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## Revanth meets Kharge, Priyanka briefs them on Global Summit

**HYDERABA (TSIT) :** AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Thursday congratulated Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on the unveiling of the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document.

The two AICC leaders praised the Chief Minister for drawing a roadmap for the development of the youngest state of Telangana in the vision document.

The Chief Minister, who is on a visit to the national capital, had separate meetings with Kharge and

**AICC leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi lauded Telangana CM Revanth Reddy for successfully unveiling the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document and attracting major global investments during the two-day summit.**

Priyanka Gandhi at their residences. CM Revanth Reddy briefed them about the successful conduct of the two-day Telangana Rising Global Summit and the release of the vision

document in the presence of business honchos and global investors, according to a statement from the Chief Minister's Office.

The two AICC leaders also expressed profound delight over attracting huge investments from local and international companies and entering agreements during the two-day global summit.

Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, MPs Suresh Shetkar, M Anil Kumar, P Balaram Naik, Dr Mallu Ravi, K Raghuvver Reddy, and Gaddam Vamshi Krishna were also present.

## Modi, Trump review India-US strategic partnership progress

New Delhi (TSIT) In a significant development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation with US President Donald Trump on Thursday with both leaders discussing bilateral ties as well as regional and international developments.

During the call, PM Modi and President Trump underlined the importance of sustaining momentum in shared efforts to enhance bilateral trade. "Had a very warm and engaging conversation with President Trump. We reviewed the progress in our bilateral relations and discussed regional and international developments. India and the US will continue to work together for global peace, stability and prosperity," PM Modi posted on X after the phone

call. The two leaders reviewed the progress in the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and expressed satisfaction at the steady strengthening of bilateral cooperation across all sectors.

The leaders also exchanged views on expanding cooperation in critical technologies, energy, defence and security, and other priority areas that are central to the implementation of the India-US COMPACT (Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology) for the 21st century. They discussed various regional and global developments and agreed to work closely to address shared challenges and advance common interests.

India's First Quantum BioFoundry to Rise in Amaravati

## CM Naidu Pushes for Global Innovation Hub

**Amaravati (TSIT)** Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced that Amaravati will host India's first integrated quantum-bio-medical research ecosystem, positioning the state at the forefront of next-generation science. The Chief Minister met top scientists, researchers, and technology innovators who presented the Amaravati Quantum BioFoundry Vision—a roadmap featuring a Quantum Simulation Centre, National Quantum

BioFoundry, Innovation Hub, and a nationwide spoke network. The project aims to advance quantum medicine, quantum biology, and data-driven life sciences. Emphasizing Andhra Pradesh's commitment to frontier technologies, Naidu said Amaravati should emerge as a global hub for research and innovation. He highlighted the need for a strong ecosystem that accelerates breakthroughs in quantum biomedicine, an area explored by only a few

countries. He stressed the development of short-, medium-, and long-term applications, strong institutional partnerships, and a hub-and-spoke model to leverage India's scientific talent. The CM urged researchers to "keep an open mind" as Amaravati prepares to lead in quantum health technologies. The visiting delegation included experts in quantum computation, wet-lab sciences, and next-generation wearable technology.

## Umar Khalid gets 14-day interim bail for sister's wedding

**DELHI (TSIT):** A Delhi court on Thursday, December 11, granted student activist Umar Khalid interim bail for 14 days to attend his sister's wedding. Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Sameer Bajpai stated that Khalid's bail will pertain from December 16 to December 29. He has been

instructed not to use any social media and to strictly meet his family, relatives, and friends only. "Considering the fact that the marriage is of the real sister of the applicant, the application is allowed and the applicant is granted interim bail from 16.12.2025 to 29.12.2025," the court said. It stated that the applicant must submit a personal bond of Rs 20,000 along with two sureties of the same amount and follow a set of conditions whilst on interim bail. The court added, "He shall remain at his home or at the places where the ceremonies of marriage as mentioned by him will take place."

## Mamata calls Shah 'dangerous', alleges SIR used to delete voters

**AGAR (WB):** (DEC 11) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday intensified her attack on Union Home Minister Amit Shah, calling him "dangerous" and accusing the Centre and EC of using the SIR of electoral rolls to unlawfully delete names of lakhs of eligible Bengali voters ahead of the 2026 assembly polls.

Addressing a rally in Nadia district's Krishnanagar, Banerjee alleged that Shah was directly guiding attempts

to remove as many as "1.5 crore names" from the voters' list, and warned that she would sit on an indefinite dharna if even a single eligible voter was excluded during the SIR exercise.

"The country's home minister is dangerous. His two eyes send a message of disaster — in one eye you see Duryodhan, and in the other, Dushasan,"

Banerjee said, dramatically intensifying the rhetoric she has been using over the past week in her public meetings.

**Mamata Banerjee accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of orchestrating the unlawful deletion of nearly 1.5 crore Bengali voters from electoral rolls ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls, calling him "dangerous" and threatening an indefinite dharna if any eligible voter is removed.**

RBI buys bonds worth Rs 50,000 cr to inject more liquidity into banking system

**MUMBAI :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday bought government bonds worth Rs 50,000 crore from the market in order to infuse more liquidity in the banking system to spur growth in the economy. The purchase is part of the RBI's monetary policy announcement last week to inject Rs 1 lakh crore in the market via the purchase of government securities and another \$5 billion equivalent via a foreign exchange swap facility. The RBI has been selling US dollars in the market to prevent the rupee from going into a free fall, which has resulted in a lot of cash being sucked out of the banking system, which also tends to lead to an increase in interest rates in the market.

## Army mounts rescue after truck plunges into gorge, 21 missing

Itanagar/New Delhi, Dec 11 : The Indian Army on Thursday launched a large-scale search and rescue operation in the high-altitude Chaglagam region of Arunachal Pradesh after a truck carrying 22 workers from Tinsukia fell off a cliff along the remote Hayuliang-Chaglagam road, officials said. The accident, believed to have occurred on the night of December 8 near KM 40, came to light only late on December 10

when the lone survivor managed to reach the Chipra GREF Camp and alerted authorities.

According to preliminary inputs provided by the survivor, the vehicle veered off the treacherous mountain road and plunged nearly 200

metres into a dense, inaccessible forested gorge. The site, about 12 km short of Chaglagam, lies in a remote stretch with minimal connectivity.

Notably, no information about the missing workers had been reported by any local agency, contractor, or civil representative until the survivor's arrival, prompting immediate mobilisation of rescue resources.

On December 11, the Indian Army's Spear Corps deployed multiple

search and rescue columns along with medical teams, GREF personnel, local police, NDRF members and the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Hayuliang. "At 1155 hours, after four hours of intensive search and rope descent, the truck was spotted around 200 metres below the road near KM 40 in a re-entrant, inaccessible and not visible from helicopters or the road due to dense tree cover and thick foliage.

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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
(through http://reps.gov.in)

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Single packet system of tendering.

**NIT No.:- C/E.29/TRD/SC/52/2025-26**  
**Name of the work: Tender No. C/E. 29/TRD/SC/52/2025-26**  
Dt.05.12.2025 SC Division- Laying of 33KV UG Cable for crossing of 2Nos 33KV feeders between the location no. 0/27 and 0/27A in Karepally and Struttup colony section-Modification of TRD arrangements. **Estimate Cost: (₹) 11,48,287/-** **Completion period:** 120 days **Date of closing:** 05.01.2026 at 15.00hrs

- For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://reps.gov.in>
- Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
- Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at [reps.gov.in](http://reps.gov.in) which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.
- All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.
- The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr. DEE/T/D, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.
- The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
- All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit alongwith their offers.
- Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, TRD, Secunderabad

**TENDER NOTICE**

on behalf of the president of india, Sr.Division Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad Invites open tenders for the following works through e-procurement up to 11.30 hours of date.09.01.2026

**TENDER DATED 10.12.2025**

**1.Tender No.:-Y/SG/36/2025-26/27**  
**Name of the work :** Hyderabad Division: (1) Proposed construction of Type VI Qtrs 4 Nos.-Multistorey at SLGD-Telecom arrangements, (2) Improvements/ renovation of ORH Annex building B&C at Lancer Barracks Colony, (3) Renovation of Establishment Section of the office of IG-PCSC/ RPF/SCR, Rail Nilayam, SC with Furniture etc.-Telecom arrangements, (4) Construction of 1 No. Type V Quarters at IRIFM (SL.No.1) Telecom arrangements, (5) Construction of 1 No. Type V Quarters at IRIFM (SL.No.2) -Telecom arrangements, (6) Proposed conversion of Dormitory into Hostel at IRIFM Telecom arrangements, (7) Provision of Telecom facilities for (CoE) Centre of Excellence for Modern Signalling (Kavach) at IRISSET, (8) Repairs in Conference Hall/ DMCR in PCOM's office, 2nd Floor Rail Nilayam & Room No. 216 and provision of new Chambers-Telecom arrangements, (9) Renovation of Admin Building with Individual desks for dealing Clerks and Upgrading of Conference Hall with VC facility at 7BN/ RPSF/MLY- Telecom arrangements, (10) Renovation of PCMM conference hall, PCMM chamber and CMM/M at 6th floor, Rail Nilayam, (11) Proposal for Renovation of PCOM's Office Floor (2nd Floor, Rail Nilayam) -Telecom Arrangements, (12) Construction of new 10 bed female RPF Barrack as per template at Kacheguda post -Telecom arrangements, (13) Construction of RPF out post Building with lock up rooms, toilets etc and 06 bed RPF Barrack with furniture at GWD -Telecom arrangements, (14) Proposed accommodation at Sr.DEE/TRD and ADEE/TRD chamber at Third floor Telecom arrangements & (15)Repairs/renovation of PFA Office, 2nd and 3rd Floor 'C' Block, Rail Nilayam/SC.

**Approx value (₹) 29745162.51 EMD: (₹) 298700/-**

**Tender No.:-Y/SG/36/2025-26/28**  
**Name of the work :** Provision of Auto changeover of fuse system in indoor at stations and Auto signalling Huts with alarm over Hyderabad Division

**Approx value (₹) 22067516.04 EMD: (₹) 260300/-**

Sr. Division Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad

**Tender No. GTL-EM-58-2025-26**  
**Date:10.12.2025**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

**1.Tender No.:-GTL-EM-58-2025-26**  
**Name of the Work :** Guntakal Division: 1. Electrical Arrangements for Provision of Divyangjan Facilities at Stations Under ADEEN/SC Works at Guntakal Division, 2. Electrical Arrangements for Provision of Divyangjan Facilities at Stations Under Sr.DEN/SC/GTL Jurisdiction, 3. Electrical Arrangements for Provision of Divyangjan Facilities at Stations Under Sr.DEN/SC/GTL Jurisdiction, 4. Electrical Arrangements for Provision of Divyangjan Facilities at Stations Under DEN/West/GTL Jurisdiction, 5. Electrical Arrangements for Provision of Divyangjan Facilities at Stations Under DEN/North/GTL Jurisdiction. **Approximate Value (₹) 1,88,90,371.85/-**

**Closing date and time: 31-12-2025 at 15.00hrs**

For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal,

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client by name **Chindaliya Pushpa, W/o. Chindaliya Ashok** has become the absolute owner and possessor of the property bearing Residential House Old H.No.4-122/A, New H.No.7-122, Assessment No. 1187005342, Open Plot an admeasuring 150.00 Sq. yards, or equivalent to 125.41 Sq. meters, Ground Floor Slab area 354.39 Sq. Feets & Ground Floor A.C.C. & MUD TILES Plinth area 600.00 Sq. Feets. Total Plinth area 954.39 Sq. Feets. Situated at: Patel Road in Ward No.21, Block No.6, Shadnagar Village Shadnagar Municipality, Farooqnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State, Farooq Nagar Sub-Registrar, Ranga Reddy Registration District, Telangana, by virtue of a Registered Gift Deed vide Doct. No. 1726/2025 dated 17-02-2025 executed in my favour by Chindaliya Ashok, if any person, is having any claim or objection over the said property, they shall contact the undersigned in person within (7) days from the date of publication with all relevant documents in support of their claim, if no objections are received within the stipulated period, it will be presumed that there are no claims or objections.

**LAKKA CHANDRA SHEKAR ADVOCATE**  
Flat No.203/A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, D.No.6-3-850/9203/A, Sirisha Plaza, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-16. PH- 9951931764

## IN THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, AT: HYDERABAD

**O.A. No. 757 OF 2025**

Between: **BANK OF MAHARASHTRA**, a Body corporate in India constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 having its Head Office at Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005 and carrying a banking business among the other places at Kukatpally Branch, Hyderabad, T.S.

Rep. by its Authorized Signatory ...Applicant Bank

**AND**  
**1. Mr. BACHALAKURA RAVEENDRA S/O. SRI SHANKARMAH, SEX: MALE, AGED 49 YEARS, OCC:BUSINESS, R/o. Flat No. 201, Second Floor, "SPRING MEADOWS", Plot Nos. 152, 153, 154, 167, 158 and 159, In Sy. Nos. 113/1 and 113/2, Gachibowli Village, Under GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State.**

**2. MRS. BACHALAKURA SULOCHANA, W/O. SRI BACHALAKURA RAVEENDRA, SEX: FEMALE, AGED 46 YEARS, OCC: HOUSEWIFE, R/o. Flat No. 201, Second Floor, "SPRING MEADOWS", Plot Nos. 152, 153, 154, 167, 158 and 159, In Sy. Nos. 113/1 and 113/2, Gachibowli Village, Under GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State.**

Whereas, O.A. No. 757 of 2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 29-12-2025. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.91,81,581/- (Rupees Ninety one Lakhs Eighty one Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty one only) (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:- (i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.

(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and for other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.

(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Debts Recovery Tribunal, Hyderabad on 29-12-2025 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II

**NO: B-SG-P-E-05-6E1-2025-26**  
**Dt:09-12-2025**

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work.

**Name of the work: B-SG-P-E-05-6E1-2025-26**, Dt.09.12.2025 of work "Replacement of panel interlocking with Electronic interlocking and replacement of outdoor gears at DWP, KYM, PUA, BVM, BPY and TUNIS stations between BZA-DVD of Vijayawada Division". **Tender value Rs. & Paise: (₹) 64,07,21,898.48/- Bid Security: (₹) 32,04,00,00/- CTB : (₹) Nil** **Completion Period : 540 Days**

**Date of closing and timing: Time : 15:00 hrs. Date : 20.01.2026**

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of the name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria, etc. are available in the Tender documents published on the website at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.

3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.

4. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

By, **Dt.CSTE/Projects/Vijayawada, A2003**

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](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

## Minister Azharuddin Reviews Arrangements for Chief Minister's Christmas Dinner

Hyderabad: Minister for Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin on Thursday chaired the State-level Organising Committee meeting at the Secretariat to review the arrangements for the Christmas Dinner to be hosted by the Chief Minister. Senior officials from various depart-



ments, representatives of Christian community organisations, and members of the organising committee participated in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Minister

Azharuddin said Christmas is a festival celebrated across Telangana with devotion, unity and joy. He noted that the State Government is committed to ensuring that the celebrations are conducted peacefully and in a well-organised manner. He stressed the need for seamless inter-departmental coordination to

ensure the smooth conduct of the Chief Minister's Christmas Dinner and district-level celebrations. Reviewing transportation plans, the Minister instructed RTC officials to ensure punctuality and directed them to see that all buses assigned for the event reach the venue well before the scheduled time.

## DGP Monitors Polling Process Through Webcasting



Hyderabad: Director General of Police, Telangana B. Shivadhar Reddy on Thursday closely monitored the polling process of the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections through live webcasting. Special attention was given to critical and sensitive villages, where the DGP personally reviewed the situation. At the Command Control Center set up at the DGP Office for election monitoring, he reviewed the polling and counting arrangements through real-time webcasting. Additional DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh M. Bhagwat and Additional DGP (Intelligence) Vijay Kumar joined the DGP in assessing the ground situation at sensitive polling stations. The DGP stated that the State Election Commission has facilitated webcasting in more than 3,000 Gram Panchayats to ensure transparent and continuous supervision of the election process.

## DGP Reviews Security Arrangements for Messi Football Match at Uppal Stadium

Hyderabad: Director General of Police, Telangana B. Shivadhar Reddy conducted a high-level review meeting on Thursday at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Uppal, regarding the security and organizational arrangements for the much-anticipated football match featuring world-renowned footballer Lionel Messi scheduled to be held on December 13. Senior officials from the GHMC, Electricity Department, Water Works, Sports Authority of Telangana, and the match organisers attended the meeting and briefed the DGP on the preparations underway from their respective departments.

## Youth Must Lead Telangana Rising 2047 Students Explore Innovations at Global Summit

Hyderabad: As part of the prestigious Telangana Rising Global Summit, large groups of college students visited the summit venues on Thursday to learn about emerging technologies, innovative models, and developmental initiatives shaping the State's future.

A total of 300 students from Indira Priyadarshini Women's Degree College, 250 from MAM Model Junior College, and 250 from Mahabbub Women's Junior College participated in the exposure visit, organised as per government guidelines under the supervision of the District Collector and the Nodal Officer.

Addressing the students, SERP CEO Divya Devarajan said that youth have a pivotal role in achieving the



Telangana Rising 2047 vision. She encouraged young women to overcome challenges with confidence, strengthen their skills, and actively contribute to the State's socio-economic growth.

Renowned badminton player Jwala Gupta motivated sports enthusiasts to undergo disciplined training and aspire to bring Olympic medals to Telangana, enhancing the State's global pride. Cultural

scholar Mamidi Harikrishna highlighted Hyderabad's unique global identity and narrated the grandeur of Telangana's history, heritage, and iconic monuments. UNESCO Child Protection Consultant David Raj advised students to avoid sharing personal information on social media to prevent cyber risks and stay safe online.

Students keenly toured all the summit stalls, interacted with experts, posed questions, and gained insights into the vision, technology, and innovation showcased at the event. Cultural programs organised during the visit received an enthusiastic response from the students. Speakers were honoured with shawls and mementoes.

## Telangana Must Lead the Nation in Numismatics and Heritage Studies Bhatti



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana should emerge as a national leader in the fields of Numismatics and Heritage Studies, said Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu. He delivered the keynote address at the national seminar on "Coinage and Economy of Southern India," organised by the Numismatics Society at the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute on Thursday. Speaking as the chief guest, the Deputy CM said that this two-day seminar should not remain just an academic gathering but must ignite new ideas and inspire fresh perspectives. He emphasized the need for stronger collaboration among institutions, promotion of interdisciplinary research, and positioning Telangana at the forefront of numismatics and heritage-based studies. He stated that the Telangana Government is fully committed to supporting heritage research. Under the leadership of Tourism & Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, the State aims to build a robust hub for scientific research, cultural conservation, and knowledge production. Highlighting the unparalleled legacy of Southern India's coinage, the Deputy CM said the region holds one of the world's richest and most diverse traditions of coinage. From the Satavahanas and the Ikshvakus—who expanded their trade networks through coin-based systems—to the Kakatiyas and the Vijayanagara Empire, the coins of this region stand as symbols of innovation, aesthetics, and refined governance. Coins have their own language, he said. They reveal intricate details about taxation, minting technology, trade routes, socio-political priorities, and economic structures of different eras. Studying coins, he noted, is not merely the study of metal but the study of ideas. Calling this seminar a historic milestone, he said that for the first time in the 114-year history of the Heritage, Archaeology & Museums Department, a national-level seminar dedicated solely to coins has been organised—making this a moment of pride for Telangana and for both Telugu States. Elaborating on the depth of numismatic research, the Deputy CM described coins as "compressed data" from ancient times.

## CHAITYANYAPURI BRANCH, H.No: 1-1-904, Siddarth Nagar, Near Fatima Complex Hanamkonda, Warangal - 506 004

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

**Date & Time of Auction : 26.12.2025, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) Last Date of Deposit of EMD is 25.12.2025, 5:00 PM.**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Chaitanyapuri Branch will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 26.12.2025, for recovery of Rs.3,85,703.34ps (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Three and Thirty Four Paise Only) (Contractual dues as on 29.08.2024) Due to the Chaitanyapuri Branch of Canara Bank

**Name of Address of the Borrower(s), & Guarantor (s) :** Sri. Rai Kiran Kumar, S/o. Ramanaiah, H.No 3-14-495/5, Durga Colony, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Sri. Sridhar, Sri. Badri, S/o. Narsaiah, H.No 4-2-372, Kothur Jenda, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Co-Borrower : Sri. Arun Rai, S/o. Ramanaiah, H.No 3-14-495/5, Hanamkonda, Durga Colony, KJC Road, Warangal, Telangana 506002. **Details and full Description of the Property :** House bearing Mpl No. 3-14-495/5, consisting of ground floor and first and second measuring 105.00 Sq. Yds situated at Yadav Nagar, Hanamkonda, Warangal within the limits of Warangal Municipal Corporation within registration district Warangal within the following Boundaries : East : House of P Sudhakar H.No. 3-14-495/5/1, West : House of P Panchakshari H.No. 3-14-495/5, North : Canal and Drain, South : 10 feet Road

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**Date : 11.12.2025 Place : Hanamkonda**

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Administrative Office: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor(level 2), Building No.02, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch office at #1-1-384, 2nd, New Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kazipet, Warangal -506003.

## DEMAND NOTICE

1. Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shiram Finance Company Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, as a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Kazipet WGL (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors**

1) **Raju Perika S/O Harji Nayak**, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Jai Hanuman Cement Bricks Business, # 1-82, Block-14, Bandaupally, Mulugu, Warangal - 506 343. Cell: 9346623141. **And Also** At Raju Perika S/O Harji Nayak, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Jai Hanuman Cement Bricks Business, # 2n place 603.00 Sq.Yards, 506.52 Sq.Mtrs, Sy.No.1197/A/1, Mulugu Village and Mandal, Warangal District. 2) **Raj Kumar Vankudoth S/O Balu**, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Kiranam Shop, # 4-27, Vishwanathapuram, Geesugunda, Warangal - 506 331. Cell: 9705286693.

**Annexure -II** Schedule of the Property KZP1TF17033110012- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is **PORIKA RAJU Mortgage deed dated 01.04.2017 Registered as Document No.2053/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL**. Open place admeasuring to an extent of 603.00 Sq.Yards or 506.52 Sq.Mtrs out of Sy.No.1197/A/1, Situated at Mulugu Village and Mandal of Warangal District, within the registration District, Warangal and Sub-District, Mulugu is bounded by: East: Bandagetti, West: Land of Kohagatti, Shankara Chary. North : Open place of Rathna Srinu, South : Houses of M.Krishna Swamy and Sambireddy H.No.9-166.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgage under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

**Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.**

Dated:-11.12.2025  
Place:Kazipet WGL  
Sd/-Authorised officer,  
Shiram Finance Ltd.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, CHINTHAM CHAITANYA DEEPTHI, W/O. CHINTHAM SANTHOSH, R/O. H.No. 11-23-2340, Kalyani Nagar, Deshaipet, City & Dist: WARANGAL. That I have changed my name from CHINTHAM CHAITANYA DEEPTHI (Old Name) to CHINTHAM SUSHMITHA (New Name) for all purposes.**

## IN THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, AT: HYDERABAD

**O.A. No. 756 OF 2025**

Between: **BANK OF MAHARASHTRA**, a Body corporate in India constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 having its Head Office at Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005 and carrying a banking business among the other places at Kukatpally Branch, Hyderabad, T.S.

Rep. by its Authorized Signatory ...Applicant Bank

**AND**  
**1.Mr. MUNJETI CHIRANJEEVI, S/o. Munjeti Gouri Naidu, R/o. Flat No. 504, Fifth Floor, "SPRING MEADOWS", Plot Nos. 152, 153, 154, 167, 158 and 159, In Sy. Nos. 113/1 and 113/2, Gachibowli Village, Under GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State.**

**Also at: Mr. MUNJETI CHIRANJEEVI, S/o. Munjeti Gouri Naidu, R/o. C/o. Abdul Kathar, No.25-40, V.R.R. Nagar, Outhubapur, Ranga Reddy District - 500055 Telangana State.**

**2.Mrs. MUNJETI SWARNALATHA, W/o. Munjeti Chiranjeevi, R/o. Flat No. 504, Fifth Floor, "SPRING MEADOWS", Plot Nos. 152, 153, 154, 167, 158 and 159, In Sy. Nos. 113/1 and 113/2, Gachibowli Village, Under GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State.**

**Also at: Mrs. MUNJETI SWARNALATHA, W/o. Munjeti Chiranjeevi, R/o. H.No. 28-149/1A, Vessanti Navya Apartments, Madhuli Nagar, Road No. 4, Sainagar, Medchal-Malkajgiri District - 500037, Telangana State.**

...Defendants

Whereas, O.A. No. 756 of 2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 29-12-2025. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.99,00,617/- (Rupees Ninety nine Lakhs Eighty one Thousand Six Hundred and Seventeen only) (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:- (i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.

(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security



### Curtain Raiser Launched for Hyderabad International Short Film Festival

Hyderabad: The promotional activities for the upcoming Hyderabad International Short Film Festival (HISFF), organised by the Telangana State Film Development Corporation, began on Wednesday with the launch of the festival's Curtain Raiser at Tourism Plaza. Tourism Managing Director Valluru Kranthi and Film Development Corporation Managing Director Ch.Priyanka jointly unveiled the event and released promotional balloons from the Tourism Bhavan. A special promo featuring films received from various countries was also showcased.

**CHAITANYAPURI BRANCH, H.No: 1-1-904, Siddharth Nagar, Near Fathima Complex, Hanamkonda - 506 004**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

**Date & Time of Auction : 26.12.2025, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) Last Date of Deposit of EMD is 25.12.2025, 5:00 PM.**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Chaitanyapuri Branch** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **26.12.2025**, for recovery of **Rs.19,75,159.88ps (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine and Eighty Eight Paise Only)** (Contractual dues as on 20.09.2021) due to the **Chaitanyapuri Branch of Canara Bank**

**Name of Address of the Borrower(s), & Guarantor (s) : M/s. Sri Racharia Sudhakar, S/o Rajamallu, H.No : 3-39, Gopalapuram Village, Hanamkonda Mandal, Warangal - 506001, Guarantor : Sri Durishetti Chandramouli, S/o Illaiah, H.No : 2-30/3, Nadikula Village, Parkal, Mandal, Warangal - 506391**

**Details and full Description of the Property :** House bearing H.No. 35-3-39, (old 3-39) to and extent of 267.00 Sq Yds (223.23 Sq Mtrs) in Sy No 6/5 situated at Gram panchayat Board, Gopalapuram Hanamkonda Mandal Warangal District, East : 10-0' Wide Road, West : Plot of Ramesh, North : Open plot of Lavudya Kishan, South : H.No. 3-39 of V. Venkatachary.

**Reserve price : Rs. 63,08,650/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 6,30,865/-**

No Known Encumbrances to the Knowledge of the Bank. Auction will be held through online Portal <https://ebkray.in/> EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD through NEFT/RTGS in the account details as mentioned in the said challan For Bidding Process manual, Bidder Registration and Payment of EMD Kindly Visit the Online Portal Website: <https://ebkray.in/> Contact : 8291220220, Email : [support.ebkray@psballiance.com](mailto:support.ebkray@psballiance.com)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website ([www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com)) or may contact Branch Manager / Manager, Canara Bank, Chaitanyapuri Branch, Ph.No.7382932273 / 9666762345 during office hours on any working day.

Sd/-

**DATE : 11.12.2025, PLACE : HANAMKONDA AUTHORIZED OFFICER / CANARA BANK**

**CHAITANYAPURI BRANCH, H.No: 1-1-904, Siddharth Nagar, Near Fathima Complex, Hanamkonda, Warangal - 506 004**

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Chaitanyapuri Branch** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **26.12.2025** for recovery of **Rs.20,40,475.87/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Forty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five and Eighty Seven Paise Only)** (Contractual dues as on 20.10.2023) due to the **Chaitanyapuri Branch of Canara Bank**

**Name of Address of the Borrower (s) & Guarantor (s) : M/s. Kakatiya Car Consultancy, Prop. Mr. Kandukuri Chandra Mohan S/o. Balaswamy, H.No 24 7 207 18 2, Mahendira Colony, Kazipet, Warangal, Telangana - 506001, (Legal Heirs of K. Madhulatha, W/o. Kandukuri Chandra Mohan) Sri. Manne Nagaihi, S/o. Chennammalla, 763/ Revenue Colony, Hanamkonda, Mahabubabad, Telangana - 506001**

**Details and full Description of the Property :** The property is a two storied Residential Building (first floor RCC framed structure only), and the area of land is 266.sq yards through the sale deed vide mentioned below. The plinth area of the each floor is 1034.50 sq. ft. and the building was constructed in the year of 2011. Location of the Property (H.No 24-7-207/18/2, Mahendira Colony, Darga Road, Khaipet, Warangal.) Warangal City & District within the limits Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation bounded by In the name of Sri K Madhulatha as per the sale deed and bounded by North : Plot No 262 of others, South : Plot No 266 & 267 of others, East : Plot No 264, West : 30-0 wide road

**Reserve price : Rs. 77,91,250/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 7,79,125/-**

No Known Encumbrances to the Knowledge of the Bank. Auction will be held through online Portal <https://baanknet.com/> EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD through NEFT/RTGS in the account details as mentioned in the said challan For Bidding Process manual, Bidder Registration and Payment of EMD Kindly Visit the Online Portal Website: <http://ebkray.in/>. Contact : 8291220220, Email : [support.ebkray@psballiance.com](mailto:support.ebkray@psballiance.com)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website ([www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com)) or may contact Branch Manager, Canara Bank, Chaitanyapuri, Ph.No.7382932273 / 9666762345 during office hours on any working day.

Sd/-

**Date : 11.12.2025, Place : Hanamkonda Authorised Officer / Canara Bank**

**Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, (Andheri- Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India**  
**Branch Office: Part A of 2nd Floor, MIG, Dharmia Reddy Colony, Opposite Jntu, KPHB, Hyderabad- 500072**  
**[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets**

### E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;**

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantors / Legal Heirs, Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Sidda Raghuram (Borrower) Gayatri Sotya Suriseti (Co-Borrower) Lon No. LHSEC00001560225 & LHSEC00001560228	Flat No 502, 5th Floor, Deccan Heights Plot No. 12 Andin S.no. 22/part, 23, 24, 25 and 26 Situated at Deccan Heights, Neknampur Village, Gandipet Mandal, Rangia Reddy District Ibrahim Bagh Lines Hyderabad Telangana- 500031	Rs. 50,30, 895.23/- December 09, 2025	Rs. 60.27, 840/- Rs. 6,02, 784/-	January 06, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	January 13, 2026 02:00 PM To 05:00 PM	January 12, 2026 Before	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://BidDeal.in/>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 12, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidders(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before January 12, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before January 12, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com/>

Date: December 12, 2025 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
**Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032**  
**Administrative Office: 6' Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch office at # 1-5-588, 3rd, Nalkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506001.**

### DEMAND NOTICE

1.Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Hanamkonda (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest on the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE	OUT STANDING AMOUNT	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE:	LOAN AMOUNT
1) Sathish Bethi S/O Veera Swamy, Age : 46 Years, Occ : Sai Chandan Cut Pices & Sarees, R/O.H.No.11-19-74/1, Kashiubugga, Warangal Dist - 506 002, Cell : 9959886999. And Also At Sathish Bethi S/O Veera Swamy, # House With Open Place Municipal No.11-18-945/1, 86.75 Sq.Yards, 72.52 Sq.Mtrs, 360.00 Sq.Feet, Kashiubugga, Warangal City And Urban District. 2) SriIatha Bethi, W/O.Sathish Bethi, Age : 41 Years, R/O.H.No.11-19-74/1, Kashiubugga, Warangal Dist - 506 002. Cell : 9959886999.3) Vinay Kumar Bathula, S/O Raja Komuriah Bathula, Age : 42 Years, R/O.H.No.16-4-617/1, Shivanagar, Warangal Dist - 506 002. Cell : 9666019060.	08.07.2022	Rs. 22,76,031/-	14.11.2025	Rs:1200000/-

Annexure -II]Schedule of the Property HANDATF2108230005- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is SATHISH BETHI Mortgage deed dated 25.08.2021 Registered as Document No.22141/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL (R.O.)) :House with open place bearing Municipal No.11-18-945/1 to an extent of 86.75 Sq.Yards or 72.52 Sq.Mtrs covered with plinth area of 360.00 Sq.feet of MT Road, situated at Kashiubugga, Warangal city and Urban District, within the limits of GVMC, Warangal and Sub Registrar, Warangal Rural is located by:- East : House of M.Sarojana & House of S.Rajamouli, West : Moglichera Road, North :House of Bethi Ravi, South : House of Ch.Laxmaiah.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated:10.12.2025 Place: Hanamkonda Sd/-Authorized officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

# Telangana

## Telangana Must Lead the Nation in Numismatics and Heritage Studies Bhatti



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana should emerge as a national leader in the fields of Numismatics and Heritage Studies, said Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu. He delivered the keynote address at the national seminar on “Coinage and Economy of Southern India,” organised by the Numismatics Society at the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute on Thursday.

Speaking as the chief guest, the Deputy CM said that this two-day seminar should not remain just an academic gathering but must ignite new ideas and inspire fresh perspectives.

He emphasized the need for stronger collaboration among institutions, promotion of interdisciplinary research, and positioning Telangana at the forefront of numismatics and heritage-based studies.

He stated that the Telangana Government is fully committed to supporting heritage research. Under the leadership of Tourism & Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, the State aims to build a robust hub for scientific research, cultural conservation, and knowledge production.

### PREZ MURMU’S WINTER SOJOURN IN HYDERABAD FROM DEC 17-21



Hyderabad : President of India Droupadi Murmu will stay at the Rashtrapati Nilayam in Hyderabad from December 17 to 21 as part of her winter sojourn, announced State Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao. In view of the five-day visit, the Chief Secretary held a high-level review meeting with senior officials at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Thursday to discuss the necessary arrangements.He directed all concerned departments to work in complete coordination and ensure elaborate preparations. Central and State government departments, along with Rashtrapati Nilayam authorities, were instructed to work in close synergy. Police Department has been tasked with preparing a comprehensive security, traffic and bandobast plan. The Fire Department has been asked to deploy adequate personnel, ensure all fire safety arrangements, and position fire tenders. The Medical and Health Department will keep medical teams on standby throughout the visit. Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department will make necessary barricading and other physical arrangements. GHMC and the Police Department have been instructed to carry out road repairs and ensure smooth movement in key areas.

**Indian Bank**  
**NARAYANAGUDA BRANCH-ADDRESS: INDIAN BANK, NARAYANAGUDA BRANCH, HYDERABAD**

### VEHICLE AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Branch Name	BORROWER NAME & ADDRESS	VEHICLE TYPE	REGISTRATION NO & YEAR	RESERVE PRICE (Rs.)	EMD PRICE (Rs.)
NARAYANAGUDA Branch	<b>M/s YASHWANTH ENTERPRISES</b> Smt. KOMMI MANJULATHA PROPRIETOR: M/s YASHWANTH ENTERPRISES H.NO. 38-15/41 NR NAGA LAXMI FUNCTION HALL, VAUJURI VINODBA NAGAR, MALKAJURI, HYDERABAD 500056	LPG Tanker Vehicle no-1 Engine No:E624CDJDJ02 3078 Chassis No:MC2T5DR0CJ C008711	Vehicle no-1 Vehicle No- TS 08 UE 8961	VEHICLE NO 1 Rs. 428000/- (Rupees FOUR LAKHS TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONLY)	Rs. 42,800/-
	<b>Vehicle no -2</b> Engine No:E624CDJCJ02 3065 Chassis No:MC2T5DR0CJ C008710	Vehicle no -2 Vehicle No: TS 08 UE 8960	VEHICLE NO 2 Rs. 4,73,000/- (Rupees Four lakhs seventy three thousand only)	Rs. 47,300/-	
NARAYANAGUDA Branch	<b>M/s MDP TRANSPORT</b> Smt. MOKADAM DURGA PRASAD PROPRIETOR: M/s MDP TRANSPORTS H.No 18-276/1, MALIKARJUNA NAGAR, NR MALLAMMA TEMPLE, MALKAJURI, HYDERABAD 500047	LPG Tanker ENGINE NO: E624CDJM25578 4 CHASIS NO: MC2T5DR0CJ0M0 13866	VEHICLE NO: TS 08 UE 8940	Rs. 4,50,000/- (Rupees FOUR LAKH FIFTY THOUSAND)	Rs. 45000/-
	<b>M/s SRI SAI LOGISTICS]</b> Smt. KANCHI MUNIKHA PROPRIETOR: M/s SRI SAI LOGISTICS NO 1-11-113/1 NR SAIBABA TEMPLE, STREET NO 1, P&T COLONY, JAMAI OSMANIA, HASBIGUDA, SECUNDERABAD, 500007	<b>VEHICLE NO 1</b> ENGINE NO: E624CDJD205771 CHASIS NO: MC2T5DR0CJC00 8729	<b>VEHICLE NO 1</b> VEHICLENO: TS 08 UE 8950	VEHICLE NO 1 Rs. 3,38,000/- (Rupees THREE LAKH THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONLY)	Rs. 33,800/-
NARAYANAGUDA Branch	<b>VEHICLE NO 2</b> VEHICLENO: TS 08 UE 8895 ENGINE NO: E624CDJD20582 CHASIS NO: MC2T5DR0CJC00 8730	<b>VEHICLE NO 2</b> VEHICLENO: TS 08 UE 8895	VEHICLE NO 2 Rs. 3,38,000/- (Rupees THREE LAKH THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONLY)	Rs. 33,800/-	

Open Auction will be conducted for participants who deposits as above mentioned EMD on or before **On 29/12/2025 up to 3.00 P.M** by DD/Pay order to Indian Bank, **Narayanaguda Branch, Hyderabad. Date & Time of Auction :On 29/12/2025 between 3.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M** at **Narayanaguda Branch Hyderabad**. For further details, Terms & Conditions, contact: **Mr. ANOOP KUMAR Ph: 99481213053 E-mail: n015@indianbank.co.in**. Successful bidder should NEFT/ RTGS/ Bank trf on the same day. The vehicle shall be auctioned on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** condition. For further details, terms and conditions, the interested bidders can Contact **Indian Bank, Narayanaguda Branch**. The Authorised Officer may accept/cancel the auction without assigning any Reason thereof.

Sd/- Branch Manager Indian Bank.

Place: Narayanaguda, Date: 11-12-2025

Minister Azharuddin Reviews Arrangements for Chief Minister's Christmas Dinner

Hyderabad: Minister for Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin on Thursday chaired the State-level Organising Committee meeting at the Secretariat to review the arrangements for the Christmas Dinner to be hosted by the Chief Minister. Senior officials from various departments, representatives of Christian community organisations, and members of the organising committee participated in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Azharuddin said Christmas is a festival celebrated across Telangana with devotion, unity and joy. He noted that the State Government is committed to ensuring that the celebrations are conducted peacefully and in a well-organised manner. He stressed the need for seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the Chief Minister's

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### PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower 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/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. 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 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Suman Rajenand (Borrower), Saritha Pawar (Co-Borrower), LHSEC00001657404	All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No G07-A Sy No. 40, 40/L, In Vasu Sri Sunrise, Block-A Admeasuring 1150 Sq.fts Including Common Area, One Car Parking Area Together With Proportionate Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 47 Sq.yds Out of 10520 Sq.yds Situated At Gundlupachampally Village and GP Medchal Malkajigi Hyderabad Telangana 500050, Bounded By- North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West: Open Corridor/ Date of Possession- 08-Dec-2025	21-05-2025 Rs. 57,88,164/-	Hyderabad- Secunderabad
2.	Suman Rajenand (Borrower), Saritha Pawar (Co-Borrower), LHSEC00001657444	All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No. G07-A Sy No 40, 40/L, In Vasu Sri Sunrise, Block-A Admeasuring 1150 Sq.fts Including Common Area, One Car Parking Area Together With Proportionate Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 47 Sq.yds Out of 10520 Sq.yds Situated At Gundlupachampally Village and GP Medchal Malkajigi Hyderabad Telangana- 500050, Bounded By- North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West: Open Corridor/ Date of Possession- 08-Dec-2025	21-05-2025 Rs. 1,59,839.36/-	Hyderabad- Secunderabad

The above-mentioned borrowers/s/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : December 12, 2025 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
**Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032**  
**Administrative office: 6' Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch office at # 2-5-612, 1st, Nehru Road, Jangaon-506167**

### DEMAND NOTICE

1.Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Jangaon (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE	OUT STANDING AMOUNT	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE:	LOAN AMOUNT
1) Ramagalla Ravikumar S/O Somaiah, Occ : M/S Vijaya Krishna, Sawmill & Timber Depot, Age : 44 Years, R/O.H.No.6-1-17/6, Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon - 506 167, Cell : 90100044003 2) Ramagalla Rajini W/O.Ravikumar, Age : 41 Years, R/O.H.No.5-5-32, Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon - 506 167, And Also At Ramagalla Ravikumar S/O.Somaiah, Occ : Business, Age : 44 Years, # House and open place H.No.6-1-17/6, 913.77 sq.Yards, 764.00 Sq.Mtrs, Sy.No.60/B, Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon Town and Mandal, Jangaon District. 3) Ramagalla Anjamma W/O.Somaiah, Age : 54 Years, R/O.H.No.6-1-17/6, Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon- 506 167, Cell : 8639064696 And Also At Ramagalla Anjamma W/O.Somaiah, Age : 54 Years, # House and open place H.No.6-1-17/6, 913.77 sq.Yards, 764.00 Sq.Mtrs, Sy.No.60/B, Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon Town and Mandal, Jangaon District.4) Chennuri Dayakar S/O.Ilaiah, Age : 44 Years, R/O.H.No.5-6-37/35, Rajeev Nagar, Jangaon- 506 167, Cell : 9000585133.	29-02-2020	Rs. 3281766/-	14-11-2025	Rs.1500000/-

Annexure -II]Schedule of the Property JNGONTF1802270007- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is RAMAGALLA RAVIKUMAR & RAMAGALLA ANJAMMA Mortgage deed dated 07.03.2018 Registered as Document No.2064/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at JANGAON):House and open place bearing Municipality H.No.6-1-17/6 to an extent of 913.77 sq.yards or 764.00 Sq.Mtrs out of Sy.No.60/B, situated at Ambekar Nagar, Jangaon Town and Mandal of Jangaon District within the District Registration office, Warangal and Jurisdiction of Joint - Sub Register - J. Jangaon is bounded by :- East: Plot of Veera Brahma Chary and then Koltha Pramoola Devi, West : Plot of Metuku Anjaiah, S/o.Venkataiah, North : R & B, South: Road

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated:10.12.2025 Place: Jangaon Sd/-Authorized officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

**LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD**  
**Back Office, 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, KRISHA SAPPHIRE, MADHAPUR, HITECH CITY MAIN ROAD, HYDERABAD 500081, Phone No. 040-4005 2223**

### DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas at the request of you (below mentioned persons in Col. No.2) LIC Housing Finance Ltd., had granted the Housing Loan against the schedule property whose particulars are mentioned in Col. No. 3. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to LIC Housing Finance Ltd., your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. As the some of the owners containing the Demand Notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt, were returned unserved/unacknowledged and hence we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

If you (below mentioned persons in Col. No.2) fail to repay the amount due mentioned in Col. No.4 with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated below in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFA & ESI Act, 2002 with in 60 days from the date of this notice, LIC Housing Finance Ltd., will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions. This notice is without prejudice to the LIC Housing Finance Limited right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other provisions of law.

Sl. No	Name & Addresses of the borrowers	Properties under Mortgage	Outstanding amount due (In Rs.
1.	1)Mr. Yellutla Varun Teja (Applicant), S/o Mr. Yellutla Uday Kumar Flat No. 401, Block-1, Bhaskar Palace, Nearest Golden Temple, Secretarial Colony, Puppulaguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500089. Also At: Mr. Yellutla Varun Teja Infinite Computers Solutions (India)Ltd, IT Developer, Modole No. Q3, 1 st Floor, Cyber Towers, Hitech City, Madhapur Hyderabad, Telangana-500091. Also At: Mr. Yellutla Varun Teja Flat No. D-2308, D Block, Radhey Skye, Sy. No. 19,26,27,28,30, Velimela Village, Ramachandrapuram, Sangra Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana- 502300. 2)Mrs. Kollam Swarna Latha (Co-Applicant) D/o. Kollam Praveen Kumar Flat No. 401, Block-1, Bhaskar Palace Nearest Golden Temple, Secretarial Colony Puppulaguda, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500089. Also At: Mrs. Kollam Swarna Latha Capagemini Technology (India) Ltd, IT Park 1, 115/32 & 35,Gachibowli, Nanakramguda,Hyderabad, Telangana- 500032. Also At: Mrs. Kollam Swarna Latha S/o Mr. Yellutla Uday Kumar Flat No. 401, Block-1, Bhaskar Palace, Nearest Golden Temple, Secretarial Colony, Pupp		



## City Police Commissioner Reviews Bhavani Deeksha Relinquishment Security Arrangements



**VIJAYAWADA :**City Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekara Babu, IPS, personally inspected the security arrangements made for the Bhavani Deeksha relinquishment programme, which commenced today. Under the Commissioner's supervision, elaborate and stringent security measures have been implemented across all key locations associated with the event.

During the inspection, the Commissioner, accompanied by senior police officials, reviewed the arrangements at various points. From the Command Control Room set up at the Model Guest House, he monitored the snana ghats, queue lines, parking areas, tonsure halls, and holding areas through CCTV surveillance and issued necessary instructions to the deployment teams.

Additionally, drone cameras were used to oversee the Giripradakshina routes, ensuring smooth movement and enhanced monitoring. The Commissioner also personally inspected the homa kundams, viramudi stalls, and prasadam counters, advising officials and staff to remain vigilant and ensure seamless coordination throughout the event.

## Ministers Thank Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for Sanctioning Road Development Funds



Ahead of the Cabinet meeting, several ministers met Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to express their gratitude for sanctioning funds for road construction in their respective constituencies. The ministers conveyed that people had suffered greatly due to the severely damaged roads during the previous government's tenure. They thanked the Deputy CM on behalf of the public, stating that the newly sanctioned works will finally bring relief to the affected villages.

Ministers Paiyavula Keshav, Vangalapudi Anitha, Narayana, Nadendla Manohar, Savitha, D.V.B. Swamy, Nimmala Ramanaidu, Anagani Satyaprasad, Ramprasad Reddy, BC Janardhan Reddy, and Kandula Durgesh personally extended their appreciation to Pawan Kalyan.

The Panchayat Raj Department has already issued a G.O. sanctioning the first phase of road construction works. In total, 1299 roads across 157 constituencies will be strengthened. Orders have been issued to release Rs.2,123 crore under SASCI funds for this purpose. In the first phase, 4,007 kilometers of roads across 157 constituencies in 26 districts will be upgraded.

Under the Palle Panduga 2.0 initiative, the Deputy Chief Minister recently laid foundation stones for various rural road development works.

## KLEF Deemed to be University is set to host a premier global conference on Emerging ThermoNanoAI Innovations



**Hyderabad (TSIT):** KLEF Deemed to be University is set to host the International Conference on Emerging ThermoNanoAI for Sustainable Future Energy Devices (ICETNAI-2025), uniting leading voices in thermal sciences, nanotechnology, artificial intelligence, and sustainable energy. Scheduled from December 29 to 31, 2025, the conference will provide a high-impact platform for researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to exchange pioneering ideas that drive the future of intelligent and eco-friendly energy technologies.

Covering themes such as advanced nanomaterials, energy storage and conversion, AI and quantum technologies, smart electronics, sensors, and nanotechnology in biological and chemical sciences, the conference seeks to accelerate interdisciplinary research and foster strong academia-industry collaboration. ICETNAI-2025 will feature distinguished experts from IIT Madras, Qatar University, IIITDM Kurnool, BUET Dhaka, ARCI Hyderabad, and other premier institutions. Their sessions will spotlight cutting-edge innovations in nanomaterials, renewable energy systems, intelligent electronics, and nanoscale applications in healthcare and chemical sciences.

Reflecting the university's vision, Er. Koneru Satyanarayana, Chancellor, KL Deemed to be University, stated: "ICETNAI-2025 is a collaborative step toward redefining the future of sustainable energy by uniting breakthroughs in nanotechnology, thermal science, and AI." Researchers and scholars across the globe are invited to participate in this prestigious conference. The last date for full paper submission is 15 December 2025. For registrations, submissions, or any conference-related enquiries, participants may contact the convener Dr. S. Shanmugan or write to icetnai2025@kluniversity.in. KLEF's ICETNAI-2025 stands poised to become a landmark event, advancing global efforts toward a cleaner, smarter, and more sustainable energy future.

# AP/Telangana

## State Cabinet Approves Key Decisions Across Infrastructure, Welfare and Quantum Tech

**Amravathi (TSIT)** Andhra Pradesh Information & Public Relations Minister Koluś Parthasarathy announced the major decisions taken in the latest state cabinet meeting. The cabinet discussed 44 key issues and gave approvals to several major projects.

**Major Approvals Under AMRUT 2.0**  
The Centre directed the state to begin all pending works by March 31, 2026. Cabinet approved 506 pending AMRUT-2 projects worth Rs.9,613 crore. Approved tenders for Rs.163 crore Lok Bhavan construction in Amaravati. LI bid approval powers delegated to the CRDA Commissioner and Amaravati Development Corporation MD.

**Infrastructure & Welfare Decisions**  
Kuppam Check Dam on Palar river to get revised funding of Rs.15.96 crore. 417 teacher posts upgraded in Tribal Welfare schools.

**Approval for appointing experienced social service professionals as chairpersons and members in Social Welfare bodies.**  
India's First Quantum Computer in Amaravati  
Cabinet cleared a landmark proposal to set up the country's first Quantum Computer in Amaravati. Approved Rs.1,421 crore investment in Quantum Computing.



**Training and employment plan for 3,057 youth in quantum applications.**  
Approved proposals from 11 companies for quantum computing, training, and manufacturing.

**Major Investments**  
Cleared Cabinet approved Rs.20,267 crore investments from 14 companies cleared earlier by SIPB.

**CM Chandrababu focused on expanding green energy and reducing power tariff from Rs.5.12 to Rs.4 per unit.**  
Several solar power proposals approved to boost renewable energy.

**Krishnapatnam SEZ Issue Resolved**

4,731 acres were purchased in 2010 for a multi-product SEZ; cancelled in 2019 by the previous government.

Court struck down the cancellation, causing a decade-long delay. Cabinet decided to waive penalties and gave the company three years to complete Phase-1 construction.

Reward for World Cup Star Charani  
State cabinet approved a Rs.2.5 crore cash reward, 500 sq. yd house site in Visakhapatnam, and a Group-1 job after graduation for Andhra player Sri Charani for her exceptional performance in the Women's World Cup.

Extra Subsidy Under PM Surya Ghar  
For BC families installing rooftop solar panels, the state will offer an additional Rs.20,000 subsidy over the Central subsidy. Applies to BC consumers using up to 200 units of electricity.

Cabinet approved implementation of the scheme with a Rs.5,445 crore budget.

Revenue Records Reforms  
CM reported public hardships due to record tampering. Ordered the Revenue Department to resolve all issues—22A, mutations, re-survey—within one year. Directed that all revenue records be secured using blockchain and cloud technology to prevent tampering permanently.

## Pinnelli Brothers Sent to 14-Day Judicial Remand



In a significant development in the Guntlapadu TDP leaders' double-murder case, the Macharla Court on Thursday remanded Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy and his brother Venkatarami Reddy to 14 days of judicial custody. The two, who are prime accused in the case, surrendered before the Macharla Court following the dismissal of their anticipatory bail petitions by both the High Court and the Supreme Court. Acting as per the directions of the Supreme Court, the brothers appeared before the court and were subsequently taken into custody. After completing the legal procedures, authorities transferred the Pinnelli brothers to Nellore Jail, where they will remain under judicial remand for the next two weeks.

## BCVY Chief Demands Fair Share for BCs in Andhra Pradesh Capital

**Vijayawada :**BCVY Party President Bode Ramachandra Yadav criticized successive governments over the capital issue, alleging that Andhra Pradesh has been reduced to a "state without a capital" even after 12 years of formation.

He accused both previous administrations — "Chandrababu Limited" and "Jagan Limited" — of treating the capital project as a business venture and cheating farmers after acquiring 33,000 acres of land. Yadav demanded that BC communities, who constitute nearly 50% of the state's population, must receive a fair share in the capital region. He insisted that at least 1,000 acres be allotted to BC castes, stating many entrepreneurs are ready to invest.

He even expressed willingness to pay the government-fixed price if the land is allotted. The BCVY chief also pressed for a BC Protection Act, claiming his party is the first to demand such legislation. He alleged that promises made to BCs before 2024 remain unfulfilled and warned of a mass agitation if the government does not respond soon.

On reservations, he demanded that the current government restore and increase the quota reduced by the previous administration, emphasizing that BCs deserve 44% reservation. He reiterated the need for a comprehensive caste census and accused former CM Chandrababu Naidu of avoiding it fearing "his deceptions would be exposed."

Calling Jagan Mohan Reddy a "betrayal of BCs," Yadav warned that anyone speaking ill of BCs would face strong resistance.

## SBI Hyderabad Circle Launches Home Loans Mega Property Expo Campaign



**HYDERABAD, TSIT:** State Bank of India (SBI) Hyderabad Circle has launched the publicity campaign for its upcoming "SBI Home Loans Mega Property Expo", with Chief General Manager Shri S. Radhakrishnan, General Manager (NW-1) Shri Ravi Kumar Verma, and General Manager (NW-2) Shri Satish Kumar flagging off publicity vans from the Local Head Office at Koti, Hyderabad. Speaking at the launch, Shri Radhakrishnan said that the Hyderabad Circle has successfully conducted six editions of the Expo so far and is continuing the tradition with the 7th edition, scheduled from 19th to 21st December at Hall No. 4, HITEX. He noted that Telangana is progressing toward its vision of a Rs.3 trillion economy by 2047, under the broader goals of Telangana Rising 2047 and Viksit Bharat 2047. SBI Hyderabad Circle recently crossed a major milestone of Rs.4 trillion total business as of 30 November 2025. Its Real Estate & Housing (REH) business has surpassed Rs.750 billion, serving 2.10 lakh home loan customers, and is targeting Rs.1 trillion by June 2027. The bank is strengthening its role in Telangana's housing finance ecosystem through simplified and faster loan sanctions, attractive interest rates, digital end-to-end processing, PMAY-linked affordable housing, and extensive builder tie-ups. Over 60 reputed builders—including MY HOME, VASAVI, APARNA, ANVITA, CANDEUR, RAJAPUSHPA and others—will participate in the Expo. Large-scale promotional activities are underway across print, electronic, digital, and outdoor media. SBI expects 8,000-10,000 visitors over the three-day event and anticipates strong bookings from homebuyers, benefiting both builders and customers.

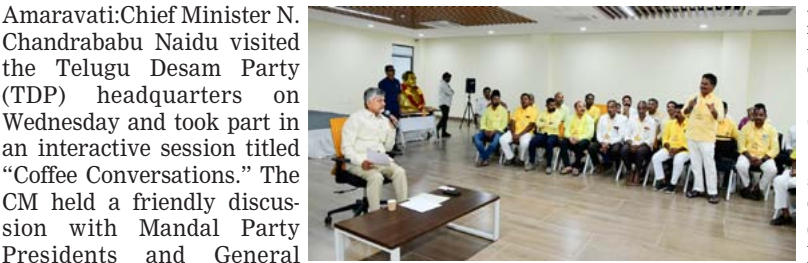
## DGP Harish Kumar Gupta Inaugurates New Women & Child Safety Wing Office in Tadepalli



Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta inaugurated the newly established Women and Child Safety Wing office in Tadepalli. The inauguration ceremony was attended by senior police officials including DGs Ravishankar Ayyannar, R.K. Meena, Ujala Tripathi, Additional DGP (L&O) Madhusudhan Reddy, Women and Child Safety Wing in-charge B. Rajakumari, and several other top officers.

Speaking on the occasion, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta said that Shakti Teams are actively patrolling across the state to ensure the safety of women and girls. He emphasized that the police department will take strict action against those involved in organized crimes targeting women and minors.

## CM Chandrababu Interacts with TDP Leaders at Party Headquarters



**Amaravati:** Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) headquarters on Wednesday and took part in an interactive session titled "Coffee Conversations." The CM held a friendly discussion with Mandal Party Presidents and General Secretaries, reviewing the progress of ongoing training programmes and sharing insights from his long political journey.

Recalling training sessions conducted during NTR's era, Chandrababu said leaders once trained under trees in scorching heat, whereas now training sessions are being held in air-conditioned halls. He emphasized that as circumstances evolve, leaders too must refine and upgrade their leadership skills. He stressed that every party worker must understand the party's ideology and philosophy to strengthen the organisation at all levels.

Key Points from CM Chandrababu's Address  
Innovative programmes are being organised to enable deeper interaction with leaders and grassroots workers. "In the past, we didn't have technology. Today, it has advanced to its peak," the CM said. The government is implementing key welfare schemes such as Annadata Sukhibhava, Deepam 2.0, Stree Shakti, and Talliki Vandanam.

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## "Let's Preserve the Pride of the Telugu Language: Minister Kandula Durgesh"



**Vijayawada:** Minister Kandula Durgesh emphasized the need to showcase the greatness and cultural richness of the Telugu language to the world. He spoke at the ceremony where P. Trivikram Rao (Vikram Pools) assumed office as the President of the Mandal Venkata Krishna Rao Official Language Commission at Haritha Berm Park, Bhavanipuram. The Minister administered the oath to Vikram Pools and congratulated him. He praised the government's decision to name the commission after Mandal Venkata Krishna Rao, who dedicated his life to Telugu and organized the first World Telugu Conference. Durgesh also thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for appointing a deserving and respected personality like Vikram Pools. He highlighted Vikram Pools' contributions as a journalist, author, and a man of values, noting his book "1984 Democratic Protection Movement – A Living History", co-authored with TDP leader T.D. Janardhan. The Minister urged Vikram Pools to work diligently to preserve the prestige of the Telugu language through the commission. He criticized past governments for political appointments and appreciated the current coalition government for selecting qualified individuals for nominated posts.



# Will not accept ‘Veer Savarkar Award’ nor attend the ceremony: Shashi Tharoor

NEW DELHI: Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday categorically stated that he would not accept an award named after VD Savarkar, nor attend a related event, even as a senior party colleague wanted the Congress MP to not accept any honour named after the ideologue whom he claimed “bowed before the British.”

Tharoor said that he will not accept the “Veer Savarkar Award” and also won’t attend the event where it will be presented

in the absence of clarifications about its nature or the organisation presenting it.

Tharoor, the MP from Thiruvananthapuram, also said that “it was irresponsible on the part of the organisers to announce my name without my having agreed to receive it”. Earlier in the day, Congress leader K Muralaeddharan told reporters in Thiruvananthapuram that no party member, including Tharoor, should accept



any award in the name of Veer Savarkar “as he had bowed before the British.”

Goa fire: Delhi court dismisses Luthra brothers’ transit anticipatory bail pleas Muralaeddharan said that he does not believe that Tharoor will accept the award as doing so would insult and embarrass the Congress party. Tharoor later told reporters in the national capital that he heard about the award on Tuesday and that he was not going for the ceremony. “I heard

about it yesterday only. I am not going. I am not here,” he said in response to a question on Wednesday on his participation in the award ceremony. Subsequently, in a post on social media platform ‘X’, the Congress MP said, “In the absence of clarifications about the nature of the award, the organisation presenting it or any other contextual details, the question of my attending the event today or accepting the award does not arise.”

## Mahesh Kumar Goud Visits IEI Telangana State Centre Key Representations Made to Govt



Hyderabad: MLC and TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud visited The Institution of Engineers (India), Telangana State Centre (IEI-TSC), on Thursday following an invitation from Prof. Dr. Ramana Naik Banoth FIE, Chairman, IEI-TSC. He was warmly received and felicitated by the Chairman along with Er. Marri Ramesh, FIE, Secretary.

Several distinguished members participated in the interaction, including Dr. I. S. N. Raju, Council Member, IEI; Er. C. N. Raghu Prasad, Additional Commissioner, GHMC; Dr. G. Rameshwar Rao, Director, ESCI & Past Chairman, IEI-TSC; Dr. S. Murali, Member, IEI-TSCC; Er. M. A. Kareem, and other Corporate Members.

During the meeting, the Chairman and Hon. Secretary urged Shri Mahesh Kumar Goud to take up with the State Government the proposal to rename Khairatabad Metro Station as “Institution of Engineers (India) Khairatabad Metro Station.”

The proposal is aimed at honouring the engineers who rebuilt Hyderabad after the historic Musi floods and who conceptualised Himayat Sagar and Osman Sagar, which continue to protect the city from flooding.

IEI-TSC, along with the Director of ESCI, also sought Government support for the approval and establishment of the proposed ESCI University at Gachibowli. Mahesh Kumar Goud responded positively and assured that he would pursue both matters with the Government. He congratulated the newly appointed Chairman and Secretary and expressed his full support for their initiatives to strengthen the institution. The Secretary extended heartfelt thanks to all dignitaries for their visit and valuable time at the IEI Telangana State Centre.

## 1st indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel begins service in Varanasi



New Delhi, Dec 11 : The government on Thursday flagged off the commercial operation of the country's first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel at Namo Ghat, Varanasi, marking a major step in its green maritime push.

The vessel is the first in India to demonstrate hydrogen fuel cell propulsion in a maritime setting and features fully indigenous technology. It operates on a ‘Low

Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane’ fuel cell system that converts stored hydrogen into electricity, releasing only water as a byproduct.

Designed as a 24-meter catamaran for urban transit, the boat can carry 50 passengers in an air-conditioned cabin and runs at a service speed of 6.5 knots. Its hybrid energy system combines hydrogen fuel cells, batteries and solar power,

enabling up to eight hours of operation on a single hydrogen fill. The vessel is certified by the Indian Register of Shipping.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, said that under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is witnessing a transformative shift toward clean, sustainable and self-reliant transportation systems. “The launch of our first indigenous hydrogen fuel cell vessel is a shining example of the Prime Minister’s commitment to ‘Make in India’ and the transition to green mobility across all sectors. This milestone also strengthens the wider mission of rejuvenating and preserving our sacred Ganga,” said the minister. As we advance cleaner technologies on our waterways, we are not only promoting innovation but also ensuring that development goes hand in hand with ecological responsibility.

## Delhi's air quality slips further, edges close to 'very poor' mark again

New Delhi, Dec 11 : Delhi's air quality remained lodged in the poor category for the third straight day on Thursday morning, though the overall air quality index (AQI) slipped further to 285, just below the 301 threshold that pushes conditions into the very poor bracket, data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) showed.

As of 7 a.m., at least ten monitoring stations across the city registered AQI levels above 300, placing them in the very poor range. At Anand Vihar, the AQI stood at 300, Ashok Vihar 328, Chandni Chowk 305, and ITO 309.

Noida's overall AQI was recorded at 294 (Poor), and sector-wise AQI ranged from 246 to 331, while Greater Noida's Knowledge Parks 3 and 5 recorded AQI levels of 235 and 331, respectively.

The city's 24-hour average AQI on Wednesday stood at 259, showing a slight improvement from Tuesday's reading of 282. After nine consecutive days of air quality dipping into the very poor zone, the capital recorded some relief on Tuesday, and due to



stronger daytime winds on Wednesday, conditions managed to remain within the poor category for the second day in a row. CPCB classifications state that an AQI between 0 and 50 is tagged as good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor, and 401-500 severe. Alongside air quality fluctuations, temperatures in the city also showed a mild dip. Delhi recorded a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, around 0.4 degrees below the seasonal average, while the day's maximum settled at 25.2 degrees Celsius, also about 0.4 degrees below normal.

## Alientt Global Leaders Explore Telangana’s Culinary & Cultural Heritage at The Culinary Lounge, Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Culinary Lounge, Hyderabad’s premier experiential space for corporate team engagement, hosted the global leadership of European consulting firm Alientt for a curated session celebrating Telangana’s culinary and cultural heritage. The delegation, in the city as part of Global Summit 2025, received an immersive introduction to the region’s traditions.

Alientt, which has facilitated nearly USD 700 million in public funding for deep-tech startups and SMEs across 40 countries, participated in a cook-off designed to build team engagement while showcasing Telangana’s everyday cuisine.

Telangana cuisine researcher Jyothi Valaboju led the session, guiding delegates through the preparation of Sarva Pindi, Barada and Godhuma Rotte. The participants approached the workshop with enthusiasm, treating the cook-off as both a cultural learning opportunity and an engagement-driven group activity. The session concluded with a Nawabi lunch highlighting Hyderabad’s signature flavours. The guests were also presented with a Telangana snack



basket featuring makka pelalu, Ippa puvvu laddu, nuvvula laddu, and chakkinalu, offering

them a taste of the state’s festive and traditional delicacies.

A live performance of Perini Natyam, the ancient warrior dance associated with the Kakatiya era, added a strong cultural dimension to the experience. For several delegates visiting India for the first time, the performance served as a memorable introduction to Telangana’s artistic legacy.

Fabio Manzi, Founder of

Alientt, said the experience added depth to their India visit: “Understanding local culture shapes the way we collaborate globally. Telangana’s heritage has given us valuable context and perspective.”

CHRO Marco Mirilli said the authenticity of the session exceeded expectations, adding that the Perini Natyam performance was “mesmerising and unforgettable.”

Culinary expert Jyothi Valaboju said she was delighted by the global team’s curiosity towards Telangana food traditions. Gopi Byluppalla, Founder of The Culinary Lounge, said that team engagement built through cultural and culinary sessions helps global companies integrate meaningfully when they expand operations in Hyderabad.

The Alientt delegation included founders Fabio Manzi and Alessandro Ruffo, CEO Steven Kiberd, CTO Laetitia Gonzalez, CHRO Marco Mirilli, CSO Vinaya Gedam, along with the Hyderabad team members.

The engagement underlined Hyderabad’s growing reputation as a global innovation centre where culture, collaboration and technology come together.

Hyderabad: Nation People’s Party (NPP) Coordinator for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Gavvala Bharath Kumar called upon India’s youth to actively enter politics and contribute to the country’s progress. He cautioned that opportunistic and dynasty-driven politics pose a serious threat to national development and emphasized that young people must emerge as leaders instead of remaining passive vote banks.

A grand welcome was accorded in Hyderabad to NPP National Youth President Nickey Nongkhlaw and NPP National General Secretary (Organisation) & Former Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister Paking Bage. The delegation was greeted with garlands and traditional drumbeats as they travelled in a rally from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport to Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Bagh Lingampally, led by Bharath Kumar. The



rally also paid tribute to national leaders and their service to the country. Addressing the gathering, Bharath Kumar who shared that he comes from a humble and underprivileged background expressed pride in inspiring the youth of Telangana. He paid glowing tributes to former Lok Sabha Speaker P. A. Sangma, recalling his lifelong service to tribal and weaker sections. He noted that the visit coincided with International Human Rights Day, and urged collective efforts to transform the principle of equality into a ground reality. Bharath strongly

criticised political parties that use youth merely as vote banks and outlined the National People’s Party’s priority issues, including: Regulation of education and medical fees, Improved pension and medical benefits for employees, Retirement security for Anganwadi and ASHA workers, Reasonable working hours for police personnel, Establishment of farm support centres, Timely DA and PRC for government staff, Free legal aid at the mandal level, Protections for contract and private-sector employees, Measures to address workplace stress.

## GITAM Hyderabad Congratulates Dr. L. Sasikala on Earning Ph.D. in Chemistry

Hyderabad, TSIT: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, has extended heartfelt congratulations to Dr. L. Sasikala on the successful completion of her Ph.D. in Chemistry. Her doctoral research, titled “HPLC-UV Method Development and Validation for Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms using QbD Approach,” marks a notable contribution to the field of analytical chemistry.

Guided by Dr. Vandavasi Koteswara Rao, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Sasikala’s work focus-



es on advancing analytical techniques to ensure drug safety, efficacy, and potency. Her research underscores the critical role of chromatographic methods in pharmaceutical analy-

sis due to their high precision, accuracy, and reproducibility. The study also aligns with global regulatory standards that mandate robust method validation for quality and safety of pharmaceutical products. Dr. Sasikala successfully developed and validated selective and precise analytical methods, including UV spectrophotometric and RP-HPLC techniques, for the assay of Vancomycin HCl, Bilastine, phosphate buffer agents in parenteral formulations, and Deferiprone. Each method was optimized under the Analytical Quality by

Design (AQbD) framework and subjected to stress studies to confirm stability and robustness. Key outcomes include a cost-effective long-term stability method for Bilastine, an eco-friendly phosphate buffer method, and a reliable stability-indicating assay for Deferiprone. Senior leadership and faculty—including Prof. D. S. Rao (Pro Vice-Chancellor), D. V. V. S. R. Varma (Resident Director), Dr. M. Reza, and Dr. Gousia Begum—joined the university community in congratulating Dr. Sasikala on her remarkable achievement.



The CEO, NITI Aayog, Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam releases the Report “Deepening the Corporate Bond Market Report” at NITI Aayog, in New Delhi.



EDITORIAL

Luthra Brothers To Be Deported: How Is It Different From Extradition?

The Luthra brothers - who fled to Thailand while their Goa nightclub, 'Birch by Romeo Lane', burned down last week, killing 25 people - have been detained in that country, sources told NDTV Thursday. Sources said this morning that a Goa Police team will leave for Thailand in 24-36 hours in anticipation of the Thai government deporting Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra, who should be back in India shortly. They fled India on a Saturday morning IndiGo flight to Phuket; initial inquiries indicate tickets were bought from aggregator MakeMyTrip at 1.17 am, as fire-fighters were battling the blaze. Located swiftly – photographs emerged of Gaurav Luthra at Phuket airport – they have since asked a Delhi court for protection from arrest, arguing they cannot face criminal liability as they were not present when the fire broke. They also sought four weeks' transit anticipatory bail, which was refused. Meanwhile, the government has also suspended the brothers' passports, meaning they cannot leave Thailand – with whom India has an extradition treaty – even if they were free to do so. Luthra brothers: deportation or extradition? India and Thailand signed an extradition treaty in 2013, under the terms of which Bangkok is obliged to send the Luthra brothers back if the charges they face carry a minimum jail term of a year. The main (at this time) charge Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra face is culpable homicide not amounting to murder, which carries a minimum sentence of five years. That satisfies the main operational criteria of the 2013 treaty. Therefore, one option is to activate relevant provisions of the treaty. But typically this involves a formal request and proving 'double criminality', i.e., present evidence to a Thai court that says the accused is guilty of a crime punishable by both Indian and Thai laws. And this could take time. Also, attempts to extradite other wanted individuals - Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya from the United Kingdom, Mehul Choksi from Belgium, and Dawood Ibrahim from Pakistan - have rumbled on for years. So, can they be deported? Yes, and that is most likely what will happen. Deportation and extradition are not the same thing, though in both cases a state ejects a foreigner. In the former case a host country, India, for example, can remove foreigners living illegally in its territories. In the latter, as in this case, for instance, India would have to prove to the Thai authorities that its nationals - the Luthra brothers - committed acts viewed as criminal by both governments. The difference is in the legal minutiae. Deportation is typically an immigration measure; i.e., a country exercises its sovereign power to remove a foreign national. This typically happens when a foreigner violates the laws of the host country. And have the Luthra brothers broken Thai laws? Yes, although not by their own actions. Suspension of their passports means Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra are in Phuket without valid travel documents, which is an offence under Thailand's immigration laws. They can, therefore, be removed as 'undocumented foreigners', which will likely be a quicker route back to India to face trial. Goa nightclub fire Meanwhile, the investigation so far has uncovered a number of worrying details, including the widespread of use of flammable material, the lack of fire exits, and the absence of fire extinguishers. Also, the club did not have a broad-enough entrance for fire-fighting vehicles to approach the main structure; firefighters said they had to park 400 metres away, which complicated rescue efforts and may have led to some of the deaths. Investigators also found the club did not have a fire safety clearance.

Editorial

India-Russia Relations and the Changing Global Equations



The Ukraine War, Western Sanctions, and a New Test of Indian Strategic Autonomy India's relations with Russia have been built on a strong foundation of strategic partnership, defense cooperation, and political trust for decades. From the Cold War era to the present, Russia has been one of the few countries that supported India's interests even in difficult times. However, the Russia-Ukraine war that began in 2022 has transformed global politics, energy markets, financial structures, and strategic alliances, bringing India-Russia relations to a new turning point. Strict Western sanctions have not only impacted Russia's economy and defense production capabilities, but have also created unprecedented diplomatic challenges for partners like India. While the United States, Europe, and Indo-Pacific partners expect India to adhere to Western norms, India cannot ignore Russia's energy, defense, and international balance needs. India faces a crucial test at this crossroads: how to maintain relations with Russia while firmly establishing its strategic autonomy. The biggest complication today is that Russia appears to be gradually moving closer to China, and this equation is not entirely favorable from the perspective of India's interests. Russia's growing economic, technological, and military cooperation with China is affecting the regional balance within which India formulates its security strategy. India knows that China's intentions are not limited to Asian dominance, but rather to alter the global balance of power. Consequently, the Russia-China proximity complicates India's strategic calculations. Western sanctions are no less challenging for India. Defense imports from Russia and critical spare parts are being slowed by Western sanctions. Many of the key systems India's Air Force and



Army rely on are Russian-made or co-produced with Russia. The pressure on the Russian defense industry due to the Ukraine war has made India concerned about the timelines of several military projects. Delays in the delivery of some weapon systems and missiles also reflect this. This situation forces India to diversify its defense sources in the long term and focus more on domestic production. Meanwhile, trade imbalances have emerged as a serious aspect of India-Russia relations. A sharp increase in crude oil imports has made India's trade with Russia lopsided. India's exports to Russia are extremely low, and the payments system has clearly not stabilized. The rupee-ruble trading system has failed to achieve the desired efficiency due to Western sanctions and international banking regulations. This has increased uncertainty and risk in the trade structures between the two countries. On the other hand, Western countries also want India to reduce its support for Russia and adopt a "moral" stance on the Ukraine issue. However, India's foreign policy is based more on national interests than on shared morality. India has repeatedly abstained from voting at the United Nations, making it clear that it will not directly support any side. This balanced stance symbolizes India's strategic autonomy. However, it has received mixed reactions in Western countries. Some call it India's "pragmatic diplomacy," while others see it as "excessive sympathy" for Russia. India will have to deftly manage its foreign policy amid these pressures. India also faces the challenge of having both Russia and the United States as important partners. The United States is India's largest technological and economic partner today, and also an integral part of the Asia-Pacific security architecture through the Quad. Russia, meanwhile, is a traditional ally and has been a key pillar of India's defense structure for decades. Maintaining a balance between these two pillars is a complex but essential task for India's diplomacy. India must demonstrate that both partnerships offer complementary benefits, not contradictions. India can adopt several diplomatic strategies to maintain this difficult balance. First, it must accelerate the implementation of "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" by reducing its dependence on defense imports. Joint production and technical cooperation with Russia can be expanded on Indian soil, reducing dependence on direct imports and minimizing the impact of sanctions. Additionally, India must strengthen new defense partnerships with countries such as Europe, the United States, France, and Israel. Another important step would be for India to diversify its trade with Russia in energy, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, IT, and other non-defense sectors. This would reduce the trade imbalance and stabilize the economies of both countries. Third, India needs to develop a reliable and sanctions-proof payment system. Using BRICS, SCO, and alternative financial systems could be effective for this. At the diplomatic level, India must maintain a trustworthy

dialogue with Russia, while also conveying to Western countries that India's neutrality is a result of responsible strategic thinking. India has previously demonstrated that it can protect its interests without joining any bloc. Today's global situation demands a more mature and multifaceted approach from India. Amid all these changes, it is crucial that India protect its national interests and not follow any superpower. India has always supported a multipolar world order, in which no single power dominates. While maintaining relations with Russia, India must maintain a clear independent foreign policy direction—one that neither makes decisions under pressure nor takes unnecessary sides in any conflict. Ultimately, India-Russia relations stand at a historic juncture. The Ukrainian conflict, the politics of sanctions, and changing alliance structures have made this relationship challenging, but they also hold opportunities. India must recognize that Russia is not just a defense partner, but a partner with whom energy security, international balance, and many aspects of Asian politics are intertwined. Similarly, the West is an essential partner in India's rise. Therefore, India's goal should not be to align itself with any one pole, but to choose a path of balance that strengthens its strategic autonomy, economic stability, and global role. This is the time for India to use its diplomatic skills, cool reasoning and determination to show the world that strategic autonomy is not just a policy but India's global identity.

The priceless value of blood the lifeline that sustains humanity



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The human body is an extraordinary creation, functioning smoothly only when every organ works in perfect coordination. At the centre of this remarkable system is blood — the life-flow that keeps every cell alive. Without it, the light of human life fades within moments. Blood is not merely a fluid; it is humanity's most fundamental force of survival.

**Why Life Depends on Blood**

If the human body can be compared to a machine, the heart is its engine and blood is its fuel. With 70-80 beats every minute, the heart circulates blood across the body, supplying oxygen and nutrients to every organ. Despite tremendous advances in medical science and biotechnology, no artificial substitute has been developed to replace

human blood. Its irreplaceable nature makes it one of the most precious resources known to mankind.

**When Blood Becomes the Only Hope**

Across the world, millions of patients wait every day for blood to survive. The need arises in countless situations:

**Accidents and emergencies:**

Road crashes, industrial mishaps and fire accidents can lead to the loss of litres of blood within minutes. In such moments, only timely blood donation can save a life.

**Major surgeries, cancer and chronic illnesses:**

Blood, platelets and plasma are vital during heart surgeries, cancer treatments and kidney-related complications.

**Childbirth complications:**

Thousands of women lose their lives each year due to severe bleeding during delivery. A timely blood transfusion can save a mother, a family and an entire future.

**Blood disorders in children:**

Children suffering from thalassemia, sickle cell disease and haemophilia often require blood transfusions twice a month throughout their lives. These realities underline a simple truth — for many, life begins again the moment blood arrives.

Blood Donation: Safe, Scientific and Beneficial

Despite common misconceptions, blood donation is completely safe.

**Medical facts show:**



- Lost fluids are replenished within 24 hours.
  - New blood cells are generated within 48-72 hours.
  - The body fully recovers in two to three months.
- Studies even suggest that regular blood donors may enjoy better heart health.
- One Donor, Three Lives
- Every unit of donated blood

can be separated into three components — red blood cells, plasma and platelets — helping three different patients:

- Red cells for anaemia and surgical needs
- Plasma for burn injuries and liver disorders
- Platelets for cancer and dengue patients

One act of donation can therefore save three human lives.

**Blood as an Emotion**

Beyond biology, blood carries deep human meaning. When a patient lies unconscious after an accident and a doctor calls for blood, families are overwhelmed with fear and helplessness. In such

moments, a stranger who steps forward to donate becomes nothing less than a saviour. A few drops of donated blood can lift a family from darkness to hope.

That is the true value of blood — it is life, it is hope and it is humanity in action.

**A Social Responsibility We Cannot Ignore**

India's population is rising. Surgeries are increasing. Medical emergencies are more common than ever. Yet the number of voluntary blood donors is not keeping pace. This imbalance poses a serious challenge. Youth, colleges, offices and community groups must take the lead. Blood donation camps at workplaces, campuses and neighbourhood events can transform the situation. Blood is not a commodity to be sold. It is a gift to be shared — a gesture of compassion and solidarity.

**Donors: The True Wealth of Society**

Those who donate blood carry a special place in society. They:

- Think beyond themselves
- Stand up for humanity
- Light the lamp of life for three families at once

Blood donors are, in every sense, guardians of life.

The Essence of Blood Donation

The value of blood can be captured in three ideas

It is the power that saves life

It is the force that sustains humanity

It is the strength that binds society

Blood donation remains the most valuable gift we can offer. Every donor is a life-saver. Every drop is a promise of hope. Every donation is the rebirth of a family.

A small act in our hands becomes a blessing for someone waiting for life. Donate blood. Preserve humanity. Keep hope alive.



'I AM OPEN-MINDED':  
Shivakumar on allowing cricket matches in Chinnaswamy Stadium

Belagavi, Dec 11 : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, stated that he is open-minded about the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) request to organise international and IPL matches in Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Shivakumar made the statement while responding to questions from the media near the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha and Circuit House in Belagavi on Thursday. When asked whether the cabinet would discuss the request submitted by Venkatesh Prasad,



President of the KSCA, after meeting him, Shivakumar said, "The new KSCA President Venkatesh Prasad met me and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He has submitted a request, and we

will discuss it in the cabinet meeting." "The accident near Chinnaswamy Stadium should not have happened. But it did. Many lapses occurred. These must be rectified, and crowd management should be done as per separate guidelines," he said. The stadium has not hosted any matches since the stampede on June 4, in which 11 people were killed. "Personally, I am very open-minded about this matter. We should not allow the reputation of our state to be damaged. We will place this matter before the cabinet and then take a decision," he stated.

The newly elected KSCA President, former Indian pacer Venkatesh Prasad and other office-bearers met him in Belagavi. They had also met the CM and had submitted a request. "We have no intention of stopping cricket matches. But crowd-management measures need to be examined. We also intend to implement the recommendations of the Justice Michael D'Cunha Committee in a phased manner. Venkatesh Prasad too has agreed to this," Shivakumar had said. "Whether it is the IPL or any other match, we will not allow them to be shifted out of Bengaluru.

Complete the works of  
Suraksha 75 Junctions at the  
earliest: Maheshwar Rao



Bengaluru : Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao instructed officials to expedite the ongoing development works under the Suraksha 75 Junctions initiative across the GBA limits. Addressing the progress review meeting held today regarding the Suraksha 75 Junctions development works, the Chief Commissioner directed the Chief Engineers to visit the proposed junctions, inspect the sites, and initiate work immediately. He added that if any modifications are required in the existing designs, they should be revised without delay and the works must be completed at the earliest.

He emphasized that officials must give special attention to the junction development works taken up in their respective city corporations. Continuous monitoring should be ensured, corporation-wise review meetings should be conducted, and progress reports should be submitted regularly.

Status of Junction Works (By Corporation):

South City Corporation: Of 10 junctions, work is in progress at 8 locations, and work orders have been issued for 2 locations.

Central City Corporation: Of 18 junctions, work is in progress at

4 locations, and work orders have been issued for 14 locations.

North City Corporation: Of 11 junctions, work is in progress at 6 locations, and work orders have been issued for 5 locations.

West City Corporation: Of 15 junctions, work is in progress at 5 locations, and work orders have been issued for 10 locations.

East City Corporation: Of 9 junctions, work is in progress at 4 locations, and work orders have been issued for 5 locations.

Junctions Under Development:

Hudson Circle, N.R. Square, Hudson Police Park, Dairy Circle, Gubbi Thotadappa Circle, Golf Club Junction, K.H. Circle, Rajiv Gandhi Circle, Brigade Circle, Ashoka Pillar Circle, Guttahalli Circle, Town Hall, Mayo Hall, Nehru Circle and Upparpet Circle. Most of the work at these locations is nearing completion, and officials were instructed to finish the remaining work swiftly.

Skywalk Lifts – Immediate Repairs Ordered

The Commissioner instructed officials to prepare a list of all skywalks under GBA jurisdiction, specifying how many are equipped with lifts, how many are functional, and how many are non-functional. Non-working lifts must be repaired immediately, he directed.

LED Street Light Installation:

Tenders have been invited for installing LED streetlights across the GBA limits under four different packages. The Commissioner directed officials to accelerate the pace of this work. Daily targets should be fixed and completion reports must be submitted every day.

BJP to Launch Legal Battle  
Against Hate Speech Law:  
Basavaraj Bommai

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Government has introduced a law against hate speech, which is unconstitutional. The BJP strongly condemn this, and it will launch a legal battle against it, said former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai. Posting on X about this, he stated that this law curtails the freedom of speech and personal liberty. There are already sufficient laws in place to curb hate speech. Those laws can be used. But by bringing a law that prescribes ten years of imprisonment, the government is plotting to send to jail—through non-bailable warrants—those who speak against the government or against their party. This is against democracy. "In one sense, it feels as though an Emergency has been declared in Karnataka. The government, which has not carried out any development work and is involved in corruption in every sector—one that has siphoned off funds meant for the poor and the downtrodden—has brought in this oppressive law to suppress the voices of anyone who raises their voice against it. This is, in a way, a black mark on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's politics. The CM who talks about personal freedom and the Constitution has acted in complete contradiction to it. The condemn this, and it will wage a legal battle against it," he warned.

CM will respond to Yathindra's  
statement: Shivakumar  
BJP LEADERS ARE THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF HATE  
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Belagavi : Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar today said that the Chief Minister would respond to the statement of MLC Yathindra on leadership issue. Replying to questions on Yathindra's statement that CM Siddaramaiah would continue as the CM for the full five years, he said, "The CM would respond to him." He was speaking to reporters at the Circuit House and Suvarna Soudha.

Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan Tokens for  
Tirupati-Tirumala Locals through e-Dip

**E-DIP REGISTRATION FROM DECEMBER 27 TO 29 AND TOKEN ALLOTMENT ON DECEMBER 31**

Tirumala : It is well known that TTD has decided to allocate local quota tokens for Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan to residents of Tirumala, Tirupati, Renigunta, and Chandragiri during the Vaikuntha Dwara

Darshan to be held in Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple from December 30 to January 8. Under this, 5,000 tokens per day will be allotted for the dates January 6, 7, and 8 to the locals of Tirupati and Tirumala.

Accordingly, TTD will provide the facility for e-Dip registration from 10 AM on

December 27 to 5 PM on December 29. Residents of Tirumala, Tirupati, Renigunta, and Chandragiri can register for the e-Dip under the 1+3 system through the TTD website, mobile app, and WhatsApp in the above dates.

The allotment of tokens through e-Dip will take place at 2 PM

on December 31. Out of the total quota of 15,000 tokens on these three days, 4,500 tokens will be allotted to residents of Tirupati, Renigunta, and Chandragiri, and 500 tokens will be allotted to Tirumala residents every day. TTD requests all eligible local residents to make note of this and register for tokens through the e-Dip system.

Thanish N. from Lakkur selected for the special  
honorary award at the main stage of the All  
India Dalit Literature Conference

Kolar : Thanish N, an international level achiever, Grand Master, and famous as the "sardar" (leader/master) of 19 world records, from Lakkur village, Malur taluk, Kolar district, has been selected for a "special honorary award" on the main stage of the closing ceremony of the 11th All India Dalit Literature Conference. The conference will held on December 20-21, 2025, at the Pandit Siddarama Jambaladinne District Rangamandira in Raichur, Karnataka, under the presidency of Dr. Arjuna Golasangi, President of the State Unit of the Dalit Sahitya Parishath, Gadag, and the overall presidency of litterateur Dr. Jayadevi Gaikwad.

Grand Master Thanish N is the son of Shwethanagaraj, founder and president of Shwethanjali Bharathanatyam School and Vishwamanava Kuvempu Foundation in Lakkur village, and the young poet Lakkur M. Nagaraj. He is an achiever who amazed everyone by setting an Indian Book of World Record's at the world level at the tender age of two years and three months. Today, seven-year-old Thanish N, who is studying in the second grade, has made 19 world record's in the field of Bharathanatyam, including Asian Book of World Records,

International Book of World Records, Kid's World Records, Wheel Medal Book of World Records, Influencer World Record through the third eye in divine vision, Karnataka Achievers Record, Raba Book of World Records, Kingdom World Record, Bodhi World Record, and a Guinness record in Karate.

Thanish N., who has been recognized at the state, national, and international levels, has garnered attention through his

Bharathanatyam dance performance in Malaysia. He has appeared on the Doordarshan channel's "Chinnara Loka" program and attends many events today as a guest.

Thanish has received hundreds of awards including the Hoysala Award, Crazy Talent Award, Natya Kala Award, Grand Master Award, Natyaratna Award, Suddikirana Year's Kannadiga Award, Natya Mayura Award, Nritya Jyothi Award, Bala Natya Ratna Award, Nrityashree Award, Natyashree, and Natya Chetana. He has been honored at many places in the state, including an honor at the Karnataka Rajyotsava, an honor from the Kannada Sahitya Parishat, honors at school and college annual days, and an honor in Malaysia.



Special Camp on December 13  
under the "Special Intensive  
Revision of Electoral Rolls – 2025"



Bengaluru: As per the directions of the Chief Electoral Officer, special camps will be organised on December 13, 2025 (Saturday) at all polling stations coming under the seven Assembly constituencies of the Bengaluru North City Corporation limits K.R. Puram, Mahalakshmi Layout, Malleswaram, Hebbal, Pulakeshinagar, Sarvagnanagar and C.V. Raman Nagar. Special Camp at Every Polling Station:

To expedite the process of mapping the 2025 voters to the 2002 electoral roll records, this special camp will be held simultaneously at all polling stations.

Camp Schedule for Teachers:

If teachers are serving as polling station officers, they are

instructed to carry out camp duties after school hours or from 2:00 PM onwards. Polling station officers other than teachers are instructed to manage the camp activities from the morning.

Publicity Through City Corporation Vehicles:

Information about the camp is being disseminated to the public through the Corporation's waste-collection vehicles that visit households daily, as well as through pamphlets.

Display of Polling Station Officers' Mobile Numbers:

At each polling station, the mobile numbers of all related polling station officers of the respective constituency will be displayed for public access, enabling citizens to contact them directly and facilitate the voter-mapping process.

Request to the Public:

Citizens are urged to verify and correct their voter name, address and other details, and to actively participate in mapping the 2025 voter details with the 2002 records.

Complete the White Topping Work on  
Mosque Road and MM Road at the  
Earliest: Pommala Sunil Kumar



Bengaluru: Bengaluru North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar has instructed officials to ensure the

White topping work has been taken up on Mosque Road and MM Road, and work is completed promptly. During his inspection of

various locations in the Pulakeshinagar Division, the Commissioner reviewed ongoing development works and directed officials to complete the construction and repair of footpaths on Mosque Road and MM Road by the end of January.

Ensure Water Flow Into Shoulder Drains:

He instructed officials to create proper gradients on the road surface to allow rainwater to flow easily into the shoulder drains and to take necessary measures.

Follow Safety Measures Near Open Drains:

At several locations, drains have been left open. The Commissioner directed officials to implement adequate safety measures to ensure the public is not inconvenienced. Joint Commissioner Mohammed Naem Momin, along with concerned Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, and other officials, were present during the inspection.

KPTCL: 448 Junior Station Attendants and  
Junior Powerman recruited

**Transparent and successful Process Concluded by issuing Appointment orders on spot.**

Bengaluru : Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has successfully completed the recruitment process for the posts of Junior Station Attendant and Junior Powerman through a transparent counseling process held on December 10 and 11, 2025, at the KPTCL Officers' Association Building.

The two-day counseling was overseen by the Administration and Human Resources Department of KPTCL, during which 448 selected candidates received their appointment orders from senior officials.

The counseling software was developed by KPTCL's Information and Technology wing. As per the list available on KPTCL's website, 491 candidates were selected, of whom 448 have

received appointment orders. The appointment orders to remaining candidates will be issued after receipt of caste validity certificates and verification of reservation categories.

Candidates from across Karnataka, including ex-servicemen, hearing impaired and those from Kalyana Karnataka, took part in the process. As per employment notification dated October 14, 2024, the selection to these posts were made on merit based on 10th standard marks subject to qualification in the Endurance test conducted in May, 2025. More than 70,000 job aspirants had applied statewide.

"As assured by our government, recruitment has been carried out, and the process for appointing Junior Station Attendants and Junior Power Men has been completed swiftly. To enhance the efficiency of the Energy Department, infrastructure is being strengthened along with reinforcing the

necessary human resources. Recruitment processes will continue in the future as well."

— K. J. George, Minister of Energy

"The recruitment process for the key posts of Junior Power Man and Junior Station Attendant in KPTCL has been conducted transparently. To accelerate the functioning of the Energy Department, the process of filling up vacancies will be continued."

— Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department

"The recruitment process to the posts of Junior Station Attendants and Junior Powerman was conducted in a timely, fair and transparent manner. The two-day counseling was successful, and selected candidates received their appointment orders on the spot. They will undergo the required training."

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Managing Director of KPTCL

Tata Hitachi Showcases the Power of 'Reliable Orange' with  
Next-Gen Machines and Electric Excavators at EXCON 2025

Bengaluru : Tata Hitachi, one of India's leading construction machinery manufacturers, officially opened its pavilion at EXCON 2025 — South Asia's largest construction equipment exhibition under the theme "Reliable Orange."

Mr. Masafumi Senzaki, the Representative Executive Officer, President & Executive Officer, and COO of Hitachi Construction Machinery, Japan, inaugurated the Tata Hitachi Pavilion at EXCON 2025. His attendance was a notable event, as it marks renewed commitment to India's infrastructure growth story and HCM's support to Tata Hitachi for more than 4 decades. It also highlighted India's pivotal role in Hitachi Construction Machinery Japan's global growth strategy.

This year's theme 'RELIABLE ORANGE' highlights Tata Hitachi's unwav-



ering promise of Quality, Durability, reliability, and consistent performance, built on a legacy of trust, engineering excellence, and customer commitment.

Reliable Orange is embodied in more than 120,000 units, working with our esteemed customers, who have come to experience superior fuel efficiency, durability and excellent resale value. As the company continues its journey with more than 120,000 machines sold,

it reinforces its legacy of engineering excellence and customer trust. Tata Hitachi's portfolio is acknowledged for providing superior fuel efficiency across various categories, enabling customers to substantially lower operating costs while enhancing productivity, performance, and sustainability.

Mr. Masafumi Senzaki, Representative Executive Officer, President & Executive Officer and COO,

Hitachi Construction Machinery, Japan said, "India is one of the fastest-growing construction markets in the world, and our collaboration with Tata Hitachi enables us to meet the expectations of Indian customers with world-class machinery and dependable support. With the innovations showcased at EXCON 2025, we aim to empower customers with machines that deliver high output, reduced operating costs, and long-term reliability—attributes that define our shared philosophy of engineering excellence."

Mr. Sandeep Singh, Managing Director at Tata Hitachi, said, "Our customer-centric philosophy, people, processes have stood us in good stead in our journey of over 60+ years. It is this ethos that has enabled us to build one of India's largest customer-facing networks in the excavator segment".



## EPS flexes muscle at party general council



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 AIADMK-led alliance will win 210 seats. You all should extend your cooperation for us emerging victorious in next year's polls,” he said. Maintaining that the party was built and protected by the late chief ministers MG 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 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.AIADMK will lose again: BharathiDMK organising secretary RS Bharathi, on Wednesday, said that the people of Tamil Nadu would defeat the AIADMK in the 2026 Assembly election as well, asserting that the resolutions passed at the AIADMK General Council meeting exposed AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami as being subservient to the BJP.

### SR announces express train reschedule due to late running of pairing train

Train No 03260 SMVT Bengaluru - Danapur Express ( via Jolarpettai / Katpadi / Perambur) scheduled to leave SMVT Bengaluru at 23.50 hrs today 11th December 2025 is rescheduled to leave at 05.30 hrs tomorrow 12th December 2025 due to late running of pairing train ( late by 05 hours and 40 minutes)

### AIADMK invites applications from aspiring candidates for 2026 Assembly polls



CHENNAI: The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) on Thursday (December 11), initiated its formal candidate selection process for the 2026 Legislative Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Kerala. Party General Secretary and Leader of the Opposition, Edappadi K Palaniswami, announced that application forms for aspiring candidates will be available at the AIADMK headquarters here from December 15 to December 23.

In an official statement, the former Chief Minister outlined the schedule, stating that forms can be obtained and submitted between 10 am and 5 pm on all designated days, with distribution commencing at 12 noon on the first day, December 15. EPS called upon party members wishing to contest on the AIADMK symbol to fill the forms with all required details clearly and submit the completed applications within the stipulated period at the party headquarters.

He said this move marks the formal commencement of the party's electoral preparations for the polls in the three regions and urged cadres to participate with “enthusiasm and discipline.”



Ministers for Tamil Development, Information, Publicity and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, along with dignitaries, paid floral tributes to Mahakavi Bharathiyar on his 144th birth anniversary

## TN govt posts DVAC director as DGP in-charge, as incumbent goes on leave

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has posted DVAC director Abhay Kumar Singh as in-charge DGP/head of police force as the incumbent G Venkatraman went on leave for medical treatment.

The 1993 batch IPS officer, Singh is in the rank of Director General of Police, and he will be in-charge and temporary HoPF for the state.

According to a government order dated December 10, DGP and HoPF (in-charge) Venkataraman has been granted earned leave for 15 days from December 9 to 23 to undergo medical treatment.



“Abhay Kumar Singh, IPS, DGP/ Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption, Chennai, is directed to act as Director General of Police/Head of Police Force, Tamil Nadu, Chennai (i/c) during the above said leave period,” it said.

## FDA Delays Approval for Eli Lilly’s Experimental Alzheimer’s Treatment

The approval of Eli Lilly’s experimental Alzheimer’s medication donanemab will be delayed beyond the end of the month, the drugmaker announced on March 8. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reversed its fast-track approval of the drug and will call a meeting of outside advisors to review its safety and efficacy. Eli Lilly said it had expected the FDA to approve the drug by the end of the first quarter of this year, which had already been pushed back from an expected earlier approval of sometime last year. If approved, donanemab would become the second drug shown to slow the progression of Alzheimer’s disease (AD), a degenerative brain disease affecting more than 6 million Americans. Last July, the FDA approvedTrusted Source a similar drug, lecanemab (Legembi), from Japanese drugmaker Eisai and Massachusetts-based drugmaker Biogen.

Both drugs are monoclonal antibodies, given as IV infusions, that target the buildup in the brain of plaques caused by the clumping together of the beta-amyloid proteinTrusted Source. Dr. Howard FillitTrusted Source, co-founder and chief science officer of the Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation, said in a statement that the FDA’s decision is not a “setback,” but is a sign that the FDA is “doing its due diligence” to ensure the safety and efficacy of donanemab. “The decision to hold an advisory committee before granting approval follows the regulatory process that was used for the other drugs in this class, including Legembi,” he said.



lloid plaques. The FDA will also look at the donanemab study’s “unique trial design,” Lilly said. This includes allowing participants to stop treatment when scans showed that the beta-amyloid plaques had been cleared from the brain. In contrast, the clinical trial for Legembi had no designated stopping point. “A big question about this [aspect of the trial] is how it might be implemented in real-world practice. Do we stop medication in patients? Do we have to repeat PET scans?” said Dr. James Galvin, founding director of the Comprehensive Center for Brain Health and professor of both neurology and psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Florida. Another unique aspect Lilly’s trial is that it measured the level in the brain of a protein called tauTrusted Source, which collects inside neurons in people with Alzheimer’s disease. “Clinically, we have no good way of measuring this,” Galvin told Healthline. “So again, how might this be implemented in practice?”

What is the success rate of donanemab? The clinical trialTrusted Source for donanemab, which included more than 1,300 participants with early symptomatic Alzheimer’s disease, separated participants based on the level of tau. Among participants with “low or medium” levels of tau, people who received donanemab had a 35% slower decline in the ability to think clearly and perform daily activities, compared to those receiving an inactive placebo. When researchers also included people with high levels of tau — which suggests they are further along in the course of the disease — the benefit of donanemab

compared to placebo was 22%. In addition, 47% of people who received the drug showed no decline on a test of disease severity after one year, compared to 29% among people in the placebo group. In addition, 47% of people in the “low or medium” tau group who received the drug showed no decline on a test of disease severity after one year, compared to 29% among people in the placebo group.

Is donanemab safe?

The main safety concerns of donanemab are brain swelling (edema) and micro-bleeding (hemorrhages), both known as amyloid-related imaging abnormalities, or ARIA.

In the clinical trial, among people receiving donanemab, micro-bleeding occurred in 31.4% and brain swelling in 24%. ARIA usually does not cause symptoms, the company said in a release, but it can be serious and life-threatening. In the trial, three people died from a serious case of ARIA. The rate of ARIA was lower in the clinical trial for Legembi, but the drug has been linked to patient deaths as well. “The seemingly higher rate of ARIA with donanemab compared to lecanemab is of concern and requires further scrutiny [by the FDA] that, in the long run, will serve to benefit current and future generations of patients with Alzheimer’s disease,” Dr. Seyed Sajjadi, a neurologist at UCI Health in California, told Healthline. These side effects are serious enough to raise concerns among experts about whether these drugs are worth the risks.

“[Some] clinical neurologists continue to not use this family of medications, as they have not significantly improved patient’s memory loss in the drug trials, and have caused severe cerebral edema and intracranial bleeding,” Dr. Clifford Segil, a neurologist at Providence Saint John’s Health Center in Santa Monica, CA, told Healthline. When will donanemab be approved?

The date for the FDA advisory meeting has not been set, Lilly said in its news release. The FDA generally, but not always, follows the advice of its advisory committees.

## Cancer-Causing Chemical Benzene Found in Common Acne Products



According to Bunick, it’s been known for over 100 years that benzoyl peroxide can break down into benzene. High temperatures accelerate this process.

In one of Valisure’s testing experiments storing one commonly-used acne product at 158°F — which is roughly the temperature of a hot compact car — for nearly 17 hours produced levels of benzene gas 1,270 times greater than the threshold the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) associates with an

increased risk of cancer from long-term inhalation exposure.

Another test, in which the acne products were stored at 104°F — which is roughly the temperature of a hot bathroom — the concentration of benzene reached four times the EPA’s threshold for an increased risk of cancer from long-term benzene inhalation. The concerning effect was not observed in acne products that were not made with benzoyl peroxide, including those containing salicylic acid or adapalene, according to the report.The takeaway: Any

skincare products made with benzoyl peroxide that have been stored in a car or bathroom should be discarded, Bunick advises.“At the current moment, there is not a proven way to stabilize or store benzoyl peroxide-containing products,” says Bunick.That said, cold temperatures can delay the breakdown of benzoyl peroxide into benzene, he noted. “I believe, at the moment, the best middle ground for patients who wish to continue benzoyl peroxide products is to always store them in the refrigerator,” Bunick said.

## Not Getting Enough Sleep May Increase Your Type 2 Diabetes Risk

People who sleep less than six hours a night are at considerably higher risk for type 2 diabetes than those who sleep seven to eight hours a night, a new study foundTrusted Source. And even those with habitual short sleep who follow a healthy dietary regimen carry that risk, suggesting that sleep is a vital element in type 2 diabetes prevention. The study was published March 5 in JAMA Network Open.

The study followed nearly 250,000 adults in the UK between May and

September of 2023. The mean age of the participants was 55.9 years old, and the group had varying dietary habits ranging from “red meat, processed meat, fruits, vegetables, and fish, resulting in a healthy diet score ranging from 0 (unhealthiest) to 5 (healthiest).”

Type 2 diabetes is defined by a buildup of glucose levels when the body cannot react to insulin effectively or is unable to produce enough of it. Treatment for type 2 diabetes most commonly involves careful

monitoring of blood sugar levels and medications like metformin or sulfonylureas. Additionally, diet, weight management, and exercise are part of a broader approach to treating the condition. According to the Centers for Disease Control and PreventionTrusted Source, about 38 million Americans (one in 10, on average) have diabetes, and up to 95% of them have type 2 diabetes. The condition can significantly increase the risk for heart disease and heart attacks.



# Trump launches \$1m 'gold card' immigration visas

President Donald Trump has launched a scheme offering fast-tracked US visas to wealthy foreigners who can pay at least \$1m (£750,000). The card will give buyers a "direct path to Citizenship for all qualified and vetted people. SO EXCITING! Our Great American Companies can finally keep their invaluable Talent," Trump said on social media on Wednesday. The Trump Gold Card, which was first announced earlier this year, is a US visa awarded to those who can demonstrate they will provide a "substantial benefit" to the country, according to the scheme's official website. It comes as Washington intensifies its immigration crack-down, including raising work visa fees and deporting undocumented migrants. The Gold Card scheme promises US residency in "record time" and will require a \$1m fee which is "evidence that the individual will substantially benefit the



United States", the programme's website said. Businesses sponsoring employees are required to pay \$2m, along with additional fees. A "platinum" version of the card that offers special tax breaks will also be available soon for \$5m, the website said. Extra fees to the government may be charged depending on each applicant's circumstances, the site said. Individuals are

also required to pay a non-refundable \$15,000 processing fee before their application is reviewed. The gold card scheme has faced criticism since it was first announced in February, with some Democrats saying that it would unfairly favour wealthy individuals. When Trump first unveiled the plan he described the visas as similar to green cards,

which allow immigrants of various income levels to live and work permanently in the US. Green card holders typically become eligible for citizenship after five years. But the Gold Card is aimed specifically at "high-level" professionals, Trump said, emphasising, "we want people that are productive". "The people that can pay \$5m, they're going to create

jobs," Trump said. "It's going to sell like crazy. It's a bargain." The scheme comes as the Trump administration has devoted significant resources to deporting immigrants. The US has also paused immigration applications by individuals from the 19 countries, mostly in Africa and in the Middle East, which are subject to the president's travel ban. The government has also halted all decisions on asylum applications and said it would review thousands of cases that were approved under the administration of President Joe Biden. In September, Trump also signed an order to charge a \$100,000 fee for applicants of the H-1B visa programme for skilled foreign workers. The decision caused panic among overseas student in the US and technology firms. The White House later clarified that the fee would apply only to new applicants who are currently abroad.

## Mexico approves up to 50% tariffs on China and other countries

Mexican lawmakers have approved a package of new tariffs, impacting hundreds of products, many of which come from China. The measures, which President Claudia Sheinbaum has said are needed to boost domestic production, were passed by the Mexican Senate on Wednesday. The levies are set to take effect on 1 January 2026 and will apply to goods like metals, cars, clothing and appliances. Dozens of countries that do not have a free trade agreement with Mexico will be affected, including Thailand, India and Indonesia. The move comes as Mexico is in negotiations with the US over steep import taxes that President Donald Trump has threatened to impose on the country. The measures will impose tariffs of up to 50% on more than 1,400 products. The levies will "substantially harm the interests of trading partners, including China," said a spokesperson for Beijing's commerce ministry on Thursday. An investigation into Mexico's trade policy is in progress, they added, urging the country to "correct" its decision. This week, China also signalled its plans for more

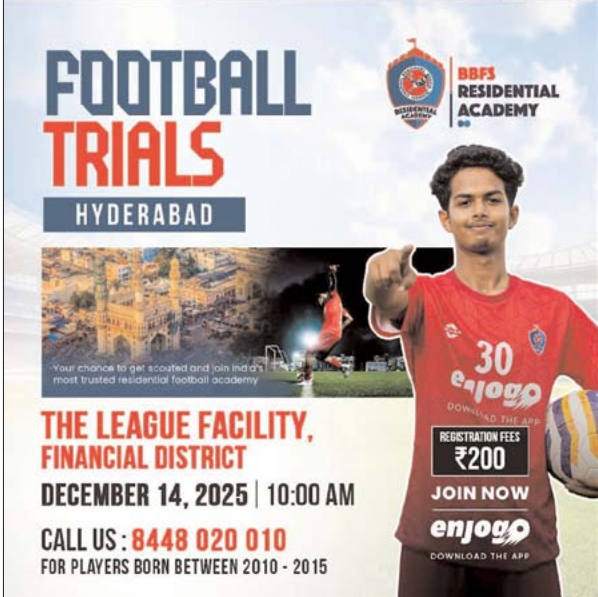


involvement with Latin American and Caribbean countries, as it aims to deepen its relationships in the region through trade and innovation. Chinese companies have been expanding their footprint in Mexico in recent years, with car brands like BYD and MG establishing operations in the country. But Washington has said Beijing may be using Mexico as a way to bypass US tariffs. The BBC has contacted the embassies in Mexico of Thailand, India and Indonesia for comment. Sheinbaum's government is in talks with the Trump administration as it tries to reduce tariffs on the country. They include 50% duties on Mexican steel and aluminium. Trump has also threatened to impose

extra tariffs on Mexico for various reasons, including a 25% levy as part of Washington's measures to pressure countries to do more to stop the flow of the synthetic opioid fentanyl into America. On Monday, Trump threatened to impose a new 5% tariff on Mexico, accusing it of violating an agreement that gives American farmers access to water. "It is very unfair to our US Farmers who deserve this much needed water," he posted on social media. Trump was referring to a more than 80-year-old treaty that grants the US water from Rio Grande tributaries. For decades the US has accused Mexico of not meeting the terms of the agreement. The US is Mexico's largest trading partner.

## Bhaichung Bhutia's Residential Football Academy announces Hyderabad trials

Hyderabad Dec 2025: Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS), one of India's largest and most-rated football development programs, will conduct scouting trials in Hyderabad to identify talented young student-athletes for the BBFS Residential Academy, the organisation's flagship high-performance football training and academic curriculum in association with reputed boarding schools across India. The trials will take place on Sunday, 14th December 2025, at The League Facility, Financial District, Hyderabad, with participants required to report at 10:00 AM. Footballers born between 2010 and 2016 are eligible to participate. Participants attending the trials must carry a valid government identity card for verification. They are required to report in full football attire, including jerseys, shorts, football boots, and shin guards, which are mandatory for participation. Athletes should also bring a personal hydration pack or water bottle, as the trial session will



include high-intensity activities. Registrations can be completed online through the Enjogo app, BBFS's official sports learning and participation platform. Expressing his thoughts on the initiative, Bhaichung Bhutia, Co-founder of BBFS and one of India's most celebrated football icons, said, "These trials are a tremendous opportunity for young players who dream of pursu-

ing professional football without compromising on their academic journey. We aim to identify committed student-athletes and provide them with the environment, coaching, and culture they need to learn, train, and excel. The BBFS Residential Academy gives talented youngsters a chance to grow holistically and prepare for higher levels of the sport." Over the years, BBFS has

built a structured scouting network comprising senior licensed coaches who cover major regions across India where the talent pipeline is strong. This large-scale talent hunt ensures that aspiring players have the opportunity to showcase their potential at the national stage. The BBFS Residential Academy offers an integrated football-and-academics model designed to support long-term player development. Created to mirror the standards of top global academies, the program combines elite football training with formal schooling, supervised by experienced educators and coordinators. Athletes follow a year-round schedule that includes technical and tactical training, strength and conditioning, nutrition planning, and participation in competitive tournaments at state and national levels. Each player is guided through an Individual Development Plan (IDP) tailored to their strengths, gaps, and long-term goals, supported by regular mentoring sessions that focus on performance, discipline, and personal growth.

## IDFC FIRST BANK LAUNCHES FIRST WOW! BLACK, A PREMIUM CREDIT CARD WITH ZERO FOREX AND UPI-ENABLED SPENDS

Mumbai, December 2025: IDFC FIRST Bank today announced the launch of the FIRST WOW! Black Credit Card - an upgraded and more feature-rich version of the existing FIRST WOW! Credit Card, backed by a fixed deposit. It is designed for premium benefits on FD Backed Secured Card, at an accessible price. Key highlights of the card are ZERO Fx markup on International Spends, Dual card with Mastercard and RuPay UPI, and rewards on UPI Spends. Cardholders get a physical Mastercard plus a UPI-enabled RuPay virtual credit card both seamlessly linked to the same account with a unified credit limit and a single consolidated statement. Priced at ₹750 + GST (joining and annual fee), the card offers welcome benefits worth over ₹5,000, making it a strong value proposition in the secured credit-card space. Cardholders enjoy welcome benefits covering

IDFC FIRST Bank	
Feature	Details
Forex Markup	0% Fx markup on all international spends
Cash Withdrawal	0% interest till payment due date (upto 45 days). Only charge of ₹199 per withdrawal
Rewards Points	4 Reward Points per ₹150 on everyday spends (-1.3% value back) 3 Reward Points per ₹150 on eligible UPI spends above ₹2,000 (-1% value back) 50 Bonus RPs per ₹150 on hotel bookings (-16.7% value back) on IDFC FIRST Bank App 30 Bonus RPs per ₹150 on flight bookings (-10% value back) on IDFC FIRST Bank App
Rewards Points Value	₹0.50 per RP on travel bookings via the IDFC FIRST Bank app
Lounge Access	4 Domestic lounge access per year
Free Cancellation	Trip cancellation cover of up to ₹10,000 on flight & hotel bookings
Movie Offer	25% discount up to ₹100 on movie tickets, once every month
Fuel Surcharge Waiver	1% fuel surcharge waiver up to ₹200, every month
Roadside Assistance	Complimentary roadside assistance worth ₹1,399, available once every year
Comprehensive Insurance Cover	Personal accident cover of up to ₹2 lakh and lost card liability up to ₹25,000 for assured protection.

travel discounts, premium dining access & lifestyle offers, as well as an additional 5% cash-back (up to ₹1,000) on the first EMI transaction

made within 30 days. Annual fee (2nd year onwards) of ₹750 + GST is waived on achieving annual spends of ₹1,50,000, maximizing overall value.

Shirish Bhandari, Head - Credit Cards, FASTag & Loyalty, IDFC FIRST Bank, said: "The response to our earlier FIRST WOW! variant reinforced one clear insight: customers want simplicity and affordability, but without feeling like they are compromising on experience or benefits. FIRST WOW! Black is our answer an upgrade in every sense, delivering more value, more travel capability, and more everyday utility. Premium card experiences have often remained inaccessible for customers who are new to credit or prefer an affordable price point. FIRST WOW! Black shifts that paradigm with zero forex markup, domestic lounge access, stronger travel rewards, trip protection and many lifestyle benefits — offered at a price point designed for broad accessibility & making premium and aspirational privileges, truly democratic.

## SBI Hyderabad Circle launches "FRAUD KA FULL STOP" Campaign across the State

State Bank of India (SBI), in partnership with Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), today inaugurated the two month "FRAUD KA FULL STOP" cyber-awareness campaign being conducted from 02 December 2025 to 31 January 2026. The campaign was ceremonially launched across all six Administrative Offices and 27 Regional Business Offices of SBI in Telangana on 11.12.2025. The inauguration was marked by blowing the conch, symbolizing the beginning of a State-wide war against cyber frauds. SBI reaffirmed its mission to protect customers by intensifying awareness at every touch point. As part of the initiative, SBI unveiled the Cyber Defender Program, deploying 355 trained Cyber Defenders across the Circle. They will engage customers twice daily in



branches and conduct outreach programs in schools, colleges, RWAs, and communities to reinforce safe digital practices. SBI has been a pioneer in cyber-awareness in Telangana, reaching lakhs of citizens through SMS/email alerts, park activities, mobile

awareness vans, Nukkad Natak, college programs, and Town Hall meetings. More than 1,000 SBI staff participated in mass-awareness drives this year alone. These efforts have already helped branches prevent several Digital Arrest fraud attempts.

## BIG TECH BETS BIG ON AI - BUT CAN INDIA KEEP PACE IN THE GLOBAL RACE?

This week, tech giants Amazon and Microsoft pledged an eye-popping \$50bn-plus combined investment in India, putting artificial intelligence (AI) in the spotlight. Microsoft's Satya Nadella announced his company's largest investment ever in Asia - \$17.5bn (£13.14bn) - "to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI-first future". Amazon followed suit, and said it was putting in more than \$35bn in the country by 2030, with an unspecified chunk of that investment going into boosting AI capabilities. The announcements come at a particularly interesting juncture. As fears of an AI bubble swept global markets and tech stock valuations soared, several leading brokerages took a contrarian view on India's AI landscape. Christopher Wood of Jefferies said the country's stocks were a "reverse AI trade". That basically means India should outperform other markets in the world "if the AI trade suddenly unwinds" - or simply put, the global bubble bursts. HSBC also held a similar view, saying Indian equities offered a "hedge and diversification" for those uneasy with the ongoing AI rally. This comes as Mumbai stocks have lagged behind their Asian peers over the past year, with foreign investors moving billions



into Korean and Taiwanese AI-driven tech companies in the absence of comparable opportunities in India. In this backdrop, the Amazon and Microsoft investments provide a much-needed fillip - yet it remains worth asking where India truly stands in the global AI race. There are no easy answers. The adoption of AI in India has been rapid. Investments into some parts of the value chain - such as data centres, the physical backbone of AI, or chip-making facilities - have begun trickling in. Just this week, American chip-maker Intel announced a collaboration with Mumbai-based Tata Electronics to manufacture chips

locally. But when it comes to a sovereign AI model, it appears India is continuing to play catch-up. About a year-and-a-half ago, the Indian government launched an AI mission through which it began supplying start-ups, universities and researchers with high-end computing chips to develop a large homegrown AI model like OpenAI or China's DeepSeek. According to the federal electronics ministry, the launch of the sovereign model - which supports more than 22 languages - is imminent. In the interim though, the likes of DeepSeek and OpenAI have made further advances, launching newer variants. While the

government has recognised the need to reduce over-dependence on foreign platforms because of the risk of surveillance and sanctions, India's \$1.25bn sovereign mission is a shadow of France's \$117bn or Saudi Arabia's \$100bn programmes. The country's ambitions also face numerous other hurdles - from semiconductor availability to skilled talent and fragmented data ecosystems, according to global consultancy EY. India currently lacks enough computational infrastructure or the billions of dollars of research and development (R&D) investment made over decades that gave China and the US a distinct leg up. Despite its global strength in AI talent, India struggles to keep its developers at home. "The current tightening of overseas work visas provides India a window of opportunity to retain domestic talent and attract Indian-origin talent at home. However, given that top-tier AI talent is mobile globally, attractive policy incentives need to be put in place to incentivise relocation to India," the EY report says. China, for example, offers a range of incentives such as "financial support and subsidies, tax incentives and funding for research and development, special talent visas and fast-track immigration", the report says.



# More than 30 dead after Myanmar military air strike hits hospital

At least 34 people have died and dozens more are injured after air strikes from Myanmar's military hit a hospital in the country's west on Wednesday night, according to ground sources. The hospital is located in Mrauk-U town in Rakhine state, an area controlled by the Arakan Army - one of the strongest ethnic armies fighting the country's military regime. Thousands have died and millions have been displaced since the military seized power in a coup in 2021 and triggered a civil war. In recent months, the military has intensified air strikes to take back territory from ethnic armies. It has also deployed paragliders to drop bombs on its enemies. The Myanmar military has not commented on the strikes, which come as



the country prepares to vote later this month in its first election since the coup. However, pro-military accounts on Telegram claim the strikes this week were not aimed at civilians. Khaing Thukha, a spokesperson for the Arakan Army, told the BBC that most of the casu-

alties were patients at the hospital. "This is the latest vicious attack by the terrorist military targeting civilian places," he said, adding that the military "must take responsibility" for bombing civilians. The Arakan Army health department said the strike, which occurred at around 21:00

(14:30 GMT), killed 10 patients on the spot and injured many others. Photos believed to be from the scene have been circulating on social media showing missing roofs across parts of the building complex, broken hospital beds and debris strewn across the ground. The junta has been locked

in a years-long bloody conflict with ethnic militias, at one point losing control of more than half the country. But recent influx of technology and equipment from China and Russia seems to have helped it turn the tide. The junta has made significant gains through a campaign of airstrikes and heavy bombardment. Earlier this year, more than 20 people were killed after an army motorised paraglider dropped two bombs on a crowd protesting at a religious festival. Civil liberties have also shrunk dramatically under the junta. Tens of thousands of political dissidents have been arrested, rights groups estimate. Myanmar's junta has called for a general election on 28 December, touting it as a pathway to political stability. But

critics say the election will be neither free nor fair, but will instead offer the junta a guise of legitimacy. Tom Andrews, the United Nations' human rights expert on Myanmar, has called it a "sham election". In recent weeks the junta has arrested civilians accused of disrupting the vote, including one man who authorities said had sent out anti-election messages on Facebook. The junta also said on Monday that it was looking for 10 activists involved in an anti-election protest. Ethnic armies and other opposition groups have pledged to boycott the polls. At least one election candidate in central Myanmar's Magway Region was detained by an anti-junta group, the Associated Press reported.

## PAKISTAN'S MILITARY SENTENCES ITS FORMER SPY CHIEF TO 14 YEARS IN JAIL



Pakistan's former spy chief has been sentenced to 14 years in prison by a military court, on charges including violation of state secrets and interfering in politics. Faiz Hameed led Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency from 2019 to 2021, during the tenure of now-jailed former prime minister Imran Khan. He was known to be a staunch supporter of Khan, and took early retirement shortly after Khan was ousted in a no-confidence vote in 2022. It is the first time that an ISI chief in Pakistan has been court martialled. His

lawyer said he plans to appeal against the verdict. The ISI chief is seen as the second most powerful position in Pakistan's military. According to a press release issued by the public relations arm of Pakistani military (ISPR), the 15-month-long court martial proceeding began on August 12, 2024, under the Pakistan Army Act. Hameed was tried on four charges, including "involvement in political activities, violation of the Official Secrets Act which harmed the interest of the state, misuse of his powers and government resources, and causing harm to citizens". The ISPR statement added that Hameed had been given "the right to have a defence team of his choice" and that he has the right to appeal the decision in the "appropriate forum", which would be the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

## 'Architects of AI' named Time Magazine's Person of the Year



Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2025 is not a single person. Instead, the magazine has recognised the year's most influential figure as "the architects" of artificial intelligence (AI). Nvidia boss Jensen Huang, Meta head Mark Zuckerberg, X owner Elon Musk and AI "godmother" Fei-Fei Li are among those depicted on one of the magazine's two covers. Experts say it highlights how quickly AI, and the firms behind it, are reshaping society. It comes as a boom in the technology, ushered in by OpenAI's launch of ChatGPT in late 2022, con-

tinues at pace. Its boss Sam Altman said in September its chatbot is used by around 800 million people every week. Big tech firms are pouring billions of dollars into AI and the infrastructure behind it in a bid to stay ahead of rivals. There are two covers this year - one a piece of art depicting the letters AI surrounded by workers, and another a painting focused on the tech leaders themselves. At Meta, Zuckerberg has reportedly focused the firm around the tech, including its AI chatbot, which it has embedded in its popular apps.

## POLAND ARRESTS RUSSIAN ARCHAEOLOGIST WANTED IN UKRAINE



Polish authorities have arrested a prominent Russian academic from St Petersburg's world-famous Hermitage Museum who is sought by Ukraine for allegedly conducting illegal excavations and partially destroying the ancient city of Myrmekion in Crimea. The suspect, identified under Polish

law as Aleksandr B, is the head of the Ancient Archaeology of the Northern Black Sea region at the museum, according to Ukrainian prosecutors. Ukrainian prosecutors accuse him of conducting illegal excavations at the site in Kerch between February 2014 and November 2025.

## US seizes oil tanker off Venezuela as Caracas condemns 'act of piracy'

US forces have seized an oil tanker off the coast of Venezuela, President Donald Trump said, marking a sharp escalation in Washington's pressure campaign against Nicolás Maduro's government. "We have just seized a tanker on the coast of Venezuela - a large tanker, very large, the largest one ever seized actually," Trump told reporters at the White House. Releasing a video of the seizure, Attorney General Pam Bondi described the vessel as a "crude oil tanker used to transport sanctioned oil from Venezuela and Iran". Caracas swiftly denounced the action, calling it an act of "international piracy". Earlier, President Maduro declared that Venezuela would never become an "oil



colony". The Trump administration accuses Venezuela of funneling narcotics into the US and has intensified its efforts to isolate President Maduro in recent months. Venezuela - home to some of the world's largest proven oil reserves - has, in turn, accused Washington of seeking to steal its resources. Brent crude prices inched higher on Wednesday as

news of the seizure stoked short-term supply concerns. Analysts warn the move could threaten shippers and further disrupt Venezuela's oil exports. US Attorney General Pam Bondi, who leads the US Department of Justice, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and the US Coast

Guard co-ordinated the seizure. "For multiple years, the oil tanker has been sanctioned by the United States due to its involvement in an illicit oil shipping network supporting foreign terrorist organizations," the nation's top prosecutor wrote on X. Footage shared by Bondi showed a military helicopter hovering over a large ship, and troops descending on to the deck using ropes. Uniformed men were seen in the clip moving about the ship with guns drawn. A senior military official told the BBC's US partner CBS that the helicopters used in the operation launched from the USS Gerald Ford, the world's largest aircraft carrier, which was sent to the Caribbean last month.

## Venezuelan Nobel winner tells she knows 'risks' of Oslo trip after months in hiding



Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado, who has been in hiding for months, has told the BBC that she knows "exactly the risks" she's taking by travelling to Norway to collect her Nobel Peace Prize. Machado appeared in Oslo in the middle of the night, waving from the balcony of a hotel. It was the first time she has been seen in public since January. The 58-year-old made the covert journey despite a travel ban and a threat from the Venezuelan government that she would be labelled as a fugitive. In an emotional moment, Machado waved to cheering supporters who had gath-

ered outside the Norwegian capital's Grand Hotel, blowing them kisses and singing with them. To their delight, she then came outside and greeted them in person, climbing over the security barricades to get closer. "Maria!" "Maria!" they shouted, holding their

phones aloft to record the historic moment. The Nobel Institute awarded Machado the prize this year for "her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy" in Venezuela. Earlier on Wednesday, her daughter, Ana Corina Sosa,

accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on her mother's behalf. Until Wednesday night, the mother of three had not seen her children in about two years, having sent them away from Venezuela for their own safety. In an interview with the BBC's Lucy Hockings after her balcony appearance, Machado said she had missed their graduations, and the weddings of her daughter and one of her sons. "For over 16 months I haven't been able to hug or touch anyone," she said. "Suddenly in the matter of a few hours I've been able to see the people I love the most, and touch them and cry and pray together."

## AUSTRIA BANS HEADSCARVES IN SCHOOLS FOR UNDER-14S



Austria has passed a law banning headscarves in schools for girls under the age of 14. The conservative-led coalition of three centrist parties, the ÖVP, the SPÖ and the Neos, says the law is a "clear commitment to gender equality", but critics say it will fuel anti-Muslim feeling in the country and could be unconstitutional. The measure will apply to girls in both public and private schools. In 2020, a similar headscarf ban for girls under 10 was struck down by the Constitutional Court, because it specifically targeted Muslims. The terms of the new law mean girls under 14 will be forbidden from wearing "traditional Muslim" head coverings such as hijabs or burkas. If a student violates the ban, they must have a series of discussions with school authorities and their legal guardians. If there are repeated violations, the child and youth welfare agency must be notified. As a last resort, fam-

ilies or guardians could be fined up to 800 (€700). Members of the government say this is about empowering young girls, arguing it is to protect them "from oppression". Speaking ahead of the vote, the parliamentary leader of the liberal Neos party, Yannick Shetty said it was "not a measure against a religion. It is a measure to protect the freedom of girls in this country," and added that the ban would affect about 12,000 children. The opposition far-right Freedom Party of Austria, the FPÖ, which voted in favour of the ban, said it did not go far enough. It described the ban as "a first step", which should be widened to include all pupils and school staff. "There needs to be a general ban on headscarves in schools; political Islam has no place here", the FPÖ's spokesperson on families Ricarda Berger said. Sigrid Maurer from the opposition Greens called the new law "clearly unconstitutional".

## Severe disruption hits Portugal in first general strike for 12 years

Dozens of flights and trains have been cancelled, schools closed and hospital operations postponed in cities across Portugal, as the two main union federations stage a general strike over unprecedented labour reforms. Public transport was down to a minimum service in many areas, and unions said refuse collections were at a standstill as the strike took hold on Thursday. The last time the CGTP and the generally less militant UGT joined forces was during the eurozone debt crisis in 2013, when a "troika" of international institutions demanded cuts in salaries and pensions as part of Portugal's bailout. Twelve years later, Portugal's economy has become the fastest



growing in the eurozone in recent months, but Prime Minister Luís Montenegro says it is still necessary to tackle "rigidities" in the labour market "so companies can be more profitable and workers have better salaries" as a result. "I will not give up on having a country with the ambition to be at the fore-

front, to be at the vanguard of Europe," he said on the eve of the strike. However, Montenegro appears to have been taken aback by the strength of feeling against his minority right-of-centre government's plans: one of his Social Democrat MPs is on the UGT executive and even he voted for a strike. The

prime minister tweaked some proposals after calling the federation in for talks late last month, but it was clearly not enough. Among the most controversial of the more than 100 proposals are: letting employers roll over temporary contracts for years on end lifting a ban on sacking workers then immediately rehiring them indirectly via outsourcing removing a requirement to reinstate employees who were unfairly dismissed. It is Portuguese in their 20s who are likely to be most affected by the changes - and opinion is rather mixed. Diogo Brito, who works as an air steward but has friends who do casual work in tourism, supports the right to strike but backs the package.

## String of celebrity scandals renews debate on South Korea's 'cancel culture'



In a matter of days, three big names in South Korea's entertainment industry have made headlines in separate scandals that could derail their careers. The allegations that have embroiled comedians Park Na-rae and Cho Sae-ho, as well

as veteran actor Cho Jin-woong, are all different - ranging from workplace abuse to previous teenage detention to associations with a gang member. But the results have been the same: departures from the television screens where they had worked their way up to become household names. The scandals have also raised questions about the standards to which South Korea's public figures are held - especially in the entertainment industry. What are the scandals about? Park Na-rae, one of the country's most successful female comedians,



# Shah Rukh Khan Reveals Plan For Lionel Messi's GOAT Tour Of India

In an amazing blend of Bollywood and sports, superstar Shah Rukh Khan is set to meet football great Lionel Messi during the latter's visit to Kolkata on December 13. For the unversed, Messi will be in India for a much-anticipated G.O.A.T Tour 2025, a three-day event spread across four major Indian cities from December 13 to 15. Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi are the other cities that will witness the arrival of Messi on their land. The presence of Shah Rukh at Salt Lake Stadium will give a boost to the crowd that is already on cloud nine over Messi's arrival. The Bollywood superstar himself shared the news of him being in attendance. "This time round not planning my Knight in Kolkata.... and hoping the day Ride is completely 'Messi'. See you guys on the 13th at the Salt Lake Stadium," wrote Shah Rukh on X, formerly Twitter. Messi, who is travelling



from Miami, is scheduled to land in Kolkata at around 1:30 am. He will have an extensive line-up of engagements in the city throughout the day, beginning with meetings at 9:30 am. The World Cup-winning captain is expected to attend multiple interactions and events before departing for Hyderabad at 2 pm. During his visit to Kolkata, Messi is

also scheduled to meet former India cricket captain Sourav Ganguly and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. In Hyderabad, Messi's itinerary includes a highly anticipated T77 exhibition football match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is expected to join him for the event. The

evening will culminate in a musical extravaganza celebrating Messi's illustrious career. Following his engagements in Hyderabad, Messi will travel to Mumbai and then to Delhi. The G.O.A.T India Tour 2025 is designed as a pan-India celebration, beginning in the East (Kolkata) and South (Hyderabad) on December 13, continuing to

the West (Mumbai) on December 14, and concluding in the North (Delhi) on December 15. The highly anticipated GOAT Tour featuring Argentina football legend Lionel Messi is just around the corner, and excitement among fans in India knows no bounds. Messi will visit India on December 13, 14, and 15, covering four cities during his jam-packed schedule. The 2022 FIFA World Cup winner will travel to Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi, participating in several events. Before concluding his India tour, Messi will arrive in the national capital, where he is reportedly scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Joining Messi on the tour will be his long-time strike partner, Luis Suarez and Argentina midfielder Rodrigo De Paul. They will be part of the Mumbai leg of the tour, according to Satadru Dutta, the sole promoter of the 'G.O.A.T.'

## Gautam Gambhir Calls ODI Batting Orders "Over-Rated", AB de Villiers' Reply Can't Be Missed

India head coach Gautam Gambhir backed his philosophy of deploying a floating batting order in ODI cricket, with the positions not being fixed, especially in the middle order. Gambhir remains determined to continue with the same approach, even if certain ODIs haven't gone India's way because of this philosophy. AB de Villiers, one of the greatest batters in the history of the game, isn't entirely in disagreement with Gambhir's approach, but has cautioned him against crossing the 'fine line'. "I do agree with him to a certain extent. I've always enjoyed a floating batting lineup in ODIs. But it's a fine line because you can't really play around too much with the players' roles. It's the top three, four to six, and then your tailenders who can hold the bat. It's almost like three segments, and you can really be creative with that. Play with right and left-hand combinations and certain situations of the game," De Villiers said about Gambhir's statement on his



YouTube channel. De Villiers was particularly impressed by India's consistency in T20 format, where Gambhir has adopted the same floating batting order philosophy. "It has been incredible, especially for a T20 format. It's the most volatile format of the three, and to have that kind of consistency tells you there must be something going on that's heading in the right direction. I think it's got to do with the depth of Indian cricket," said De Villiers. Gambhir's remarks about floating bat-

ting orders in white-ball cricket came after India sealed a 2-1 ODI series win against South Africa. Barring the opening combination, the India head coach doesn't think any batter needs to play in a specific position. "I think in a one-day format, you should know the template that you want to play with. I've always believed that in white-ball cricket, batting orders are very overrated, except the opening combination," said Gambhir after India beat South Africa 2-1 in the ODI series.

## "It Will Backfire On Both Suryakumar And Gambhir": Ex-India Star's Massive Warning

Former India batter Robin Uthappa has warned senior men's team head coach Gautam Gambhir and T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav of excessive experimentation in the batting order. India have been making plenty of changes in the batting order. The message for the team is clear that there is a demand for a flexible line-up. The India head coach Gambhir even insisted earlier this month that "batting order is overrated" in white-ball cricket. However, Uthappa is of the opinion that Suryakumar and Gambhir would be under fire if this approach fails in the lead-up to the 2026 T20 World Cup, set to be jointly hosted by India and



Sri Lanka in February-March. After the ongoing five-match T20I series against South Africa, India will play a series of as many matches against New Zealand before playing the world event. With so little time left for preparation, the co-hosts need to make sure their experiment reaps

rewards; otherwise, there will be no turning back. "If this goes south, it'll backfire on both Surya and Gautam Gambhir. And people are anyway gunning for his (Gambhir) head. You can't go into a World Cup as the defending champions with your main batters not in good form. In the first T20I,

Hardik saved the skins out of India's innings. If it wasn't for him, we would have been 30-40 runs off that total and that's a 130. Those things concern me," said Uthappa on his YouTube channel. The ex-India player also talked about Suryakumar's poor form with the bat. Suryakumar averaged 15.07 in the first 16 T20Is he played this year. "Today it's not affecting him because India is winning matches. He's one of the most successful Indian captains right now with an 85 win percentage. But if that drops over the next nine games, then it starts impacting his batting and it starts impacting how he leads on the field as well.

## Picture Of Yuvraj Singh's Funny Moment With Gambhir During 2nd India-South Africa T20I Goes Viral

India's World Cup-winning all-rounder Yuvraj Singh joined the team huddle ahead of the side's second T20I match against South Africa at Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh, on Thursday. During his presence with the players, the legendary all-rounder also met his former teammate and current India head coach Gautam Gambhir. Yuvraj shared a light-hearted moment with Gambhir, and a picture of it is going viral on social media. Before the start of the match, a stand named in Yuvraj's honour was inaugurated at the venue. An unchanged India have won the toss and elected to bowl first against South Africa.



The stadium is hosting its first men's international cricket match and becomes the 55th venue in India to join this bandwagon. India are currently leading the five-game series 1-0. "This has always been a wonderful ground. When we played here during franchise cricket, and recently saw a women's game also happen

here, it was wonderful, and it's the first men's game, I heard, that's happening here - international, so very excited for it. I'm sure the crowd are also excited," said India skipper Suryakumar Yadav. "It's really important for the boys to understand their responsibilities and see what the team demands in

that situation. They batted perfectly, looking at the situation. 175 on that wicket was a little over par. The way we bowled, I think it was a lovely effort," he added. He also heaped praise on seam-bowling all-rounder Hardik Pandya's match-winning efforts in the first T20I in Cuttack. "The balance that he (Hardik Pandya) provides in the team is amazing. The way he batted, the way he keeps calm on the ground when he's batting, when it's a pressure situation," Suryakumar said. "The way he bowled also, I think that's more important. His overs are also really important for the side. The way he carried himself throughout the game, it didn't look like he was injured.

## Why Kylian Mbappe Remained An Unused Substitute Against Real Madrid



As Real Madrid suffered a 1-2 home defeat against Manchester City in the home Champions League clash on Wednesday, Kylian Mbappe remained an unused substitute. The Spanish giants struggled to score goals as Pep Guardiola's men proved their supremacy in the contest. Though Man City emerged as deserved winners in the contest, Real Madrid manager Xabi Alonso's decision to not bring Mbappe from the bench baffled many. Since the conclusion of the game, questions have been raised over Alonso's tactical decisions in the game, especially over the decision to not use Mbappe for a single minute. It has been reported that Mbappe wasn't fit to feature in the starting XI for the Champions League match against Man City because of muscular pain. Though Real Madrid maintained that the injury was not a serious one, there remained a risk that it could worsen in a match

as demanding as a Champions League clash against Manchester City. According to BeIN Sports, Mbappe was unable to complete the assessments at the expected level before the start of the match, leading to a decision aimed at preventing a more serious injury that could have sidelined him for several weeks, hurting Real Madrid's entire campaign. The final call over the decision to bench Mbappe was reportedly made only minutes before kickoff and was based strictly on medical assessments and risk management. With Real Madrid trailing a high-intensity Manchester City side the entire second half, Alonso decided against risking Mbappe by bringing him in from the bench, even as it meant that his side lost the game. Xabi Alonso On Kylian Mbappe's Absence Alonso said it was too early to know whether the player will be able to play Sunday at Alaves in the Spanish league.

## Robin Uthappa, Chris Gayle, Jacques Kallis To Play In Legends Pro T20 League

The Legends Pro T20 League has added another group of heavyweight names to its debut season, confirming the participation of Chris Gayle, Jacques Kallis, Robin Uthappa, Ambati Rayudu and Stuart Binny. With each announcement, the league is shaping into a reunion of cricketers who have shared dressing rooms, rivalries, and countless memories over the years. "Some of my best cricket memories involve the guys who will be playing for the league," Gayle said. "I've played against Kallis when getting past him felt impossible, talked batting rhythm with Uthappa, and taken more Rayudu banter than I can count," he laughed. "And seeing names like Dhawan or Watson pop up again adds to



that feeling. Coming back together brings back the jokes, the competitiveness, the respect. The Legends Pro T20 League is giving us that chance." Jacques Kallis echoed the sentiment, reflecting on the relationships that endure long after a career.

more. And seeing Michael Clarke step in as league commissioner adds a fresh energy. He's always had a sharp cricketing mind, and his new role brings real professionalism and vision to the whole setup. It just makes you look forward even more to getting back out there and enjoying the game with familiar faces." Robin Uthappa spoke about reconnecting with players who shaped his journey. "I've faced Rayudu as an opponent and later shared a dressing room with him, and his intensity has always stood out," Uthappa said. "With Dinesh Karthik, I've had plenty of chats about finishing games, and having played with him since my Under-19 days, there's a natural camaraderie that comes from all those years together.

## "How Do You Block Whatever Is Going On?" Smriti Mandhana Responds

India women's cricket vice-captain Smriti Mandhana made her first public appearance since her wedding to music composer Palash Muchhal was called off, taking a decisive step towards overcoming a difficult personal period. During an event, the star cricketer emphatically stated her unwavering love for cricket, highlighting that even when her personal life faces challenges, she relies on her bat and her work ethic to regain confidence. The 29-year-old also spoke candidly about the team's historic victory at the ICC Women's ODI World Cup. Mandhana shared her philosophy on preparation and self-assessment: "I have



always been a very simple person, not complicating my life by overthinking anything. One thing I believe is that if you put a lot of work in behind the scenes, because what happens on the ground, everyone looks at and judges, but what I

judge myself or the team on is the work we put in behind the scenes. I really pride myself on doing that work day in, day out. Even if I'm feeling good or bad about things, whatever it is, I think if you put in that work, when you go out to bat, you're just

very confident about what's going to happen," Smriti said during the event. The 'Women in Blue' secured their maiden ODI World Cup title on November 2nd, defeating South Africa in the final held at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai. Speaking at the Amazon Sambhav Summit, Mandhana reiterated the significance of her commitment to the national team: "I don't think I love anything more than cricket. Wearing that Indian jersey is what motivates us. You set aside all your problems, and that thought alone helps you focus on life. As a kid, the madness for batting was always there.

## 'No-one downing tools' - Alonso's stay of execution despite loss to Man City



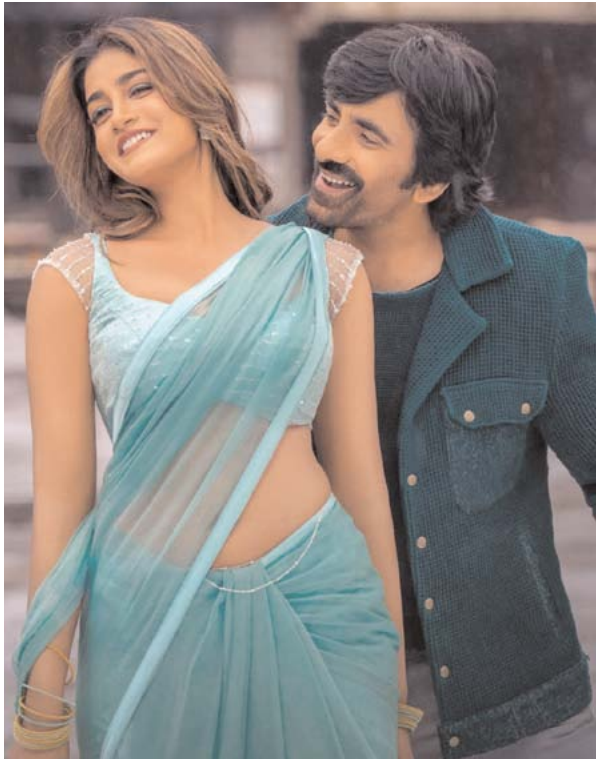
The deafening jeers that greeted former Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola before kick-off turned into away-fan cheers after Manchester City picked up a magnificent Champions League victory at Real Madrid that leaves Xabi Alonso clinging on to his job. Guardiola's connections with Real's rivals was not forgotten by the home faithful and it is ironic that a Barca man might have been the person to hammer the final nail in Alonso's coffin. Despite reports beforehand stating Alonso could lose his job with a loss, BBC Sport understands his position is not under immediate threat and is likely to see out the next few days, but a third consecutive defeat at Alaves on Sunday could finally spell the end. When the referee's whistle was blown on the 2-1 loss to City on Wednesday, the music inside the venue was pumped up to maximum level, possibly to drown out any boos that

may have been directed against Alonso. By that point, many had already left and once the volume was turned down, "We've got Guardiola" was the chant echoing around the stunning Bernabeu stadium from the 2,500 travelling supporters, a moment which will sting all Madridistas. Asked in the post-match news conference if he had spoken to chairman Florentino Perez, Alonso replied by saying: "I came straight here." The Madrid board discussed their options well into the night following the defeat by Celta Vigo on Sunday and it would be a major surprise if they were not to convene again. The start that Real made seemed like they had turned the corner, taking the game to City and going in front courtesy of Rodrygo's low drilled effort. But they conceded twice in the final 10 minutes of the first half through Nico O'Reilly poking in from close range and Erling Haaland's penalty. The Real ultras dressed all in white behind the goal had been chanting and clapping until that point, but when the Norwegian's spot-kick rippled the net in front of them they were silenced. There was, though, a period of unrest between minutes 65 and 71 when supporters whistled at the players in disappointment three times - the message was to say 'give us more'.



## Express Your Love With The New Melody In Town- Mellifluous Number Addham Mundhu From Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, Dimple Hayath’s Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi Unleashed

Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja’s wholesome family entertainer Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi, directed by Kishore Tirumala, features Ashika Ranganath and Dimple playing the heroines. Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner and presented by Zee Studios, the film features music by Bheems Ceciroleo and first single Bella Bella turned out to be a chartbuster. After teasing with a promo, the makers today unveiled the lyrical video of the second song-Addham Mundhu. This time, Bheems Ceciroleo scored a soulful and mellifluous track, with enchanting beats. Shreya Ghoshal’s soulful voice adds depth and magic, while Kapil Kapilan’s charming vocals are also equally remarkable. Lyricist Chandrabose captures the subtle beauty of love through heartfelt words. The song portrays a couple so deeply in love that they exist in their own little world, making every moment intimate and heartfelt. To all the husband-wife duo, express your love with the new melody in town. Addham Mundhu is a treat visually. Choreographed by



Sekhar Master and filmed in stunning European locales, the song highlights the sparkling chemistry between Ravi Teja and Dimple Hayathi. Their romantic exchanges, tender glances, and playful interactions elevate the track, making it a feast for both the eyes and ears. The song’s combination

of soulful melody, elegant lyrics, and captivating visuals makes it a track that stays with you long after listening. On the technical front, the film boasts a stellar crew—Prasad Murella behind the lens, National Award winner Sreekar Prasad handling the edits, and AS Prakash leading the production design.

## ‘It’s Not My Fault I Got a Job When I Was 12 and You Won’t Let Me Evolve’: Sabrina Carpenter



It’s Halloween night at Madison Square Garden, and a group of 20-some-things are deep into a sacred ritual: gabbing in the bathroom mirror with your girlfriends. They fluff their hair and touch up lip gloss while discussing the costumes they’re planning for a party the following night. “It’s so hard,” one of

them sighs, “to find something that’s both slutty enough and comfy enough.” Her posse groans in sympathy and agreement. Luckily, the artist they’re here to see has a solution. Sabrina Carpenter, who has retitled her long-running “Short n’ Sweet Tour” to “Short n’ Spooky” for the holiday.

## Sahakutumbanam” to hit the theatres on December 19

Under the banner of HNG Cinemas LLP, Sahakutumbanam is directed by Uday Sharma, with Mahadev Goud and Nagaratna producing this heartwarming family entertainer. The film features Ram Kiran and Megha Akash in the lead roles, supported by an ensemble cast including Natakirithi Rajendra Prasad, Hasya Brahma Brahmanandam, Shubhalekha Sudhakar, Satya, Rajashri Nair, Racha Ravi, Giridhar, Tagubothu Ramesh, Bhadram, and others. With music composed by Mani Sharma, cinematography by Madhu Dasari, and editing by Sashank Mali, the film promises a wholesome family experience. The trailer released earlier received an overwhelmingly positive response across social media. Originally scheduled for release on December 12, the team has chosen to reschedule the release to December 19. This decision comes out of respect toward the release of “Akhandanda Tandavam”, directed by Boyapati Sreenu and starring Nandamuri Balakrishna garu ,



### Highlights

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which is releasing on the same date. The makers of Sahakutumbanam expressed that their intention is to ensure their film does not cause even the slightest disturbance to the release of Akhandanda Tandavam”, given the immense respect they hold for Balakrishna garu. They extended heartfelt wishes for the grand success

of Akhandanda Tandavam releasing on December 12. “Some decisions are made not for business, but for emotions. This is one such decision made for the spirit of ‘Jai Balayya’. We are happy to announce that Sahakutumbanam will now arrive in theatres worldwide on December 19,” the team stated.

## There is organic comedy in Gurram Paapireddy, and audiences will enjoy every scene: director Murali Manohar

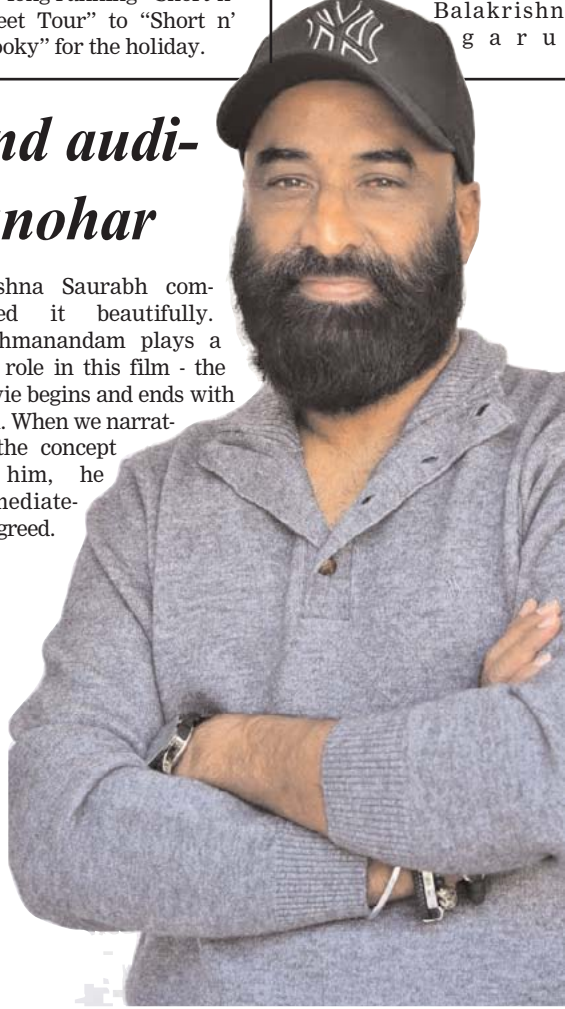
Nareesh Agastya and Faria Abdullah are playing the lead pair in the film Gurram Paapireddy. The movie is produced by Venu Saddi, Amar Bura, and Jayakanth (Bobby), and presented by Dr. Sandhya Goli. Director Murali Manohar has crafted the film as a dark comedy with a concept that Telugu cinema hasn’t explored before. With all production activities completed, the movie is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 19th of this month. Speaking in an interview today, director Murali Manohar shared the highlights of the film: “My native place is Hyderabad. As a kid, watching films like Shiva and Naayakudu drew me towards the film industry. After completing my MBA here, I went to London,

where I studied at a film institute and worked at Warner Bros for eight years. Later, I returned to India and started working with director Sampath Nandi. I worked on many of his films and have been in Tollywood since 2010. - With Sampath Nandi’s support, I made the film Simbba, my first directorial. However, its release got delayed. By then, the project Gurram Paapireddy was already finalized. The producers naturally had doubts - why hadn’t my first movie been released yet? But they ultimately trusted my vision and decided to go ahead with Gurram Paapireddy. I don’t enjoy making regular commercial films. Even Simbba was very different from routine films. Compared to Simbba, Gurram Paapireddy is com-

pletely different. My upcoming films will also explore different genres. - The core story for this film was given by Poorna. The other writers and I worked on the script together. Our initial title was Paramapadasopanam, but we felt it wouldn’t have wide reach, so we changed it to Gurram Paapireddy, which is also the name of the character played by Nareesh Agastya. The story revolves around the clash between the clever and the foolish - how life changes when smart people do stupid things and foolish people end up doing smart things. We showcased this contrast with humor. The film contains a lot of organic comedy. Everyone has a bit of craziness in them, and we brought that natural, stupidity-driven humor onto the screen. -

Some people get into trouble because of their foolish actions, and those troubles make us laugh. I never want to make a hero-centric film. I want the hero to simply be a part of the story. While casting, we chose Nareesh Agastya because he blends naturally into any story. After talking to him, I felt he was perfect for the role. He performed very naturally as Gurram Paapireddy. After watching films like Jathi Ratnalu and Mathu Vadalaru 2, we felt Faria Abdullah would be perfect for the heroine’s role. She performed exceptionally well. She even wrote, sang, and choreographed one of the songs in the film. - The song “Paaisa Dum Dum” appears in the movie when all the characters enter a fictional world. Music director

Krishna Saurabh composed it beautifully. Brahmanandam plays a key role in this film - the movie begins and ends with him. When we narrated the concept to him, he immediately agreed.



## Miss Universe India In A Universal Telugu Cinema, Introducing Rhea Singha From The World Of Jetlee

Tollywood’s most delightfully unpredictable combo- Satya and filmmaker Ritesh Rana, collaborate once again, this time with their new venture Jetlee. The makers earlier unveiled the first-look. The poster that presented Satya in a humorous avatar and the single line- “I am done with comedy,” ironically, has sparked more laughter than anything else. Produced by Clap Entertainment’s Chiranjeevi (Cherry) and Hemalatha Peddamallu, and presented by the powerhouse banner Mythri Movie Makers, Jetlee features Miss Universe India Rhea Singha, making her Tollywood debut as the leading lady. Extending birthday wishes to Rhea Singha, the makers unveiled her striking first-look poster today. The poster showcases her in a fierce and stylish action avatar, standing confidently amid a fiery explosion inside an aircraft, a gun gripped firmly in her hand. With her hair pulled back into a sleek high ponytail, she sports a fitted black tank top and maroon pants, exuding effortless glamour. Flying debris, shattered objects, and dramatic lighting intensify the high-octane atmosphere



around her. The overall look is bold and powerful, firmly establishing her as a commanding action heroine. Promoted as an action-comedy, the film promises a cocktail of chaos- wild stunts, sharp twists, and that signature, slightly twisted Ritesh Rana humour. The cast also includes Vennela Kishore

and Ajay in pivotal roles. The trusted technical crew from Mathu Vadalaru is onboard as well- Kaala Bhairava on music, Suresh Sarangam on cinematography, Karthika Srinivas as editor, and Nani Srinivas heading production design, reuniting to bring another wild Ritesh Rana world to life.

## JINN – A Suspense Horror Thriller with a Unique Story, Grand Release on December 19

Of late, films with fresh and unique storylines are receiving tremendous responses. As long as the content is strong, even films with new faces are turning into big successes. Following the same formula, director Chinmay Ram is bringing a brand-new suspense horror thriller titled “Jinn”, crafted with a unique genre with an interesting subject that connects with audiences across all sections. The film stars Ammith Rao in the lead role and is being produced by Nikhil M. Gowda under the banner of Saadalamma Film Production. Varadaraj Chikkaballapura has provided the dialogues. The posters and videos released so far have received a highly positive response from audiences and significantly raised expectations. Amidst growing hype, this Telugu film is all set for a grand theatrical release on December 19. Key roles in the movie are played by Parvez Simbha, Prakash Thumbinadu, Ravi Bhatt, Sangeetha, and Balraj Wadi, while Alex has composed the music. The title “Jinn” itself has turned out to be a major plus point. The uniqueness of not just the story but even the title gives



the film a strong chance to reach audiences easily. The film was shot across Hyderabad and several other locations that perfectly suit the storyline, and the producers reportedly spared no expense in mounting the project on a grand scale. The film’s unit is highly confi-

dent, stating that the strong content and the way it has been presented will make the movie a definite theatrical success. While audiences have seen many suspense horror thrillers, the team promises that “Jinn” will stand out as a completely different experience.

## Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson to Return for ‘The Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping’



Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson are expected to reprise their roles as Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark in “The Hunger Games” prequel, “Sunrise on the Reaping.” The Lionsgate movie is based on the latest novel by Suzanne Collins and follows the events of the 50th Hunger Games, 24 years before Katniss and Peeta first entered the killing field as the tributes for District 12 with Haymitch Abernathy as their mentor. The story centers on Haymitch’s experience in the games when he was 16; Joseph Zada assumes the role of the young man, played by Woody Harrelson in the original film series. The nature of Lawrence and Hutcherson’s cameo is being kept under wraps, but as book readers will know, their beloved characters appear alongside Haymitch in the epilogue, which indicates some sort of flash-forward. “Sunrise on the Reaping” is slated for release on Nov. 20. Francis Lawrence, who has helmed every installment of the franchise since 2012’s “Catching Fire,” directs from a screenplay written by Billy Ray, with Brad Simpson and Nina Jacobson returning as producers. The five films in

the franchise so far have taken in over \$3.3 billion at the box office. While the original “The Hunger Games” movies made megastars out of Lawrence, Hutcherson and their co-star Liam Hemsworth more than a decade ago, the pair have been plenty busy of late, too. On Monday, Lawrence earned her seventh Golden Globe nomination for her latest film “Die My Love,” adding to her award-winning pedigree that includes an Oscar for best actress. Meanwhile, Hutcherson is relishing the successful launches of “Five Nights at Freddy’s 2” and the HBO series “I Love L.A.” In a recent interview with Variety, Hutcherson hinted at a possible return to the franchise. “I would love to be back on set with Francis, with Jen, with Liam, with Woody [Harrelson],” he said. “It would not take any convincing at all. I’d be there in a heartbeat.” Then, when asked more directly about whether that film would include the coda scene, Hutcherson played it cool. “That would be a dream come true,” he replied, holding interviewer Adam B. Vary’s gaze. “Do dreams come true? Sometimes. Sometimes not. Sometimes, yeah.”