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

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

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

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

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

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

and Hanumakonda.

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

Sarpanches for 396 Gram

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Visakhapatnam's rapidly

expanding technology land-

advanced domains such as AI, Machine Learning, Digital Engineering, and Cloud Solutions, further strengthening Visakhapatnam's reputation as an emerging hub for next-generation technolo-

centre will focus on



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

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

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



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

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

# **Akhilesh Yadav hails CM Revanth**



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

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

# for declaring Sadar a state festival



According to him, this decision

democratic society.

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

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

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



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

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

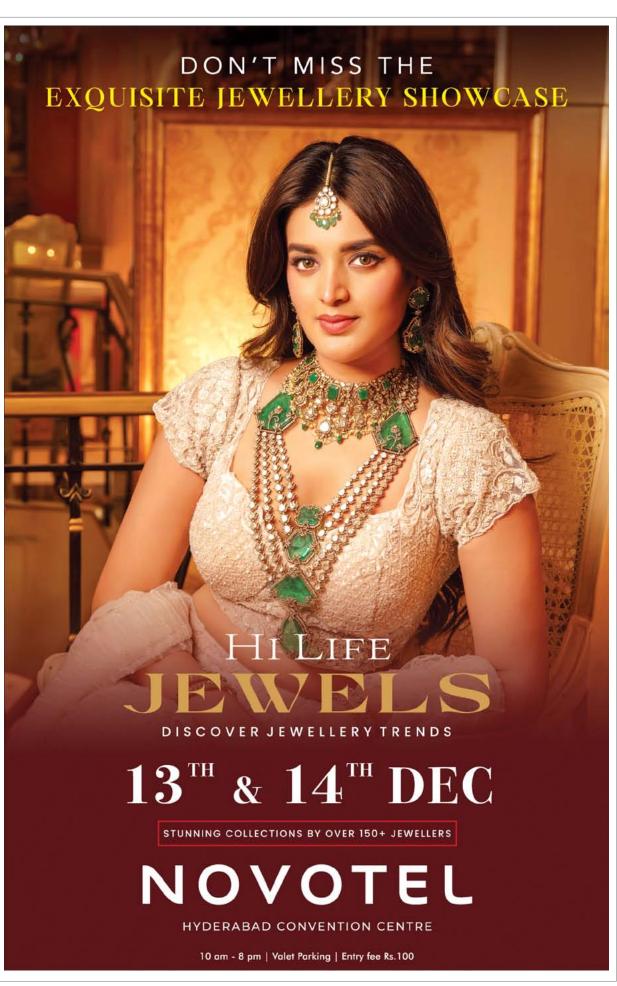
Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, in a statement on his X handle, hailed the development as part of a historic transformation in Bastar under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He emphasised that the "Poona Margem Rehabilitation

Rejuvenation" initiative is helping Maoist cadres return to the mainstream, offering them a secure and dignified life with their families.

#### **IndiGo flight count** rises over 2,000 as DGCA tightens oversight

**NEW DELHI (TSIT):** Demonstrating the sign

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



## Telangana

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**Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy** 

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e-Tender No .: - etender No C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/33/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-33-OT-2025-26 Name of work: Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department : (i) Provision of vvangian facilities in stations unde Sr.DEN/North/SC jurisdiction. (ii) Provision of Divyangjan facilities in stations under Sr.DEN/North-West/SC jurisdiction. (iii) Provision of Sr.DEN/South/SC jurisdiction and (iv Provision of Divyangian facilities in stations under Sr.DEN/west/SC urisdiction (v) Provision of left over divvangian facilities (Accessible route with tactile guidance, Tactile flooring for platform zoning, Contrasting Colou Sheme for structural elements & Platform edge Strips) to meet short term targets under Sr.DEN/North/SC iurisdiction (vi) Provision of Divvangiar facilities to meet short term targests in Sr.DEN/North-West/SC section (vii) Provision of Divyangjan facilities to meet short term targets in stations under Sr.DEN/South/SC section (viii Provision of Divyangjan amenities (water taps, Divyangian toilets Accessible route with tactile guidance Platform Zoning, Constrasting colour scheme for structural elements & Platform edge strips) to meet short term targets in Sr.DEN/West/SC section (ix) Provision of Divyangian nenities to meet short term targets in Sr.DEN/Co-ord/SC section (x) Provision of Divvangian amenities t meet short term targets in SNF-SC KZJ (xi) KZJ-BZA Section Upgradation of COPs with SS gutter New sheeting & Provision of additional PF shelters in stations unde ADEN/S/KZJ sub division (xii) KZJ BZA Section: Proposed construction of additional COPs in stations unde ADEN/MDR sub division - Electrica arrangements. Tender Value: (₹) 2,86,28,720.00 EMD : (₹) 2,93,200.00

. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website a "www.ireps.gov.in" which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engine (Maintenance) Secunderaba

CTF: (₹) 0.00Completion period : 6

Coordination/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works Closing date 8

.Tender No.: Engg-GTL-Central-1992 escription of work : Gooty Improvements to Yard examination acilities and open shed for models at ATC of freight depot/GY. Advertised Value in (₹) 2,50,74,102.54 Earnes Money Deposit in: (₹) 2,75,400.00

2.Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-1993 Description of work : Guntaka Division: Provision of Shunting neck at Timmanacherla (TIM) in Guntakal-Gooty section involving (i Construction of Retaining wall (ii) Earth work and (iii) Track linking. Advertised Value in (₹) 4,49,36,214.08 Earnes Money Deposit in : (₹) 3,74,700.00

3.Tender No.: Engg-GTL-Bridge-1994 Description of work : GTL Division (1) Replacement of corroded top flange plates, top lateral bracings and top lateral gusset plates on Br.No. 45DN (26x16.30)@ Km: 240/32-241/8 between KLU-PMD Stations in DMM-GY section. (2) Provinding bed plates of different sizes below the existing bedplates to corerct X-level and vertical sag on Br.No. 45DN. (3) Metallization of steel girders and its components on Br.No. 45DN. (4) Provision of supporting the Signal Telecom and OFC cable pipes running parallel to the Br.No. 45DN. Advertised Value in (₹) 2.56.67.106.10 Earnest Money Deposit in : (₹) 2,78,300.00

4.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-Bridge-1995 Description of work : BAY-GTL, GY-KLU, DMM-PAK Sec: Provision of Cradle arrangements for various major bridges and ROBs in SSE/Br/Central urisdiction. Advertised Value in (₹ 4,08,85,719.23 Earnest Money Deposit in : (₹) 3,54,400.00

Any corrigenda will be issued online

## Divisional Railway Manager/Works

Tender No. GTL-EM-63-2025-26 Date:12.12.2025 Senior Divisional Electrica Engineer/Maintenance/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The the following works.

Tender No.:- GTL-EM-63-2025-26. Name of the Work: Guntakal Division . Provision of Electrical Arrangemen for Upgradation of Crew Booking Lobby Building at Dhone by Providing All Specified Facilities along with Air Conditioning., 2. Improvement to colonies (including qtrs/water pipelin drainage/ roads, parks etc.) at DHNE, BMH & PDL Stations in ADEN/DHNE Sub-Division in Sr.DEN/Centra Jurisdiction. Approximate Value: (₹ 54,32,232.76/-

Closing date and time: 05-01-2026 at

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

Sr. Divisional Electrical Enginee

## Massive security deployed for Messi's football match in Uppal



Uppal: Around 3,000 policemen have been deployed for Messi's football match at Uppal Stadium, Rachakonda

Hyderabad: Lok Bhavan Pariwar cele-

brated Pre-Christmas festivities with

great fervour and joy on Friday, spread-

ing the divine spirit of Christmas through

prayer, music and brotherly love. The

**Community Pays** 

**Tributes to** 

**Narsaiah Goud** 

the Upparapalli

Employees,

Farmers visited the

bereaved family and

extended their condolenc-

es.As per information

shared by village group

member Vatte Ravi Kiran

Reddy, the group founder

Puli Devender Mudhirai

visited Upparapalli, paid

floral tributes to Narsaiah

Goud and consoled his

sons and family members.

Speaking on the occasion.

Puli Devender Mudhirai

said that Narsaiah Goud's

life of kindness and integ-

rity was an inspiration to

many. He noted that his

sons Ailaiah, Ramesh,

Srinu and Raju are con-

tinuing their father's lega-

cy by serving the village

and society. He mentioned

that Srinu provides medi-

cal services to the poor at

low cost through his pri-

vate hospital, while Raju,

an advocate, offers free

legal services to the under-

privileged.He described

the loss of Narsaiah Goud

as deeply painful and

assured the family of the

community's full support.

MEPA Warangal district

Pendyala Krishna, along

with family members, vil-

lagers, employees, busi-

nesspersons and farmers.

were present during the

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Closing date and time: 05-01-2026 at 15.00hrs

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Enginee

Maintenance, Guntakal

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Businesspersons

CP Sudhir Babu said. A mini command control room and 450 CCTV cameras have been set up, and security will

also be monitored via

Messi has Z-category security, and CM Revanth Reddy will be present. Fans are advised to arrive early, park in designated areas, and follow safety protocols. Items like laptops, banners, cameras, cigarettes, firecrackers, and pets are prohibited inside the stadium. Teams have also been formed to ensure women's safety.

atmosphere resonated with devotion as

members gathered to mark the occasion

in a spirit of unity and goodwill. The

Governor of Telangana Jishnu Dev

Varma, graced the celebrations and

joined the Lok Bhavan Pariwar and chil-

dren in worshipful songs. Sharing in the

sacred joy of the season, the Governor

interacted warmly with the gathering.

highlighting the importance of together-

Choristers of Hyderabad enthralled the

audience with soul-stirring Christmas

carols, adding a spiritual glow to the

event. A beautifully decorated and illumi-

nated Christmas tree stood as a symbol of

hope, peace and divine cheer.

and harmony.The Festival

#### on Friday said that the development of villages in the Nalgonda Assembly constit-LOK BHAVAN PARIWAR CELEBRATES PRE uency would be given top priority and assured that CHRISTMAS WITH DEVOTION AND JOY any amount of funds

ment would be allocated. Newly elected Congress Party Sarpanches from Nalgonda, Tipparti and Kanagal mandals met the Minister at his camp office (Indira Bhavan) in Nalgonda. The Minister congratulated the newly elected Sarpanches and extended his best wishes.Addressing them, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said that public positions are not permanent and urged the Sarpanches to make the best use of the opportunity given by the people. He advised them to work

inclusively by taking everyone

Hyderabad: State Minister

for Roads & Buildings and

Cinematography,

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy,

required for village develop-

#### along and to implement development programmes beyond party affiliations."Elections are only for contesting. After elections, the focus should be entirely on development," he said. He reiterated that adequate funds would be sanctioned for the development of all villages in the Nalgonda constituency and asked the Sarpanches to bring any village-related problems directly to his notice. The Minister also urged them not to lose confidence when faced with difficulties and said that no problem is insurmountable. Speaking emotionally, he said that after losing his son, he finds happiness in serving the poor and sees his son in the people he helps. He added that the support given by the people of Nalgonda can never be repaid and assured that he would always remain accessible and stand with the people in their

## People's Trust Must Be Honoured Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj



Hyderabad: Parliament Congress Party Incharge Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj called upon newly elected Sarpanchs and Ward Members to uphold the trust of the people who voted for them and work continuously for village

development and public welfare without compromising the faith reposed

A grand felicitation programme was organised at Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj's Chitkul camp office to honour the Newly elected Nallavalli Sarpanch Korvi Rani Suresh

Kanukunta Ward Members following their victory in the Gram Panchayat elections. The winners were warmly felicitated with Shawls amid enthusiastic participation from party workers and villagers. Addressing the gathering, Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj said that every activist who worked tirelessly for the Congress Party would be duly recognised."I stand by everyone who believes in the Congress Party and works with commitment. The journey from activist to leader must always be rooted in service to the people," he said. He advised the newly elected representatives to actively implement development and welfare programmes in their

respective villages and

ensure that the benefits of the Telangana People's Government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reach every household.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for information that Residential Villas, Construction roject, Situated at Survey No 122, 123, 148, 150 to 162, 165 to 169, 176 to 183, 186 to 188, elimela village, Ramachandra Puram, Sanga Reddy Dist, Telangana State being developed by M/s. Supadha Infra Private imited Has been accorded Environmental Clearance by state Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Vide EIA notification S.O. 1533 Dated 14th-September-2006

Telangana State Pollution Control

M/s. Supadha Infra Private Limited (Authorised Signatory)

## JANGAMPALLI BRANCH

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 Guarant (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Credito the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of JANGAMPALL BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 30-12-2025, for recovery of Rs.10,44,513.78) (Rupees Ten Lacs forty four Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and paisa Seventy Eight Only) +interest thereon due to the Union Bank of India, JANGAMPALLI BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Gainikadi Venka iah S/O G. Venkaiah (Borrower) & Mrs. Gainikadi Padma W/O Mr. Gainikadi Venkaiah (Co-Bo rower) & Mr. Shettypalli Srinivasulu Sharma (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 11,01,600 and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,10,160/-

Borrower: Mr. Gainikadi Venkaiah S/O G. Venkaiah

Address 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameshwar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist-Nizamabad

Address 2: Flat No 2, Second Floor, Guru Raghvendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Villlage Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102 ,Mob: 9440575118

Co-Borrower: Mrs. Gainikadi Padma W/O Mr. Gainikadi Venkajah Address 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameshwar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist- Nizamabad

Address 2: Flat No 2, Second Floor, Guru Raghvendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Villlage

Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102, Mob. 9440575118 Guarantor: Mr. Shettypalli Srinivasulu Sharma

Address: Plot No 65 Sri Guru Raghvendra Enclave, Near Railway Gate Chinnamallareddy Kamareddy- 503123 Telangana Details of Secured Asset: -

Residential RCC roofed flat no SF-2, Second Floor, Western Portion, Adm. 806.00 Sq.Ft. including common area with undivided 1/6th share i.e. 37.66 Sq yards in the entired plo area of 226.11 Sq.yards constructed over the open plot no 51, lies in Sy nc 207/1,207/2,207/3a,207/3B,207/4A,207/4B,207/5,207/6,207/7, 207/8A,207/8B, 207/9, 208/7 208/12,208/13A,208/13B,208/13C,208/15,208/16,208/20A, 208/23,208/28, 208/29, 208/30 208/32, & 208/33 in the DTCP approved vide G.P.L.P No 10/2011/HRO, in "GURU RAGHVEN DRA ENCLAVE" situated at Chinna Mallareddy (V),Kamareddy (MDL),Dist. Nizamabad, within the limits of G.P Chinna Mallareddy, Regn. Sub. Dist. Kamareddy Z.P. & Regn Dist. Nizamabar

as bounded by-Boundaries of Flat: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Flat no SF-1 and staircas

Boundaries of the Land: North: 40 ft wide road. South: Plot no 50. East: Plot No 28, West: 33 ft wide road

Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's

Date: 09-12-2025 Sd/-Authorized Officer, Place: Jangampall

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

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

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFLfor an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF PHYSIC POSSESSION
Mr. KALPAGIRI VIJAYBorrower     Mrs. KALPAGIRI ANUSHCo-Borrower     Both Are R/o. H.No.3-90 Manchuppula,     Palakurthy, Warangal Rural, Telangana - 506222     Loan Account Nos. AP/WGL/WRNG/A000000560.	13.09.2025 Rs.9,36,405/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Five Only)	12-12-202

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and R.C.C. building with Ground Floor and constructed in an extent of 293.33Sq. Yards of land Residence of Door No 3-90 MANCHUPPULA VILL PALAKURTHY MDL JANGAON DIST. Telangana-506222, Aadha No.8707 0312 6911 within the limits of S.R.O.KODAKANDLAbounded as follows Boundaries: EAST:PLOT OF KAKARLA DURGAIAH, WEST:G.P CC ROAD, NORTH HOUSE OF VEERASWAMY KALPAGIRI, SOUTH HOUSE OF KALPAGIRI YADAIAH

.Mr. NAGELLI SATHISH, R/o.H.NO 1-79, PASRANAGARAM, GOVINDARAOPET Mulugu Rs.8,22,158/-Narangal, Telangana, India - 506347......Borrowei (Rupees Eight 2. Mrs. SHAGANTI ANUSHA R/o.H.NO 1-79 PASRANAGARAM GOVINDARAOPET, thousand one MULUGU, Near school, Semiurban, Waranga Telangana, India - 506347.....Co-Borrower

Only) Loan Account Nos. AP/WGL/WRNG/A000000642.. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and R.C.C. building with House no 1-79, in

12-12-2025

Govindaraopet mandal MULUGU district. Telangana-506349, within the limits of S.R.C Mulugu bounded as follows: Boundaries EAST: HOUSE OF JANAGAM SRINU, WEST: HOUSE OF JANAGAM RAMU, NORTH: HOUSE OF JANAGAM SRINU, SOUTH: GP ROAD.

Place: WARANGAL For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

(A) IDBI BANK

IDBI Bank Limited, 3 rd floor, D. No: 5-9-89/1 and 2, Chape Road, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana, www.idbibank.in Email: dv.krishna@idbi.co.in

**NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES** 

Appendix – IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9 (1)] E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement o

Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ('Rules') Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to IDBI Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on December 29 th 2025 (as per detailed schedule given below), for recovery of amounts due to the IDBI Bank Ltd, Secured Creditor from Borrower(s and Guarantor(s) as mentioned herein below along with reserve prices and the Earnest Money Deposits (EMD) of each of the properties.

Important Dates

Date of Sale of Bid document:	December 13 th , 2025 onwards		
Date of Inspection :	Every working day during December 13, 2025 to 10.30 amo 5.00 pm with prior request	to December 23,	2025 during
Last Date of submission of Bid:	December 24, 2025		
Opening of Bids :	December 26, 2025		
Date and time of e-auction :	December 29, 2025 from 11.00 am onwards		
Name(s) of the Borrower(s) :	Smt.Suman Kapasi		
Names of the Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s):	Smt.Suman Kapasi W/O Nimeet Kapasi		
Amount due :	Outstanding dues of Rs. 86,06,660/- as on Dec expenses and further interest thereon with eff at the contractual rates upon the footing of con	ect from 12 th De	ecember 2025
Prope	erty Details	Reserve Price	EMD
and UDS of 62.33 sq.yds including Car Parking at	781/6/1/2, on plot No 75 with plinth area of 1300 sq.ft Moosarambagh Hyderabad owned by Suman Kapasi n to Sky /Neighbour's H.No:16-11-23/66,South: Stair ot no:76,West: Open to Sky/Plot no:74.	Rs.32,40,,000/-	Rs.3,24,000/-

Location Coordinates 17.372415 78.515436 Gist of the terms & conditions appearing in Bid Documents

1. Interested bidders shall submit proof of payment along with KYC documents (photo identity and address proofs) like PAN Car (compulsory), Aadhaar Card, Passport, Voter ID card, Driving License etc. in person to the authorized officer at the address given above Online submission of auction participation application shall not be entertained and rejected. The bidder shall have to submit the bid alon with necessary documents and filling formats in person by visiting the Authorized Officer ("AO") at the address given above. EMD to b emitted to Account No.59434915010026, IFSC Code: IBKL0000594, Branch Name: IDBI Bank Limited, Kachiguda Branch Hyderabad, by way of RTGS only in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd. The amount of EMD paid by the interested bidders shall carry n erest. The EMD shall be forfeited if the bidder does not participate in the e-auction by placing the bid. AO may retain EMD of top thre dders up to 3 months from the date of opening of the bids.

t. The AO shall not take responsibility for any dues (Statutory or otherwise) outstanding as on date and yet to fall due, including dues that nay affect transfer of properties in the name of the successful bidder and such dues, if any, shall have to be borne by the successful rchaser. IDBI shall not take any responsibility to provide information on the same. The successful bidder would be required to bear a ne necessary expenses like stamp duty, registration, expenses, tax liabilities, if any, etc. for transfer of immovable property. I. IDBI Bank Ltd and AO do not take responsibility for any errors/ omissions/ discrepancy/ shortfall etc. in the immovable properties or for ocuring any permissions etc. or for the dues of any authority established by law. IDBI Bank Ltd and AO shall not be responsible for an

ror, inaccuracy or omission in this proclamation of sale. . AO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason(s). In case all the bids are rejected, the AO serves the right to sell the assets by any of the modes as prescribed in the Act.

i. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDBI Bank's website i.e. www.idbibank.in. For an arification, the interested parties may contact Shri Venkata Krishna Reddy Devireddy DGM (Tel: 040 6769 4111, E-mail v.krishna@idbi.co.in) and Shri.N.Sreekanth, AGM (Cell: 9010003548), E-mail: n.sreekanth@idbi.co.in. i. For E-auction support, please contact Miss. B M Sushmitha /Mrs. Pooja M, Land Line:080-45982100 Mobile: 895194438;

9686196751, E-mail sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com/pooja.m@antaressystems.com, Website: https://www.bankeauctions.com

nteras Systems Ltd., "Honganasu", #137/3, Bangalore Mysore Road, Opp: to Metro Pillar P-696, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060. Statutory Notices as per Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("the Rules")

The Borrower and Mortgagor Smt.Suman Kapasi is hereby notified under Rule 9(1) of the Rules that the above mentioned immovable property shall be sold after 15 days from the date of this notice by holding public e-auction. However, the Borrower/Mortgagor(s) /Guarantor(s) may pay outstanding dues of Rs. 86,06,660/- as on December 11, 2025 plus charges xpenses and further interest thereon with effect from December 12 th 2025 at the contractual rates upon the footing o compound interest and take back the possession of the immovable properties in question. In case orrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor(s) fail to pay the outstanding dues as demanded herein within 15 days from the date of thi Notice, the Authorized Officer would be at liberty to proceed with the above mentioned public e-auction of the immovable property of the respective Borrower/Mortgagor.

Date: 13 th December, 2025 **Authorized Officer** Place: Hyderabad.

(T) IDBI BANK

IDBI Bank Limited, 3 rd floor, D. No: 5-9-89/1 and 2, Chapel Road, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana, www.idbibank.in.

**NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES** 

Appendix – IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9 (1)] E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ('Rules')

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to IDBI Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on December 29 th, 2025 (as per detailed schedule given below), for recovery of amounts due to the IDBI Bank Ltd, Secured Creditor from Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned herein below along with reserve prices and the Earnest Money Deposits (EMD) of each of the properties.

	Important Dates
Date of Sale of Bid document:	December 13 th , 2025 onwards
Date of Inspection :	Every working day during December 13, 2025 to December 23, 2025 during 10.30 amo 5.00 pm with prior request
Last Date of submission of Bid:	December 24, 2025
Opening of Bids :	December 26, 2025
Date and time of e-auction :	December 29, 2025 from 11.00 am onwards
Name(s) of the Borrower(s) :	Shri Amar Ganesh and Ms Tankari Annapurna
Names of the Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s):	Shri Amar Ganesh S/O D Bala Swamy
Amount due :	Outstanding dues of Rs. 17,43,353/- as on December 11, 2025 plus charges, expenses and further interest thereon with effect from 12 th December 2025 at the contractual rates upon the footing of compound interest.

Property Details	Reserve Price	EMD
All that open plot No:288 Middle Part admeasuring 150 Sq Yrds or 125.4 Sq Mtrs in Survyey No:368,369,382, part & 383 part in VRR Grand Enclave situated at Keesara and bounded by :North: Plot No:288 North part;South: Plot No:288 South Part;East::30' wide road;West::Plot No:294 Location Coordinates 17.52943278.663981		Rs.2,42,000/-

Gist of the terms & conditions appearing in Bid Documents:

Interested bidders shall submit proof of payment along with KYC documents (photo identity and address proofs) like PAN Car compulsory), Aadhaar Card, Passport, Voter ID card, Driving License etc. in person to the authorized officer at the address give above.Online submission of auction participation application shall not be entertained and rejected. The bidder shall have to submit the oid along with necessary documents and filling formats in person by visiting the Authorized Officer ('AO') at the address given above EMD to be remitted to Account No.116934915010026, IFSC Code: IBKL0001169, Branch Name: IDBI Bank Limited, AS Rao Nagar Branch, Hyderabad, by way of RTGS only in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd. The amount of EMD paid by the interested bidders shall carry no nterest. The EMD shall be forfeited if the bidder does not participate in the e-auction by placing the bid. AO may retain EMD of top three idders up to 3 months from the date of opening of the bids.

The AO shall not take responsibility for any dues (Statutory or otherwise) outstanding as on date and yet to fall due, including dues that may affect transfer of properties in the name of the successful bidder and such dues, if any, shall have to be borne by the successful ourchaser. IDBI shall not take any responsibility to provide information on the same. The successful bidder would be required to bear all he necessary expenses like stamp duty, registration, expenses, tax liabilities, if any, etc. for transfer of immovable property.

3. IDBI Bank Ltd and AO do not take responsibility for any errors/ omissions/ discrepancy/ shortfall etc. in the immovable properties or for procuring any permissions etc. or for the dues of any authority established by law. IDBI Bank Ltd and AO shall not be responsible for any error, inaccuracy or omission in this proclamation of sale.

4. AO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason(s). In case all the bids are rejected, the AO

eserves the right to sell the assets by any of the modes as prescribed in the Act. 5. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDBI Bank's website i.e. www.idbibank.in. For an larification, the interested parties may contact Shri Venkata Krishna Reddy Devireddy DGM (Tel: 040 6769 4111, E-mail:

dv.krishna@idbi.co.in) and Shri.N.Sreekanth, AGM (Cell: 9010003548), E-mail: n.sreekanth@idbi.co.in. i. For E-auction support, please contact Miss. B M Sushmitha / Mrs. Pooja M, Land Line:080-45982100 Mobile: 8951944383 9686196751, E-mail sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com/pooja.m@antaressystems.com, Website: https://www.bankeauctions.com Antares Systems Ltd., "Honganasu", #137/3, Bangalore Mysore Road, Opp: to Metro Pillar P-696, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060.

Statutory Notices as per Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("the Rules") The Borrower and Mortgagor Shri Amar Ganesh hereby notified under Rule 9(1) of the Rules that the above men immovable property shall be sold after 15 days from the date of this notice by holding public e-auction. However, the Borrower/Mortgagor(s) /Guarantor(s) may pay outstanding dues of Rs. 17,43,353/- as on December 11, 2025 plus charges, expenses and further interest thereon with effect from December 12, 2025 at the contractual rates upon the footing of compound interest and take back the possession of the immovable properties in question. In case Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor(s) fail to pay the outstanding dues as demanded herein within 15 days from the date of this Notice, the Authorized Officer would be at liberty to proceed with the above mentioned public e-auction of the immovable

property of the respective Borrower/Mortgagor.. Date: 13 th December, 2025

**Authorized Officer** Place: Hyderabad.

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MANAPPURAM HOME FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED

DEMAND NOTICE

House No. 6-2-926/A, Sy No. 107/B, Admeasuring 123.16-Sq Vds, Hussainioura, Karmnagar, Telangara, Briti SG001 = East+H No. 10-1 of Mohammad lilyaaz, West-20 Feet Wide Road, South-Land of Mohammad Arfi, North-Remaining Part of H. No. 6-2-926 & Open Place of Vendor

Pilace of Vendor

Ventice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon hem to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective formway. (Co-Borrower, Vinite Outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower, Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take use 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, tops are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire mount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by MAHOFIN at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 3(8) of the SARFAESI Act.

Valve note that in terms of \$5-13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or leading with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner. ate: 13th December 2025 | Place: TELANGANA

#### Banswada BRANCH

Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

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 Guaranto (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Banswada BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30-12-2025, for recovery of Rs.5,04,985.93/- (Rupees Five Lacs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five and paisa ninety three only + interest+ any other charges due to the Union Bank of India, Banswada BRANCH Secured Creditor from Sri Motukuru Nagaraju S/o. M Venkatesham (Borrower) and Mr. Mothkuri Anil Kumar S/o. Mothukuri Brahmaiah (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 13,00,000/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,30,000 /-

Borrower(s): Sri Motukuru Nagaraju, S/o. M Venkateshwam, Hno.1-3-38, Jai Bharath Road Banswada, Kamareddy Dist:503187

Guarantor(s): Mr. Mothkuri Anil Kumar S/o. Mothukuri Brahmaiah, Hno. 6-13/4. Chaitanva Colony, Banswada Kamareddy Dist:503187

Equitable Mortgaged Property-All that piece and parcel of existing RCC Residential Mulgi bearing no.1-3-38 constructed on a open plot adm 21 Sq. yds, Built up area is 189 Sq.feet situated at main Road , Banswada village

and Mandal with in limit of Gram Panchayat Banswada, Sub registrar Banswada and dist Boundaries of the property: East: Mulgi of Paltha Chiranjeevlu, West: Mulgi of Chidura

Gangaiah, North: 18'feet Wide GP Road, South: 3' feet Wide Road. Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's

website i.e. https://baanknet.com

Date: 09-12-2025

AXIS BANK LIMITED

guarantors / Mortgagors:

Telangana-501301.

Telangana-501141

Telangana-500056.

3)

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500088.

500062

Demand Notice 18-08-2025

Safilguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500056.

Loan Number: PHR113409913926

IDA Nacharam, Hyderabad-500076.

Loan Number: PHR113407098058

Loan Number: PHR000805243854

Demand Notice 15-09-2025

Sd/-Authorized Officer. Place: Banswada Union Bank of India

Name of the applicant /co - applicant

guarantors and address

Chowdary, R/o. 4-36-1, Main road, Annojiguda, Ghatkesar,

Hyderabad, Telangana-500088. Also at: Mr. Keesaram Chowdary

(Applicant), S/o. Mr. Megaram Chowdary, Plot No.1-36, Singapur

Chowdary, Proprietor, Balaji Traders, Plot No.1-36, Opp. To singapur

city, Annojiguda, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500088. 2) Mr. Babu Dass Changan Das, (Co-Applicant) D/o Mr. Babudass,

R/o. 84/2 Rajeev Gruha Kalpa, Annojiguda, SBI bank, Hyderabad

Property Address: Mr. Keesaram Chowdary (Applicant), S/o. Mr.

Megaram Chowdary, Plot No.120, western plot, Survey No.46,

Sy.No.59k, Basaveswarnagar, Gouthapur Village, Thandur Mandal-501141.

2) Mr. Vijaya Lakshmi (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Mothi Singh, R/o.H.No.5-

6-35 to 40, Near Old Vegetable Market, Tandur, Rangareddy Dist,

Property Address: Mr. Shivender Singh Thakur (Applicant), S/o.

Mr. Subhash Singh Thankur, Flat No.102 on second floor, "MALTI

NAYAK PLAZA", Opp. Reddy Hostel, Abid Road, Hyderabad-500001. Loan Number: LPR000801305521

2) Mrs. Gelly Savitha(Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Chinthakindi

Narayana, R/o.30-265/3/34A, Opp Navabha Santoshma Nagar, Old Safilguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500056. Also At: Mrs. Gelly Savitha(Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Chinthakindi Narayana, R/o. Plot

No.390, Chandanagar Colony, Old Safilguda, Hyderabad,

Property Adress: Mrs. Gelly Sai Kumar (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Gelly Yadagiri, H.No.30-1470/73/A, Old Safilguda, Malkajgiri, Muncipal

Corporation Malkajgiri Circle and Mandal, Medchal- Malkajgiri

1) Mrs. Pushpa Pulipaati(Applicant), D/o. Mr. Ramulu Guranthala,

Mr. Pulipati Srinivas (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Pulipati Sheshaih

R/o.P.T.No. 63 & 64 Part, Maruthi Enclave, Kushaiguda, Hyderabac

500062. Also At: Mr. Pulipati Srinivas (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr.

Pulipati Sheshaih, Proprietor at Sree Anjani Building Material

Suppliers, Plot No.2, Sy.No. 149 & 150, Uday Nagar, Boduppal

Property Details: Mr. Pulipati Srinivas (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr.

Pulipati Sheshaih, H.No.C-9-875/4, Nagaram Village, Nagaram

Suresh Nenavath (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Hari Singh Nenavath,

Annojiguda, Opp. To South India Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana -

2. Mrs. Manjula Nenavath (Co-Applicant), D/o, Laxman Jathot,

R/o. Plot No.36, Netaji Nagar, Kapra, Hyderabad, Telangana

Property Address:Mr. Suresh Nenavath (Applicant), S/o. Mr.

Hari Singh Nenavath, House on Plot No.12, Pocharam Village and

Muncipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500088.

Muncipality, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District-500083.

Pocharam, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500088.

Loan Number: PHR000805734013

Demand Notice 18-08-2025

APPENDIX-IV

1) Mr. Keesaram Chowdary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Megaram Rs. 37,12,464 /- (Rupees Thirty

city, Annojiguda, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500088. Also this amount includes interest till 18-

at: Mr. Keesaram Chowdary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Megaram 08-2025 together with further

2) 1) Mr. Shivender Singh Thakur (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Subhash Singh Rs. 12,91,779/-(Rupees Twelve

Thankur, R/o.Flat No.102, 2nd floor, H.No.4-1-355, Malti Naik Plaza, Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Seven

Opp. Reddy Hostel, Abids Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-500051. Hundred and Seventy Nine

Also At:Mr. Shivender Singh Thakur (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Only)being the amount due as on

Subhash Singh Thankur, C/o. H.No.5-6-40, Near Old Vegetable 09-08-2025 this amount includes

Market, Tandur, Rangareddy Dist, Telangana-501141. Also At:Mr. interest till 09-08-2025 together with Shivender Singh Thakur (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Subhash Singh further interest thereon from 10-08-

Thankur, Proprietor at M/s. Ganesh Balaji Store Slice Insudtry, 2025 costs and other consequences,

1) Mrs. Gelly Sai Kumar(Applicant), S/o. Mr. Gelly Yadagiri R/o.30- Rs. 21,71,225/- (Rupees Twenty one

265/3/34A, Opp Navabha Santoshma Nagar, Old Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Two

Safilguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500056. Also at: Mrs. Gelly Sai Hundred and Twenty Five Only)

Kumar(Applicant), S/o. Mr. Gelly Yadagiri, R/o.Plot No.390, being the amount due as on 12-09-

Chandanagar Colony, Old Safilguda, Hyderabad, Telangana- 2025 this amount includes interest

500056. Also at: Mrs. Gelly Sai Kumar(Applicant), S/o. Mr. Gelly till 12-09-2025 together with further

Yadagiri, Proprietor at Dhana Sri Communications, H.No.30- interest thereon from 13-09-2025

265/3/34A, Opp Navabha Santoshma Nagar, Old and other consequences, damages

R/o.P.T.No. 63 & 64 Part, Maruthi Enclave, Kushaiguda, Hyderabad- Lakhs Three Thousand Seven

500062. Also At: Mrs. Pushpa Pulipaati(Applicant), D/o. Mr. Hundred and Forty Two Only) being

Ramulu Guranthala, 1-1-364/25/A/2, Jawahar Nagar, the amount due as on 18-08-2025

Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. Also At: Mrs. Pushpa this amount includes interest till 18-

Pulipaati(Applicant), D/o. Mr. Ramulu Guranthala, Manager at 08-2025 together with further interest

Deraz Engineers, Plot No.19, Star House, Road No.12, Tech Park, thereon from 19-08-2025 and other

. Mr. Suresh Nenavath (Applicant),S/o. Mr. Hari Singh Nenavath,R/o. 3-75, Indranagar, Opp. To south India Bank,Indiranagar, Pocharam, Telangana -501301.Also at:Mr. Hundred and FiftyThree Only) being

Proprietor at M/s Surya Material Supply, P.No.546/P, LIG Road, this amount includes interest till 13-

## **DGP Inaugurates Modern Fitness Centre at TGICCC**

Telangana



Hyderabad: Director General of Police (DGP) Telangana B. Shivadhar Reddy Inaugurated a state of the art Fitness Centre at the Telangana State Integrated

Command & Control Centre (TGICCC) in Banjara Hills on Friday.The facility has been set up to improve the health, fitness and operational preparedness of personnel working in high-pressure, technology-driven units including the Hyderabad City Police, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, Telangana EAGLE (Anti-Narcotic Force Bureau) and TGiCCC.

Spread over 1,900 sq ft, the Fitness Centre is equipped with advanced cardio and strength-training equipment such as treadmills, lat pulldown machines, V-shape trainers, vertical chest-press units, Olympic FID benches and other professional-grade systems. A table tennis facility and guided workout zones have also been provided to encourage holistic physical development.

## **Felicitation Programme for Congress Leaders in Sangareddy**

Hyderabad: A Meeting of Congress leaders and party workers from the Sangareddy Assembly constituency will be held on 13 th December at Venkateswara Function Hall, Malkapur Chowrasta.

As part of the programme, Congress leaders elected as Sarpanches Vice-Sarpanches and Ward Members in the recent Gram Panchayat elections will be felicitated and congratulated. The felicitation of the winning candidates, along with key leaders and party workers who played

[Rule -8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, The Authorized Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.), having its Registered Office: "TRISHUL", Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad- 380006, among other places its Branch of fice at Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, D.No.5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, R.P. Road, Secunderabad

Branch, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under

section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act on calling upon the borrower

damages etc.,

damages etc.,

Seven Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four

Hundred and Sixty Four Only) being

costs and other consequences

Rs.46,03,742 /-(Rupees Forty Six

consequences, damages etc

the amount due as on 13-09-2025

09-2025 together with further

interest thereon from 14-09-2025

# 5-2-183/184, Modi Square, III rd Floor, R.P.Road, Secunderabad - 500 003



President T.Nirmala Jagga The event will also include a felicitation programme for Congress Sarpanch and Ward

Member candidates who contested the elections

**Properties Offered Equitable Mortgage** 

And Date Of Possession

All that the Part and parcel of the House on Plot No.120

western part, in survey No.46, admeasuring 133 Square

yards or 111.88 Square metres, having plinth area of 1376

Sft with RCC Roof (Consiting Ground Floor 640 Sft and firs

floor 738 Sft) situated at Annojiguda village, Pocharar

Muncipality, (Pocharam Gram Panchayat) Ghatkesa

Mandal, formerly Rangareddy District, Presently Medchal

BOUNDARIES OF Mortgaged Asset: North:Plot No.137

South:30' Wide Road; East:Plot No.120 Eastern part

All that the part and parcel of flat No.102 on second floor i

building complex known as "MALTI NAYAK PLAZA"

admeasuring 1140 Sq.feet including common area, and cal

parking No.102 in parking area admeasuring 100 sf

Sq.yrdsout of 3673.17 Sq.Yrds, in premises bearin

municipal No.4-1-355 Part, situated at Opp. Reddy Hostel

Abid Road, Hyderabad, which is more clearly shown in the

pain annexed hereto and delineated in RED colour with

BOUNDARIES: North:Flat No.103, South:Flat No.103

All that Part and Parcel of Eastern portion of Residentia

house bearing No.30-1470/73/A(PTIN

No.1280871828)(Old No. 30-1470/73) on part of plot No.73

n survey No.s 461,462 and 463, admeasuring 75.00 Sq.Yrds or 62.7 Sq.Mtrs out of 175 Sq.Yrds or

Sq.Mtrs, with a buitup area of 650 Sq.Feet of RCC Roof situated at Old Safilguda, Malkajgiri, within the limits of

greater Hyderabad Muncipal Corporation Malkajgiri Circle

and Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District), Telangana State

Boundaries: North: 20' Wide Road; South: Plot No.74

East: Plot No.72; West: Western portion of H.No.30-

All that Part and Parcel of the residential independent hous

bearing No.C-9-875/4,(Old House No.9-111/2) on plo

No.10.PTIN No.1227104995 admeasuring 148.0 Sq.Yrds

or 123.72 Sq.Mtrs, constructed with a stilt+2, Total Plinth

area of 2979 0 Sq.Feets Sft(495.0 Sq.feets Stitl)

floor,1242.0 Sq.Feets, first Floor and 1242.0 Sq.feets

second floor, in survey No.344 situated at Nagaram Village

under Nagaram Muncipality, Keesara Mandal, Medcha

Bounded by: North: Plot No.9, South: Neighbour's Land

Fast: 25'-00" Wide Road, West: Part of Plot No.10.

Under SRO Ghatkesar and bounded by:

Symbolic Possession: 11-12-2025

1470/73 on part of plot No.73

Malkajgiri District

East: Open to sky, West: Corridor & Open to sky.

Symbolic Possession: 10-12-2025

Malkaigiri district and bounded as follows:

Symbolic Possession: 10-12-2025

West:Neighborland.

with dedication but were defeated due to unfavourcircumstances. These leaders will be honoured by senior Congress leader TPCC Working President T. Jaggareddy in recognition of their commitment

and efforts. Congress leaders and workers from across the Sangareddy constituency have been requested to attend the meeting in large numbers. The programme is being organised under the guid-Cheriyal of Anjaneyulu, Sangareddy Assembly constituency Congress Party in-charge.

#### **ECI deploys** special observers for electoral roll revision

Hyderabad: Election Commission of India (ECI) has appoint-Special Observers (SROs) to oversee the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls in states including West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan.

The observers will visit each state at least twice a week until the final rolls are published in February 2026. They will meet political party leaders and election officials to ensure a smooth, transparent, and participatory revision process.

The SROs will monitor closely to make sure no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible person is included. This move highlights the ECI's effort to maintain accurate and inclusive electoral rolls, reinforcing India's democratic process.

#### **Indian Round Archery AP, Chhattisgarh** and AIPSCB Claim **Team Titles**

Hyderabad: In the Indian Round

Archery competitions, teams from across the country delivered impressive performances in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Team events. In the Men's Team category, Andhra Pradesh secured first place with a set point score of 5–3. The winning team consisted of Solagam Sambasiva, Guduru Venkata Lokesh, Chittapulli Mohith Sai and Sode Desaiah. Uttar Pradesh finished second with a 3-5 score, while Haryana claimed third place with a dominant 6-0 victory.In the Women's Team event, Chhattisgarh emerged champions with a 6-2 win. The team featured Chandni Sahu, Payal Maravi, Maya and Sulochana Raj. Jharkhand secured second place with a 2-6 score, and Assam finished third, winning their match 6-2. The Mixed Team event witnessed a thrilling contest. AIPSCB clinched first place after a tense finish, winning 4 (18) - 4 (17). The winning pair included Gaurav Sanjay Chandane and Dipika Pandey. Assam finished second with a close 4 (17) - 4 (18) result, while Haryana secured third place with

## **Congress Leaders Celebrate Sarpanch Election Victory at Gandhi Bhavan**

Hyderabad: Following the Congress Party's victory in the Sarpanch elections, Ramya Rao, along with other Congress leaders, celebrated the success with TPCC President MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud at Gandhi Bhavan on Friday. On the occasion, the lead-



workers and grassroots cadres for their dedicated efforts, stating that the

electoral success reflects the growing public trust in the Congress Party's leadership and policies. They said the victory at the village level strengthens the party's foundation and paves the way for further organisational growth across Telangana.

#### **People endorse Congress in Sarpanch elections**



Hyderabad: TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Sarpanch election results reflect strong public support for development and welfare under CM A. Revanth Reddy.He noted that Congress-backed candidates won over 2,600 of 4,230 Panchayats in the first phase, while BRS and BJP won fewer seats. Goud highlighted government achievements, including 80,000 jobs and welfare schemes like free bus travel and fine rice distribution. He also announced a protest at Ramlila Maidan on December 14 over alleged vote manipulation. Leaders present included Mohd. Azaharuddin, M. Ram Reddy, Mettu Sai Kumar, and Mohd Riyaz.

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#### E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of Immovable Property

Under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Public E Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the symbolic possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The property will be sold by Eauction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges and cost etc. as per the details set out in the table:—The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition.

SI. No.	Details of the Secured Debt	Reserve Price	Time and Date of E Auction	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & Time of Inspection	Type of Possession
1.	Rs.64,52,501/- (As of 03.05.2024)	Rs.68,50,000/-	From 11:30 am on 12-01-2026	Rs. 6,85,000/-	05-01-2026 (11 am to 4 pm)	Symbolic
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				Piece and Parcel of the House th RCC in Survey no.357 & 35		

Bounded by Notrh: Vendor's Property, South: Property of Narayana, East: Property of Pandu, West: Road. Rs.7,83,647/ 05-01-2026 Rs. 64.65.320/- Rs.78,36,469/- From 11:30 am on 12-01-2026 (As of 03-04-2025) Name and Details of the Borrower: 1) Mr AMANCHA SRIHARI (Borrower) 2. MRS. A LATHA (Co-Borrower)

Details Of The Immovable Property: All That The House Bearing Municipal No.1-3-946 Admeasuring 85 Sq. Yards Situated At Kavadiguda Hyderabad Bounded By. North-Public Lane; South-House Belongs To Durgam Veeraiah; East Part Of House No.1-3-947; West-Portion Of House No.1-9-945. (The Secured Assets) Rs. 49,71,572/- Rs.73,50,000/- From 11:30 am

Name and Details of the Borrower: 1) Mr. DANDU LAXMA REDDY (Borrower) 2) Mr. DANDU KRISHNAVENI (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All Piece And Parcel Of House Bearing No. 4-58 Admeasuring Area: 170 Sq. Yards Or 142.142 Sq. Mtrs

Having Ground Floor Plinth Area 640 Sft & First Floor Plinth Area: 373 Sft Total Plinth Area: 1013 Sft With Rcc Property Situated At Arutla Village Manchal Ranga Reddy Dist: Under Arutla Gram Panchayat Bounded By : North: Muddam Yadaiah , South: Road , East: Buchaiah Property , Wes Rs.78,30,000/- From 11:30 am Rs. 68.84.653/-

Name and Details of the Borrower: 1) Mr JANNU PRAVEEN (Borrower) 2. MRS. JANNU JEEVAMANI (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: - All The Piece & Parcel Of Flat No 501 On 5th Floor Admeasuring 1350 Sq Ft In Building Known As Sky South: Flat No 502; Towards East: Open To Sky; Towards West: Open To Sky (The Secured Assets). Rs. 51,67,223/- Rs.62,48,000/- From 11:30 am Rs.6,24,800/-05-01-2026

on 12-01-2026 (11 am to 4 pm) Name and Details of the Borrower: 1) Mr KUNDA GOPI NATH (Borrower) 2. MRS. KUNDHA NAGA VENKATA LAKSHMI (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All That The House No.3-45/5 (Assessment No.1360) Admeasuring 166.66 Sq. Yards Or 139.32 Sq. Mtrs

With A Plinth Area 1000 Sq.Ft On Ground Floor Of R.C.C In Survey No.739IE Situated At Village And Gram Panchayat Dablpur/Daberpur Mandal Medchal Sub- Dist. Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-Medchal-Malkajgiri Telangana. Bounded By. North-House Of Neighbours; South-15'-0" Wide Road ; East-Open Land Of Neighbours ; West-20'-0" Wide Road (The Secured Assets) Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 09-01-2026 before 5 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD

Contact Name & No : AKULA VENKATESHAM & 9000880892 Rs.12.49.200/-05-01-2026 (As of 22-04-2025) 1,24,92,000/-(11 am to 4 pm) on 12-01-2026

Name and Details of the Borrower:1) Mr REDDYGARI PRAVEEN KUMAR (Borrower) 2. MRS. REKULAPALLY SHRAVANI (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All The Piece & Parcel Of House On Plot No 125 In Plot No 29 Admeasuring 165 Sq Yards Consisting First & Second Floor Situated In Samala Laxmi Enclave Vill: Kowkoor Dist: Malkagiri Hyderabad Bounded By Towards North Plot No 124 : Toward South:Plot No 126; Towards East:25 Ft Wide Road; Towards West:Plot No 122 (The Secured Assets)

(As of 21-08-2024) 62,55,000/on 12-01-2026

Name and Details of the Borrower:1) Mr SHAH DARSHIT (Borrower) 2. MRS. BINTA B SHAH (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All That The Residential Flat No.301, Municipal No. 9-7-51/301, (Ptin No. 1220900032), (In Third Floor), With A Built-Up Area Of 1390 Sq. Feet (Including Common Areas) And Car Parking, Along With An Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 42.30

From 11:30 am

Rs. 47.09.961.66/-

Sq. Yards (Out Of 550.00 Sq. Yards), On Plot No. 51, In The Layout No. 405/70, In Survey Nos. 10, 11, 12 And 16, Of "Bharathi"s Wonder Avenues ited At Hasmathpet Village, Kukatpally Municipality, Balanagar Mandal, Then Ranga Reddy District (Now Medchal-Malkajgiri District), And Bounded As Under: North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West: Corridor & Flat No.302 (The Secured Assets) Rs.5,40,000/-05-01-2026 Rs. 44,15,186/-From 11:30 am (As of 12-12-2024) 54,00,000/on 12-01-2026 (11 am to 4 pm)

Name and Details of the Borrower:1) Mr KAMESWARARAO SEEMALA (Borrower) 2. MRS. SEEMALA SUNITHA (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All That The Semi-Finished Flat No.203, In Second Floor, With A Built Up Area Of 900 Sft, (Including Common Area And Car Parking), Along With An Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring: 28.4 Sq. Yards., (Out Of 475.0 Sq. Yards), In The Building

Name Known As "V S Residency", On Plot No.70 (Area: 375.0 Sq.Yards) & Plot No.81/Part (West Side) (Area: 100.00 Sq.Yards), Tota Admeasuring 475.00 Sq.Yards Or 397.1 Sq.Mts., In Survey No.240/Part, Yendamury-M Greenery Options", Situated At Village Gajularamaram, Mandal Quthbullapur, Ghmc., Gajularamaram Circle, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist.-Telangana State. Sub -Dist. Quthbullapur, Dist. & Regn-Dist. Medchal-Malkajgiri And Bounded As Follows. North : Corridor , South : Open To Sky , East : Flat No.202 ,West : Open To Sky (The From 11:30 am

Rs. 47.41.796/-69,95,000/-(11 am to 4 pm) (As of 27-02-2025) on 12-01-2026 Name and Details of the Borrower:1) Mr SYED GAFFAR (Borrower) 2. MR. SYED AMER (Co-Borrower) 3. MRS. SYEDA NASREEN

UNNISA (Co-Borrower) Details Of The Immovable Property: All Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing House No.3-74/4/22(Ptin No.1194200587) On Plot No.4 Part Admeasuring 111 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 92.80 Sq.Mtrs Having Plinth Area 900 Sft In Ground Floor With R.C.C In Survey Nos.125, 127,128,130,131,132 & 133 Situated At Kothapet Village Balapur Revenue Mandal Under Jalpally Municipality Ranga Reddy District Telangana

State, Bounded Bv. North-Plot No. 4 Part, South-Plot No. 4 Part, East-25'wide Road, West-Plot No. 4 Part, (The Secured Assets) Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 09-01-2026 before 5 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD Contact Name & No : AKULA VENKATESHAM & 9000880892

The Intending Purchasers/Bidders Are Required To Deposit EMD Amount Either Through DD/NEFT/RTGS In The Name Of The Beneficiary, DCB Bank, Account Name – DCB BANK LOAN ACCOUNT NAME, Account No. DCB BANK LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER. IFSC Code

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER: The properties are being sold on an "as is where is", "as is what is", "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties &

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purchaser and the Authorizes Officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charges, lien in encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of the e-auctioned property not known to the bank, the Independent Bidder is advised to make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including Statutory Liabilities, Arears of Property Tax, Electricity Dues

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The EMD is refundable without any interest if the bid is not successful. The undersigned reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all the offers or adjourned / postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. If the offer is accepted, the purchaser will have to deposit 25% (less EMD Amount) of the sale price immediately on the auction day and if the purchaser fails to deposit the same, the amount deposited towards earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be sold again. The balance amount of purchase price shall be payable on or before the 15th day of confirmation of sale and in default of payment within the stipulated period, the deposit towards earnest money will be forfeited and property will be re-sold. Any other statutory dues/ taxes/ stamp duty/ registration fee/ transfer fee has to be borne by the buyer

Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website

The sale shall be subject to rules/ conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Date: 13-12-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer

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Symbolic Possession: 11-12-2025

All that part and parcel of the House on Plot No.12 Nothers Part West side and Plot No.13 western Part, in survey No. 10/Part, admeasuring 166.66 Sq.Yrds, or 139.34 Sq.Mtrs.(With Plinth area 1500 Sft) situated at Pocharar Village and Muncipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medcha

Malkajgiri Dist under SRO and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES: North:40' Wide Road, South: Plot No. 12 Southern Part West side, East:Plot No. 12 Northern Part Middle portion & Plot No.13; Middle part; West:30' Wide Road.

Symbolic Possession: 11-12-2025

a convincing 5-1 victory.

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## AP/Telangana

## **Home Minister Visits Chinturu Hospital, Reviews Treatment** for Accident Victims



Alluri District: Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Friday visited the Chinturu Area Hospital to console the families of those who died in the tragic bus accident and to inquire about the medical treatment being provided to the injured.

Calling the incident "deeply unfortunate," the Minister said it was painful that nine people lost their lives. The bus, travelling from Simhachalam to Bhadrachalam Araku, met with the accident while carrying 37 passengers, including two drivers. Five women and four men died on the spot. Police immediately shifted the injured to the hospital.

Minister Anitha said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had directed officials stay alert. Additional orthopedic doctors were deployed

Rajamahendravaram to support the treatment efforts. She noted that "small errors often lead to such major accidents."

The government has already announced compensation for the victims. After recovery, all passengers will be safely transported to their destinations in two buses. Bodies will be handed over to families after post-mortem formalities. The Minister said

previous rules that restricted travel in foggy conditions are being re-implemented from today. She also announced special measures, including mandatory specialized licences for drivers on ghat roads, installaof warning boards, road repairs, and identification of accident-prone zones.

## **Atal-Modi Good Governance Yatra Holds Second-Day Meeting in Anantapur**

The second day of the Atal-Modi Good Governance Yatra, organised under the leadership of the BJP, witnessed an impressive public meeting in Anantapur. Addressing the gathering, BJP Andhra Pradesh President P.V.N. Madhav paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, recalling his inspiring journey from a humble family in Gwalior to becoming one of India's most respected national leaders. Madhav said it was a matter of pride to install Vajpayee's statues across the state and thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for promptly approving the initiative after discussions with alliance partners. He praised Vajpayee as a leader who treated even defeat as a challenge and moved forward with courage. He highlighted Vajpayee's contributions—from participating in the freedom struggle and facing imprisonment, to transforming India into a global force through decisive nuclear tests. "Vajpayee was a statesman who strengthened India's global standing through strong diplomacy. His courage was unmatched—he never attacked first but warned that any attack on India would be

firmly answered," Madhav



said.He recalled Vajpayee's long-standing bond with N.T. Rama Rao, supporting him against political conspiracies in the 1980s, and later partnering with Chandrababu Naidu in the 1999 elections. Despite political challenges—even losing the prime ministership by a single vote—Vajpayee remained positive and principled.

Madhav noted that Vajpayee introduced revolutionary reforms, expanded welfare schemes for farmers and rural communities, and ushered unprecedented progress in telecom and technology. "His ten-

ure was a model of corruptionfree good governance," he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directed that Vajpayee's centenary be marked with nationwide programmes, ncluding the Good Governance Yatra. Alliance leaders across Andhra Pradesh are actively participating.Madhav concluded that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Andhra Pradesh will move steadily toward development and fulfill the trust placed by the people.

## **KG Reddy College hosts** interactive session for first-year B.Tech students



Hyderabad: KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology organised an interactive session for firstyear B.Tech students, featuring Prof. Dr. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Council for Higher Education (TSCHE).

Dr. Reddy highlighted the growing importance of technology in shaping India's future and encouraged students to focus on innovation, continuous skill development, and ethical use of emerging technologies, including AI. He also explained the relevance of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, urging students to uphold its values of justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity in their academic and professional lives.

The event concluded with the formal launch of the college diary by Dr. Reddy, along with Ln. K. Krishna Reddy, Chairman of KG Reddy College, Dean Academics Dr. M.N. Narasaiah, and Principal Srinivas Reddy, marking a significant milestone for the institution.

## Vijayawada "Up for Sale": CPM **Allegations of Massive Land Scams Under Coalition Government**"



Vijayawada, Dec 12 — CPM leaders have accused the ruling coalition government of largescale land scams, illegal leases, and encroachments worth over 5,825 crore across the city. Speaking at a press meet at the CPM district office, party state secretariat member CH Baburao and state committee member Donepudi Kasinath alleged that Vijavawada has been "put on sale" under the current administration. According to the CPM,

nearly 248 acres of valuable land in Vijayawada have either been leased out to private companies or encroached upon with government support. Of this, around 13 acres were allegedly grabbed, while the remaining were handed out under questionable lease agreements.Leaders claimed that despite promises to protect public property, the coalition government is replicating — and even surpassing — the irregularities it once accused the previous YSRCP regime of. They cited the Bhavanipuram Island case, where just 10 acres were shown on paper, but nearly 230 acres worth 4,600 crore are being handed over to a private firm believed to be linked to influential leaders. Other alleged irregularities include: Old Bus Stand land worth 400 crore allotted to Lulu Mart through GO 137Allocation of prime municipal and temple lands to private entities Proposed privatization of Haritha Resorts facilities Encroachments in Joji Nagar, Satavahana College area, and lands belonging to SRR College CPM leaders criticised what they called the "bulldozer culture" in Vijayawada, accusing authorities of demolishing private homes and college buildings under the guise of development while failing to acquire even basic land for housing the poor or launching genuine development

## **EWS Credit Cooperative Societies to Be Set Up Across AP BC & EWS Welfare Minister Savitha announces major initiatives**

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government will establish credit cooperative societies in all EWS and Kapu Corporations on the model of the Brahmin Cooperative Credit Society, announced BC, EWS Welfare and Handlooms & Textiles Minister S. Savitha.At a review meeting with EWS and Kapu Corporation chairpersons and directors at the Secretariat, the minister said MSME parks will give priority to EWS communities to help create at least one entrepreneur in every family. She said welfare schemes will be redesigned to boost economic growth among EWS groups. Savitha said the government is committed to the empowerment of Brahmin, Arva Vvsva, Kamma, Reddy, Kshatriya, Kapu and other EBC communities. The 2025–26 budget allocated 10,608.61 crore for various EWS and EBC corporations, including substantial funds for Kapu.



Reddy, Kamma and Arya Vysya bodies.Focus on Kapu Community Development

The minister accused the previous government of halting major Kapu community infrastructure projects. She said the present coalition government has already completed Kapu buildings in

Visakhapatnam and Nellore, and will soon complete the pending districtlevel centres in Tirupati and Kurnool, along with 39 mini community halls.

Foreign Education Scheme to Be Revived Savitha announced that the foreign education scheme for EWS students will soon be relaunched under a new framework. She noted that between 2014-19, 2,234 students studied abroad under the NTR Foreign Education Scheme with 244 crore support, but the scheme was 'diluted" later. The government now aims to restore full benefits. Credit Cooperatives and Cultural InitiativesSavitha said all key welfare schemes for EWS communities implemented between 2014–19 will be reinstated. She highlighted government recognition for Arya Vysya traditions, including officially observing the Kanyaka Parameswari Ammavari Atmarpana Day and renaming Penugonda after Vasavi Matha.A proposal is also under consideration to address all members of

Komati, Gupta, and Shetty

sub-groups collectively as

Arya Vysyas.

#### AP govt begins distribution of 5G smartphones to 58,204 Anganwadi staff



Vijayawada, Dec 12 (RNI): Women and Child Welfare and Tribal Welfare Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani on Thursday launched the distribution of 5G smartphones to 58,204 Anganwadi workers, supervisors, and block coordinators, replacing the older 4G devices that frequently faced technical issues. The initiative, taken up at a cost of 75 crore, aims to enhance efficiency and ensure faster, more accurate service delivery to pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children across the State. Speaking at the launch event held at the NTR Collectorate, the Minister said that nearly 1.25 lakh personnel are currently serving in 55,204 Anganwadi centres in Andhra Pradesh.Minister Sandhya Rani highlighted that in a recent review conducted by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Women and Child Welfare Department achieved 98% service delivery, earning an A++ category rating and securing the fourth position at the State level. She noted that the department had progressed from the bottom ranks to the top tier through the collective efforts of Anganwadi staff and officials.

## Pawan Kalyan Felicitates India's Blind **Women's Cricket World Cup Winners**



Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan met the victorious Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team at his camp office in Mangalagiri. Players, coaches and support staff participated in the interaction.

Pawan Kalyan congratulated the team for bringing home

World Cup and presented a cash award of 5 lakh to each player and 2 lakh to each coach. He also honoured every player with silk sarees, shawls, mementoes, Kondapalli dolls and Araku coffee gift packs.

Calling their achievement a matter of national pride, Pawan Kalyan would personally appeal to all state Chief Ministers for special training facilities for blind cricketers and extend full support. He also said the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh is committed to promoting sports and would convey the players' concerns to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

assured that he

Expressing joy over the inclusion of Andhra Pradesh Deepika players (team captain) and Karuna Pangi Kumari in the World Cup-winning squad, he

directed officials to address their requests. Deepika, from Tambalahatti Tanda in Sri Sathya Sai district, highlighted the lack of road connectivity to her prompting immediate instructions for action. Similar directions were given

#### **International Evangelist Dr. John Wesley to Address Telangana Secretariat Christmas Celebrations**

Hyderabad: International Evangelist Dr. John Wesley will be the chief speaker at the Christmas Celebrations being organised by the Telangana Secretariat Employees Church Committee on Monday, December 15,2025, from 11.30 am onwards at the Telangana Secretariat Employees Church, located within the Secretariat premises beside the Fire Station. Programme will be held in the spirit of faith, unity and goodwill, inspired by the biblical message"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Chief



l'elangana A.Revanth Reddy nd Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, nave extended their warm greet ings and support o Christian employees on the occasion of Christmas. Dr.John Wesley is expected to deliv-

Minister of

er a special Christmas message highlighting the values of love, peace, compassion and service to humanity, emphasising harmony and brotherhood in society. The event is being organised under the leadership of the Telangana Secretariat Employees Church Committee, with K. Lal Bahadur Sastry (President), T. Swaran Raj (Secretary), E. Chitti Babu (Vice President) and other committee members overseeing the arrangements. Secretariat employees and their family members have been cordially invited to participate in the celebrations and share the joy of Christmas in a spirit of unity and goodwill.

## Vijayawada Police Deploy High-Tech Surveillance for Bhavani Deeksha Event

Vijayawada : City Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekar Babu, is overseeing security arrangements the Bhavani Deeksha relinquishment event using advanced technology as the key tool. The Commissioner personally inspected

the bandobast along with senior officers, monitoring crowd movement at snan ghats, queue lines, parking zones, tonsure halls, and holding from the areas Command Control Room set up at the



Model Guest House.AI drones and CCTV cameras were used to track crowd density, while recognition cameras kept watch on the movement of offenders.

Upon detection, photos were sent instantly from the control room to crime teams for immediate action.To ensure smooth traffic, the Commissioner instructed the Traffic also advised women police personnel to continuously assess report approximate waiting time for devotees. Later, Commissioner inspected homagundam areas, virumudi stalls, and prasadam counters, issuing necessary instructions to officers and staff to maintain alertness and efficiency.

DCP to monitor vehi-

cle movement through

the Aasthram app and

guide devotees to des-

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without disruption.He

## Uday Nagaraju appointed to UK House of Lords, to be known as Baron Uday Nagaraju

Vijayawada, Dec 12 (RNI): In a proud moment for Telangana and the global Indian community, Uday Nagaraju, a native of Shanigaram village in the erstwhile Karimnagar district, has been appointed to the House of Lords, the upper chamber of the British Parliament.

His appointment as a Life Peer was formally approved by



King Charles III on the recommendation of United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The House of Lords, often

compared to India's Rajya Sabha, includes distinguished individuals recognized for their national and international contributions. Following his swearing-in, Uday Nagaraju will be formally addressed as Lord Uday Nagaraju or Baron Uday Nagaraju, marking his entry into a prestigious circle of influential global leaders.

Revolutionising India's War

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New Delhi, December 12.

2025: Novo Nordisk, the

global healthcare major,

has officially launched

semaglutide) in India,

marking a major mile-

stone in diabetes care for

the country. Known as

the world's most pre-

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

Telangana



Ozempic, world's most prescribed GLP-1 drug,

**launched in India for Type-2 diabetes** 

(T2DM), along with diet

India currently has 101

million people living

with diabetes and anoth-

er 136 million with predi-

abetes, according to WHO

estimates for 2023-24.

With rising obesity and

metabolic disorders,

healthcare experts con-

sider the arrival of

Ozempic® significant for

addressing the growing

burden of chronic dis-

Ozempic® offers pow-

and exercise.

Rajanna Siricilla, December 12 (TSIT):In observance of Universal Health Coverage Day 2025, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), in coordination with the District Medical and Health Department, organised an awareness program at the Government Main Hospital in Siricilla on

erful HbA1c reduction,

meaningful weight-loss

benefits, and additional

protection against cardio-

vascular and kidney com-

plications, making it suit-

able for adults with

HbA1c ≥7%, including

those at high cardiac

major milestone," said

Managing Director, Novo

Nordisk India, noting

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Thursday. A dedicated health helpdesk was also launched to provide patients and attendants with essential information and services at a single point.

The program was conducted under the directives of DLSA President and District Chief Justice P. Neeraj, and on the

instructions of Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Secretary P. Lakshmanachary. Officials highlighted the objectives of Universal Health Coverage, stressing the importance of accessible, free, and quality healthcare without financial hardship for citizens.

## Railway safety at record high as annual accidents



released on Friday. Railway Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that the Railway Safety Budget has seen a massive three-fold increase — from 39,463 crore in 2013-14 to 1,16,470 crore in the current fiscal, strengthening infrastructure and modernising opera-

A striking improvement was recorded in fog safety preparedness. The availability of fog safety devices

tions nationwide.



increased from just 90 in 2014 to an impressive 25,939 in 2025, marking a 288-fold rise.

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

and when required, support from the CBI and NIA is sought.

To prevent track tampering and enhance coordination, special patrolling teams, intelligence-sharing mechanisms, black-spot monitoring, and sensitisation drives near railway tracks have been intensified.

With these measures, the Railways has seen a steep decline in accidents — from 135 in 2014-15 to just 31 in 2024–25, reaffirming that safety reforms and sustained investment are yielding strong

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#### **CHERIAL BRANCH**

F-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction f Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule I (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 Guaranto (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of CHERIAL BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is wha is", and "Whatever there is" on 30-12-2025, for recovery of Rs.13,96,116 (Rupees Thirtee Lacs Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Only) + interest + any other charges du to the Union Bank of India, CHERIAL BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Biyya Kanakaiał S/O Ilaiah, (Borrowers) and Mr. Biyya Ashok Kumar S/O Kanakaiah (Co-Borrower). The reserve price will be Rs. 15,26,000/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,52,600/-Borrower: Mr. Biyya Kanakaiah, S/O Ilaiah, H No. 28-87 , Yadava Nagar, Cherial Village Mandal, Siddipet Dist, Pin Code - 506223.

Co-Borrower: Mr. Biyya Ashok Kumar S/O Kanakaiah, H No. 28-87 , Yadava Nagar, Cheria Village & Mandal, Siddipet Dist, Pin Code - 506223.

Equitable Mortgaged Property-

G.P Cherial House bearing door no 28-84/5 area measuring 231.6 Sq. Yards total at Cherial Vi lage Cherial Revenue Mandal (including of Ground Floor RCC building 527 Sq ft.) Siddipet re enue district, Telengana State.

Boundaries of the property: East: Open Place of Kanduri Rayudu, West: Road, North: Open lace and House of Thuppathi Ramulu, South: Kurma Society Building.

Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of

India Secured Creditor's website i.e.www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider'

Sd/-Authorized Officer

Union Bank of India

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#### PITLAM BRANCH

#### Sale notice for sale of Immovable properties

-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 in (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 Guarant (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Credito ne Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of PITLAM BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30-12-2025, for recovery of Rs. 4,98,496 /- (Rupees Four Lacs Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety -Six only) and interest charged up to 09-07 2024 AND interest thereon due to the Union Bank of India, PITLAM BRANCH Secured Credito from Mr. Golla Mallesh S/O Saidhul (Borrower) and Mrs. Golla Suiatha W/O Golla Mahesh(Co-Borrower) and Mr. Gorre Sai Reddy S/O G Kishta Reddy (Guarantor). The re serve price will be Rs. 17.39.000/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1.73.900/-Applicant: Mr. Golla Mallesh S/O Saidhul, H No 1-79, Hasanpur Village, Pitlam Mdl-503310

Co-applicant: Mrs. Golla Sujatha W/O Golla Mahesh H No 1-79, Hasanpur Village Pitlar Mdl-503310., Nizamabad Dist., Telengana.

Co-Obligant: Mr. Gorre Sai Reddy S/O G Kishta Reddy, H No 1-76,1-77, Hasanpur Village Pitlam Mdl-503310, Nizamabad Dist., Telengana.

Equitable Mortgaged Property-An open place of dismantled house no 1-79, situated at Hasnapur H/O Pitlam vg & MI and the

same is Adm. North-South: 44 ft and East – West: 43 ft totally adm. 210.22 Sq yards equal t 175.76 Sq. mtrs and bounded by -Boundaries of the property: North: 6Ft lane and there after house of Golla Laxmaiah, South

Open place of the vendor of the Proposed Mortgagors, East: 10.6 Ft lane and house no.1-92 West: 6 Ft lane and thereafter house of Balram. Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of ndia Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider'

Date: 09-12-2025 Sd/-Authorized Officer

Union Bank of India

#### **IDBI** Bank Ltd. ZONAL OFFICE, Retail recovery

Department, 5-9-89/1&2 Chapel Road Hyderabad- 500001 Tel - 91-40-67694000/05 Website- www.idbibank.in.

#### [RULE 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice on 03.09.2025 calling up the borrower, Shri Bhaskar Reddy Chintakuntla, Shri. Prabhakar Reddy Chintakuntla, Shri. Muddasani Padmaja to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice being ₹4086561.27 (Rupees Forty Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One and Paise Twenty Seve Only) as on 03.09.2025 plus applicable interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs thereo within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is he the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 11th day of December 2025.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with th property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Limited for an amount of ₹39,16,456.40 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four hundred Fifty Six and paise forty only) as on 09.12.2025 plus applicable interest, incidental expenses,

arges and costs thereon The borrower's attention of is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in

spect of time available, to redeem the secured assets DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

House Bearing No.1-23-289 (Old No.30-38/9/5), On Northern and Western Portion of Plot No.315 Part and Northern Portion of Plot No.316 Part, In Survey No.387, Ward No.1 and Block No.32, Admeasuring 218.50 Sq Yards, of 182.66 Square Meters, Ground Floor with built up area 1300 Sq.Feet & First Floor with built up area 1300 Sq.Feet, Total Plinth area 2600 Sq.Feet, Situated at KHANAJIGUDA, ALWAL, Alwal Village, Under G.H.M.C. Alwal Circle Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded as follows

Dimensions Boundaries HOUSE ON PLOT NOS.317 & 318 Southern Portion of Plot Nos.315 & 316 Neighbour's Land 30'-0" Wide Road West By

Date: 11-12-2025

PATHERGATTY BRANCH (0608),

## Canara Bank 🔬

H No.22-7-110, II Floor,, SVJ Shopping REDEMPTION NOTICE

Authorised Office

## To,1.M/s RIZWAN DRESSES 22-7 -267/A /15 & 22-7-267/A/14, MINAR MARKET,OPF

MADINA BUILDING, CHARMINAR, HYDERABAD-500002 2, Sri ADAM AHMED DECEASED & REPRESENTED BY HIS LEGAL HEIRS 2(a). Sri.MOHD AHMED S/O adam ahmed 20-4-194/7/h, manjali begum ki haveli charminar khilwath HYDERABAD-500065, 2(b).Sri.MOHD AMIN, S/O ADAM AHMED 20-4-194/7/H, MANJAL BEGUM KI HAVELI CHARMINAR KHILWATH HYDERABAD-500065. 2(C). Smt.SHABNAM BANU S/O ADAM AHMED 20-4-194/7/H, MANJALI BEGUM KI HAVEL CHARMINAR KHILWATH HYDERABAD-500065.

SUB: NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SARFAESI ACT. 2002.

To comply with the preposition laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh, by giving 30 days separate notice to the mortgagor to redeem the secured Assets, before the date of publication of Sale notice, this notice is issued

As you are aware, the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, pathergatty Branch, , Hyderabac for follow up, had issued Demand Notice on 21-07-2025, demanding you to pay an amount of Rs.20,39,721.88 (Rs. Twenty Lakhs thirty nine thousand seven hundred twenty one and eighty eight paise only) along with interest from 21-07-2025 till the date of realization in

Since you have failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said Demand Notice, the authorized Officer of Canara Bank had taken Symbolic / physical possession of the secured assets described in Possession Notice dated 19-11-2025 and published the Possession Notice in Vijay Kranthi (Telugu) & Indian Mail (English) Newspapers on 22-11-2025 in terms

You are hereby given a last and final opportunity to discharge liability as on date Rs.21,47,427.75 (Rupees.Twenty one Lakhs forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred twenty Seven and Seventy Five Paise only) with interest from 04-12-2025 till the date of realization in full, costs and expenses etc, within 30 days from the date of this notice and reclaim the assets which have been possessed by the bank, failing which the sale notice will be published in the News Paper specifying one of the following mode

(a) By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwis interested in buying assets; or (b) By inviting tenders from the public; or (c) By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or (d) By private treaty.

As per Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in the News Papers, failing which your

right to redeem the property as per Section 13(8) shall stand extinguished. **Description of the Immovable Property** 

All that the shop bearing Municipal No.22-7-267/A/14 & 22-7-267/A/15, on Ground floor of "Minar Complex" in the premises bearing Municipal No.22-7-267, Having plinth area of 395 Sq ft together with undivided share of land admeasuring 22 sq yds, situated at pathergatti, Hyderabad. Bounded by: North: common passage, South: Neighbour's shop, East: Stair case and passage, West:: passage & Mulgi no.22-7267/A/16. CERSAI

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the Bank under the subject Act or any

Date:04-12-2025, PLACE: HYDERABAD AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

**SLAP Shoulder Injuries** Rising Among Weekend Warriors, Warns Sports

Medicine Expert Hyderabad, Dec 12: A growing number of casual athletes, popularly called "weekend warriors," are developing a painful shoulder condition known as a SLAP tear, according to Dr. Jishnu Jonnalagadda, Orthopaedic and Sports tion is often overlooked. Medicine Specialist. The but untreated SLAP tears surge is linked to sudden, intense physical activity can lead to long-term after long periods of pain, instability, and even early arthritis. Diagnosis weekday inactivity.A SLAP tear affects the typically involves physilabrum, the soft cartilage cal tests and an MRI scan. ring that stabilises the Fortunately, 60–70% of

shoulder. The injury patients recover without occurs when the upper surgery through rest, portion of this labrum physiotherapy, activity modification, medication, where the biceps tendon or targeted injections. attaches—gets damaged. Common symptoms Surgical repair is recominclude deep shoulder mended for persistent pain, clicking, weakness, cases—SLAP repair for younger athletes and and difficulty lifting or throwing.Dr. biceps tenodesis for older Jonnalagadda notes that adults.Dr. Jonnalagadda the injury is increasingly advises early medical seen among people engagconsultation for pain lasting in overhead sports ing more than two weeks such as cricket, badminand urges regular conditon, tennis, volleyball, tioning, warm-ups, propand gym workouts. er technique, and gradual Sudden falls, jerks, and training to prevent inju-

ry. "Respect your shoulage-related wear also conder," he says. tribute to rising cases, especially among individ-"It's a complex joint, not a machine. uals above 40. The condi-

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

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

contemporary trends. The grand launch drew an enthusiastic gathering of local residents and wellwishers. Distinguished guests included Andhra Pradesh MLC Sri Alapati Rajendra Prasad Garu and



19th Ward Councillor and TDP Floor Leader Sri Pasupuleti Trimurthi Garu. Adding star power to the event, noted actress Ms. Meenakshi Chaudhary lit the ceremonial lamp and officially inaugurated the showroom. She praised the vibrant festive collec-

richness made the milestone special. Managing Director Mr. Seerna Rajamouli noted that the new showroom strengthens their commitment to joyful and value-driven family shopping. Whole-Time Director Mr. Tiruveedhula Prasada Rao highlighted that the collections were designed to cater to all celebrations

season.

## **DCB Bank Limited** Corporate & Registered Office: 6th Floor, Tower A. Peninsula Business Park,

#### **Traffic advisory for Messi's match at Uppal** stadium on Dec 13

Hyderabad: In view of the Messi Tour and Live Event at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, on Saturday, December 13, traffic diversions have been put in place under the limits of the Uppal traffic police station.

## GITAM Hyderabad to host national seminar on space science and defence technology on Dec 18-19

Hyderabad, Dec 12: GITAM School of Technology, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Indian Air Force, will host a two-day National Seminar on "Advancement in Space Science and Defence Technology" December 18-19, 2025. The announcement was made by Prof. Pritee

The seminar aims to bring together leading experts, researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to discuss emerging trends, innovations, and potential col-

Ambarish Parwekar,

Convener of the semi-

nar, through a press

issued on

release



laborative opportunities in the rapidly evolving fields of space science and defence technology. G. Ramaguru, Director of the DRDO-

Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) at IIT Hyderabad, attend the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. The event will also be graced by Prof. D. S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor of GITAM, and Prof. V. Rama Sastry, Director of the School of Technology and Dean of Core Engineering.The seminar is being coordinated by Dr. Md. Akhtar Khan, Head of the Department of

expected to provide a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and academic-industry collaboration.

Aerospace

Engineering, and is

Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013, Maharastra Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-Telangana 500 034.

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002 Sale of Immovable Property Under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Public E Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitisation and Reconstruction o Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The property will be sold by tender cum E auction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges etc. as per the details set out in the table: -The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties &

SI	Details of the	Reserve	Earnest Money	Date & Time of	Date & Time	Type of
No.	Secured Debt	Price	Deposit	Inspection	Of E Auction	Possession
1	Rs. 53,77,792/- (As of 28-10-2023)	Rs.82,60,000/-	Rs. 8,26,000/-	22-12-2025 (11 am to 4 pm)	From 11:30 am on 30-12-2025	Physical

1-P33,admeasuring to an extent of 80.00 Sq Yards, RCC Plinth area 684.00 Sq Feets, Situated at suryapet road, Jangaon town & District and Bounded by: East: House of Adam H.No.6-1-34/B; West House of sugunakar H.No.6-1-34/3/1; North: Plot No.297 of Christian welfare Society; South:100 Feets wide PWD road.Residential House with open place bearing G.P.H No:6-1-P33,admeasuring to an extent of 80.00 Sq Yards RCC Plinth area 684.00 Sq Feets, Situated at suryapet road, Jangaon town & District and Bounded by East. House of Adam H.No:6-1-34/B West House of sugunakar H.No:6-1-34/3/1;North: Plot No.297 of Christian welfare Society;South:100 Feets wide PWD road. Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 29th Dec 2025 before 5 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of

EMD Contact Name & No : K Kranthi Kumar & 8142040928

The intending purchasers/bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through DD/NEFT/RTGS in the name of the beneficiary, DCB Bank, Account Name – DCB BANK LOAN ACCOUNT NAME, Account No. DCB BANK LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER. IFSC Code DCBL0000037, LOWER PAREL, Branch - MUMBAI

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION

. The properties are being sold on an "as is where is", "as is what is", "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties

2. All Statutory Dues/Attendant Charges/ Other Dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes, etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser and the Authorizes Officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charges, lien in encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of the e-auctioned property not known to the bank, the Independent Bidder is advised to make their ow independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including Statutory Liabilities, Arears of Property Tax, Electricity Due

. Contact T.Jaya Prakash Reddy, Mob. No: 8142000064: Back End Office: 8142000066/63/62, Office mail Id:info@bankauctions.in & Mail Id prakash@Bankauctions.in at their web portal https://bankauctions.in/ on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. Bidders are advised to detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids refer to the link https://www.dcb.bank.co.in/cms/showpage/page/customer-corner.

The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider (4closure.com), Mob. No: 8142000064, Back End Office: 8142000066/63/62 Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from their registered mobile number only.

The EMD is refundable without any interest if the bid is not successful. The undersigned reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all the offers or adjourned / postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. If the offer is accepted, the purchaser will have to deposit 25% (less EMD Amount) of the sale price immediately on the auction day and if the purchaser fails to deposit the same, the amount deposite towards earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be sold again. The balance amount of purchase price shall be payable on or before the 15th day of confirmation of sale and in default of payment within the stipulated period, the deposit towards earnes money will be forfeited and property will be re-sold. Any other statutory dues/ taxes/ stamp duty/ registration fee/ transfer fee has to be borne by the buyer separately.

Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the The sale shall be subject to rules/ conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcem

Security Interest Act. 2002 Date: 13-12-2025 Sd/-Authorised Officer Place: Jangaon

**DCB Bank Limited** 

## **EDITORIAL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### From history wars to power distribution

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

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

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

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

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

In official statements and diplomatic commentary, Islamabad routinely blames India for the stagnation of SAARC, which has not held a summit since 2014. But this overlooks Pakistan's own patterns of diplomatic churlishness. Decisions in SAARC require unanimity, and Pakistan has repeatedly refrained from ratifying key protocols that would significantly deepen regional cooperation, like the Motor Vehicles Agreement and the Regional Railways Agreement. When these agreements were poised to be finalised in 2014, Pakistan withdrew its consent for political reasons. Pakistan's refusal to ratify these initiatives has greatly impeded SAARC's functional utility, but it continues to act like a sullen teenager, unable to accept responsibility for anything. When Pakistan blocks such agreements, it blames India for their collapse, turning accountability on its head. South Asia's intraregional trade languishes at around 5% of total trade, well below ASEAN's 25%. Pakistan accuses India of stalling regional trade, yet Pakistan repeatedly refuses reciprocity. India extended Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan in 1996, a key enabling condition under the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework for equitable tariffs, which should have set the stage for reciprocal market access. Pakistan has never reciprocated that status. India's offer continues to stand, but Islamabad has refused to extend MFN, citing unresolved political disputes instead. So, Islamabad's holding India responsible as a barrier to deeper economic integration is nothing but a charade.

#### Can Pak Match The Numbers? Pakistan routinely argues that

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

ignores Pakistan's own role in per-

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

petuating mistrust. Pakistan's

## Nobody Is Onboard

goodwill.

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

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

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

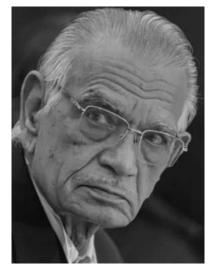
While multilateral groupings, without earmarked hardcore security and defence investments, achieve precious little in real terms, they signal bonhomie. India should not worry too much about any grouping that ostensibly excludes it. It's merely like being disinvited from a wedding without an open bar.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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## A Sonia Favourite

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

## A 'Well-Dressed' Coterie

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

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

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

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



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

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

## More conventions

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

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

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

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# SHIVAKUMAR SAYS DINNER WITH PARTY FRIENDS NOT AN OFFICIAL MEET

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

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

Asked about his purported dinner meet with MLAs on the outskirts of Belagavi, he said, "A boy from my constituency is working here, he said he will send 'mudde and



upsaaru' for lunch. Can I say no? Day after, Asif Sait and Feroze Sait have invited me." "Doddannavar is a former president of Belagavi district Congress and he is a friend too. He

has been inviting me home for dinner for a long time. Can I forget my Congress family? Hence, I and a few others had gone there for dinner. It was not a dinner

\*Permission for cricket natches\*

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

# No groupism among us, all 140 MLAs only belong to Congress group: Shivakumar

Belagavi, Dec 12: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said on Friday that there is no groupism among the party cadre in the state, and noted that all the 140 MLAs only belong

to the Congress group.

"All 140 MLAS, including me and the Chief Minister, only belong to one group, and that is the Congress group. Do not create any other group," said Shivakumar, while responding to a question about the dinner meeting. On Thursday, there was a dinner meeting, which was claimed to be a show of strength by Shivakumar.

"I am not displaying any strength, nor do I need to," said Shivakumar. Further clarifying about the dinner meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the dinner was organised by his friend Doddannanavar.

"For the last 15 years, they have been inviting us home for a meal. We went there for only dinner out of respect for the family," he said.

Shivakumar said that people from his constituency also bring food; should he refuse their courtesy as well? "They invite affectionately. We go for food at different places each day. A boy from my constituency said he would send 'ragi mudde' (ragi ball dish) and 'saaru (sambar). How can we refuse them? Tomorrow, senior leaders Asif Seth and Firoz Seth have invited us for dinner," he added.

On Chief Minister's son MLC Yathindra commenting about the Chief Minister's position, he said that the Chief Minister will answer everything. On other political developments, the Deputy Chief Minister said that he will travel to Delhi on December 13 to participate in the protest against voter fraud.

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

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

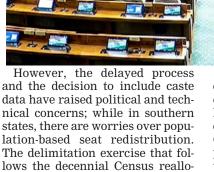
The decadal count was postponed from 2021 largely because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, with authorities arguing that immediate post-pandemic enumeration in many countries produced quality and coverage problems.

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

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

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

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



updated population figures.

The freeze on the total number of Lok Sabha seats is due to be revisited after 2026, which opens the door to redistribution and potential increases in total seats if Parliament so decides.

cates seats among states based on

The southern states have publicly expressed concern that fresh census figures could trigger delimitation that reduces their relative representation, given slower population growth in parts of the South compared to those in the north.

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

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

comfortably accommodate them.

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

The new complex was planned

# District Task Force Meeting on Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign: Pommala Sunil Kumar

Bengaluru: A
District Task Force
meeting for the systematic planning of
the 2025 Pulse Polio
I m m u n i z a t i o n
Programme was held
under the chairmanship of Bengaluru
North City
C o r p o r a t i o n
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Kumar.
The meeting was attended by SMO Dr.
Nagaraj,WHO consultants, Deputy Health Officers, administrative medical officers from all Urban

Primary Health
Centres, representatives
from the Department of
Women and Child Welfare,
heads of private hospitals,
representatives from
apartments, NGOs, Rotary
Club and more than 95 participants in total. The
meeting included discussions on the measures
taken for polio awareness
activities, and the involvement of private hospitals,



apartments and volunteers.

Key decisions taken during the meeting:

Selection of volunteers/ booth staff for the Pulse Polio Programme: Medical officers of Urban Primary Health Centres were instructed to appoint the required staff from nursing colleges, degree colleges, medical colleges and

paramedical institutions.

Expansion of awareness campaigns:

Directions were

issued to create awareness about polio in all religious places, railway stations, bus stands, malls, high-rise buildings and public events.

Responsibility of private hospitals:

All private hospitals were instructed to immediately report AFP (Acute Flaccid Paralysis) and other suspected cases.

Setting up vaccination booths in view of the festive season:

As Christmas falls on 25-12-2025, instructions were given to establish Pulse Polio Immunization Booths in all churches on that day.

A d d i t i o n a l Commissioner (Revenue), Joint Commissioners (Zone 1 and Zone 2), Health Officers and senior officials from various departments were present at the meeting.

## Work in close coordination with the Police Department to prevent any untoward incidents during New Year celebrations: Naveen Kumar Raju

Bengaluru: Additional Commissioner Naveen Kumar Raju convened a meeting today to review and direct the precautionary measures to be undertaken by the Police, Traffic, BESCOM, Health, Solid Waste Management, and Engineering Departments in areas expected to witness high footfall-particularly Koramangala and JP Nagar—during the New Year celebrations within the City Bengaluru South Corporation limits.

Strictly follow Police Department advisories:

He instructed the officials in Koramangala and JP Nagar to coordinate closely with the Police Department and implement necessary measures to ensure that no untoward incidents occur during the New Year celebrations.

Ensure adequate lighting:
Officials from the BESCOM
were directed to ensure that all
streetlights in and around the
pub clusters of Koramangala
and JP Nagar are fully functional. Temporary lighting
arrangements must be installed
immediately in dark or poorly



lit areas.

Deploy medical teams and

ambulances:
Police Department has already arranged for 10 precautionary beds at St. John's Hospital for New Year's Day. Similarly, he instructed that beds be reserved at Jayanagar Government Hospital.

A total of 6–7 teams comprising doctors, nurses, and ambulances must be deployed in

areas identified by the police. Uninterrupted power supply in public areas:

BESCOM officials were instructed to ensure uninterrupted power supply in major celebration zones. To prevent any electrical emergencies, BESCOM must deploy nodal officers at designated police stations.

Immediate waste clearance: The Solid Waste Management Department was directed to promptly clear waste generated during the celebrations, including firecracker debris, alcohol bottles discarded in public areas, and other waste materials.

Install signboards at work

sites:

The projects department was instructed to install mandatory signboards at all ongoing city corporation work sites in and around Koramangala and JP Nagar, and to immediately repair any disrupted footpaths.

Create a Whats App coording.

Create a WhatsApp coordination group:
To ensure seamless coordina-

To ensure seamless coordination among all departments during the New Year celebrations, he directed that a WhatsApp group be created including all concerned officials for real-time updates and information sharing.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast Division) Sara Fatima; Chief Engineer K.V.Ravi; Health Officer Balasundar; BESCOM Superintending Engineer; and other officials.

## Team formed to expedite Mekedatu project

Bengaluru: The State government has issued a GO forming a team under the leadership of Karnataka Engineering Research Station Director to expedite Mekedatu project in view of the favourable Supreme Court order. The committee will comprise of Deputy Chief Engineer and other staff and will operate from its office in Ramanagara. The Mekedatu project office will also be set up at Ramanagara as per the GO.

A meeting on Mekedatu held on November 18 under the leadership of DCM DK Shivakumar has decided to set up the office of Superintending Engineer to expedite Mekedatu work. In view of requirement for Finance department approval for staffing and office set up, it has been decided to give the responsibility to KERS Director.

The team under KERS Director will comprise of an Executive engineer, three technical assistants, six assistant engineers, one accountant, Superintendent and other staff.

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The Caveri Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) will take steps to set up the Mekedatu project office. This office team will function under the leadership of CNNL Director and administrative expenses would be borne by the CNNL. The Director of CNNL has been instructed to handover all the relevant documents of Medatu project to KERS Director, the GO said.

# FLAMES ON THE HORIZON: HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS SUPERCHARGING WILDFIRE RISKS

cientists examined multiple fire danger indices for the contiguous U.S. to assess the impact of climate change on future wildfire risk and seasonality. Wildfires are some of the most destructive natural disasters in the country, threatening lives, destroying homes and infrastructure, and creating air pollution. In order to properly forecast and manage wildfires, managers need to understand wildfire risk and allocate resources accordingly. A new study contributes scientific expertise to this effort.

Assessing Future Fire Risks
In the study, published in
the November issue of the
journal Earth's Future,
researchers from the Desert
Research Institute (DRI),
Argonne National Laboratory,
and the University of
Wisconsin-Madison, teamed



up to assess future fire risk. They looked at the four fire danger indices used across North America to predict and manage the risk of wildfire to see how the risk correlated with observed wildfire size between 1984 and 2019. Then,

they examined how wildfire risk changed under the projected future climate, finding that both fire potential and a longer wildfire season are likely under climate change.

COMPREHENSIVE RISK EVALUATION

"We use several of these fire danger indices to evaluate fire risk in the contiguous U.S.," said Guo Yu, Ph.D., assistant research professor at DRI and lead author of the study. "But previous studies have only looked at how climate change will alter wildfire risk using one of them, and only a few studies have looked at how fire risk has translated to the size or characteristics of actual wildfires. We wanted to rigorously assess both in this paper."

Fire danger indices use information about weather conditions and fuel moisture, or how dry vegetation is on the ground. The most common fire danger indices used in North America are the USGS Fire Potential Index, the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index, and the Energy Release Component and Burning

Indices from the National Fire Danger Rating System.
CORRELATION AND
CLIMATE PROJECTIONS

First, the scientists used satellite remote sensing data from 1984-2019 to see how potential fire risk correlated with ultimate wildfire size for more than 13,000 wildfires, excluding controlled burns. They found that when wildfire risk was higher, wildfire size tended to be larger, and this relationship was stronger over larger areas.By plugging the fire danger indices into future climate projections, the study found that extreme wildfire risk will increase by an average of 10 days across the continental U.S. by the end of the century, driven largely by increased temperatures. Certain regions, like the southern Great Plains (including Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas) are projected to have more than 40 additional days per year of extreme wildfire danger. A few small regions are projected to see a decrease in their annual wildfire risk season due to higher rainfall and humidity, including the Pacific Northwest coast and the mid-Atlantic coast.

#### REGIONAL VARIATIONS AND SEASONAL SHIFTS

In the Southwest, the extreme wildfire season is projected to increase by more than 20 days per year, most of which will occur in the spring and summer months. Longer fire seasons extending into the winter months.are also projected, particularly for the Texas-Louisiana coastal plain."Under a warmer future climate, we can see that the fire danger will even be higher in the winter," Yu said. "This surprised me, because it feels counterintuitive, but climate change will alter the landscape in so many ways."

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## **Beneficiaries hit 1.3 crore, CM** Stalin hints at a KMUT raise



CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday signalled that the monthly entitlement under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT) would be increased as women advance socially and economically.

Speaking at the Vellum Tamil Pengal event and launching the second phase of the scheme in Chennai, he said Tamil Nadu had recovered from "ten years of neglect" and was now experiunprecedented growth. With the State recording 16 per cent GSDP growth, women must receive their due share of this progress, he said.

So far, 1.13 crore women have been receiving Rs 1,000 a month under KMUT, amounting to Rs 28,000 disbursed to each beneficiary. With an additional 16.9 lakh women enrolled through the Ungaludan Stalin outreach, a total of 1.3 crore women will now receive the monthly assistance. Stalin distributed RuPay cards to ten beneficiaries and said the increasing number of recipients reflected the success of Dravidian model initiatives. As women's empowerment grows, the rights allowance will rise accordingly, he said.

The scheme is currently followed in ten states, includ-

Madhva Pradesh. Karnataka and Puducherry. In his welcome address, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin said several States had adopted the Rs 1,000 assistance model, though none had named it a 'Urimai Thogai' scheme that

emphasised women's rights. The event, inaugurated as part of Vellum Tamizh Pengal to showcase women achievers, began with Mangala Isai. Social activist Krishnammal Jagannathan, para-athlete Thulasimathi Murugesan and Chief Secretary N Muruganandam were present.

Beneficiaries of various government schemes shared their experiences, including those supported by the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme and Self-Help Group programmes. Film personalities such as Sathyaraj, Devayani, Vasanthabalan and TJ Gnanavel spoke on the importance of government welfare initiatives.

Professionals from medicine and literature fields participated, while Sri Lankan women presented an embroidered kerchief bearing the

## **EPS** accuses Karnataka of deliberate bid to deprive TN **Cauvery water**

Tamil Nadu



CHENNAI: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi Palaniswami on Wednesday accused the Congress government in Karnataka of pursuing a deliberate agenda to deny Tamil Nadu its rightful share of Cauvery water by moving ahead with steps to construct a dam at Mekedatu.

In a statement, he said the Karnataka government had formed a 30-member high-level officials committee to make arrangements for the dam project, which he described as an attempt to "turn Tamil Nadu into a desert". He alleged that Chief Minister MK Stalin had failed to present strong legal arguments before the Cauvery Management Authority and the Supreme Court, resulting in the present situation.

Palaniswami said the DMK government had shown a lack of seriousness in defending Tamil Nadu's interests, and claimed that every time the DMK came to power, surrendering the state's rightful claims in the Cauvery dispute became "routine". He accused the DMK leadership of betraying the people of Tamil Nadu to protect what he described as its "selfish interests and family-run political business".



Honble Minister for Health and Family Welfare announced that 3.38 lakh girl children in Tamil Nadu will benefit from the forthcoming HPV-Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme to be launched by the Honble Chief Minister

## Karur stampede: TVK files reply to State's plea

NEW DELHI: Actorturned-politician Vijay's TVK has filed its reply (preliminary-rejoinder) to the Tamil Nadu government's plea urging the Supreme Court to set aside its order that handed over the probe into the Karur stampede case to the Central Bureau Investigation (CBI).

In its response, the TVK has claimed that the Tamil Nadu government's plea (counter-affidavit) lacks material facts and provides no valid reason to remove the jurisdiction of the CBI and the supervisory committee, constituted by the top court.

TVK asserts that several statements in the State government's counter-affidavit are false and misleading. Considering such claims would hinder the

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Ajay Rastogi Committee. TVK's response has been filed through Advocates Dixita Gohil, Pranjal Agarwal, Rupali Samuel and Yash S Vijay.

## **BJP slams TN government for betraying farmers**

CHENNAI: BJP State president Nainar Nagenthran on Friday accused the ruling DMK government of betraying farmers by failing to constitute the Agricultural Development Committees promised in the party's 2021 election manifesto.

Referring to Promise No 35, which assured committees comprising farmers' representatives to address sectoral issues and fix Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for foodgrains and horticultural produce, Nainar asked Chief Minister MK Stalin, "You proudly claim to be a 'son of the Delta' (Deltakkaran) on every stage, but have you ful-



filled the commitment you made to the farmers of this State?"

He alleged that the DMK regime had not only failed to solve existing agricultural problems but had doubled the distress faced by farmers during its four-and-a-half-year tenure.

"From not providing timely power supply for farm operations to failing to supply millets through all fair-price shops, the government's burden on farmers is countless," he charged.

The BJP leader further claimed that farmers were being forced to dump their produce on the streets due to the lack of a fair support price and market intervention.

"The DMK government has cheated farmers by denying MSP for the crops grown through their hard work. The agricultural community is now ready to uproot this government for abandoning them.

# A new model for climate financing

Practically nowhere in the world has escaped the effects of climate change and global warming. From the North Pole to Antarctica, Chile to China, every country has been on the receiving end of the immense damage caused by extreme weather events. But of all regions, Asia-Pacific stands out in terms of the impact of changing weather and a warming world. According to many reports, it is the most vulnerable region in the world as far as the effects of climate change are concerned. Over the past 60 years, temperatures have been rising faster there than anywhere else. With extreme climate events becoming more frequent and intense, the region faces the risk of losing more than a third of its gross domestic product as a result of climate change.

Asia-Pacific is made up of more than 50 countries and accounts for about 30 percent of the world's landmass. Almost 4.8 billion people live there, which is about 60 percent of the total global population. The rippling effects of climate change in the region are therefore felt around the world, not only because Asia-Pacific is the biggest region geographically but also because of the sheer number of people living there. In this sense, what happens in Asia-Pacific affects far more people than anything in any other part of the world. Climate change threatens not only the longterm well-being of people in the region, but also the decades of progress made there in terms of tackling poverty, providing better nutrition and improving food security, as well as advancing overall human devel-

So far, what we have seen is that almost all the sources of funds for climate finance have failed to deliver

With little sign of the climate crisis easing, or even the prospect of an effective global agreement that could be successful in at least slowing global warming, Asia-Pacific, like the rest of the world, is left with two options: adaptation and mitigation. Together, they could help cushion the impact of climate change and help to cope with the economic dam-



age that is being inflicted on the region in terms of floods, forest fires, landslides and drought.

However, both adaptation and mitigation efforts require trillions of dollars of investment and, though the Asia-Pacific is certainly home to some of the richest countries in the world, including Japan, South Korea and Singapore, most of the people in the region are very poor. In terms of absolute numbers, it has the largest number of people living in extreme poverty.

At the UN's COP28 climate change conference in Dubai last December, it was estimated that nearly \$6 trillion in climate financing will be needed by 2050. However, developing countries say the actual amount required will be much higher, because the effects of climate change are growing more intense, far-reaching and longer lasting, so the amount of money needed to cope with them has already gone far beyond the estimates. Some believe the true figure that will be needed by 2050 is closer to \$50 trillion. Against this backdrop, a recent report by the World Economic Forum said that raising funds on such a scale will require money from all available sources, including philanthropy, and it called for the establishment of what it called a public-private-philanthropic partnership.Certainly, there is no disputing the fact that dealing with global issues such as climate change calls for a global action and funds to be raised from multiple sources, with contributions from all stakeholders, including corporations, gov-

ernments, nongovernmental organizations, and certainly the rich or well-to-do around the world.

A public-private-philanthropic partnership would therefore be a welcome move, provided it is set up in such a way to ensure that it adequately reflects the roles and responsibilities of each partner.

So far, what we have seen is that almost all the sources of funds for climate finance have failed to deliver. The issue has been on the table since 2012, when developed countries agreed to pay \$100 billion every year to help the developing world prepare for climate change. Donor countries have fallen so far short of their promises that most observers believe it was more of a bluff than a genuine commitment. However, the need for money to address climate-related issues has not disappeared in the absence of the promised funding.

It must not turn into yet another platform for empty promises that leaves the public sector holding the

In the meantime, the situation has grown dramatically worse, the need for money to address it has risen sharply and, though several months have passed since COP28, there is still no clarity on how the financing should be organized, by whom, to what timescales and who will decide the disbursement of the funds. All of these questions are divisive issues and reaching a global consensus on any of them will be extremely difficult, unless the parties expected to pay up actually get on board and set the ball rolling by setting a strict, legally binding timetable for their contributions, so that an organization such as the UN can then decide where the money should go. As far as the responsibility for funding the efforts to address climate change is concerned, it rests not only on the shoulders of the governments of wealthy countries, but equally on the super-rich corporate conglomerates that are each sitting on tens of billions of dollars of profits that, in many cases, were earned in ways that damaged the climate.

## Accelerating the region's transformation of its agrifood systems

he world is facing a major challenge in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 2, which seeks to eliminate hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030. This is particularly true in the Near East and North Africa region, which in recent years has experienced a worrisome surge in food

This dire development can be attributed to a multitude of factors, with the impact of conflicts, the climate crisis and other calamities being the most prominent. The recent crises in Gaza, Sudan and Yemen, coupled with prolonged pressures in other countries such as Syria and Iraq, are of great concern and immediate action is necessary to overcome these challenges and safeguard food supply chains to ensure food security for all.

For that, we need to accelerate the transformation of agrifood systems to make them more efficient, more inclusive, more resilient and more sustainable. This will be one of the main issues under discussion at the 37th session of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Regional Ministerial Conference for the Near East in Amman, Jordan, on March 4 and 5. During this biennial governing body meeting, ministers will gather to assess the situation in the region's agrifood systems and create a plan of action going forward, as well as to identify key priorities for the FAO's program of work in the region. The challenges faced by agrifood systems across the Near East and North Africa, and beyond, are enormous

At the FAO, we have realigned and refocused our efforts toward supporting members in accelerating the transformation needed. We have adopted agile operating strategies, offered tailored and timely data and analytical support, enhanced our engagement with governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and international financial institutions and have established transformative partnerships with all key players. The reformed and restructured FAO is now better equipped, fit for purpose and already working toward this transformation. Ownership and leadership by FAO

members, and collective efforts by all development partners and stakeholders, are crucial. Shared vision, foresight, responsibilities and implementation arrangements are needed to achieve our goals. I would like to emphasize the significance of collaborations and partnerships, especially in the Near East and North Africa.

The challenges faced by agrifood systems across the region, and beyond, are enormous and constantly increasing. With a growing population and dwindling agricultural resources, we must strive to improve productivity and efficiency as much as possible. We must produce more with less. To this end, we need to leverage the potential of cooperation, trade, investment and the utilization of innovation and technology within the region and with other regions. The priority should be to establish food corridors, which ought to harness the potential of production, regional value chains, intraregional trade, storage and reserve systems. We need to safeguard supply chains and trade to ensure food availability, accessibility and affordability for all.

The region also faces severe water scarcity and climate shocks. As a result, we must prioritize the adaptation to climate change, as well as mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Agrifood systems are solutions based on science and data. We should recognize and acknowledge the efforts made by Egypt and the UAE to encourage collective action and pathways during the COP27 and COP28 climate summits and for advancing the agenda of agrifood systems and food security, as well as the food-water-energy nexus.

Currently, more than half of the region's population cannot afford a healthy diet, which is a serious concernIn support of this process, the FAO initiated a process at COP27 that culminated at COP28 with the launch of a "Global Roadmap for Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C threshold." This aims to make the case that accelerated climate actions can transform agrifood systems and help to achieve good, nutritious food for all for today and tomorrow. At the FAO, members have endorsed a "Strategic Framework for 2022-2031" based on

the aspiration of the "Four Betters:" better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life, leaving no one behind. This comprehensive framework provides us with an opportunity to take a wide-ranging look at our agrifood systems, identify areas that need improvement and take appropriate actions.

Members benefit from the FAO's technical expertise, assistance and support through its headquarters, as well as regional, subregional and country offices, to ensure effective implementation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. My focus is on strengthening the FAO's country offices to maximize their impact on the ground and support the work of members at the country level.In support of our Strategic Framework, we have in place a number of flagship initiatives to support transformation, including the FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative that supports the implementation of nationally led, ambitious programs to accelerate agrifood systems' transformations by eradicating poverty (SDG1), ending hunger and malnutrition (SDG2) and reducing inequalities (SDG10). There is also the One Country One Priority Product initiative that supports countries in the development of more sustainable food value chains for special agricultural products and improved rural livelihoods.

Proactive measures designed to tackle the challenges of agriculture and food security play a crucial role here. This is not only important from a social and economic point of view but also for maintaining peace and stability. In recent times, this region has experienced social and political unrest caused by a lack of food security. The consequences of such developments should be enough to prioritize addressing this challenge and prevent potential future surges. Currently, more than half of the region's population cannot afford a healthy diet, which is a serious concern. Governments should work toward improving access to affordable, healthy diets for their population. The FAO will continue to support these national efforts, including by acting as a professional platform

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

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

#### Infrastructure push

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



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

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

national asset.

#### Rise of Vande Bharat

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

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

#### Safety Innovations and Technology

transport can revive

regional economies.

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

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

#### South India's key role

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

#### Privatisation unsafe

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

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

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

Hyderabad, December 2025: Mindspace SOCIAL

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

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

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

#### Om Nom Stories Debuts on Cartoon Network

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



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

#### A Season of Supercharged Fun on POGO

POGO brings even more year-end excitement with the launch of a new comedy show - Omi No. 1. Starting December 15, airing Monday to Friday at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM, Omi No. 1 will be available for POGO viewers in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. The show will follow the escapades and adventures of Omi, an over-pampered but big-hearted grandson of Milk King Kedarnath. His regular day often spirals into wild situations, including first days at school, unexpected jobs, chases, competitions and even jungle and desert adventures. His mistakes usually snowball into chaos, yet he somehow ends up saving the day in his own quirky and fun way. It's packed with energy, humour and moments that fit perfect-

with the cheerful Christmas season.

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

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

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

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

## Care for your skin this winter with California Almonds

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

nutrients that support



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

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

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

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

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

Refrigerators and Front



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

## Dec 27 - Jan 11: 4% off

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

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

conditions apply.

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

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

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



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

rely solely on contemporary frameworks but must draw confidently from the intellectual wealth embedded in its civilisational inheritance. Bharat Ki Soch seeks to build precisely this bridge, engaging scholars, policy makers, technologists and practitioners to reinterpret ancient Indian knowledge for India's evolving developmental needs. Through a mix of World Affairs and Mr. Anil Rajput, deep research, interdisciplinary col-Chairman, Advisory Council, Bharat laboration, and public dialogue, Ki Soch and Mr. R. K. Pachnanda, Bharat Ki Soch will cover a range of Director, Bharat Ki Soch. Across subjects from governance, economy

Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Advisory Council, Bharat Ki Soch, described the moment as the beginning of a new intellectual journey for the country. "Today marks not just an event, it is the beginning of a journey to rediscover India's timeless knowledge and reimagine our growth story with confidence, clarity and cultural rootedness," he said. Reflecting on the global environment, he highlighted significant challenges like growing debt distress, climate crises, demographic decline, food insecurity and consewide-ranging discussions, the speakquences of rapid technological transers underscored a shared belief that India's next chapter of growth cannot formation like job displacement and data insecurity to the growing concentration of technological power, "We are living through a period of deep global transition, one that is reshaping vulnerabilities as much as it is opening up opportunities," he said, attributing India's unique position as the world's fastest growing major economy to the stabilising force of India's civilisational Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Atanu Chakraborty situated the moment within a wider civilisational

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

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



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

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

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

the second level until Ran comes back.' This is their promise," Talik said. Many in Israel believe it would be politically difficult for Netanyahu to carry out the next steps in the deal, including withdrawing Israeli forces further back towards Gaza's perimeter, if even one hostage is still missing in Gaza. Time 'running out' Both Israel and Hamas face difficult concessions in the next stage of For Hamas, it means hand-

to us. 'No, we don't move to

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

Hamas official told the BBC

their allegations were

untrue, and that Israel was

trying to avoid implement-

ing the agreement. But

with no sign of Ran's body,

Washington growing, his

parents say they are count-

ing on Israel's leaders not to

move forward before their

son is found. "Everyone in

Israel['s] government says

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

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

Here's what this wave of innovation looks like:

Rooted in Real-Life Challenges

Students were invited to build accessible healthcare tech addressing hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, emotional well-being, and pre-

ventive care—ensuring better health outcomes are a right, not a privilege.

2. Practical Solutions for **Better Tomorrow** 

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

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

BRHM (Uttar Pradesh) - Low-cost bionic hand to restore mobility for people with disabilities

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

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

3. Theme Winner Paraspeak: Giving Voice to the Unheard

Among the four national

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

Other Winning Innovations Beyond Health & Well-Being

SFT 2025 also honoured:

NextPlay.AI - AI sports coaching platform

Percevia - AI-powered glass-

Prithvi Rakshak -Gamified sustainability app

5. Support to Scale & Succeed

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

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

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

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

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

software product company span hiring, training, product strategy, location and customer satisfaction, all driven by a holistic philosoand humility as key occasion, Mr Ajay Piramal, reimagine renew our environment. It ration to 'Design for India' as a philosophy, one rooted in creativity, craftsmanship and care.

in India while pursuing a unique set of choices that phy that puts contentment virtues. Speaking on the President, Anant National University, said, "Design gives us the tools to industries, rebuild communities and is how we transition from 'Make in India' as an aspi-

## Germany accuses Russia of 2024 cyber-attack and disinformation

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



spokesman said the August 2024 cyber-attack could be attributed to the Fancy Bear Russian hacker group. "Our intelligence findings prove that the Russian military intelligence service GRU bears responsibility for this attack," he added. The ministry spokesman added it was now certain that Moscow had attempted to "influence and destabilise both the last federal election and the ongoing internal affairs of the Republic of Federal Germany" through a disinformation campaign called Storm 1516. The campaign, it said, had focused in part

on lead Green Party candi-

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

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



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

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

## CLAIR OBSCUR SWEEPS THE GAME AWARDS WITH NINE WINS



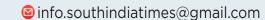
lair Obscur: Expedition 33 has been named game of the year in a recordbreaking haul at this year's Game Awards. The French-developed roleplaying game (RPG) cleaned up in nine of the 10 categories it was up for, with further wins in best narrative, best music and best perform-

It fended off competition from Death Stranding 2, Nintendo platformer Donkey Kong Bananza, indie games Hollow Knight: Silksong and Hades 2, and medieval adventure Kingdom Come: Deliverance 2 to claim the top prize. During the ceremony in Los Angeles, players also got their first glimpses of two new Tomb Raider games, sequel Control Resonant and a new Star Wars role-playing game. Clair Obscur is set in a world where a supernatural being known as The Paintress prevents the population from growing past a certain age. The game, which tells the

story of a group of adventurers on a quest to destroy The Paintress, was praised for its emotional narrative and use of old-school, turn-based battles. Players were also won over by the story of developer Sandfall Interactive, formed by a group of employees who left gaming giant Ubisoft to make their dream proj-

Accepting the game of the

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



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

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

right now, SKY's bat is



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

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

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

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

affecting him. There's also: -

The hernia surgery - Recent

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

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



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

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

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

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

Saleh Amin, who was stand-



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

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

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

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

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



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

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## Vonn, 41, becomes oldest downhill World Cup winner



became the oldest skiing downhill World Cup winner at St Moritz on Friday. The 41-year-old retired from the sport in February 2019 due to knee problems but made her competitive return in December 2024. Vonn has won one gold and two bronze at the Winter Olympics and is on track to represent the USA at the 2026 Games in February. She crossed the line in one minute and 29.63 seconds - nearly a second quicker than second-placed Magdelena Egger - to wrap up her 83rd World Cup win and first since

American Lindsey Vonn

2018. "I knew I was skiing fast but you never know until the first race," Vonn told TNT Sports. "I think I was a little faster than I expected. It's a very exciting time." Vonn has four overall World Cup titles in the bank from a glittering career that has spanned across 20 years. Friday's event marked the beginning of the downhill World Cup campaign, with a further eight races set to take place before the World Cup Finals at Kvitfjell in Norway on 21 March. Vonn returns to the St Moritz slope for the next World Cup on Saturday.

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

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



compete against the United States' Sarah Hildebrandt for the gold medal but was disqualified for breaching the weight limit. In an X post on Friday, Phogat wrote: "People kept asking if Paris was the end. For a long time, I didn't have the answer. I needed to step

away from the mat, from the pressure, from the expectations, even from my own ambitions. For the first time in years, I allowed myself to breathe. I took time to understand the weight of my journey - the highs, the heartbreaks, the sacrifices, the versions of me the world never saw. And somewhere in that reflection, I found the truth: I still love this sport. I still want to compete. In that silence, I found something I'd forgotten: 'the fire never left'. It was only buried under exhaustion and noise. The discipline, the routine, the fight... it's in my system. No matter how far I walked away, a part of me stayed on the mat. So here I am, stepping back toward LA28 with a heart that's unafraid and a spirit that

refuses to bow.'

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

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



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

husband has been away from home for 12 years; he can do whatever he wants, but he understands his moral duty - what he needs to do," she said. 'Her comment that "the rest of the team all indulge in vices" has sparked a debate, with many

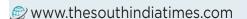
tion casts Jadeja's teammates in an unfavourable light within the Indian and global cricket fraternities. Rivaba Jadeja's comments are seen to suggest that Jadeja's personal restraint set him apart in the highpressure environment of professional cricket. Ravindra Jadeja Turns a New Chapter The statement comes at a time of significant transition for Ravindra Jadeja's career. Though he remains an integral part of India's Test and ODI squads, Jadeja is no longer an active player in T20 Internationals, and his domestic franchise tenure has just seen a monumental shift.

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



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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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





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

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

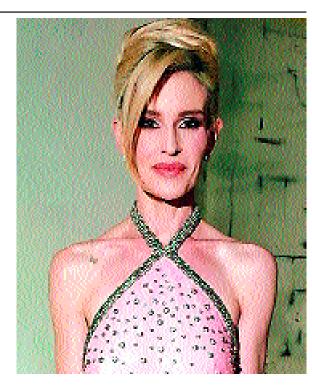
Brother Bilaal — who alleges Smiths view the entire case as that the actress confronted him a Calabasas mall lobby in September 2021 and warned him that if he constant the second secon ing her "personal business,"

exploit them."

a "retaliatory campaign," especially after a "viral" interview
Salaam — also known as he gave. Insiders say the her "personal business," people around them talking out he would "end up miss- of school."

### Cardi B flaunts new body mods

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



## Kelly Osbourne fires back at body shamers

delivered a power-ful message to keep thinking they're recent physical changes. shared singer weight result of pro- those people, f--k off." found grief

**T**elly Osbourne has Osbourne.

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

> Kelly also recently following addressed speculation the death about her weight loss in her an other interview, father, rejecting claims that Oz z y she uses Ozempic.

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

## VIN DIESEL PUNCHES INTO FIRST WRITING GIG

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

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