himself in the batters' category for the auction. The reason is simple: during an IPL auction, the first set consists of batters, followed by all-rounders and then bowlers. Since this is a mini auction, all ten franchises have limited budgets. If Green were to appear in the second set, teams might not have enough funds left to bid aggressively for him.

Along with Green, New Zealand's Devon Conway. Australia's Jake Fraser-McGurk, South Africa's David Miller, and India's Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi

Shaw are also part of the first set of batters. All overseas stars in this set have a base price of Rs 2 crore, while the two Indian players have set their base price at Rs 75 lakh. Notably, Green previously represented Mumbai Indians in 2023 and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the 2024 IPL season. In 29 matches, he scored 707 runs at a strike rate of 153.69, including one century and two fifties. He also claimed 16 wickets at an economy rate of 9.07. Meanwhile, uncapped Indian batter Swastik Chikara is the most prominent name among the nine players added to the final roster. Chikara was part of the title-winning Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) squad in IPL 2025.

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"Might Have Been One Of The Highest Paid IPL Players Today": Ex-BCCI Selector Shares Past Ordeal

Former India cricketer Salil Ankola has made a stunning claim, saying that he would have been one of the highest-paid players in the Indian Premier League (IPL) if he was playing in the current era. A former BCCI selector, Ankola made his debut alongside Sachin Tendulkar in 1989, and went on to play 20 ODIs and 1 Test for Team India. Speaking on Vicky Lalwani's YouTube channel, the 57-year-old revealed that he never officially announced his retirement.<The former pacer added that despite his best attempts at making a comeback, he never really got the chance to prove himself after being dropped from the team in 1997. "The final blow came in 1997. No one



asked me why I left and just wrote stuff on their whims and fancies. I kept trying for three years to come back. There was no social media and reach also then. I never said I retired. If I were born in this era, I might have been one of the

highest-paid IPL players," said Ankola. Ankola took up acting after his playing career came to an abrupt ending. He also revealed that he did not watch cricket for over a decade. "From 1999 or 2000 till 2011. I did not watch a single match. I

have not seen Sehwag playing, not seen Kohli debut, not seen Zaheer bowling, not seen Agarkar bowling. I have not seen my own friends play. I did not want to see cricket anymore. I started saying why me, because I trained my whole life for it, and suddenly everything went away. I would drink a lot, and it had become my way of escapism," he added. The tall pacer made his Test debut in 1989 against Pakistan in Karachi, in the same Test match as Tendulkar. Ankola made his return to the sport in 2020 after he was named selector of Mumbai. In 2023, he became a member of the BCCI selection committee. His tenure came to



AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN

Australia captain Pat Cummins will return for what could be a decisive third Ashes Test against England in Adelaide next week. The fast bowler missed the first two Tests which Australia won because of a back problem. His addition is the only change to the Australia squad following the eight-wicket win in Brisbane. Australia need only a draw in Adelaide to retain the Ashes, while victory will mean they win the five-Test series. England have never come from 2-0 down to win the Ashes. The third Test starts on 17 December (23:30 GMT, 16 December). Cummins has not played since July, but trained with the rest of the squad around the first two Tests. There was a suggestion he may have played in the second Test, and he took part in a public selection meeting the day before the game, only for Steve Smith to remain in tempo-

rary charge. "He looks like

he's moving really well,"

keeper Alex Carey. "He's been around the group the whole time with lots of energy." The rest of the Australia squad is as expected, with pace bowler Josh Hazlewood absent for the rest of the series because of hamstring and Achilles problems. Fast bowler Jhye Richardson will also train with Australia Adelaide as he continues to recover from a shoulder injury, with a view to possibly playing later in the series. Off-spinner Nathan Lyon missed out on the team in Brisbane and is expected to return in Adelaide. If Lyon is included along with Cummins, it could mean seamers Brendan Doggett and Michael Neser are left out. Australia have another decision to make over Usman Khawaja. left-hander was unable to open in the first Test because of a back problem, which then caused him to miss the

second Test.

said Australia wicket-

BCCI 'THOUGHT' ABOUT SHUBMAN GILL AS CAPTAIN RIGHT FROM 2023: EX-SELECTOR

Shubman Gill is poised to become the next Indian allformat captain. He is already the ODI and Test skipper and was named vice-captain of the T20I side during the Asia Cup 2025. That elevation clearly signaled that Gill was being considered as the next captain in all formats. While he was appointed Test captain starting from the England tour in June-July, he was also elevated to a leadership role earlier this year. Former BCCI selector Salil Ankola says that Gill was thought of as captain right from 2023. Incidentally, Gill made his T20I debut that year. He made his ODI debut in 2019, while in 2020 he started playing Tests. "We



always thought Gill would become the captain. We had considered him for the role right from 2023, believing he would take the reins in his hands. Selectors do take suggestions-not only from the coach and captain but also from other senior players.

They also felt he was the right guy, even those who retired earlier," said Ankola, on Vicky Lalwani's YouTube channel. "It is a collective decision. Everyone felt it. and he proved it in England. What a series he had! Under such pressure, if he scores Whatever good you do, they will find something bad in it. People think they know everything." Gill is featuring in the T20 squad after being ruled out of the second Test and the three-match ODI series against South Africa due to neck spasms. He suffered the injury during the opening Test against South Africa in Kolkata. The 26year-old was later hospital-

ized as a precautionary

measure before being dis-

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"Venkatesh & Trivikram's **Aadarsha Kutumbam House No:** 47 - AK47" - Shoot Begins Today

Two of Telugu cinema's most celebrated names come together once again. highly awaited Venkatesh x Trivikram, #Venky77 film now has a title "Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47 - AK47" It's a catchy and intriguing title, with a logo that clearly indicates a wholesome family entertainer infused with a hint of thrilling elements. Venkatesh appears in a refined, classy, family-man look in the first look, setting the tone for an engaging and emotionally rooted narrative. Aadarsha Kutumbam shoot commenced its shoot today at Aluminium Factory, Hyderabad, marking the beginning of what promises to be a memorable cinematic experience for audiences. This collaboration has been the talk of the industry for months, and for good reason. Watching Venkatesh step into a character shaped by Trivikram's distinct storytelling style is something cinephiles have long anticipated. Known for crafting emotionally rich dramas family with humour and heart,



Trivikram is expected to present yet another univerappealing film. Aadarsha Kutumbam is eyeing a Summer 2026 release, promising to arrive as a grand treat for audiences across all sections. Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under

the prestigious Haarika & Hassine Creations banner. this rare and magical combination has already set high expectations. Fans and film lovers alike eagerly await what unfolds when Venkatesh's charm blends with Trivikram's narrative brilliance on the big screen.

Grand Pre-Release Event for 'Naa Telugodu' - A Spectacular Affair **Ahead of December 12 Release**



The Telugu film industry is buzzing with excitement as the pre-release event for the upcoming movie Telugodu unfolded in grand style. Directed, written, and produced by Haranath Policherla under the Dream Team Productions banner, the film is slated for a worldwide release on December 12. Haranath Policherla stars as the lead hero in this multifaceted project, which features a stellar ensemble cast including Tanikella Bharani, Raghu Babu, Zareena Wahab, Nayra Pal, Roni Kaula, and Sufia Tanweer in pivotal roles. The film's technical team has poured their expertise into making it a visual and auditory treat: cinematography by Malli N., music composed by Shiva, editing by Ramana, and lyrics penned by Chandra Bose and Gaddam Veeru. The pre-release event, held amid high anticipation, saw

heartfelt speeches from the cast, crew, and special guests, highlighting the film's themes of social responsibility, patriotism, and personal passion. Speaking at the event, heroine Sufia Tanweer expressed her deep appreciation: "Namaskaram to everyone. Thank you all for attending this program. I extend special thanks to the entire film team who worked on this movie. The story is truly wonderful, and I believe the film will appeal to everyone. I didn't just act in this role—I lived it. I'm incredibly proud to have portrayed this character. I urge all audiences to watch the film and bless it with your support." Heroine Nayra Pal added a touch of mystery to the proceedings: "I extend my greetings to all the media personnel here by name. My role in this film is quite special, so I can't reveal much about it

Roshan Kanakala, Sakkshi Mhadolkar, Sandeep Raj, TG Vishwa Prasad, People Media Factory's Mowgli 2025 Releasing On December 13th, Premieres From 12th

Young hero Roshan Kanakala is gearing up for the release of his second film, Mowgli 2025, directed by National Award winner Sandeep Raj and produced by TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad under the People Media Factory banner. The film has already generated strong buzz with its teaser, songs, and trailer. In particular, the trailer that offered a deeper glimpse into the film's world, has received an overwhelming response. Originally slated for release on December 12, the film has now been pushed to December 13, though premieres will begin on the 12th. The makers are confident that the early premiere talk will further boost the film's prospects. The release-date poster features the cheerful faces of Roshan Kanakala and Sakkshi Mhadolkar, while Bandi Saroj Kumar appears in an intense avatar. The story revolves around the dynamic between these three characters: the lead pair, portrayed as modern-day Rama and Sita fighting for their love, and Saroj's character embodying a Ravana-like Roshan antagonist. Kanakala has undergone a complete makeover for the



film and will be seen performing some breathtaking stunts in what promises to be an intense drama infused with a heartfelt love story. Harsha Chemudu plays a key supporting role. The film's cinematography is handled by Rama Maruti M,

with music composed by Kaala Bhairava. Editing is by Kodati Pavan Kalyan, production design by Kiran Mamidi, and action chore-Madigonda. Just three more days to witness the love and action drama in theatres.

Bigg Boss Divi's Pan-India film **Karmastalam Striking First Look Poster Unveiled**



Mounted on a grand scale under the Samradni Films and Roy Films banners. Karmastalam is directed by Rocky Sherman with Harsha Vardhan Shinda ac producer featuring Bigg Boss fame Divi Vadthya in a powerful central role. The film's striking first look poster has been released. Divi in the first look poster is seen charging into a battlefield, surrounded by blazing flames and soldiers locked in combat, with every detail designed to evoke a

grand war epic. The makers emphasize that the film's rich visuals, impactful background score, and detailed art design will stand out as highlights Karmastalam. Karmastalam is being made as a Pan India action extravaganza that will be released in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam languages to reach audiences across the country. The film features an ensemble cast including Archana Shastry, Chunky Pandey, Aravind Krishna, Prince Cecil Killi Kranthi Mitali Chouhan, Kalakeya Prabhakar, Venkatesh Mummidi, Vinod Kumar Alva, Balagam Sanjay, Nag Mahesh, and Dil Ramesh in key roles. On the technical front, Shirish Prasad handles editing, while Sai Karthic is composing the music for the film.

MYSTERIOUS PROMISES A GRIPPING THRILLER: RELEASE DATE OUT

Mysterious Movie: The upcoming suspense thriller Mysterious, directed by Mahi Komatireddy and produced by Jay Vallmdas under Ashley Creations, held its grand pre-release event today. The film, which is built on a strong, suspense-driven narrative, is getting attention for its unique screenplay and intense storytelling.

Director Komatireddyon the Film:

Director Mahi Komatireddy shared that although the movie went beyond the initially planned budget, the producer supported the project completely without any compromise. He revealed that Mysterious offers a fresh screenplay filled with continuous suspense, giving audiences a new kind of thrilling

Producer Jay Vallamdas

Jay Vallandas said he did not expect to work on a film with Mahi, but once he heard the story, he immediately believed in it. He added that having Brahmanandam as a guest at the event was a

Producers Bunny Vaas and

Vamsi Nandipati, who

censor formalities are complete and the film will be released worldwide on December 12 across 150 the-

Brahmanandam Shares a

atres, with a U/A certificate.

Chief guest Brahmanandam launched the first ticket and

experience from start to fin- moment of pride for the team. shared a nostalgic memory. The producer confirmed that He said he came to the event because he has known director Mahi since 1985, when they acted together in their early days. Though he is not part of the film, he praised the team for choosing a

strong cast and creating a gripping movie with a major suspense element, especially in the last 20 minutes.

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"Annagaru Vostaru is a challenging film for me. I'm happy to bring such a different movie to you." - Hero Karthi at the Pre-Release Event



The highly awaited film Annagaru Vostaru, starring star hero Karthi, is gearing up for its grand worldwide theatrical release on the 12th of this month. The prestigious production house Studio Green is producing the film, with K. E. Gnanavel Raja as the producer. Director Nalan Kumarasamy has crafted it as an action-comedy. Krithi Shetty plays the female lead. The film's pre-release event was held today in Hyderabad on a grand scale. Lyricist Rakendu Mouli said: "Karthi is one of the very few heroes who consistently impress with unique films. He is a big inspiration to me. Films like Awara, Khakee, and Yuganiki Okkadu showcase Karthi's

versatility. Annagaru Vostaru will feel like a wildlife ride. I wrote all the songs for the film. The movie will definitely impress every-Director Venky Kudumula said: "When I watched Yuganiki Okkadu, I felt this hero acts incredibly well. After Awara, I became a fan. The variation he shows in his roles is amazing. After Bheeshma, I decided I shouldn't miss any of his films. The trailer of Annagaru Vostaru looks Nalan refreshing. Kumarasamy's Soodhu Kavvum is my favourite. Krithi Shetty has dreamed of working with Karthi since Uppena. Films released through Mythri always do well. I wish the

entire team great success."

Director Shiva Nirvana said: "I'm a huge fan of Karthi, and he knows it. From my student days, as an assistant director and later as a director, I've always watched his films and taken inspiration. We all consider him our own hero. His films never feel like dubbed movies; Telugu audiences treat him like one of our Director Nalan Kumarasamy has inspired all of us. The trailer is excellent. The film should be a big success." Director Deva Katta said: "I grew up in Chennai. I was influenced Balachander and bv Bharathiraja's films. Some movies shake you to the core Karthi's Paruthiveeran was that film for me.

We Will Definitely Scare Everyone with Eesha...," Says Vamsi Nandipati at the Trailer Success Celebrations

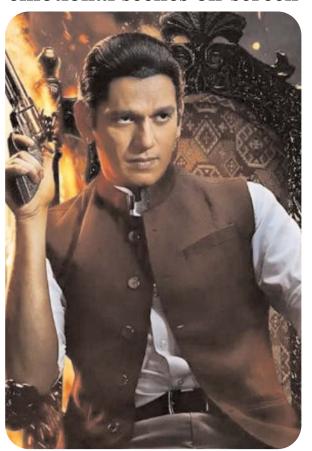
recently delivered superhits like Little Hearts and Raju Weds Rambai, are now bringing a gripping horror thriller titled Eesha to the audience. Produced under Nandipati Vamsi Entertainments and Bunny Vaas Works, the film is set for a grand theatrical release on December 25. Starring Akhil Raj, fresh from his Raju Weds Rambai success, and Trigun in lead roles, the film features Hebah Patel as the female lead. Siri Hanumanth, Prithviraj and others play key roles. The film is presented by noted producer KL Damodar Prasad under the HVR Productions banner, with Hem Venkateswara Rao producing and Srinivas Manne directing. The team celebrated the Trailer Meet Success Wednesday. Speaking at the event— ? Producer KL Damodar Prasad said: "Eesha will certainly appeal to everyone. It's not just a horror film-it's a strong thriller. I am confident that the audience will walk out scared. Until December 25, we will continue to promote the film. We put a lot of effort

into casting the right actors,



and finally selected Trigun, Eesha will become a big hit." Hebah, Siri, and Akhil. I ? Producer Vamsi Nandipati hope everyone involved said: "Eesha got delayed, but receives success and recogthat only made the film stronger. We may be late, nition. My best wishes to the entire team." ? Producer but the scares are guaran-Bunny Vas said: "Vamsi and teed. We promise to frighten I have immense passion for the audience. If anyone watches the film and doesn't cinema. That's Damodar Prasad get scared, they can call me! garu entrusted us with Eesha. Director Srinivas has made Initially, the December 12 the film remarkably well. Trigun and Hebah perdate gave us no time for promotions, but now we're formed superbly. Please watch the film in theatres on releasing on December 25. We may be late in scaring December 25." Hero Trigun you... but we will definitely said: "Initially, we planned to release Eesha on scare you! After watching the film, people might even Thalaiva's birthday, but chant Anjaneya Dandakam at night. Trigun has per-December 25 for Christmas. formed brilliantly, and I was the last person to join Hebah has delivered an the project. My director and excellent performance. The mentor Srinivas garu introtrailer response has been duced me to Telugu cinema tremendous. I truly believe with Katha.

Vijay Varma opens up about using personal heartbreak to portray emotional scenes on-screen



Mumbai: Bollywood actor Vijay Varma, with every character portrayal and choice of role, has proven his acting prowess. The actor talking to IANS spoke about enacting emotional and intense scenes on screen and also opened up about drawing from his own heartbreaking experiences to bring about the right emotions. "In the beginning, when actors are just starting out, we often use personal memories, heartbreak, pain, family moments, and all those acting-school and theatre exercises. At that stage, using real life helps you feel the emotion honestly," said Vijay. "But with experience, your understanding of life grows. You stop judging situations or people. You learn to relate to emotions even if they are not a part of your own journey. You start using imagination, stories you have heard, or experiences of others. Some even borrow from films, which is not ideal, but it happens," added Vijay. He further stated,

nect to the truth of the especially moment, between "action" and "cut." You don't need to sit at home performing it all in advance. If it comes alive when the camera rolls, that's the real grace of acting." Vijay Varma was last seen in the movie Gustaakh Ishq under fashion designerturned-producer Manish Malhotra's production banner. The actor received great reviews for his performance. On the personal front, a few months ago the actor was in the news for his breakwith actress up Tamannaah Bhatia. Although the two actors never officially confirmed their relationship or publicly addressed their breakup, rumours of their split were widespread, leaving fans disappointed. Although the two actors never officially confirmed their relationship or publicly

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