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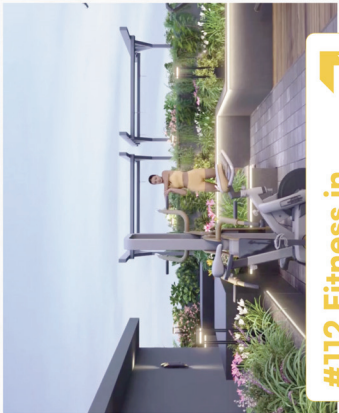
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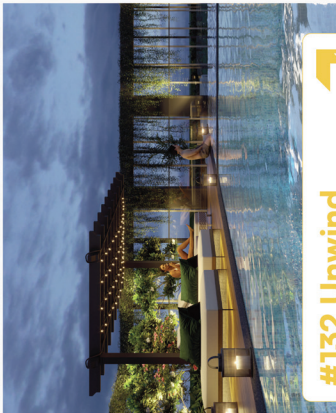
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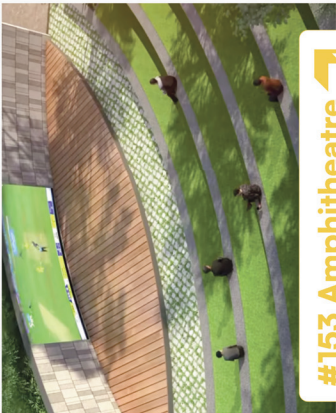
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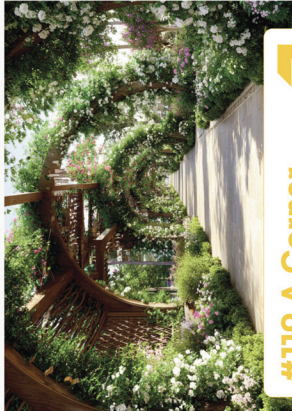
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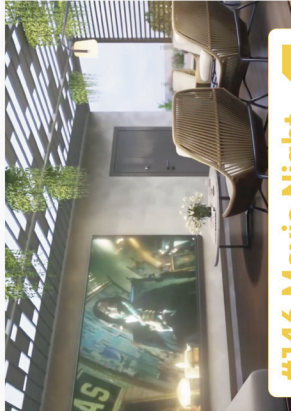
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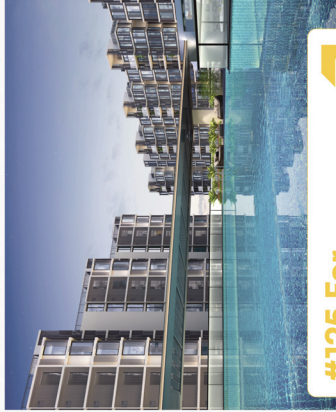
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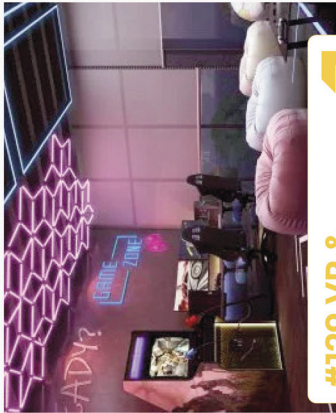
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Rising Prices Fuel Growing Crime Rate: Dr. Jithender Rao Thanugula



Rising Prices Fuel Growing Crime Rate: Dr. Jithender Rao Thanugula Hyderabad: Drawing a parallel between the steady rise in gold and silver prices and increasing social stress, Dr. Jithender Rao Thanugula, Senior Journalist, President of Telangana Youth Journalists Federation (TYJF) and Correspondent of The South India Times, has warned that the crime rate is also on the rise due to mounting economic pressures. Speaking to the media, Dr. Thanugula said that inflation, unemployment, and widening economic dis-

parities are pushing vulnerable sections of society towards criminal activities. He observed that when basic necessities become unaffordable and job opportunities remain scarce, frustration—especially among youth—often translates into thefts, cyber crimes, and other unlawful acts. He further noted that the rise in petty crimes and organized criminal activities is a clear indication of weakening social stability. Delays in justice, lack of moral education, and insufficient social support systems are worsening the situation, he added. Dr.

Jithender Rao Thanugula urged the government to adopt a holistic approach by focusing on employment generation, effective price control, strengthening law enforcement, and improving education standards. Failure to address these issues in time could lead to serious law-and-order challenges, he cautioned. "Economic imbalance does not remain confined to markets alone; it directly impacts society and law and order," he said, calling for immediate reforms and collective responsibility to curb the growing crime rate.

Congress is only party that respects all religions equally: TPCC chief



Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that Congress party is the only party that respects all religions equally and under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, a strong law will be introduced to prevent any actions that insult religions. The TPCC chief participated as the chief guest in the Christmas celebrations held in the Gachibowli area in Hyderabad on Thursday. AICC Secretary Sampath Kumar, Mahila Congress President Sunitha Rao, Indira, Pastor Benjamin, and other leaders were also

present at the event. On the occasion, the TPCC president extended heartfelt Christmas greetings to Christian brothers and sisters. He said Jesus is not only God for Christians, but God for the entire world. "Every citizen in the country has complete freedom to worship their own religion and God. The youth must understand and study history. The life and history of Jesus carry a great message for humanity. As long as humanity exists, Jesus will continue to live in people's hearts," Mahesh Kumar Goud said.(NSS)

CONGRESS, BRS LOWERED POLITICAL STANDARDS: BJP

Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday accused the Congress and BRS of degrading political discourse in the State, saying both parties had abandoned values and restraint. Political defections and derogatory remarks by leaders of both parties were insulting to the people of Telangana, he added. Addressing a gathering after paying tributes to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 101st birth anniversary at the state BJP headquarters, Rao said the nation was observing "Sushasan Divas" to honour the legacy of the Bharat Ratna awardee. Vajpayee symbolised value-based politics and dignified debate, contrasting it with the "vengeful and vulgar language" used by leaders of the ruling Congress and opposition BRS in Telangana, he remarked.



He alleged that the BRS had pushed the State into debt over the last decade and that the Congress government was worsening the situation without delivering development or attracting investments despite foreign tours and the "Telangana Rising" campaign. "Both BRS and Congress parties have emptied the state treasury. The previous BRS government turned a wealthy state into a debt-ridden one over the last decade, and the Congress government is pushing it further into a 'begging' state of debt. Though CM Revanth Reddy and his ministers

visited foreign countries including Davos to attract investments, but they failed to bring in significant investments or companies", he pointed out. Highlighting Vajpayee's legacy, he recalled the initiatives such as the Golden Quadrilateral project, and said the Modi government was continuing the path of good governance through major welfare and infrastructure programmes. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar attended the programme along with senior BJP leaders. (NSS)

Four women from Asifabad district killed in road accident



Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): Four women from Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district died in a road accident in Maharashtra. The incident took place near Devada-Sondo on the late Wednesday night. According to details provided by locals and family members, the family of Zakir, a resident of Nizamuddin Colony in Kagaznagar town, had gone to a hospital in Nagpur for medical treatment. Relatives were also traveling with them. On their return journey, the car they were traveling in

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went out of control and fell from a bridge. As a result, Zakir's wife Salma Begum, daughter Shabreen, and relatives Afgha Begum and Sahara died. The condition of two others is critical. The injured have been shifted to a private hospital in Chandrapur for treatment. (NSS)

Koutike Vittal wins 'Entrepreneur of the Year' at HiBiz TV event

Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): At the 3rd edition of the Business Excellence Awards 2025, organised by the leading business media platform HiBiz TV, renowned insurance expert Koutike Vitthal was felicitated with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his exceptional professional services in the life insurance sector. The event was held at the Novotel Hotel in Hyderabad. The award was presented to Koutike Vitthal by Miss Universe Telangana, Keshvi Chavuda, and AVP Chakravarthy. Koutike Vitthal, who has been serving the life insurance sector continuously for more than four decades, is currently recognised as the country's no. 1 Chief Life Insurance Advisor affiliated with LIC of



India. Speaking on the occasion, Koutike Vittal said, "This award is not just my personal achievement. It is a symbol of the support of every customer, my team members and my family who have placed their trust in me. My constant goal is to provide complete financial security to every

Indian family through life insurance," he said. The Entrepreneur of the Year award, which was presented to Koutike Vitthal, who has successfully established a business model of professional services, reliability and long-term values in the life insurance sector, is a national level recognition for his services. (NSS)

TTD CHAIRMAN CONDUCTS INSPECTION AT LADDU

Tirumala, Dec.26 (NSS): The Chairman of TTD, B. R. Naidu, conducted a surprise inspection at the Srivari Laddu sales counter in Tirumala on Thursday. During the inspection, the Chairman personally went to the counter and examined the laddu issuance procedure, staff performance, and the weight of the laddus. Later, he inspected the kiosk machine at the laddu counter, where devotees without darshan can obtain laddus by registering their Aadhaar and making UPI payments. Later he interacted with devotees to gather their feedback on this process. Subsequently, he visited the Boondi Potu, observed its preparation, and given several suggestions to the officials concerned. Speaking to the media, the Chairman stated that the inspection of the



laddu sales counter was part of reviewing the arrangements being made for the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan scheduled from December 30 to January 8. He informed that TTD is currently selling 4 lakh laddus and 8,000 Kalyanotsavam laddus per day to devotees. He assured that adequate arrangements are being made to ensure there is no shortage of laddus during the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan period. He further stated that devotees

expressed complete satisfaction regarding laddu quality, taste, and the reduction in waiting time in queue lines. He added that in the coming days, laddu production will be increased and arrangements will be made to ensure devotees receive laddus quickly at the counters. During the inspection, the Chairman was accompanied by Srivari Temple Deputy EO Lokanatham, Potu Peishkar Sri Muni Ratnam, and other officials. (NSS)

Grand Honor for SP Sunitha Reddy: Wanaparthy Thanks Her for Keeping the District Safe

Wanaparthy, December 26, 2025: Wanaparthy district Superintendent of Police (SP) Sunitha Reddy received a warm welcome on Thursday. A small ceremony was held to honour her work in maintaining peace and law and order in the district. The Udyamakaarula Sankshema Samiti Raara Media Cell President and Senior Journalist B. Venkateswara attended the program along with Pisati Janga Reddy President of the Telangana Federation of Working Journalists. They presented a shawl to SP Sunitha Reddy as a mark of respect and appreciation. Speaking at the event, SP Sunitha Reddy said the police department is taking strong steps to protect peace and security in the district. She said the safety of the people is their main priority. People at the program praised her efforts and thanked her for work-



ing to keep Wanaparthy safe. The guests also shared their messages. The Udyamakaarula Sakema Samiti Rara Media Cell President said good coordination between the police and the media helps build trust among the public and improves transparency. He wished SP Sunitha Reddy continued success. Senior journalist B.

Venkateswara appreciated the district's peaceful environment and asked for continued efforts to strengthen safety measures. Pisati Janga Reddy said public safety becomes stronger when the police, citizens, and media work together. He also said responsible news reporting plays an important role in helping people stay informed and safe.

Vaikunta Ekadasi arrangements reviewed at TTD Himayathnagar temple



Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Himayathnagar Local Advisory Committee (LAC) President N. Shankar Goud on Thursday inspected the ongoing arrangements for the Vaikunta Ekadasi celebrations at the local TTD temple. During the inspection, the Chairman reviewed various preparations, including queue management, sanitation, security measures, drinking water facilities, and other amenities for devotees. He interacted with temple officials and staff and issued neces-

sary instructions to ensure the smooth conduct of darshan and related rituals during the auspicious occasion. Emphasizing that the convenience and safety of devotees should be the top priority, Shankar Goud directed the officials to complete all arrangements well in advance. Temple authorities assured the president that all necessary steps were being taken to facilitate hassle-free darshan for devotees on Vaikunta Ekadasi. Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Ramesh Babu and other officials were present during the inspection. (NSS)

Chamala Kiran Reddy hits back at Harish Rao over remarks & political conduct

Hyderabad, Dec 26 : Bhongir Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy on Thursday issued a sharp rebuttal to senior BRS leader T Harish Rao, accusing him of preaching moral values selectively while ignoring the conduct of his own party leadership. In a video statement, Kiran Reddy alleged that Rao's behaviour was akin to "a demon reciting the Vedas," and said he was speaking as though moral principles applied only to others. He asked Rao to first reflect on the language used by his father-in-law and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, stating that it was KCR who introduced abusive language into Telangana politics during the statehood movement. The Congress MP said KCR had "patented" the use of abusive language in political discourse and questioned

why the opposition expected restraint from the present Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy when provocative and threatening statements were being made against him. "Should we remain silent when someone of the Chief Minister's stature is threatened with statements like 'we will skin you alive'?" he asked. Kiran Reddy also took a swipe at K T Rama Rao, alleging that he spoke without regard for age or position and behaved as if he alone had knowledge of sectors like IT and irrigation. He said Rao should first advise KCR and KTR on political decency before lecturing others. He asserted that if the opposition spoke respectfully, the Chief Minister would respond in the same manner, but warned that provocative language would invite equally strong responses. Calling

upon KCR to attend the Assembly, Kiran Reddy said issues related to water sharing, alleged irregularities and corruption during the BRS's ten-year rule should be debated on the floor of the House. Referring to electoral outcomes, he said Revanth Reddy had already defeated the BRS leadership in the 2023 Assembly elections and would "send them home again" in 2029. He advised opposition leaders to change their approach and offer constructive suggestions instead of resorting to personal attacks. Reacting to comments by BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar on the need for mutual respect between the Chief Minister and the former Chief Minister, Kiran Reddy said he would urge Bandi Sanjay to convey these points to those indulging in irresponsible political rhetoric.

SHORT TAKES**Hindutva group disrupts Christian prayer meets in Bengaluru**

Hyderabad: In yet another targeted attack towards the Christian community, Hindutva members disrupted a prayer programme in Bengaluru's Koramangala area, alleging forced religious conversion. A video of one of their member, Satyanishta Arya, visibly hyped up, is seen confronting a Christian priest and members of the congregation. He repeatedly interrupts the prayer meeting and questions the priest about Christian religious texts. When the priest responds that the Bible includes the Gospel of John, the man allegedly launches into a tirade, making derogatory remarks about Christianity and its scriptures.

Rajasthan village elders withdraw controversial smartphone ban on women

Jodhpur: The village elders in Rajasthan's Jalore district have withdrawn the ban imposed on women using smartphones after the decision faced opposition in several places. A meeting of the panchas (village elders) was convened on Thursday in Gazipur village, where they unanimously decided to withdraw the ban. They said the decision kept children in mind, but it was "misunderstood". In a meeting of the Chaudhary community of Sundhamata Patti on December 21 in Gazipur village, the daughters and daughters-in-law of 15 villages were banned from using smartphones, starting January 26.

Uike's death has broken backbone of Maoist activities in Odisha: DGP

Bhubaneswar: Ganesh Uike, 69, a battle-hardened Maoist leader, finally fell to the bullets of security personnel in Kandhamal district on Thursday, less than a year after taking charge of Odisha operations, officials said. Uike, a central committee member of the outfit carrying a bounty of Rs 1.1 crore, was shot dead in a dense forest within Chakapad police station limits, bordering Ganjam district in Rambha forest range. A senior officer associated with the operation said Uike, despite being accompanied by three of his associates, was caught off guard. The biting cold in Kandhamal, with temperatures falling below three degrees Celsius in the jungle.

President releases the constitution of india in the santhali language

AGENCY

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, released the Constitution of India in the Santhali language at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (December 25, 2025). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that it is a matter of pride and joy for all the Santhali people that the Constitution of India is now available in the Santhali language, written in the Ol Chiki script. It will make them able to read and understand the Constitution in their own language. The President said that this year, we are celebrating the centenary of the Ol Chiki script. She appreciated the Union Minister of Law and Justice and his team for bringing the



Constitution of India in Ol Chiki script in its centenary year. Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan and the

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal. The Santhali language, which was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Amendment Act,

2003, is one of the most ancient living languages of India.

It is spoken by a significant number of tribal people in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar.

SCR to run special MMTS trains in Hyderabad for New Year



Hyderabad: To facilitate safe and convenient travel for passengers celebrating the New Year, South Central Railway (SCR) has announced special MMTS services in the early hours of January 1 in the city. According to railway officials, one special MMTS train will depart from Lingampally at 1:15 am and reach Nampally Railway

Station at 1:55 am.

The train will halt at key stations including Chandanagar, Hafeezpet, Hitech City, Borabanda, Bharat Nagar, Begumpet, Khairatabad and Lakdikapul. Spl MMTS train from Lingampally to Falaknuma at 1:30 am. In addition, another special MMTS service will operate from Lingampally to

Falaknuma at 1:30 am on the same day. Confirming the arrangements, South Central Railway Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Sridhar said the special services are being run to accommodate increased passenger movement during the New Year celebrations and to ensure smoother late-night connectivity across the city.

Russian spirits' export to India nearly quadruples in 10 months: Report

Moscow: The exports of Russian spirits to India have nearly quadrupled in the first 10 months of the year compared to the same period last year, making India an attractive emerging market for Russian exporters, according to a media report. Citing data from the Federal Centre for Agricultural Export Development of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture (Agroexport), leading financial and trade daily "Vedomosti" said India is emerging as an attractive

market for Russian exporters of Vodka and other hard alcoholic beverages. "In the first 10 months of 2025, Russian spirits producers shipped approximately 520 tonnes of spirits, including vodka, gin, whiskey, and liqueurs, worth USD 900,000 to India, this is three times higher in weight and four times higher in monetary terms than the same period last year," it said. Agroexport claims that vodka was the main driver of exports. In monetary terms, its shipments



over the 10 months amounted to approximately USD 760,000.

Although India ranked only 14th among the largest importers of

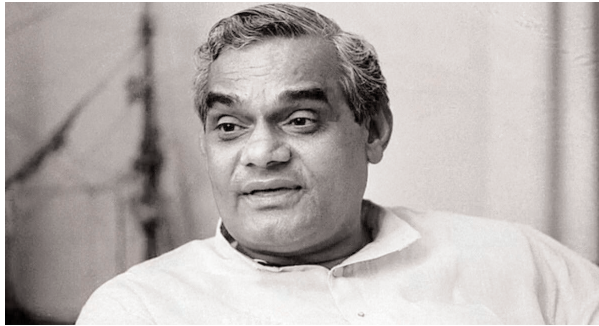
Russian spirits from January to October, with a 1.3 per cent share in revenue, the growth rate of exports to it was the most significant. Other major importers of Russian spirits include Kazakhstan, Georgia, China, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Belarus. Agroexport claims that vodka was the main driver of exports. In monetary terms, its shipments over the 10 months amounted to approximately USD 760,000. "In the first

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Indore stretch of Agra-Bombay Road to be named after Former PM Vajpayee

AGENCY

Indore: The Indore Municipal Corporation on Thursday decided to name an arterial road after Atal Bihari Vajpayee to mark the 101st birth anniversary of the former prime minister and Bharat Ratna awardee. The decision to rename AB Road (Agra-Bombay Road) as 'Atal Bihari Marg' was unanimously taken at the Mayor-in-Council meeting, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava told reporters. "A PM, Vajpayee, strengthened infrastructure, connecting



rural roads to major highways. To honour his historic contribution, we have decided that the city's AB Road will now be known as Atal Bihari Marg. We will urge the Union government to name this national high-

way (Agra-Bombay Road) after Vajpayee," he said. Born on December 25, 1924, in Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, Vajpayee's birth anniversary is celebrated as 'Good Governance Day' by the Centre nationwide.

HYDERABAD AREAS TO FACE 36-HOUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION

Hyderabad: Residents in several parts of Hyderabad are set to experience a 36-hour disruption in the drinking water supply. The disruption is due to major repair and maintenance works being undertaken on the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project (Phase I). Affected areas The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has identified several areas that will be impacted by the interruption from 6 am on Saturday, December 27.



These include: Meeralam, Kishanbagh, Balshetty Katta, Moghalpura, Falaknuma, Bahadurpura, Jahanuma, Mahabub

Mansion, Santosh Nagar, Vinay Nagar, Saidabad, Chanchalguda, Asmangadh, Yakutpura, Bogalakunta,

Narayanguda, Adikmet Reservoir, Shivam Reservoir, Chilkalguda Reservoir, Aliabad Reservoir, Riyasat Nagar Reservoir, parts of Dilsukhnagar, Hardware Park, Jalpally, Tukuguda, FAB City, and Manneguda. Restoration of normal drinking water supply in Hyderabad Normal drinking water supply is expected to resume at 6 pm on Sunday, December 28. To minimize inconvenience, residents in these areas are advised to use water judiciously.

Students narrowly escape mishap at birthday celebration of Telangana CM's advisor



Hyderabad: A group of school students narrowly escaped a major accident after sparks flew onto them during the birthday celebration of Telangana CM's chief advisor, Vem Narender Reddy. The incident occurred at the celebrations held at the Kesamudram agricultural market in Mahabubabad district. Congress MLA Murali Naik's followers had brought the school stu-

dents to the event. During the cake-cutting ceremony, sparks from the celebratory fireworks flew directly toward the gathered students. The children had a narrow escape. Eyewitnesses reported that Congress MLA Murali Naik laughed mockingly even as the sparks endangered the students. The students were safely removed from the situation.

AAP leaders booked over Santa Claus skit for 'outraging religious feelings of Christians'

AGENCY

New Delhi: A police case was lodged on Thursday against AAP's Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bhardwaj, and two other party leaders over a skit related to air pollution that had a man dressed as Santa Claus, an official said on Thursday. The complainant alleged that the skit outrages the religious feelings of the Christian community as Santa Claus was "revered religious and cultural icon". Burari MLA Sanjeev Jha and AAP leader Adil Ahmad Khan were also booked in the case. Bhardwaj later took to X, alleging that the BJP was on the back foot over issue of pollution and the Aravallis so its workers were posing as Christians and saying their "religious sentiments are hurt". He dismissed the case as intimidatory tactics of the government. The complaint, submitted by an advocate Khushboo George, alleges that the three leaders uploaded videos on their official social media handles on December 17 and 18 depicting a 'political



skit' performed publicly at Connaught Place. On November 17, Bhardwaj posted a video on X in which he is heard announcing that the Air Quality Index (AQI) at Connaught Place had touched 376. Moments after the remark, the clip shows a man dressed as Santa Claus dramatically collapsing to the ground as passers-by look on. Reacting to the scene, Bhardwaj is heard quipping in Hindi, "Oh my God, 376 sunke Santa behosh ho gaye (Santa fainted hearing that the AQI has hit 376)." The complainant claimed that according to the video, people dressed as Santa Claus are

allegedly shown fainting and collapsing on the road and being used as props for political messaging. She said that Santa Claus, described as a revered religious and cultural icon for Christians worldwide and associated with the legacy of Saint Nicholas and the Christmas festival, was mocked and portrayed "derogatorily". The complainant alleged that the visuals showed mock CPR being performed on man dressed as Santa Claus, which she claimed "amounted to ridicule of a religious symbol during the final days (month) of Advent, just ahead of Christmas celebrations".

Fulfill poll promises, not personal vendettas: KTR to CM



Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K T Rama Rao said on Friday, hit back at Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his recent pledge to end K Chandrasekhar Rao's family out of power, challenging the CM to take a vow instead to fulfill his poll promises. Speaking at an event at the BRS office here, Rama Rao took exception to the "abuses and the language" used by the Chief Minister. He slammed the CM's choice of words and said it was unbecoming of a Chief Minister. "You (Revanth

Reddy) took a vow to prevent KCR from coming to power. If you have so much talent, take a vow to implement the one tola gold scheme for poor women from January 1 (2026)," said Rama Rao, son of KCR. Congress had promised before the 2023 assembly polls to provide one tola gold to poor women. This latest spat follows a December 24 exchange where CM Revanth Reddy swore to prevent the BRS from returning to power after KCR reportedly threatened to "skin" the current Congress government.

PM ATTENDING X-MAS FETE SENDS DISTURBING MESSAGE TO NATION : STALIN

Chennai, Dec 26 (UNI) Claiming that 74 per cent rise in hate speech against minorities after the BJP regime assumed office signals grave danger ahead, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and ruling DMK President M K Stalin today said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation in X-mass celebrations sends a disturbing message to the Nation at a time when instances of

attacks on minorities were reported in Jabalpur and Raipur. He said the reported attacks on minorities in Jabalpur, Raipur and elsewhere after Manipur were unacceptable to all those who values harmony. In a statement here, Mr Stalin said the true strength and character of a majority lies in ensuring that minorities live without fear and stressed that there was an

urgent need to curb the riotous groups that divide the society and it should be enforced with a firm resolve. He said when a few right wing violent groups acting in the name of majority, indulge in attacks and riots even as Mr Modi participation in Christmas celebrations sends a disturbing signal to the Nation. "The true strength and character of a majority

lie in ensuring that minorities live without fear", the Chief Minister said. "When a few right-wing violent groups, acting in the name of the majority, indulge in attacks and riots, even as the Hon'ble Prime Minister participates in Christmas celebrations, it sends a disturbing message to the nation", he noted. Mr Stalin said "After Manipur, reports of attacks on

minorities in Jabalpur, Raipur, and elsewhere are unacceptable to anyone who values harmony." "A reported 74 per cent rise in hate speech against minorities since the union BJP government assumed office signals grave danger ahead", he said, adding, curbing riotous groups that divide society is therefore a shared and urgent duty, to be enforced with firm resolve.

GITAM CONGRATULATES DR. VAHINI SIRUVORU ON PH.D. ACHIEVEMENT

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, proudly congratulates Dr. Vahini Siruvoru on the successful completion of her Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering. Her doctoral research, titled "Intelligent Load Balancing for Optimized Scheduling in Cloud Computing Using Deep Neural Network," makes a significant contribution to the advancement of intelligent and energy-efficient cloud computing sys-



tems. Conducted under the guidance of Dr. S. Aparna, Associate Professor, Department of CSE, the research addresses critical challenges in managing dynamic workloads in large-

scale cloud environments. By proposing a three-tier intelligent load-balancing framework using deep learning and reinforcement learning techniques, the study enhances workload prediction, resource utilization, energy efficiency, and Quality of Service (QoS). Extensive simulations using CloudSim demonstrate notable improvements in response time, energy consumption, and system scalability over existing approaches.

Headlines

5 senior leaders, including a former MLA, join BJP in Nashik

Mumbai, Dec 26 : With the upcoming municipal corporation elections in the state, there has been a surge in party entries and defections, and the ruling parties, including the BJP, are seeing increased inflow. On one hand, the Thackeray brothers have come together for the Mumbai municipal corporation elections, while on the other hand, both factions of the Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party are uniting in Pune. Meanwhile, the BJP is also witnessing a strong wave of party inductions. In Nashik, several leaders are joining the BJP on Thursday, including a former Maharashtra Navnirman Sena MLA, informed Minister Girish Mahajan. However, BJP's Nashik Municipal Corporation election in-charge Devyani Pharande opposed these inductions and chose to remain absent. As a result, the induction ceremony was held in the absence of local BJP leaders there. Former mayor of the Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, Vinayak Pandey, and former MNS mayor Yatin Wagh are also joining the BJP. Notably, BJP MLA Devyani Pharande had opposed Yatin Wagh's induction but despite of that he joined BJP. Along with them, Congress leader Shahu Khairé is also joining the BJP. Additionally, former MNS MLA Nitin Bhosale and MNS local leader Dinkar Patil have joined the BJP.

Telangana Governor pays tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Hyderabad, Dec 26 : Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma on Thursday attended the garlanding ceremony of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Vajpayee Park in Secunderabad. Later, he paid floral tributes to the former Prime Minister at Lok Bhavan, marking the occasion as Good Governance Day. Recalling Vajpayee's immense contributions to the nation, the Governor described him as a visionary statesman and an eloquent parliamentarian who played a pivotal role in strengthening India's democratic foundations and fostering national unity. He said Vajpayee's life and leadership continue to inspire generations, with his commitment to democratic values, inclusive governance and nation-building standing as a guiding force for public representatives and citizens alike.

Ayodhya room booking fraud - Beware!!

Hyderabad, Dec.26 (NSS): Now cyber crooks have started cheating the people in the name of room booking in the famous pilgrimage centre -Ayodhya. Taking advantage of the fact that large number of devotees is thronging the Ayodhya temples, fraudsters are resorting to looting the people through room booking scam. One retired SBI manager, who became a victim of the cyber scammers, narrated his experience in a video on the social media. Birla Dharmashala is a very attractive place for stay of devotees.He opened the internet for booking rooms in Ayodhya. He came across Birla dharmashala room booking site. The room rent ranged from ?.1075 to ?.4075, etc. When he wanted to book rooms, he has been asked to upload Aadhar or PAN card and after online payment, a receipt has been sent to him (all fake). After reaching Ayodhya, he went to Birla dharmashala and shown the payment receipt. He was told that there is no advance booking at all and rooms are provided on first come first served basis at 10 a.m. everyday. Then he realised that he was cheated in the name of room booking. He wanted the Ayodhya pilgrims to take note of the fact that there is no advance booking of rooms at Birla Dharmashala there.(NSS)

College bus overturns on NH-44; multiple students injured

Hyderabad, Dec.25 (NSS): Numerous students sustained injuries when a college bus rolled over near the Peddapalli Jio petrol station in the Balanagar mandal along NH-44 in Mahbubnagar district on Thursday. The students, who were from Manikanta private college in Marikal, Narayanpet district, were en route to Jalavihar in Hyderabad when the bus lost control while attempting to evade another vehicle. At the time of the incident, there were 43 students aboard. The injured individuals were transported to the Balanagar government hospital, where doctors reported that all of their conditions are stable. Minister Vakiti Srihari, who was traveling from Hyderabad towards Wanaparthy, stopped at the accident site and reviewed the situation. A large crane was brought in to move the school bus to the side. Afterward, the Minister departed for Wanaparthy.

Industrial parks emerge as backbone of India’s smarter infrastructure and manufacturing growth

New Delhi, Dec 26: India's push to strengthen its industrial and manufacturing base is gaining momentum, with industrial parks playing a central role in shaping smarter infrastructure and driving long-term economic growth. Spread across the country, these parks are fast becoming integrated hubs that support manufacturing, logistics, employment generation, and investment attraction. According to official

data, more than 4,500 industrial parks have been identified nationwide, covering nearly 7.7 lakh hectares of land. Of this, about 1.35 lakh hectares remain readily available, offering significant scope for future industrial development. This availability of land, combined with improved infrastructure and policy support, is making India increasingly attractive to both domestic and global investors. Industrial parks are

being developed through a collaborative approach involving the central government, state governments, and private players. The aim is to create well-planned industrial ecosystems that offer reliable power, water supply, road and rail connectivity, and access to logistics networks. By bringing all essential facilities together in one location, these parks reduce operational hurdles for businesses and help companies scale faster.

A key focus of the government has been the development of plug-and-play industrial parks. These parks offer ready-to-use infrastructure, allowing companies to begin operations with minimal delay. In the union Budget 2025-26, the government allocated Rs 2,500 crore to support the creation of such parks, signalling a strong commitment to accelerating industrial growth and improving ease of doing business.

To ensure quality and global competitiveness, the government has also introduced the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0. This framework assesses industrial parks on parameters such as infrastructure quality, sustainability practices, digital readiness, logistics access, and feedback from businesses operating within the parks. The updated rating system encourages park developers to maintain high standards while helping investors

identify reliable industrial locations. Technology is also playing a growing role in India's industrial expansion. The India Industrial Land Bank, a GIS-based digital platform, allows investors to view real-time information on industrial land availability, infrastructure facilities, and connectivity across states. This transparency is helping investors make quicker and more informed decisions while reducing delays in project planning.

Independent candidate with alleged links with Awami League arrested while filing papers

Gopalganj (Bangladesh), Dec 26 : An independent candidate Tapas Halder (43) was arrested on Tuesday while collecting nomination papers for Bangladesh's Gopalganj-3 constituency ahead of the national parliamentary elections. According to police, Halder was arrested as a suspect in a case related to creating havoc in the Wapdar Hat area on the Poysarhat-Gopalganj regional road. He was later produced before the court and sent to jail. Tapas Halder was earlier associated with Chhatra League politics during his student days at Dhaka University and served as a member of the organisation's central committee

from 2006 to 2011. However, his associates said he has not held any political post for the last 14 years. Halder's chief election agent Haridas Majumder alleged that the arrest was politically motivated. "Around 11:30 am, five to seven of us went to the Kotalipara UNO office to collect nomination papers. Before we entered, Kotalipara Police Station BNP General Secretary Abul Basar Howlader came, introduced himself, talked briefly and left. Shortly afterwards, police arrived and arrested Tapas Halder," he claimed. The case stems from an incident on July 16 this year, when leaders and activists of the Awami

League allegedly protested by planting trees at Wapdar Hat on the Poysarhat-Gopalganj regional road to obstruct the NCP's 'Gopalganj Road March'. In connection with the incident, the then sub-inspector of Kotalipara Police Station, Uttam Kumar Sen, filed a case naming 155 people and accusing 1,500 unidentified persons. However, supporters of Tapas Halder claimed that he was not present in Gopalganj on July 16 and was in Dhaka at the time. They also said this was his first visit to Gopalganj since August 2024 and that he was arrested while attempting to file nomination papers.

Kishan Reddy pays tributes to Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 101st birth anniversary

Hyderabad, Dec.25 (NSS): Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Thursday paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 101st birth anniversary by garlanding his portrait at the BJP Telangana state office. The programme was attended by BJP State general secretaries Dr. N. Gautham Rao and Vemula Ashok, State secretary Baddam Maipal Reddy, senior leader Bandaru Vijayalakshmi and other party leaders. Speaking to the media, Kishan Reddy said Vajpayee was a towering statesman, intellectual, poet, and visionary administrator who carved a unique place in Indian politics. He recalled that Vajpayee was the first Indian Prime Minister to address the United



Nations in Hindi and demonstrated exemplary moral values by resigning after losing power by a single vote. Highlighting Vajpayee's contributions, Reddy said he transformed India into a nuclear power despite international pressure, launched landmark infrastructure projects like the 'Golden Quadrilateral', expanded rural road connectivity through 'Pradhan Mantri Gram

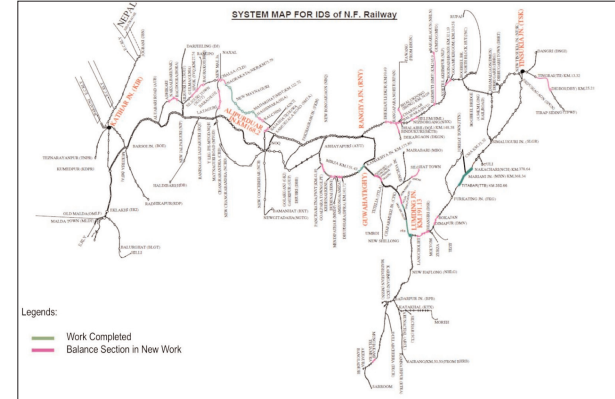
Sadak Yojana", strengthened education via Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, and provided housing to the poor through VAMBAY scheme. Vajpayee's leadership during the Kargil conflict safeguarded national security and that his poems continue to inspire generations. "His life was fully dedicated to the nation, and he remains an eternal inspiration for the youth", he noted. (NSS)

NFR successfully saved the lives of over 160 elephants



Maligaon, 26 December, 2025: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has been consistently undertaking proactive and technology driven initiatives to prevent elephant dashing incidents and ensure safe, uninterrupted train operations across its network. These sustained efforts have yielded encouraging results with over 160 elephant lives successfully protected during 2025 alone, reaffirming NFR's strong commitment to wildlife conser-

vation. A major step in this direction is the deployment of the Intrusion Detection System (IDS) an advanced Artificial Intelligence based technology utilizing Distributed Acoustic System (DAS) principles. The system detects elephant movement near railway tracks and instantly provides real-time alerts to loco pilots and control rooms, enabling timely preventive action and enhancing operational safety. The IDS has already



been successfully commissioned across key sections of NFR that pass-through elephant corridors. At present, the system is operational in four important sections: 24 km Kamakhya-Azara-Mirza section under Rangiya Division, 52 km Madarihat-Nagrakata section under Alipurduar Division, 32 km Habaipur-Lamsakhang-Patharkhola-Lumding section under Lumding Division and 23 km Titabar-Mariani-Nakac

hari section under Tinsukia Division. Together, these installations cover 62.7 km of elephant corridors and 131 km of block sections, significantly improving safety in sensitive wildlife zones. Building on this success, IDS installation works are currently underway across multiple divisions, including 92 km in Alipurduar, 25 km in Katihar, 174 km in Rangiya, 110 km in Lumding and 12 km in Tinsukia Division. Upon completion, the

system will cover all elephant corridors under NFR, totalling 146.4 km with an overall block section length of 413.42 km, creating a robust and comprehensive safety network. In addition, NFR has adopted innovative preventive measures to reduce train elephant interactions. The 'Plan Bee' system, installed at vulnerable level crossing gates, uses amplified honeybee sounds audible up to 400 metres to deter elephants from approaching tracks. In coordination with the Forest Department, NFR has also enhanced safety through real-time information sharing, night time speed restrictions in elephant corridors, temporary speed curbs based on sightings, sensitization of train crews, installation of cautionary signage and vegetation clearance to

improve visibility. At the national level, Indian Railways has strengthened wildlife protection by deploying an AI enabled Intrusion Detection System (IDS) using Distributed Acoustic System (DAS) technology to detect elephants and other wildlife near railway tracks. Successfully piloted on Northeast Frontier Railway, the system is now being expanded to other parts of the country. This expansion will cover an additional 981 route kilometres, taking the total coverage to 1,122 route kilometres across Indian Railways, reinforcing its commitment to wildlife conservation and safe train operations. It is noteworthy that more than 2,000 elephants have been safely protected while crossing railway tracks across NFR since 2017.

Journalists Unite Against GO 252, Call for Statewide Protest

Protesting against the State Government's GO No. 252, issued under the guise of a Journalists' Accreditation Policy, and against the cancellation of accreditations for desk journalists and the reduction in the number of accreditations for a large number of journalists, we call for the success of the protest program planned for Saturday (27.12.2025) in front of all district collector offices. At the press conference held at Somajiguda Press Club, Union State President Allam Narayana, General Secretary Askani Maruti Sagar, Vice President Ramesh Hazari, Treasurer



Yoganand, Temju General Secretary Ramana Kumar, IJU National Executive Committee member Avvari Bhaskar, Hyderabad District In-charge Naveen Kumar, Hyderabad District Vice Presidents N. Mallesh and Sudarshan Reddy, Treasurer Babu Rao, and others participated. On this occasion, TUWJ President and former

Press Academy Chairman Allam Narayana addressed the media. The points from their statement are as follows • We will not tolerate attempts to create discord among journalists with the two-card system. Why this discrimination against desk journalists? Will you deny even basic recognition to the journalists who played a cru-

cial role in achieving the state of Telangana? The TUWJ and TJF are always ready for another fight to protect the rights of Telangana journalists. - Allam Narayana, President, TUWJ The flawed GO 252 must be withdrawn immediately. The cancellation of GO 239 by the KCR government is a blatant disregard for the

rights of Telangana journalists. The targeting of desk journalists by Academy Chairman K. Srinivas Reddy is unjust. - Allam Narayana The credit for granting accreditations to 23,000 journalists goes to the previous government. The then Chief Minister KCR had clearly stated that accreditations must be given without discrimination to all journalists who made sacrifices in the newly formed Telangana state. KCR announced the journalists' welfare policy in the presence of ten thousand journalists at the journalists' gathering. He

worked for the welfare of journalists in the initial days of the government's formation. The policy was decided after discussions with senior journalists at the Academy, under the leadership of senior journalists like Ramachandra Murthy

Indian Railways Operates Over 43,000 Special Train Trips in 2025 to Ensure Smooth Travel During Festivals and Peak Seasons

Event	No. of special trips
Aastha Special (30.01.24 to 11.03.24)	326 Trains circular trips
Holi Special-2024 (12-03-2024 to 02-04-2024)	604
Summer Special-2024 (1-04-2024 to 30-06-2024)	12919
Chhath Special-2024 (01-10-2024 to 31-12-2024)	7990
Maha Kumbh Special- 2025 (13-01-2025 to 28-02-2025)	17340
Holi Special-2025 (01-03-2025 to 22-03-2025)	1144
Summer Special-2025 (01-04-2025 to 30-06-2025)	12417
Chhath Special-2025 (01-10-2025 to 30-11-2025)	12383

Indian Railways has undertaken extensive measures to ensure smooth, safe, and convenient travel for passengers by operating a large number of special train trips during major religious events and peak travel seasons. These initiatives reflect the Railways' continued commitment to meeting increased passenger demand and providing seam-

less connectivity across the country. In 2025, special train operations were significantly scaled up, highlighting enhanced planning and a stronger focus on passenger comfort. During 2025, Indian Railways undertook one of its largest special train operations for Maha Kumbh, operating 17,340 special train trips between 13 January and 28 February 2025 to facilitate the movement of a very large number of pilgrims. For Holi 2025, held from 1 March to 22 March 2025, 1,144 special train trips were operated, nearly double the number run during Holi 2024, ensuring better availability and smoother festive travel. The Summer travel season of 2025, spanning 1 April to 30 June, saw the operation of 12,417 Summer Special train trips, maintaining a high level of service during peak vacation months. Special arrangements for Chhath Puja 2025 were further strengthened, with 12,383 special train trips operated between 1 October and 30 November 2025, marking a substantial increase over the previous year. These enhanced arrangements in 2025 were built upon the strong oper-

ational base created in 2024. During Aastha Special services conducted from 30 January to 11 March 2024, 326 special circular train trips were operated to facilitate pilgrim movement. For Holi 2024, from 12 March to 2 April 2024, Indian Railways ran 604 special train trips to manage festive rush. The Summer season of 2024 witnessed 12,919 Summer Special train trips, while Chhath Puja 2024 arrangements included 7,990 special train trips between 1 October and 31 December 2024.

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

Ground floor, P.T.I. BUILDING, A.C. GUARDS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-500004, Phone: 040-23323923, 23323924.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Bank of India, Khairatabad Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 26.09.2025 calling upon the borrower Mrs.N Vijaya Madahavi and guarantor Mr.Srinivasa Rao, both at independent House on plot bearing No.96, admeasuring 220 sq.yards or 183.92 sq.mtrs (including Plinth area 1750.00 Sq.fts., in Ground Floor, 1 forming part of Survey Nos.400,542 to 550, situated at Dammaiguda H/O Nagarum Village , Grampanchayat Dammaiguda, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District , to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 40,64,161.20 plus interest @ 9.05 % p.a. plus a 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 03.09.2025 in Home Loan (860975110000387), together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Mrs.N Vijaya Madahavi the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 26 th day of December of the Year 2025.

Mrs. Madahavi the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for an amount Rs. 40,64,161.20 plus interest @ 9.05% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 03.09.2025 in Home Loan (860975110000387), and together with costs, expenses, etc. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Residential Independent House on plot bearing No.96, admeasuring 220 sq.yards or 183.92 sq.mtrs (including Plinth area 1750.00 Sq.fts., in Ground Floor,) forming part of Survey Nos.400,542 to 550, situated at Dammaiguda H/O Nagarum Village, Grampanchayat Dammaiguda, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and bounded as follows:-NORTH : Plot No.97,SOUTH : 30 Wide Road,EAST : Plot No.95, WEST : 25' Wide Road.

Date:26th December 2025
Place: HYDERABAD
BANK OF INDIA, Authorised Officer
KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

Protium (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd.)

Registered & Corporate Office: Address: 2nd Floor, Block E2, Phase -1, Nilton Knowledge Park, Pashadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai- 400063, Maharashtra.

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd. and before that known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), their loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of NBFC as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, the said loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notices/ within 60 days from the date of the respective Notices, as the same have been classified as Non-Performing Assets on the last known addresses of the said borrowers. However, the service is also being given by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFESI Rules).

S. No.	Loan Account No./ Name and address of Borrower and Co Borrower/s	Date of NPA	Demand Notice/ Outstanding Dues (INR) as on below date
1.	Loan Account No. DS050SL1850732. Archana Garments, Through its Proprietor Sudhir Kumar Gadipalli S/o Keshinadham Gadipalli, Address:- 3 S Venkateswara Nagar, Warangal, Telangana 506167. Co-Borrower/s: 1. Pradeepkumar Gadipalli, 2. Sudhir Kumar Gadipalli, Address:- House Number 172, Subbarao Nagar, Warangal, Telangana 506167. Sudhir Kumar Gadipalli Also at:- H Number 6-63 Gopal Nagar Bachannapet, Jangana, Telangana 506221	09.12.2025	₹ 87,65,168.01/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight and One Paise Only) As on 20.12.2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS/MORTGAGED PROPERTIES:- As per Regd. Gift Settlement Deed No. 4304/2011, DT: 20-07-2011 at SRO, Jangana. All the piece and parcel of the immovable property an open plot bearing Municipal No. 2-8-127/163 and Asst. No. 1115331106, Admng 101111 sq. yds., in Sy. No. 326/172, situated at A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad, Warangal Highway, Jangana Town, Nalgonda District, bounded by: North: 2, Block No. 8, Jangana Dist. S.S. 506167 and bounded by: East: 100' ft. wide P.W.D. Road West Open place of donor North Open place of donor South Open place of donor.

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. Rull all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured asset shall be sold or transferred to the secured asset(s) (Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable provisions of the said Act shall be taken into consideration at the time of sale of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.

Please note that as per sub-section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of this provision shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured asset(s) shall be sold or transferred to the secured asset(s) (Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable provisions of the said Act shall be taken into consideration at the time of sale of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.

Date: 26.12.2025, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- For Protium Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my Clients Sri. Badini Ravi Kumar, S/o. Narsimha informed that he had misplanted Original Registered AGPA (Link) Doc. Nos. 2211/2011, dated: 26-05-2001 registered at SRO, Saroor nagar pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule of Properties. If anybody found the above Document same may be intimidated / hand over the same to the below mentioned office. My Client further states that he wants to avail loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property. If any person has any claim / interest / dispute over/ the said transaction, the same may be intimidated to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which, no further claims / objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the same.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that the piece and parcel of the Plot No.75-B (Southern Part), admeasuring 158.8 Sq. Yards or 132.75 Sq.Mtrs., in Survey No.7, Ward No.11, Block No.13, situated at Green Hills Colony, Saroonagar Village and Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under GHMC., L.B. Nagar Circle and Bounded by: North: Part of Plot No.75-B-South: 40' WIDE ROAD. East: Plot No.79. West: 30' WIDE ROAD.

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
1-8-506/2/A/1, Adnan Chambers, Prakashnagar, Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500 016. Cell: 09440067560

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (RT-2), 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

Case No. O.A/1002/2025

Summons under Sub Section 19 of The Act (RDDBFI Act) read with Sub Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993. BANK OF INDIA, L.B. NAGAR BRANCH, HYDERABAD, VS

M/s. DEVI MARKETING AND OTHERS

To, 1. M/s. DEVI Marketing, Represented by its Managing Partners, Having Office at H.No. 3-11-155, RTC Colony, Near B.O. Khairatabad Branch, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 074.

2. Mr. Seepala Balavanth Kumar, S/o. Mr. Seepala, age 52 years, Male, Occ: Business, Plot No. 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties. (iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secure assets of such other assets and properties disclosed under Sr. No. 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties. (iii) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise except in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

3. Mr. K. Sudhakara Chary, S/o. S. Satyanarayana Chary, H.No. 1192-1/1, Itakameshwari Nagar, Kuntloor, Hyderabad, RR Dist- 501 505.

4. Smt. B. Sanyas Rani W/o. B. Gopal, age 55 years, Occ: Business, R/o H.No. 3-10-2001/1, Gunturjangaia Colony, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 074.

Defendants

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS CO/OA/002025 was listed before Hon'ble Registrar on 24-12-2025.

And Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons of the said application under Section 19 (4) of the Act, O.A filed against you for the recovery of debts of Rs. 53,32,022.40/-.

In accordance with sub Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, You and the respondents are directed as under: To Show cause, with in the 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted (i) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under Sr. No. 3A of the original application, (ii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secure assets of such other assets and properties disclosed under Sr. No. 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties. (iii) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise except in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You also directed to file the written statement to the court before Registrar on 30-01-2026 at 10.30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal of the 17th day of December, 2025.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

Depts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad.

and other prominent figures. The then Chief Minister KCR... It was decided in a meeting with the then Chief

Minister that even desk journalists should be given importance and provided with accreditations.

MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD				
Regd Office: IV/470A (OLD) W/638A (NEW) Manappuram Home Finance Mutual Thiruvur, Karai 680567 Copy Office: Manappuram Home Finance Limited, Third Floor, Unit No. 301 to 315, A Wing, Kanaka Wall Street, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400093, Maharashtra. Phone No.: 022-66211009. Website: www.manappuramhomefin.com				
POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002)				
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ("Act"), 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon 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 the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said ("Act) read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:				
Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower/ Loan Account number/ Branch	Description of Secured Asset in Respect of Which Interest has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice/ Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Humaar Begum, Mohammed, Karim Nagar	All That The House Bearing Door No. 1-1-79 Within An Area Measuring 218.95 Sq Yds Situated At Shasha Mahalla Locality of Karimnagar Town Proper, Within The Limits of Municipal Corporation, Karimnagar, Telangana - 505001. East-H No. 1-1-78 Allotted To Party of No. 1 Mohd. Tajuddin, West-Open Land of Others, South-H No. 1-1-144 Allotted To Party No. 4 Mohd Wazeeruddin, North-30 Feet Wide Road	01-01-2025 To Rs.742357/-	24-12-2025

Date: 27th December 2025 Place: TELANGANA Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोडा BANK OF BARODA

Bank of Baroda Banjara Hills Branch, Hyderabad.

DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Whereas the notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor as mentioned below have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the bank and the loan has been classified as non performing asset (NPA). The notice was issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unsealed and as such they are here by informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower: 1. Mr Basawaji Madhavachary, H.No-7-149, Plot No 149 East, Sri Sri Avenue, Gurrumguda, H/o Nadergul Village, Badanepet Nagar Panchayat, Saroor nagar Mandal, Telangana-501510, 2. Mr Basawaji Sivaram, S/o Basawaji Madhavachary, H.No. 7-149, Plot No 149 East, Sri Sri Avenue, Gurrumguda, H/o Nadergul Village, Badanepet Nagar Panchayat, Saroor nagar Mandal, Telangana-501510. NPA Date: 19-12-2025, Demand Notice Dt. 22-12-2025.

Amount Outstanding: Rs. 13,54,068.33 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Sixty Eight and Thirty Three Paise only) + Legal Expenses + Other Charges as of 22-12-2025

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. Equitable Mortgage of Residential House H No 7-149, at Plot No 149 admeasuring East part, 149 Sq. Yards, or equivalent to 124.58 Sq Mtrs having slab area 1228.51, with RCC roof, in part of S No 165 (Old) and New S No 165/A situated at Gurrumguda, H/o Nadergul Village, Saroor Nagar Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District in the name of Mr. Basawaji Madhavachary and bounded by North: 30 Wide Road, South: Plot No 150, East: 30 Wide Road, West: Plot No 149 West Part

If you the above mentioned person's fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other provisions of law.

Date : 26-12-2025
Place : Hyderabad
Authorized Officer
BANK OF BARODA

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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No. Y/C. e-Auction/HYB/2025-26
Date 23.12.2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway invites E-Auction through E-Auction leasing module of IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in for Awarding of Commercial contracts of Parking stand, Misc. Static Service Category over Hyderabad Division. The E-Auction schedule is detailed hereunder.

S.No.: 01 Category: Parking Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: Award of Parking lots at 03 locations viz., Malakpet (Main), Alwal (west side) & Gadwal Railway stations **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 02 Category: Parking Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: Award of NFR Parking lot at 02 Nizamabad (Opposite Bus stand) other than Railway stations **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 03 Category: MSS-HYB-STPD-EVC-117-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-EV Charging Stations) Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: EV Charging station in Rail Nilayam Premises **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 04 Category: MSS-HYB-STPD-EVC-101-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-EV Charging Stations) Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: EV Charging station Hyderabad Bhavan Premises **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 05 Category: MSS-HYB-UR-GZ-115-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Gaming Zone) Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: Gaming Zone with Snacks Bar at Umdanagar Railway Station. **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 06 Category: MSS-HYB-SBBJ-STGen-109-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General) Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: Operation and Maintenance of AC/N-AC Retiring Room, Parking and Food Truck at Sri Bala Brahmeswara Jugalamba Hal Station. **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

S.No.: 07 Category: MSS-HYB-KCG-PS-116-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Premium Stores) Catalogue No.: HYB-MIXED-055 Particulars: Premium Brand Stores / Stalls / Outlets at Kacheguda Railway Station. **Date of Auction: 07.01.2026 Auction Start time: 11:30 Auction closing time: 13:20**

A2120 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Hyderabad

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICIICI Home Finance Registered office: ICIICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400050

Corporate Office: ICIICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: RC Puram Branch

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

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vangala Tejaswini (Borrower), Katha Subramanyam Goud (Co-Borrower), LHRCD00001579894	House On Plot No. 3 South Part Block No.2 Meerpet Old Village Balapur Revenue Under Meerpet Municipal Corporation Mandal Ranga Reddy District Survey No 18 Hyderabad Telangana - 500097. Bounded By- North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Corridor, West: Open To Sky/ Date of Possession- 22-Dec-25	21-05-2025 Rs. 38,87,281/-	RC Puram

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

Date : December 27, 2025 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurrum Q parc, Gen 4/F, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same., The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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

Dated: 26-12-2025
Place: HYDERABAD Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

EDITORIAL

Peddling Lord Ram as a Slick Commercial Acronym

The revanchist government of the day was clearly canny enough to understand that removing Mahatma Gandhi's name from the rural employment guarantee scheme (MGNREGA) which was an enforceable right-to-work budgeted endowment would be seen as an egregious enormity, a veritable red line even for compliant Hindu followers. So, they pressed into service the only entity that could be considered a higher-up in the spiritual pecking order, namely, Lord Ram. The calculation clearly has been that opposition to this gauche displacement would not but be amenable to propagation as doing dirt on Bharatiyata, now interchangeable with denominational majoritarianism. That many Indians in the Hindi belt are by now readied to giving assent to this gimmick is of course a tragic testament to the success of the mercantile, transactional, and however unscrupulous state-politics of the last decade or so; as also to the collapse of secular-democratic forces who espouse constitutional rule. The "rising" middle classes sold out on the vacuous slogan of "development" could not care less: their pilgrimages continue to be undertaken in tandem with a canny eye on the main chance. But the vast majority of genuine Ram bakhtas (devotees) may well be asking themselves, however silently, whether a greater sacrilege could be committed than peddling Lord Ram as a cleverly fashioned acronym for entirely mercenary purposes. There is that verse in Tulsī's Ramcharitmanas which instructs us how the god Ram is most to be found where live the deen (destitute) of the land. Thus, what sin may be more unforgivable than to use his name cunningly to rob the destitute of what morsels have thus far been promised to them in the hinterlands as a legally obtainable constitutional right. That this act of pilferage should be sought to be sold as a greater benevolence than obtained before must indeed compound that sin beyond redemption. But then, as the honourable numero uno's office comes to be christened a tirth (a sanctum wherein the gods are worshipped for redress), Lord Ram may have come to play second fiddle to the Deus-Ex-Official-Machina ergo, God-in-the-Official-Machine. Another matter, rather a comical side-show, that a venerable Shankaracharya – authorised apex of Sanatan belief system – should have made bold to express doctrinal chagrin at the official gumption. We have in recent times seen saffron-clad satraps of the empowered right-wing shoot symbolic blanks into Gandhi's effigy on the day the nation commemorates his birth. These are unpunished occurrences which show the lies in the honour that the lords of the day still feel they need to accord to the father of the nation on politic occasions. Often in history, great enormities are followed by great forgetting; it remains to be seen how soon the popular imagination of Ram bakhtas may persuade them to put behind themselves this reduction of their faith to commercial kitsch. Nor is it certain that the political opposition led by Gandhi's erstwhile party, even if for a brief interregnum, will know how to turn the crass moment on its head, add the force of Lord Ram to a most devoted bakhta, Gandhi, and unleash a mass refusal of what the Modi regime has done, promising a satyagraha puissant enough to defeat those who dishonour both Ram and Gandhi, and who seek to dupe millions of credulous citizens with politic contempt for their intelligence. One virtue greatly lauded in Hindu thought, as it is in some forms of Christianity and in Buddhism and Jainism, is renunciation. But the caveat is often left out of this text: it is not those that have who are meant to renounce, but those that haven't. Thus, ask not what an employment guarantee scheme can do for you, ask what it is you can do to fatten coffers which announce our greatness to the world. Tailpiece The final coup de grâce in the dethronement of the father of the nation may be yet to come. In January of 2017, an illustrious minister in the then BJP-ruled Haryana cabinet had shared his finding that the Indian currency was undergoing loss of value owing to the fact that the inauspicious and meek figure of the non-combative Gandhi is printed on our rupee notes. Well, the time may not be too far when this cause of our unstopping currency devaluation (the rupee now having plunged to the historic nadir of 91 to the dollar, the mighty Modi notwithstanding) may finally need to be taken head on.

Bangladesh: From Renewal to Routinised Violence



As the year ends, Bangladesh's story is one of shattered expectations. Sheikh Hasina's ouster last August, after weeks of student-led protests, seemed to herald a new chapter. The interim administration under Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus was embraced as a moral corrective to decades of authoritarian excess, promising to end revenge politics. Yet, as the nation heads closer to the polls on February 12, 2026, the lived reality is that violence has not abated but become tolerated, even routinised, as part of Bangladesh's political and social fabric. The eruption of violence in Dhaka on December 18, following the assassination of Sharif Osman Hadi, a radical leader of the Inquilab Moncho and a key figure in the 2024 uprising, underscored the fragility of the interim government's grip on law and order. Hadi's death became a catalyst for unrest, but the violence that followed exposed the present-day metastasis of mob justice into everyday life. The lynching of Dipu Chandra Das, a Hindu factory worker falsely accused of "hurting religious sentiments", was a grotesque reminder of how barbarism has seeped into the fabric

of society. Das was beaten, hung from a tree and set ablaze on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, with factory management complicit in handing him over to the mob. The same night, leading newspapers Prothom Alo and the Daily Star were attacked, vandalised and set on fire while journalists worked inside. Nurul Kabir, president of the Editors' Council, described the assault as an attempt to kill journalists "in a medieval manner". Unidentified assailants also torched the Chhayanton cultural centre in Dhaka, striking at the heart of Bangladesh's artistic heritage. The youth-led mobilisations of last year, directed against entrenched structures of injustice and culminating in the removal of Hasina, appeared to signal a potential reorientation in the political consciousness of Bangladeshi protesters. Yet, the absence of fundamental reforms in political culture, coupled with the persistence of violence whether directed at rivals or minorities, indicates that they have not yet engaged with the deeper politico-economic structures that sustain systemic dysfunction. Human rights organisations have documented the persist-

ence of state repression under Yunus's interim administration. Rights organisation 'Ain o Salish Kendra' recorded 35 extrajudicial killings between January and October 2025, while 'Odhikar' reported over 40 in 14 months, including deaths by torture and custodial abuse. Arbitrary detentions under counter-terror laws remain widespread, and the harassment of journalists has reached alarming levels, with more than 350 incidents in ten months per one estimate. The scale may be smaller than under Hasina, but the structural patterns remain unchanged: entrenched policing culture, institutional impunity and a state apparatus unwilling or unable to reform. A recent study, 'High Risks, Low Preparedness: Journalist Safety in 2026 Elections,' revealed that almost 89% of journalists surveyed anticipate physical assault while covering the polls, a chilling indictment of the poll environment. What is more troubling is the expansion of violence beyond state actors. Mob justice, arson and targeted killings now supplement official repression, creating a dual system of abuse. The murder of BNP leader Belal

Hossain's seven-year-old daughter, trapped in a house fire set by unidentified assailants, illustrates how political rivalry has descended into acts of barbarism that transcend ideology. On December 9, two Jubo Dal activists were shot in Cox's Bazar; on December 22, labour leader Mohammad Motaleb Sikder was attacked in Khulna. Each incident erodes public trust in the interim government, which has failed to offer protection to citizens caught between state violence and social brutality. Minorities face heightened insecurity as radical Islamic influence re-emerges in politics, undermining religious freedoms and emboldening leaders who inflame anti-Indian sentiment for electoral gain. Just days before Das's lynching, Hindu fish trader Utpal Sarkar was killed in Faridpur District, another chilling marker of minority vulnerability. The interim government's inability to protect Hindu communities has deepened scepticism and strained relations with New Delhi. India's dilemma is stark: its default support for Hasina's Awami League has been replaced by a dispensation hostile to New Delhi.

Cancellation of SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS' Announcement Points to Modi Govt's Naked Ambush

Behind the dramatic cancellation of the Sahitya Akademi awards' announcement last week, the first ever in its history, lies an attempt by the Narendra Modi government to usurp whatever space the autonomous institution has been left with in the last decade. First, here's a recap to help understand the abruptness of the ambush. The Akademi announces its prestigious awards in 24 languages each year. The juries of all the languages had finalised their awardees following due deliberation. The lists had been approved by the executive board of the Akademi, which had scheduled a press conference to announce the winners on Thursday (December 18). People had arrived at the Akademi to attend the ceremony. They were relishing samosas and chai, when a hurried circular arrived from the Ministry of Culture about the 'restructuring of awards'. Addressed to the 'heads' of the Lalit Kala Akademi, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the Sahitya Akademi and the National School of Drama, the circular reminded them of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) they had earlier signed with the ministry, which "stipulated" that the "restructuring of Awards is required to be

undertaken in consultation with the Ministry". Until the restructuring "is duly approved by the Ministry, no process for declaration of Awards shall be undertaken without the prior approval of the Ministry," it noted. The announcement was cancelled, leaving both the Akademi and the juries stunned. Before turning to the absurdity of the circular, note that the winners are chosen by a separate jury for each language, with each jury headed by a convener. The juries were set up by Pallavi Prashant Holkar, who was appointed the Akademi's secretary by the ministry after the superannuation of K. Sreenivasarao in October. Holkar is an Indian Audit & Account Services officer of the 2011 batch. Her appointment, Akademi officials point out, was seen as a step by the ministry to extend its control over the institution. More than anyone else, the circular embarrassed Holkar because the Akademi had issued the press release about the ceremony in her name, and she was scheduled to announce the winners. The circular, Akademi officials say, is flawed on several counts. First, if the ministry wanted to restructure the awards, the directions should have been given to the

Akademi long before the juries were set up. Second, the award process had begun in January this year, six months before the MoU was signed in July. Any proposal to restructure the awards can't be applied post-facto. Third, what was the tearing hurry to issue the circular on the date of the announcement, and intruding into the affairs of an autonomous institution? The ministry could have told the Akademi well in advance. Fourth, the press conference was scheduled by the secretary, the ministry's permanent representative in the Akademi. Was the secretary also in the dark? Who gave the nod for the presser, only for it to be cancelled 24 hours after it was announced? Fifth, while the circular is addressed to four institutions, the ministry, in its attempt to make it look like a wider exercise and not merely targeted at the Sahitya Akademi, overlooked that one of the four, the National School of Drama, doesn't give any annual awards. Why did, then, the ministry choose this abrupt course? The objection is not over any particular awardee, Akademi officials say, but the ministry's general intent to control the award process and the selection of awardees. The min-

istry's move has confirmed that it can usurp the Akademi's autonomy and dictate the terms and twist the processes at any stage. The Akademi has lost a great amount of prestige over the last decade. If on the one hand writers accuse it for failing to uphold its august principles, most notably witnessed during the award wapasi (return) campaign in 2015, the Modi government on the other has constantly been trying to invade its space. The July MoU is only an instalment in a series of such attempts. In 2017, this reporter had written about another MoU under which the government wanted various institutions under the Ministry of Culture to generate enough revenue to cover 25-30% of their total budget, and "eventually" achieve "self-sufficiency". The move was opposed by officials in these institutions. "The worth of the National School of Drama or the Sangeet Natak Akademi cannot be gauged by their ability to generate revenue. They are for public welfare," said a member of an institution's executive council. "To promote 24 languages and various dialects, the Sahitya Akademi organises events across the country. Do you want us to put an entry

ticket to a story-reading session by a Bodo writer?" said an Akademi official. The present MoU stands apart because it will nearly amount to a takeover of the Akademi by the ministry. Selected by eminent names from each language, the annual awards still carry a gravitas, far more than many private awards clubbed together, and are keenly anticipated by writers across the languages. Some of India's most notable names have accepted these awards with great pride and honour. If the only pan-Indian awards in literature, music and paintings are to be decided by babus in Shastri Bhawan, their decline can be easily anticipated. If the ministry persists with the 'restructuring', a senior official said, the awards would completely lose their worth. The Akademi, set up in the 1950s following the vision of India's first prime minister, have greatly shaped the building of a national culture that both draws upon its glorious past as well as looks to the future. A day after the Sahitya Akademi was inaugurated on March 12, 1954, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote a letter to the Akademi's secretary, Krishna Kripalani, expressing concern about Suryakant Tripathi Nirala.

Modi Govt's Repeal of MGNREGA Is an Assault on the Poor



In his article, 'The Sentinel' published in Young India on October 13, 1921, Mahatma Gandhi articulated his vision for assured livelihood opportunities for poverty-stricken people. He wrote, "To a people famishing and idle, the only acceptable form in which God can dare appear is work and promise of food as wages." In independent India, the fulfilment of that bold vision was not left to god. The government enacted legislations to guarantee employment to people on demand so that they could secure their wages and food. This was first done in Maharashtra, with The Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Act, 1977 mandating the government to give work to an applicant

within 15 days of the date from which they seek work. It was a demand-driven legislation and that defining feature was incorporated by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's regime in the landmark Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA). MGNREGA expanded the guaranteed employment to 100 days throughout the year and ensured minimum wage. It also provided in the Act itself that 90% of the funds allocated to the scheme would be provided by the Union government and, in tune with the vision of Mahatma Gandhi, its implementation was left to the Panchayats, upholding the bottom up approach which remained central to

democracy. There were no budgetary constraints for the right to work provided by MGNREGA and no limitations on demand for jobs was imposed. It was universal in scope and both the Houses of Parliament passed it on the basis of consensus. Because minimum wage was guaranteed, the people demanding jobs as part of their right to work had the bargaining power to negotiate for more wages than what was enshrined in MGNREGA to work elsewhere. It thus empowered them to put forth their demand vis a vis others and enhanced their dignity and self-esteem. MGNREGA was the first of its kind of legislation and got acclamation as the largest ever right to work law in the world.

Pasi Community Pays Tribute to Social Justice Icon Maharaja Bijli Pasi

OUR CORRESPONDENT Devghar: The Pasi community of Devghar observed the Parinirvan Day of the valiant warrior Maharaja Bijli Pasi on Thursday with deep reverence, enthusiasm, and dignity. The program was organized at Maharaja Bijli Pasi Chowk (Ranga Mod) in Devghar, where a large number of community members gathered to pay floral tributes and remember his legacy. On this occasion, members of the community discussed in detail the life, bravery, and heroic tales of Maharaja Bijli Pasi. Speakers highlighted that he remains a lasting symbol of social justice, courage, and self-respect, continuing to inspire society even today. As part of the program, floral tributes were offered at the statue of Savitribai Phule located in the Devghar College campus. Similarly,



flowers were offered at the statue of the Pasi community's brave woman warrior Uda Devi Pasi at Nandan Pahar, paying homage to her courage and sacrifice. The gathering also observed a two-minute silence to pay tribute to the departed souls of senior social workers of the community, late Dilip Kumar Mahatha and late Arun Mahatha. Several prominent members of the Pasi community were present on the occasion, including Sushil Mahatha, Pappu Mahatha, Sunil Mahatha, Diwakar Mahatha,

Pawan Mahatha, Subhash Mahatha, Gorachand Mahatha, Gopal Mahatha, Tufan Mahatha, Mukesh Mahatha, Sudhir Mahatha, Prakash Mahatha, Kaju Mahatha, Mahendra Mahatha, Madan Mahatha, Ranjit Mahatha, Shibu Mahatha, Pentar Mahatha, Vipul Prakash, Suraj Kumar Mahatha, Mithun Mahatha, Jugnu Mahatha, Bablu Mahatha, Rohit Mahatha, Vikram Kumar, Arun Mahatha, Pago Mahatha, Deepesh Mahatha, and many others.

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna: On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the sixth edition of the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Women's Cricket Championship, organised by the BJP Krida Prakoskth, concluded with Digital India Thunders lifting the coveted title. The final match was played at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium, where Digital India Thunders defeated Jal Jeevan Strikers by eight wickets to emerge champions. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha and Sports Minister SOn the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the sixth edition of the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Women's Cricket Championship, organised by the BJP Krida Prakoskth, concluded with Digital India Thunders lifting the coveted



title. The final match was played at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium, where Digital India Thunders defeated Jal Jeevan Strikers by eight wickets to emerge champions. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha and Sports Minister Shreyasi Singh honoured the winning and runner-up teams by presenting trophies and

encouraged the players for their performance. Kumhrar MLA Sanjay Gupta and Umesh Singh were also present on the occasion. The guests were formally welcomed by BJP Krida Prakoskth State Convener Satish Raju. The event witnessed the presence of several prominent personalities from the sports and social

sectors. Those present included Co-conveners Vikas Kumar Goldy, Santosh Mishra, Rajeev Ranjan Yadav and Kanchan; Women's Convener Varsha Pandey; Treasurer Vikas Singh; J.P. Mehta, Dharendra Sinha, Sumit Sharma, Kanchan Sharma, Jyoti, Dr Ravi, Dr Abhiram Sharma, Raju Rai Dhavak, Saurabh Chakravarti, Bihar Under-23 coach Pawan Kumar, Prakash Singh, former State President of BJP Yuva Morcha Durgesh Singh, Mukesh Paswan and many others. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha said that organising sports events by the Krida Prakoskth on the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee is a commendable tradition. He said the Bihar government is committed to women empowerment and that positive results of encouraging youth participation in sports are now clearly visible across the state.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF GENDER-SENSITIVE HEALTH SERVICES HELD

OUR CORRESPONDENT Biharsharif: Under the Gender Program implemented in Nalanda district in collaboration with the Bihar Government and Piramal Foundation, a monthly review meeting of gender-sensitive health services was held at Sadar Hospital, Biharsharif. The program aims to strengthen safe, sensitive, and survivor-centered

health services for women and girls affected by violence. Piramal Foundation's Program Leader, Veena Kumari, provided technical support and coordination for this initiative. The meeting was chaired by ACMO Dr. Rammohan Sahay and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Kumar. Participants included Dr. Surjeet Kumar Akela, Dr.

Sangeeta Kumari, consultants from the Emergency Department, Labor Room, Male and Female OPDs, nodal officers from all departments, physiotherapy in-charge, security and sanitation supervisors, and Manta workers. During the meeting, cases of violence reported at the hospital were presented, and institutional responses were reviewed. Health staff

were instructed to ensure timely identification, counseling, psychological support, and safe referral for cases of violence. Each patient and beneficiary must be treated with respect, sensitivity, and cooperation. Special emphasis was placed on proper communication and assistance by security and Manta workers to maintain a gender-sensitive environment in the hos-

pital. Dr. Surjeet Kumar Akela shared his personal experience of assisting an injured person who had fallen in the hospital and ensured they received safe treatment. He urged all attending staff and officials to create a safe, sensitive, and fear-free environment for every individual visiting the health facility. The Deputy Superintendent also highlighted the rights of preg-

nant women under the Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Initiative, emphasizing confidentiality, informed consent, and the provision of quality services. A counselor from the One-Stop Center informed participants that cases referred from Sadar Hospital receive legal aid, counseling, and psychological support, and urged all departments to promptly refer cases

to the One-Stop Center to ensure comprehensive support for survivors. Hospital Manager Mr. Imran Khan emphasized developing Sadar Hospital as a model gender-sensitive hospital. He announced that soon, information boards with the Women's Helpline number (181) and Child Helpline number (1098) would be installed within the hospital

premises to provide women and children easy access to legal and social support. This monthly review meeting represents a significant step toward strengthening district-level health system responses, enhancing multi-departmental coordination, and ensuring respect, safety, and justice for survivors of violence under the Gender Program.

Poet Rishabh Dev Honoured with Bharat Ratna Atal Samman



OUR CORRESPONDENT Lucknow : Bihar-based poet Rishabh Dev has been conferred with the prestigious Bharat Ratna Atal Samman at a felicitation ceremony organized under the aegis of the Print Media Working Journalist Association. The award was presented at the Information and Broadcasting Department office in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The honour was bestowed upon Rishabh Dev by the National President of the association, Abdul Aziz Siddiqui, and Vice President Dr. Reema

Sinha. He received this recognition for his significant contributions to Hindi literature and for promoting nationalist thought through his literary works. The Print Media Association extended its best wishes for his bright future. Rishabh Dev's poetry vividly reflects themes of love, life, and various social dimensions. He has published several poetry collections, including Tevari, Tarkash, and Taaki Sanad Rahe, which have earned him recognition in contemporary Hindi literature.

Royal Orchids International School, Margomunda Organizes Educational Picnic at Khandoli: Students Learn Discipline, Nature, and Teamwork



OUR CORRESPONDENT Madhipur : Royal Orchids International School in Margomunda organized an educational and recreational picnic for its students, focusing on their holistic development. The outing was held at Khandoli, a renowned tourist destination in Jharkhand, where students traveled safely and in an organized manner by bus. The primary objective of the excursion was to connect children with nature, foster a sense of cooperation, and provide practical experience in social behav-

ior alongside academic learning. During the picnic, students exhibited high levels of enthusiasm and enjoyment while engaging in various activities. School Director Mr. Mohammad Shahzad Alam highlighted that such events contribute significantly to the mental, social, and moral development of children. Principal Ms. Neha Alam described the picnic as a perfect blend of learning and fun for the students. Teachers Nunita, Simran, Sania, Jasmine, Sana, and Mr. Sahil played a key role in

supervising and guiding the students throughout the program. Parents also contributed actively, with Kishore Singh being particularly praised for his support in ensuring the smooth execution of the event. Emphasis was placed on safety, discipline, and cleanliness throughout the picnic. Students not only enjoyed the natural beauty of the surroundings but also participated enthusiastically in games and team activities, learning valuable lessons in collaboration and environmental appreciation.

Local MLA and Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Lays Foundation of High-Level Bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT Jamtara: Local MLA and Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Ravindranath Mahto on Thursday laid the foundation for the construction of a high-level bridge between Shagajoria and Sindurkunia on the Nala-Chittaranjan main road at Zoria. The ceremony included traditional rituals of breaking a coconut and cutting a ribbon. Prior to the event, local residents warmly welcomed the Assembly Speaker by garlanding him and raising slogans in his honor. The initiation of the bridge construction after a long period has brought immense joy to the people of the surrounding areas. Addressing the gathering, Speaker Mahto emphasized that the comprehensive development of the region and the promotion of local employment sources are

his top priorities. He stated that efforts are being made on a large scale to strengthen drinking water supply, education, roads, irrigation, and health services. The high-level bridge, sanctioned under the Chief Minister Gram Setu Yojana at a cost of Rs 2.13 crore, has been a long-standing demand of the local community, and its commencement has been welcomed with enthusiasm. Speaker Mahto added that alongside repairing roads damaged due to rainfall and other reasons, the government continues to make efforts to improve education, electricity, and health services in the region. He further highlighted the "Government at Your Doorstep" program, through which officials are deployed in villages to resolve public issues.

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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 31.03.2021	Date Of Demand Notice: 17.11.2025
(1) Devika Rani Velupugunda, W/o. Sri Ramulu Velupugunda, Age 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: H.No: 1-9-20/B/3/A, Ram Nagar Gundu Bridge, Near Hanuman Temple, Hyderabad-500020, Address-II: 4-201, Thonda, Thirumalagiri (M), Suryapet (D), Telangana, B/o: Proprietor of "Devika Rani Saree Center", At Same As Resi Address, 9393852569. (2) Srimathi Velupugunda, S/o: Late Venkataiah Velupugunda, Age 53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: H.No: 1-9-20/B/3/A, Ram Nagar Gundu, Near Hanuman Temple, Hyderabad-500020, Address-II: 4-201, Thonda, Thirumalagiri (M), Suryapet (D), Telangana, B/o: "Plumbing Contract Works", 9390356682. (3) Balaji Chary Gajaveli, S/o: Gajaveli Janardhan Late @Alias Gajaveli Janardhan Rao, Age 45 Years, Occ: Govt. Employee, R/O: H.No: 8-46/61, Raja Shekar Colony, North Balaji Hills, Near Bangaru Misamma Temple, Boduppal, Rangareddy-500092, O/O: "South Central Railway Garriage", Working As A "Mechanical Employee", At # Lalaguda, Secunderabad, Ph: 9000207252.	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 34,53,512/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 12,00,000/-

.....Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE "A": All that the House Bearing No. 4-201, in Survey No. 339/C, Admeasuring 242.68 Sq.Yards or Equivalent to 202.89 Sq.Mtrs. Situated at Thonda Village, AMO Grampanchayath, Thirumalagiri Revenue Mandal, Suryapet Dist And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 20'0" Wide Road, Towards West: House of Velupugunda Yadagiri, Towards North: 20'0" Wide Road, Towards South: House of Pallerala Laxmaiah.

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

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LBNGRTF1902280005 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE "A": All that Open Plot No. 15, Within Ward No. 5, Block No. 4, Admeasuring 22.22 Sq.Yards or Equivalent to 18.57 Sq.Mtrs, Situated At Old Grand Hotel To Churucumand, Rastrapathi Road, Nalgonda Town, Within The Local Limits of City Municipality Nalgonda Town, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: PABC Land, Present: Neighbours Property, Towards West: Rastrapathi Road, Present: 80' Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No. 4, Present: Neighbours Commercial Shop, Towards South: Plot No. 16, Present : Neighbours Commercial Shop.

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Exhibition on the Life and Legacy of Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee Organised at BJP Office

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna : On the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Bihar BJP State President Sanjay Saraogi paid rich tributes, recalling his unparalleled contribution to the nation. A programme was organised at Patliputra Park in Patna, where Sanjay Saraogi offered floral tributes at the statue of the former Prime Minister and bowed in reverence. The state-level function was attended by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Ministers



Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, along with several senior leaders. Member of Parliament Ravi Shankar Prasad and former Assembly Speaker Nand

Kishore Yadav were also present on the occasion. Speaking at the event, Sanjay Saraogi said that the contributions of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari

Vajpayee will always be remembered. He described Vajpayee's life as a symbol of patriotism, visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to the people. He said that Vajpayee's ideas and initiatives laid a strong foundation for a self-reliant and powerful India, on which the nation continues to progress today. Whether it was nuclear capability, promotion of language and culture, or ensuring political stability, Vajpayee set benchmarks in every field. On the occasion of Vajpayee's birth anniversary, a grand exhibition

based on his life and achievements was organised at the BJP state office. The exhibition was formally inaugurated by Sanjay Saraogi along with Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha. A large number of BJP leaders, party workers and members of the public visited the exhibition to gain insights into the life and legacy of the former Prime Minister. The Bihar BJP President said that Atal Ji's thoughts, personality and ideals of national service continue to inspire generations.

Grand Prabhat Pheri Taken Out on Prakash Parv, City Resonates with Jaikaras

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna : On the occasion of the 359th Prakash Utsav of the Tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, a grand Prabhat Pheri was taken out in Patna on Thursday amid devotional fervour and resounding jaikaras. The procession began from Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Sahib under the leadership of the Panj Pyare, with the Nishan Sahib gracefully swaying at the forefront. The Prabhat Pheri passed through Chamdoriya, Hajiganj, Purab Darwaza and reached Patna Sahib Station via Morcha Road. After a brief halt, it proceeded through Chauk Shikarpur ROB and Guru Gobind Singh Path before returning to Takht Sahib. The procession, accompanied by band music, featured impressive martial displays by Gatka parties, including a traditional showcase by a Gatka group from Punjab. Devotees, both men and women, walked together chanting hymns, performing kirtan, and raising reli-



gious slogans throughout the route. Several prominent members of the Takht Sri Committee participated in the procession, including Committee President Sardar Jagot Singh, General Secretary Inderjeet Singh, spokesperson Sudip Singh, and Prabhat Pheri conveners Tejendra Singh Bagga, Prem Singh, Ranjit Singh and Inderjeet Singh, along with a large number of devotees.

HEADLINES

Harshita Rai Wins Silver Medal in Taekwondo at MP Sports Festival



OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna: Harshita Rai, a talented athlete from Patna Taekwondo Academy, brought laurels to her academy and the city by winning the silver medal in Taekwondo at the MP Sports Festival 2025. The competition, held on December 24 and 25, witnessed participation from skilled athletes across the state. Harshita's outstanding performance was recognized by former Minister and Patna Sahib MP Ravi Shankar Prasad and other dignitaries, who presented her with the silver medal and wished her a bright future. BJP Yuva Morcha State Media Incharge Jay Prakash Prasad, along with her family members and academy officials, congratulated Harshita for her achievement.

Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee Remembered on Birth Anniversary in Bikram



OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bikram: BJP workers commemorated the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna awardee Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Thursday at the residence of Surya Narayan Sinha in the local market area. The programme was organised under the chairmanship of Surya Narayan Sinha and conducted by Yogesh Tiwari. BJP members offered floral tributes to the portrait of the former Prime Minister and paid their respects. Speakers at the event highlighted Vajpayee's life and contributions in detail and urged people to follow the footsteps shown by him. Present at the occasion were BJP Patna District Vice President Tej Narayan Sharma, Assembly Incharge Vinod Singh, BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary Avinash Kumar Upadhyay, Lal Babu Singh, Shyam Kishore Sharma, Sunil Bihari Verma, Siddharth Kumar, Dharmendra Kumar, Pappu Yadav, Mukesh Singh, Shivji Singh, Pankaj Kumar, Vipin Kumar, and several others.

Sending Teachers for Training During Holidays is Improper: Mrityunjay Thakur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna: According to the holiday schedule issued by the Education Department, the state is currently observing winter vacation from December 25 to December 31. During this period, calling teachers for training is entirely inappropriate and impractical, stated Mrityunjay Thakur, State Media Incharge of the Parivartankari Shikshak Mahasangh, Bihar. He explained that the purpose of holidays is to provide teachers with physical and mental rest so that they can return to academic duties with renewed energy. Organising training during the holiday period not only violates the rules of leave but also generates dissatisfaction among teachers. The Parivartankari Shikshak Mahasangh, Bihar, has strongly objected to this decision and urged the Honourable Education Minister and the Additional Chief Secretary of the Education Department to immediately suspend all training programmes scheduled during the winter vacation period.

KISAN SEMINAR ON “JAI JAWAN, JAI KISAN, JAI VIGYAN AND RESEARCH” HELD IN BIKRAM



OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bikram: On the occasion of Good Governance Day, a farmer's seminar on the theme “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan” was organised on Thursday at the local Krishi Bhavan in Bikram. The event witnessed participation from hundreds of farmers along with prominent personalities including ATMA President Ram Kumar Yadav, progressive farmer Satish Kumar, Shyam Kishore Sharma, Tej Narayan Sharma, Suresh Verma, Tulsi Prasad Singh, Arun Singh, innovative farmer Gautam Kumar, Lal Babu, Yogesh

Tiwari, Ran Vijay Kumar, Pappu Kumar, women farmers Babli Devi, Rajmuni Devi, Renu Devi, and Sushma Devi. The seminar, organised by ATMA Patna, was facilitated by Block Technical Manager Pankaj Kumar, Assistant Technical Manager Ashwini Kumar, Farmer Advisor Shiv Kumar Singh, and staff of the Block Agriculture Office, who welcomed the attending farmers. During the seminar, farmers highlighted the interdependent roles of soldiers and farmers, stating that while soldiers protect the nation, farmers provide food.

Severe Cold Grips Bihar in the Final Week of the Year, Residents Asked to Brace for Intense Chill

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna : With the beginning of the final week of the year 2025, severe cold has started showing its harsh impact across Bihar. The state capital Patna, along with nearly all districts, is reeling under biting cold and dense fog. The Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for cold wave conditions and heavy fog, making it clear that there is little chance of relief from the cold until December 29. As a result, people in Bihar are expected to welcome the New Year amid shivering conditions. On Thursday, Patna and adjoining areas witnessed brief spells of mild sunshine, but they proved ineffective against strong, icy westerly winds. Cold gusts throughout the day discouraged people from stepping out of their homes. A further drop in temperature was recorded in the afternoon, leading to deserted markets as people were seen relying on bonfires and warm clothing. With the onset of evening, the intensity of the cold increased even more. According to the Meteorological Department, continuous snowfall in the hilly regions and an active western disturbance are directly



affecting the plains of Bihar. Icy winds blowing in from North India have pushed both daytime and nighttime temperatures below normal levels. Due to the lack of sunshine for several consecutive days, “cold day” conditions have prevailed in many parts of the state, severely impacting daily life. During the past 24 hours, the weather across the state remained completely dry, but the impact of the cold reached extreme levels. Purnia recorded an extreme cold day, while Bhagalpur, Gaya and Madhubani experienced cold day-like

conditions. Maximum temperatures were recorded between 16.2 and 20.3 degrees Celsius, while minimum temperatures in several areas dropped to around 7 degrees Celsius. Dense to very dense fog enveloped Gaya and Bhagalpur, reducing visibility to just 20 metres and disrupting both road and rail traffic. Weather experts have warned that the cold spell will continue throughout the coming week. Dense fog and cold day conditions are likely to persist in many parts of the state over the next four to five days.

Grand Glorious Miss and Mrs India World Event Held in Patna, Sanya Sonal Wins ‘Pride of India’ Title

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Patna : A grand edition of the Glorious Miss and Mrs India World competition was successfully organized in Patna under the banner of Sai Glorious Entertainment Private Limited. This national-level event witnessed participation from contestants representing almost every state of the country, presenting an impressive blend of fashion, talent and confidence on Bihar's soil. At this prestigious platform, Phulwari Sharif's Sanya Sonal showcased her exceptional talent and emerged as the winner of the coveted 'Pride of India' title. Meanwhile, Asmita Singh was honoured with the title of Brand Ambassador of Bihar. The judging panel for the competition included Bollywood film director and actor Manish Vatsalya, actor and model Arjun Yadav, and Glorious Mrs India winner Rimjhim Singh. The judges appreciated the confidence, presentation and talent of all participants and congratulated the winners for their remarkable performances. Speaking



to the media after winning the title, Sanya Sonal said that her goal is to establish a strong identity in the Bollywood industry through modelling, acting and entertainment. She stated that states like Bihar and Jharkhand are rich in talent, but carving out a place in Mumbai's highly competitive environment requires immense hard work and perseverance.

Special Anti-Liquor Raid in Gaurichak, Three Accused Arrested; Smuggler Flees Leaving Liquor-Laden Auto in Janiyapur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Phulwari Sharif : As part of a special drive to strictly enforce prohibition laws, the police carried out a major operation in the Phulwari region and achieved significant success against illegal liquor trade. During a raid conducted in the Gaurichak police station area, three persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in illegal liquor business. According to the police, Pujan Kumar, son of Nakul Manjhi, and Tuntun Manjhi, son of Kailash Manjhi, both residents of Mustafapur village under Gaurichak police station in Patna district, were taken into custody. The third accused, Upendra Manjhi, son of Naga Manjhi, a resident of Danara village under Bhagwangunj police station in Patna district, was also arrested. All three have been booked under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, and further legal proceedings are underway. Meanwhile, the police also achieved a breakthrough against liquor smugglers in the Janiyapur police sta-



tion area. Janiyapur Station House Officer Naveen Kumar said that during routine patrolling near Hadap village, the police team noticed a suspicious tempo parked along the roadside. On spotting the police, the smugglers fled the scene, abandoning the vehicle and the consignment. Upon searching the tempo, the police recovered around 130 litres of locally brewed liquor.

Massive Fire Breaks Out at Ward Member's Threshing Yard, Paddy, Straw and Tractor Reduced to Ashes; Losses Worth Lakhs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Phulwari Sharif : A massive fire broke out late Wednesday night at the threshing yard of a ward member in the Lahiyar Chak area of Alampur-Gonpura Panchayat under the Phulwari Sharif police station limits. The fire spread rapidly, destroying paddy, straw and agricultural equipment stored at the site. As soon as the incident came to light, farmers and local residents from nearby villages rushed to the spot and attempted to douse the flames on their own. Meanwhile, the Phulwari Sharif police station and the fire department were informed. Fire tenders reached the location promptly and, after considerable effort, managed to bring the blaze under control. However, by then, substantial damage had



already occurred. Providing details of the incident, Ward No. 8 member of Gonpura Panchayat, Shankar Kumar, stated that he received a phone call after midnight informing him about the fire at his threshing yard. He immediately rushed to the spot

along with his family members. He expressed suspicion that the fire may have been deliberately set as part of a conspiracy, citing a dispute with a villager that had taken place about a month ago. According to the ward member, the fire destroyed more than five kattha of

paddy, over ten kattha of straw, around 50 pieces of agricultural pipes and a tractor used for ploughing fields. The total loss from the incident is estimated to be more than Rs 3 lakh. On behalf of the affected family, the ward member's elder brother, Balanand Kumar, also known as Naumi Kumar, has submitted a written complaint at the Phulwari Sharif police station. Commenting on the matter, Phulwari Sharif police station in-charge Ghulam Shahbaz Alam said that information regarding the fire had been received and the affected party had been asked to submit an application. He added that only after receiving the application would it be possible to ascertain the exact cause of the fire and determine whether any individual was involved.

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Remembered on His Birth Anniversary in Paliganj



OUR CORRESPONDENT

Paliganj: The 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna awardee Atal Bihari Vajpayee was observed with reverence on Thursday at Goraiya Sthan in the local market area of Paliganj. On the occasion, Ashok Dom from the Mahadalit community of Paliganj lit ceremonial lamps and offered floral tributes to the portrait of the former Prime Minister. Sweets were also distributed among the people to mark the occasion. The programme witnessed

participation from leaders and workers of various political and social organisations. Those present included Paliganj Nagar Mandal President Uttam Kumar, Nagar Mandal Yuva Morcha President Karan Gupta, State Trade Cell Media Co-incharge Dheeraj Gupta, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) women leader Prabha Devi, Mahila Morcha representative Renu Devi, along with Kanhaiya Kumar, Mithilesh Kumar Verma, Mukesh Thakur and several other workers.

Indian markets open flat amid consolidation phase

Mumbai: Indian benchmark indices opened flat with a mild negative bias on Friday, as markets are apparently in the consolidation phase amid lack of major cues. As of 9.30 am, Sensex edged down 83 points, or 0.09 per cent to 85,325 and Nifty eased 17 points, or 0.06 per cent to 26,124. Main broadcast indices outperformed benchmark indices in terms of gains, with the Nifty Midcap 100 advanced 0.35 per cent, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 added 0.27 per cent. Cipla, Dr Reddys Labs and ONGC were among the major gainers in the Nifty Pack, while losers included Shriram Finance, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel, Max Healthcare and TCS. Among sectoral gainers, the Nifty Consumer Durables index was the top performer, rising 0.4 per cent, followed by Nifty Metal and Nifty Chemicals, which gained 0.3 per cent each. The Nifty could extend its advance toward resistance levels at 26,202 and 26,330, while 26,000 is expected to provide near-term support. With



only four trading days left in 2025, what seemed to be a Santa rally appears to be fading as markets apparently consolidates without new triggers like a US-India trade deal, analysts said. US GDP growth of 4.3 per cent in Q3 2025 is imparting resilience to the US market and the rising profitability of US companies, including AI ones, may prompt other FIIs, particularly fleet-footed hedge funds, to increase their investments there, they added. Sustained buying by the cash rich DIIs

will support the market and prevent a sharp pull back, market watchers said, adding that a market rally in early 2026 is likely, and valuation should be the top investment consideration. Asia-Pacific markets traded higher in the morning session, with several indexes closed for the Boxing Day holiday. In Asian markets, China's Shanghai index advanced 0.17 per cent, and Shenzhen edged up 0.31 per cent, Japan's Nikkei added 0.99 per cent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index

gained 0.17 per cent. South Korea's Kospi added 0.7 per cent. The US markets ended mostly in the green zone on the last trading day, as Nasdaq advanced 0.22 per cent, the S&P 500 edged up 0.32 per cent, and the Dow moved up 0.6 per cent. On December 24, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 1,721 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net buyers of equities worth Rs 2,381 crore. Shares of Vedanta Ltd surged to a one-year peak on Friday,

hitting an intraday high of Rs 607.65. The oil-to-metals conglomerate has gained over 35% on the BSE in 2025, reflecting strong investor interest and robust market momentum for the stock. Coforge board approves acquisition of Encora US Holdco, Encora Holdings for Rs 17,032 crore at Rs 1815.91/shares. The Regional Rapid Transit System is emerging as a key driver of corridor-led investment, with nearly 80 per cent of surveyed users linking improved RTTS connectivity to better economic opportunities in their region, a report said on Friday. Transport Corporation of India (TCI) on Friday said it has expanded its cold chain warehousing operations in Gurugram by adding a 1.5 lakh sq ft facility at Taj Nagar, Haryana. Sahaj Insurance Services, a corporate agent, on Friday announced a partnership with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to distribute insurance products across rural and semi-urban regions of the country.

Kamineni East Hyderabad Half Marathon to see participation of 2,000 runners



Hyderabad, December 26th, 2025: All preparations are in place for the Kamineni East Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025, an annual event aimed at promoting health awareness and fitness among the public. The marathon is being organized under the aegis of LB Nagar Runners, a unit of Hyderabad Runners, and will be held on Sunday, December 28th. As part of the pre-event celebrations, the official marathon T-shirts and medals were unveiled on Friday at the Indira Auditorium, Kamineni Hospital, LB Nagar. The unveiling ceremony was conducted by Dr. Gokul

Raghuram, Administrator, Kamineni Hospitals, along with A. R. S. Satyanarayana, Vice President (Marketing), Kamineni Hospitals. The event saw enthusiastic participation from runners representing LB Nagar Runners, along with several staff members from Kamineni Hospital, who expressed their support for the marathon and its underlying message of healthy living. Over the years, the Kamineni East Hyderabad Half Marathon has witnessed growing enthusiasm and participation, with runners and fitness enthusiasts from Hyderabad and

other regions taking part in increasing numbers. Individuals who regularly engage in running and walking have consistently shown strong interest in the event. The 2025 edition of the marathon will feature four race categories: Half Marathon (21.1 km), 10 Miles (16.1 km), 10 km, and 5 km. Across all categories, close to 2,000 runners are expected to participate this year. Organizers from LB Nagar Runners have invited health and fitness enthusiasts to join the marathon on Sunday morning, December 28th, and contribute to the continued success of this flagship event.

Jingle bills: Arkansas Powerball player strikes \$1.8bn jackpot on Christmas Eve



A Powerball player in Arkansas won a whopping \$1.817bn (£1.34bn) jackpot in a Christmas Eve drawing, making it the second-largest lottery prize ever claimed. The single winning ticket matched all six numbers - 4, 25, 31, 52, 59 and red Powerball 19 - giving the winner the option of taking a lump-sum cash payment of \$834.9m. This marks only the second time a Powerball jackpot has been won by a ticket sold in Arkansas, according to the lottery operator. Powerball did not identify the winner. The largest single-ticket prize remains the \$2.04bn jackpot won in 2022 by a player in Altadena, California. In order to win the jackpot, a lottery ticket

holder must match all five white balls and the red Powerball selected during a drawing. Tickets for the lottery cost \$2 each - and the odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 292.2 million, according to game organisers. A winner has an option to choose a lump-sum payment or receive the full amount in an annuity paid over 29 years, but most winners opt for the upfront cash option. The game, which began in 1992, is played in 45 of the 50 US states, the capital city of Washington, and in the US territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The winnings are subject to federal taxes of between 24% and 37%, and, in most cases, state taxes.

GST reforms and RDI scheme mark 2025 as turning point for pharma



New Delhi: With GST reforms and Research Development Incentive (RDI) Scheme, the year 2025 has been a crucial turning point for Indian pharma, said industry experts on Thursday, while highlighting innovation and increased access as key factors for the sector's growth in 2026. Indian pharma is standing at a defining moment. In the past 25 years, the industry has grown from \$3 billion to \$60 billion. The next 25 years will be shaped by innovation, quality, and access. "The year 2025 has been an inflection point for Indian pharma, signalling the country's push to move up

the value chain. The landmark next-gen GST reform emerged as a key policy milestone, strengthening affordability and expanding patient access to medicines," said Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance. "The government's focus on quality, reflected in the implementation of the revised Schedule M guidelines, further reinforces India's alignment with global standards. The High-Level Committee's work on regulatory reforms and the ease of doing business for Viksit Bharat 2047 will set the foundation for the next phase of industry growth," he added.

Samsung To Unveil Next Phase of AI Appliances, Push Boundaries of TVs at CES: JB Park

Samsung is all set to roll-out its vision for the Device eXperience Division in 2026 and its new AI-driven customer experiences at CES, the world's largest IT and home appliance exhibition. JB Park, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia, said, "Samsung AI appliances are approaching another turning point, delivering differentiated experiences that more deeply understand users' daily lives and significantly enhance the value of everyday living. The next phase will be unveiled at CES 2026, the world's largest consumer electronics and IT exhibition. We will also push boundaries of TV at 'The First Look' event on January 4, 2026 at Las Vegas." At CES, Samsung will highlight a series of improvements in home living that merge AI-powered customized care and powerful hardware-supported performance. We will enhance our Bespoke AI living appliance lineup



with smarter fabric care, intuitive temperature control and more convenient cleaning experiences — all designed to adapt to users' lifestyles through seamless synergy between its devices. Featured innovations at CES include the upgraded Bespoke AI AirDresser, Bespoke AI Laundry Combo, Bespoke AI WindFree Pro Air Conditioner and the flagship Bespoke AI Jet Bot Steam Ultra robot vacuum. Samsung, the world's leader in TVs for 20 years running, will also show-

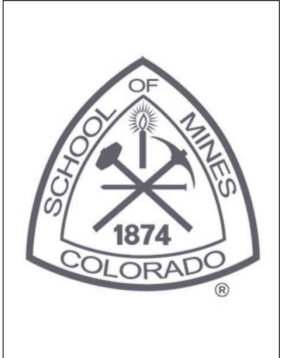
■ This section is part of Vijayawada - Gudur Tripling & electrification project, one of the ongoing major projects in the state of Andhra Pradesh and this stretch of railway line falls under Prakasam District. With the tripling of this stretch, now, continuous stretch of 81 Kms between Bapatla - Surareddipalem will have third line facility along with electrification.

case an expanded Micro RGB TV lineup. The new expansive range introduces the next evolution of Samsung's Micro RGB display technology, setting a new standard for premium home viewing. Samsung will also present a new Bespoke AI Refrigerator Family Hub, equipped with the upgraded AI Vision. The feature's key upgrade is its functions built with Google Gemini, which marks the first time that it is being integrated into a refrigerator. With the upgraded AI

Vision, Samsung becomes more fluent in food recognition and expands the reach of kitchen experiences. Previously, it could recognize up to 37 types of fresh food and 50 types of pre-registered processed food on-device. The latest version ready to be unveiled at CES is built to unlock its existing limitations to recognize more food items, offering a comprehensive and flexible experience. Mr. Park said Samsung employs more than 10,000 bright engineers in India who are involved in AI transformations that the brand has set its sights on for the next 30 years. "We have three R&D centres in India besides a design centre that contribute not only to innovations in India but also to global products and technology. I believe as we focus on smart homes, connected living and intelligent devices driven by AI, India will play a key role in leading global innovations," he added.

NMDC Signs MoU with Colorado School of Mines, USA

Hyderabad, December 26: NMDC Limited, India's largest iron ore producer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), USA, to establish a long-term research collaboration aimed at advancing mining technologies, mineral processing, and the extraction of critical minerals, particularly from mining waste and complex ores. The MoU was signed between NMDC's R&D Centre, Hyderabad, and the Board of Trustees of Colorado School of Mines. The agreement was signed by Shri Vinay Kumar, Director (Technical), NMDC, on behalf of NMDC. This strategic collaboration marks a significant milestone in NMDC's vision to integrate global best practices, cutting-edge research, and emerging technologies into India's mining ecosystem. Under the MoU, NMDC and Colorado School of Mines will collaborate in key frontier areas including iron ore beneficiation and agglomeration; development of technologies



for mining waste utilization; alternate ironmaking technologies using indigenous raw materials; and extraction of critical minerals, including rare earth elements. The partnership will also focus on technology-driven mining solutions such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML), data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), Mining 4.0, and autonomous systems including drones and self-driving vehicles. A key highlight of the collaboration is its strong emphasis on sustainable mining and value creation from waste streams such as tailings, coal ash, and low-grade

ores. This aligns with global efforts to reduce environmental impact while unlocking new sources of critical minerals essential for clean energy transitions, advanced manufacturing, and strategic industries. Highlighting the significance of this MoU, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD, NMDC, said, "This collaboration marks a new chapter in advancing the extraction of critical minerals from mining waste. Through this MoU with the Colorado School of Mines, NMDC is strengthening its research capabilities and accelerating the adoption of advanced technologies in mining. Our larger goal is to make India self-reliant in critical minerals while ensuring sustainable and responsible mining practices." With India's growing focus on securing critical mineral supply chains and deploying advanced mining technologies, the NMDC - Colorado School of Mines MoU represents a strategic international partnership that will contribute to technological innovation.

GITAM Alumna Aims to Create History with 9 New Guinness World Records



GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, proudly announces that its School of Technology alumna (2016-2020), Shivali Johri Srivastava, along with her mother Kavita Johri Srivastava, is attempting to set nine new Guinness World Records for the world's largest displays of origami art. The record attempts include the largest displays of origami dogs (3,500), caps (1,600), bears

(2,500), pine leaves (3,900), excavators (3,500), dolphins (2,500), paper surf designs (3,100), and quilled angels (3,500) and dolls (2,700). The submissions are currently under adjudication by Guinness World Records, with official results expected shortly. Shivali Johri Srivastava is already a celebrated name in the world of paper art, having secured an impressive 21 Guinness World Records,



making her the individual with the highest number of Guinness World Records in India. Her achievements include record-breaking displays of thousands of handmade paper dolls, quilled flowers, origami animals, vehicles, birds, leaves, and decorative forms, reflecting extraordinary precision, creativity, and dedication. In addition to her Guinness accolades, Shivali has earned 15

Assist World Records and 15 Unique World Records, further underscoring her exceptional talent and perseverance in the field of origami and quilling art. The GITAM leadership—including Prof. D. S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor; D. V. V. S. R. Varma, Resident Director; Ambika Philip, Director - Hospitality & Campus Life; and Dr. D. Mallikarjuna Reddy—along with Heads of Institutions, Heads of



Departments, faculty members, and students, have extended their wholehearted support and encouragement to Shivali in her pursuit of these new global milestones. GITAM Deemed-to-be University congratulates Shivali Johri Srivastava and her family on their remarkable journey and wishes them continued success in bringing global recognition through art and innovation.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi Honoured With 'Highest Civilian Award' For Children, Set To Meet PM Modi

At just 14 years old, Vaibhav Suryavanshi is proving that talent knows no age. The young cricketing prodigy from Bihar has captured the nation's attention, not only with his explosive batting but also by receiving the highest civilian honours for youngsters in India. Today, in the heart of the capital, New Delhi, Vaibhav was conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP). The award ceremony, held in New Delhi, marks a historic chapter in Vaibhav's burgeoning career. Having arrived in the city on Wednesday, the young cricketer received the award from President Droupadi Murmu. Following the formal ceremony, Vaibhav and his fellow awardees will have the distinct honour of meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an interaction aimed at inspiring the next generation of Indian leaders and achievers. While the award is a moment of immense



pride, it comes with a professional trade-off. Due to his presence at the ceremony, Vaibhav will be unavailable for the remainder of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. For any dedicated athlete, missing time on the field is a difficult choice; however, being recognised on a national stage for his contributions to sport is a rare

and prestigious opportunity. Vaibhav's selection follows a string of breathtaking performances. He made headlines during Bihar's opening match against Arunachal Pradesh where, in a stunning display of dominance, he smashed a monumental 190 runs off just 84 balls. This record-breaking innings solidified

his reputation as one of the most explosive batters in the domestic circuit. Vaibhav's journey from the grounds of Bihar to the Rashtrapati Bhavan serves as a beacon of hope for aspiring athletes across the country. As he balances the weight of national expectations with his natural flair for the game, this award

acts as both a reward for his hard work and a catalyst for what promises to be an extraordinary international career. Why is the PMRBP Awarded? The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is India's highest civilian honour for children (aged 5-18). It is awarded annually for exceptional achievements in.

Vijay Hazare Trophy Live Streaming: How To Watch Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma's Matches Today

India's cricketing stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma made grand returns to the Vijay Hazare Trophy, playing the opening matches for Delhi and Mumbai respectively on Wednesday (December 24). The batting icons will be on the field yet again as Delhi and Mumbai look to continue their winning run in their respective second matches of the campaign today (December 26). Mumbai are set to square off against Uttarakhand in the Group C clash, while Delhi will be taking on Gujarat in their Group D match. The focus, once again, will be on Kohli and Rohit after the duo scored a hundred each in their previous matches. When will the Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches take place? The Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches will start at 9:00 AM IST. Which TV channels will show Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches live tele-



cast? The Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches will not be aired live on TV, even though JioStar is the official broadcaster of the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025-26 campaign. Where to follow the live streaming of Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches? The Delhi vs Gujarat and Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Vijay Hazare Trophy matches will not be streaming live on JioStar despite the platform being the tournament's official broadcasting partner.

KKR Star Suffers Nasty Head Injury While Fielding, Rushed To Hospital

Mumbai batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi was rushed to a hospital in Jaipur after sustaining a nasty head injury during the Vijay Hazare Trophy clash against Uttarakhand on Friday. The 21-year-old picked up the injury while fielding and had to be stretchered off the ground at the Savai Mansingh Stadium. Media reports revealed that the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) star was taken to a nearby facility for evaluation. According to news agency PTI, the incident occurred in the 30th over, bowled by off-spinner Tanush Kotian. Right-handed batter Saurabh Rawat attempted a slog-sweep and Raghuvanshi, stationed at



deep mid-wicket, sprinted in towards mid-wicket to get hold of the top edge. However, his valiant one-handed effort didn't yield result but in the process he had a nasty fall which hurt his shoulder and his head hit the ground, resulting in a concussion. Raghuvanshi got back on his haunches for

a few seconds but then lay on the ground, prompting Mumbai's physio to rush to the field. Once they understood that he was unable to get back on his feet, a stretcher was called and the waiting ambulance took him to the nearest SDMH Hospital where he will be kept under observation apart from per-

forming all the necessary scans. Raghuvanshi scored a 20-ball 11 as Mumbai posted 331/7, following half-centuries from Hardik Tamore, Musheer Khan and Sarfaraz Khan, respectively. Rohit Sharma, who had scored 155 in the team's campaign opener, returned empty-handed with a duck. However, the fifties from Musheer (55 in 56 balls, with seven fours) and Sarfaraz (55 in 49 balls, with six fours and a six) and a late flourish from wicketkeeper-batter Hardik Tamore (93 in 82 balls, with seven fours and two sixes) took Mumbai to 331/7 in 50 overs from 230/6, with skipper Shardul Thakur (29) and Shams Mulani (48) also playing crucial knocks.

Not Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma: Australian Ashes Star Picks Toughest Batter He Has Ever Faced

Scott Boland has been in top form in the Ashes for Australia. After Mitchell Starc (27 wickets), Boland (18 wickets) has been the Aussies' best performer with the ball. In the 17 Tests that Boland has played, the 36-year-old has left his mark. Despite being part of a line-up that includes Starc, Josh Hazlewood, and Pat Cummins, Boland has often gained attention with his solid performances. Recently, in an interaction with Grasscricket, Boland was asked about the toughest batter he has ever faced. The Australian picked an Indian batter, but it was neither Virat Kohli nor Rohit Sharma. "Rishabh Pant from India," Boland said. "He's someone who's very unpredictable. Sometimes he slogs



you for six, and then you bowl the same ball, and he blocks it. So, he is very hard to bowl to." In the first Ashes Test, Scott Boland achieved a huge milestone as he became the fastest to pick 50 Test wickets in Australia in terms of balls. The right-arm pacer achieved this feat during the opening Ashes Test against England in Perth. The veteran took 1,639 balls to reach

the milestone of 50 wickets in Australia in the longest format. Overall, the Australian seamer has scalped 66 wickets in 15 Tests at an astounding average of 16.94, with best figures of 6/7. The veteran has two five-wicket hauls and one ten-wicket haul. In Australia, Boland has picked up 53 wickets in 10 matches at an average of 13.47, with best figures of 6/7. Both his

five-wicket hauls and his match ten-wicket haul came in Australia. The 36-year-old Boland also became the fourth-fastest to reach the milestone in terms of balls. The elite list includes former speedster Vernon Philander, who is the fastest to pick 50 Test wickets in terms of balls. Philander took 1,383 deliveries to reach the feat. Kagiso Rabada is ranked second on the list. The right-arm pacer from South Africa took 1,548 deliveries to reach this milestone. Left-arm seamer Marco Jansen achieved the 50-wicket milestone in 1,633 balls. Waqar Younis is fifth on the list. Younis reached the 50-wicket feat in 1,668 balls. Indian speedster Jasprit Bumrah reached the milestone in 1,746 balls, placing him in sixth position.

The brothers from Dagestan shining in MMA and for Man Utd



Ibragim Ibragimov cracks a smile as he reflects on how his family's life has changed since moving to England from Dagestan eight years ago. "I love it here," the Professional Fighters League (PFL) star tells BBC Sport. "My dad and I always say, 'this is the country I should have been born in.'" The 21-year-old left his home in the North Caucasus region in 2017 because his father believed a move more than 3,000 miles across Europe would offer better career opportunities for him and his siblings. The plan was for Ibragim and his three brothers - Amir (17), Gazik (16), and Muhammad (15) - to finish school before enrolling in one of the country's universities. But life looks slightly different for the Ibragimov family now. Ibragim is a professional mixed martial arts fighter and is regarded as one of the top prospects in PFL, one of the leading MMA leagues. His brothers have taken a different path in sport and have all

been signed by Manchester United - with Amir pushing for a place in the first team. "The main thing for us is to squeeze everything out of our sports," says Ibragim. "I want them to play for all of the best teams in the world. Today it is Man Utd, tomorrow it could be a different team." Dagestan, which is a republic of Russia in the North Caucasus region, has a mythical status among fight fans after producing a slew of UFC champions in recent years. The republic has a long tradition in wrestling, notably in the sambo form of the discipline, and has produced a host of Olympic and world champions in the sport. Children from the area are often encouraged to take up wrestling almost as soon as they are able to stand. "When I was a kid, my dad was always telling me and my little brothers that we had to be strong, firstly to protect yourself, your family, and your friends," says Ibragim.

No-Ball Controversy Hits Ashes 4th Test Over Mitchell Starc Dismissal: "Can't See It"

The fourth Ashes Test between Australia and England witnessed a major controversy after Brydon Carse dismissed Mitchell Starc on Day 1 of the encounter on Friday. Starc was dismissed for 1 after he mishit a lofted drive off Carse's bowling to Ben Stokes at mid-off. However, replays indicated that the England fast bowler may have overstepped. The third umpire, Ahsan Raza, took a look at the bowler's foot as Starc walked back to the dressing room, but he ultimately decided to rule in England's favor. The decision left some fans on



social media fuming, and even Australian great Mark Waugh was not convinced that the bowler had stayed behind the line. "I cannot see how he's got any part of

that shoe behind the line, unless my eyes are gone. I can't pay that ... I can't see it," Waugh said on commentary. "That's tighter than a second coat of paint. At first

point of contact, I can't see that is behind that white line; any part of his heel. It masquerades a terrific bit of cricket by Carse himself, and the captain Ben Stokes (with) the strategy to promote (Starc) with that shot," former Australia spinner Kerry O'Keeffe added. Coming to the match, Australia held a 46-run lead on day one of the Boxing Day Test after the hosts were bowled out for 152 and England replied with an even limper 110. A record 20 wickets fell on the first day of the fourth Ashes Test here at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday.

Rohit Sharma Undone By Bouncer, Records Golden Duck. Fan Records Harrowing Moment

Rohit Sharma, after an exemplary 155-run knock against Sikkim in Mumbai's opening game of the Vijay Hazare Trophy, departed for a golden duck in the team's second game of the tournament against Uttarakhand on Friday. The Hitman was surprised by a bouncer from pacer Devendra Singh Bora on the first delivery he faced. Though Rohit is one of the finest when it comes to executing pull shots, he erred this time and got caught in the deep. Thousands of fans had arrived at the venue in Jaipur just to see Rohit play but the opening batter's early departure led to a huge disappointment. Since Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli retired from Tests and T20s, there has been plenty of chatter around their future. Questions arose, how would



Rohit and Kohli-38 and nearly 37-stay motivated and how would they maintain match fitness after long breaks? The Australia series came seven months after Rohit and Kohli last played internationally, and almost four months since they had played any professional cricket. Concerns grew when Kohli struggled in the first two ODIs, and Rohit looked

tentative. Timing was off, rust was visible, and people wondered if they could make it to the 2027 ODI World Cup. Then came the third ODI of the Australia vs India series. India had already lost the series, but that didn't matter. Rohit and Kohli, batting together again, led a chase that felt familiar. Since then, critics have found new reasons to cheer, as per Wisden.

Against South Africa, Kohli looked like his old self: perfect footwork, timing, and quick running. Rohit soon followed, finding his rhythm and finishing the series with a fifty. Around the same time, discussions started about whether Rohit and Kohli would participate in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. With a new rule requiring centrally contracted players to play domestic cricket to remain eligible for national selection, all attention turned to them. The question was clear: would they commit to domestic cricket or take more time off? However, both of them featured for their respective VHT teams on December 24. Both scored centuries-Kohli made 131 off 101 balls, and Rohit 155 off 94. But it wasn't just about the runs; it was about showing commitment.

SA20: MI Cape Town Look To Build On Proud Newlands Record



MI Cape Town captain Rashid Khan is hoping to extend his team's proud Newlands record in their opening SA20 Season 4 match against Durban's Super Giants (DSG) on Friday. The defending champions were unbeaten across five matches at home in Season 3, transforming Newlands into a fortress and their campaign into a title-winning success. The home side is packed with a host of superstars such as Proteas Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Corbin Bosch along with internationals Rashid Khan, Trent Boult and new arrival Nicholas Pooran ready to entertain the MI Cape Town faithful. Captain Rashid Khan feels his team are ready to express themselves after claiming the title last season. "There was more pressure last year than this year, you know we came at the bottom twice in a row and to come up from that and win the trophy was a big thing for us as a team," Rashid Khan said. "I think what we did right was we played col-

lectively as a team and we took the responsibility at certain points of the game. Every player is well experienced, and they will adjust themselves with the condition and the position of the team quite quickly. Everyone is so professional, they have played so much cricket around the world, and I think it won't be that difficult for them to acclimatise." MI Cape Town are eager to start the new campaign on a similar footing with Rashid Khan expecting Pooran to hit the ground running for his new team. "He (Pooran) is going to bring lots of energy to the game," he said. "We know how dangerous and how good a cricketer he is. He is a kind of like a person who comes in smashing lots of sixes you will see. He's a guy full of energy and entertainment and I am sure he is going to love his time here." Durban's Super Giants have revamped their squad and are quite capable of being the Grinch of Christmas past by spoiling MI Cape Town's homecoming.

Comparisons with Mari Selvaraj Reflect the Film’s Directional Voice and Dhandoraa Will Be Spoken About Throughout 2026” — Says Sivaji at the Non-Controversial Success Meet of Dhandoraa

The success meet of Dhandoraa was held in the presence of the film’s cast, crew, producers, and media, marking the strong early response the film has received since its release. The event reflected the growing word of mouth surrounding the film, with the team speaking extensively about audience reception, reviews, performances, and the effort that went into bringing the film to screen. Actor Kamal said that Dhandoraa is currently one of the highest-rated films of the week and described it as a genuine blockbuster. He mentioned that although it has been just one day since release, the team is confident that the film will continue to grow in the coming weeks and urged audiences to watch the film in theatres. 'HanuMan' Producer and distributor K. Niranjan Reddy said that he wanted to speak about the director first for choosing such a subject. He noted that even very small characters were crucial and that every character in the film was memorable. He praised the actors, including Shivaji and Bindu Madhavi, for not sticking to stereotypes and expressed



confidence that the film would rise further in the coming days. Producer Benny thanked the media for attending the event and extended special thanks to reviewers who gave strong reviews to the film. He requested the media to continue their support in the coming days, stressing the importance of word of mouth in taking the film to a wider audience. Actress Mounika Reddy welcomed the press and said she was grateful to be part of such a film. She shared that her family comes from a very casteist village and that they

called her after watching the film, saying they were discussing it with friends even after the screening. She said this made her feel that the film’s impact was real and meaningful and requested audiences to support the film by watching it in the theatres. Actress Manika thanked everyone and expressed special gratitude to the media for their support. She said she has been receiving calls from many people who are speaking highly about the film and shared that she is still processing the fact that she was part of such a strong film

alongside such talented actors. She urged audiences to watch the film in theatres. Actor Ravi Krishna thanked the media for helping the film reach the audience. He said the ratings and reviews have been encouraging and spoke about the response he witnessed during theatre visits, particularly audiences discussing the “Chiru mashup” and the shock surrounding what happens to his character. He said he was very happy with the response. Actress Bindu Madhavi described Dhandoraa as her homecoming to theatrical cinema

after a decade. She said that in recent years she had mostly worked on OTT projects and thanked the director and producer for choosing her for a theatrical film. She shared that the release feels personal and said she was confident about the film after hearing the narration and watching the preview. She praised her co-actors’ performances and requested audiences to watch the film in theatres. Director MuraliKanth thanked the media and spoke about how certain media personalities consistently support good and honest films. He said this belief gave him confidence that if he made a good film, it would reach audiences. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming reviews and ratings, saying he never expected such a response. He recalled receiving a standing ovation during a theatre visit, which gave him goosebumps.

Raju Gaari Pelli Ro Adds High-Energy Wedding Vibe to Anaganaga Oka Raju

A spectacular dance number has taken center stage with the release of the wedding song of the year from Anaganaga Oka Raju. The second single, Raju Gaari Pelli Ro, is now out and is already creating a festive buzz with its high-energy visuals and mass appeal. Star entertainer Naveen Polishetty and Meenakshi Chaudhary emerge as the major attractions of the song, delivering electrifying performances filled with infectious energy. The song is staged on a grand scale, with renowned choreographer Sekhar Master designing vibrant dance moves. The entire sequence comes alive with the participation of the main cast, including Rao Ramesh and others, making it a visually rich and celebratory experience. After the blockbuster response to the first single Bhimavaram Balma, the makers have once again struck the right chord with this lively wedding anthem. Raju Gaari Pelli Ro is sung



by Anurag Kulkarni and Sameera Bharadwaj, with lyrics penned by Chandrabose and music composed by Mickey J Meyer, adding to the song’s festive charm. The track captures the true spirit of celebration, blending colorful visuals, energetic choreography, and a foot-tapping musical score. Every frame reflects grandeur and joy,

with the ensemble cast bringing blockbuster energy throughout the song. All the content released so far from the film has received an overwhelming response from audiences across platforms. With the release date nearing, the team is set to roll out more exciting updates and engaging promotional content in the coming days.

MADHAM SET FOR INTENSE NEW YEAR THEATRICAL RELEASE ON JANUARY 1

Madham is a hard-hitting drama thriller packed with intense emotions, gearing up for a grand theatrical release on January 1 as a New Year special. The film promises to offer audiences a powerful and immersive cinematic experience right at the beginning of the new year. Speaking on the occasion, producers

Suryadevara Ravindranadh and Ramesh

Babu Koya said that the film, produced under the banner of Ekaiva Homes Private Limited, has been crafted with an uncompromising narrative. The film features Harsha Gangavarapu, Inaya Sultana, Anuroop, and Latha Reddy in key roles. The story and dialogues are written by Ramesh Babu Koya, adding a strong sense of realism and depth to the narrative.



Mana Panel” Members Hold Press Meet Ahead of Film Chamber Elections

As the Telugu film industry eagerly awaits the Film Chamber of Commerce elections scheduled to be held on December 28, members of “Mana Panel” organized a press meet to address key issues concerning the industry and to present their vision. Speaking on the occasion, Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao said that the Film Chamber consists of four major wings and emphasized that mutual cooperation among all sections is essential for the growth of the industry. He alleged that over the past ten years, the industry has gone out of control due to the functioning of the Guild, which he claimed acted arbitrarily and selfishly. He stated that workers were made to wait for nearly 20 days without any proper response and that shooting schedules were halted by Guild members themselves. He further said that while the Guild leaders were more interested in taking photo-



graphs with Chief Ministers under the Chamber’s name, they failed to genuinely work for the welfare of the industry. He pointed out that a recent workers’ issue was resolved within 24 hours by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, even though it was the Chamber’s responsibility. He also highlighted the difficulties faced by small producers due to systems like Qube and UFO, which were allegedly ignored by the Guild. He assured that “Mana Panel” members would remain accessible to everyone, even at midnight, if elected. C. Kalyan, addressing the media, criti-

cized the so-called “Progressive Panel,” stating that their claims of self-respect and legacy were merely for personal benefit. He said that despite being supported and elected two years ago by small producers, they failed to deliver any meaningful results after assuming office. He accused Guild members of spreading false narratives and said that there was no real support for small films. He also questioned the claims made about the Chamber building, stating that it is not owned by any individual and does not belong exclusively to the film industry. He expressed concern over

Film Nagar Cooperative Society properties being misused and stressed that the survival of cinema workers and artists from Krishna Nagar depends largely on small films. He opposed misleading statements regarding OTT, ticket pricing, and piracy, and urged members to vote for “Mana Panel,” which has representation across all sectors. Ravichand Yalamanchili stated that the Chamber Council’s welfare activities were far better in earlier years. He alleged that Guild members promised reforms before elections but betrayed members after coming to power.

Amaravathiki Ahwanam to post-production events; new poster released on the occasion of Christmas

Horror movies are the current trend. All the horror movies released this year have been huge hits at the box office. Now, the film, Amaravathiki Ahwanam, is made to give the audience an edge-of-the-seat thriller experience with a similarly suspenseful story and narrative. The title of this film has already received good support from the audience. Starring Siva Kantamneni, Dhanya Balakrishna, Ester, Supritha, and Harish in the lead roles, the movie also features senior actors Ashok Kumar, Bhadram, Gemini Suresh, and Nagendra Prasad in key roles. Director GVK is directing this movie. The film was produced by KS Shankar Rao and R Venkateswara Rao under the banner of Light House Cine Magic, presented by G. Rambabu Yadav and Production Supervision by renowned producer Muppa Venkaiah Chowdary. The film, which has been shot in multiple locations in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Madhya



Pradesh, is currently undergoing post-production activities at a rapid pace. The film unit will soon hold a grand release in theaters with massive promotional activities. The makers have recently released a new poster and glimpses with Christmas wishes..on this occasion.. Hero Siva Kantamneni said - Our title has received a good response. We have completed shooting in several loca-

tions in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh. We are very happy to have good casting like Dhanya, Ester, and Supritha, as well as senior actors like Ashok Kumar, Gemini Suresh, and Bhadram being a part of our film. Director GVK has brought a good output to this film with his vision. He has created this film with a good story that gives importance to all the characters.

VFX work is currently underway. The film is sure to give the audience an edge-of-the-seat thriller experience in theaters. "We are planning to complete post-production very soon and have a grand release in theaters," he said. Director GVK said - "All the horror films released recently have achieved great success. Similarly, another film with a different horror thriller story Amaravathiki Ahwanam, is coming. This film has been released with a thrilling story and narration along with good artists. Senior cinematographer J Prabhakar Reddy’s visuals and Hanuman fame SaiBabu Talari’s editing are a plus for this film. Padmanabh Bharadwaaj’s music and background score will carry the audience in the horror mood in the theaters," he said. The film stars Siva Kantamneni, Ester, Dhanya Balakrishna, Supritha, Ashok Kumar, Harish, Bhadram, Gemini Suresh and Nagendra Prasad in the lead roles.

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