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63 Maoists surrender in Dantewada under Chhattisgarh's 'Puna Margam' campaign

Raipur/Dantewada, Jan 9 : In a significant boost to anti-Naxal operations and peace efforts in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, 63 Maoist cadres, including 36 carrying bounties totalling Rs 1.19 crore, surrendered before security forces on Friday. The surrender ceremony took place at the District Reserve Guard office in Dantewada. The cadres, comprising 18 women and 45 men, were active in Darbha Division, South Bastar, West Bastar, Maad Division and parts of neighbouring Odisha. Among them were seven with Rs eight lakh bounty each, seven with Rs five lakh, eight with Rs two lakh, eleven with Rs one lakh and three with Rs 50,000, a police official said. The mass surrender has been attributed to the ongoing 'Puna Margam' campaign, meaning Rehabilitation to Rejuvenation, launched by Dantewada Police to encourage Maoists to abandon violence and join the mainstream.

5.3 intensity earthquake with epicentre in Tajikistan jolts J&K



**SRINAGAR:** An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale was felt in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, although the epicentre was in Tajikistan, said officials here, adding that there were no reports of any loss of life or damage to property. Mukhtar Ahmad, Director of the local Meteorological (MeT) Department, told IANS that an earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale occurred at 2.44 a.m. "The epicentre of the earthquake was in Tajikistan, and it occurred 110 km inside the earth's crust. Its coordinates were latitude 38.26 degrees north and longitude 73.42 degrees east. The tremors were felt in J&K, although no casualty or damage to property has been reported from anywhere so far," the MeT department director said. People living in some parts of Kashmir's Ganderbal district said they were awoken by the rattle of kitchen utensils when they noticed that an earthquake had occurred.

ED RAIDS ON I-PAC:

TMC MPs Derek and Moitra dragged away by cops at Amit Shah's office

'Assaulting elected representatives to crush democracy,' TMC reacts to the incident....



**New Delhi (TSIT)** Following Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids at Indian Political Action Committee I-PAC, a political consultancy and election management company, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has stepped up its offensive against the Union Government. In this regard, several party leaders, led by Derek O'Brien and Mahua Moitra, staged a protest today outside Union Home Minister Amit Shah's office at Kartavya Bhawan. The protesting leaders were, however, whisked away by the police. Reacting to the Delhi Police action, Moitra wrote in a post on X,

"Shameless Amit Shah using Delhi Police to drag us away from peaceful protest at Home Ministry." Meanwhile, the TMC accused the Home Minister of "assaulting elected representatives to crush

democracy". "Is this how dissent is silenced in your India?" the TMC wrote on X. The party said that Shah was "rattled" and accused him of being "arrogant". "First, the shameless misuse of the ED. Now, an attack on the peaceful dharna of our eight MPs. This desperation exposes your fear. You may try to choke democracy, but Bengal will not be cowed," the party stated. Senior party leader Abhishek Banerjee, too, slammed the Home Minister for ED's action. He said, "Democracy is punished. Criminals are rewarded. Agencies are weaponised. Elections are manipulated."



Telangana wants water, not disputes: CM Revanth

**HYDERABAD (TSIT):** Amid the ongoing row between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on sharing of river waters, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that the state prefers water over disputes. He called for rising above politics to find a solution to the disputes between the two Telugu states over the sharing of Krishna and Godavari River waters. "If you ask whether Telangana state needs a dispute or water, I will choose water. If asked whether we want conflict or a solution, I will choose a solution," he said while speaking at a programme at Maheshwaram in Rangareddy district. Revanth Reddy appealed to his Andhra Pradesh counterpart, N. Chandrababu Naidu, not

to create obstacles for the Telangana projects across the Krishna River. "I appeal to him from this platform. Do not create obstacles for permissions to those projects on the Krishna River, which were proposed in the undivided Andhra Pradesh," he said. He noted that due to these obstacles, Central government funds are not being released, and the state is facing a financial burden. Revanth Reddy stated that for Telangana to get port connectivity, cooperation from the neighbouring state is necessary. "If the two states cooperate with each other, the problems will be resolved. Discussions with the neighbouring state will continue for this purpose," he said. He also stated that he favours resolving the prob-

lems through talks and not through the courts. He made it clear that the Congress has no intention of gaining political mileage from the water dispute. "I appeal to all parties to rise above politics and cooperate for a solution. Let's resolve our problems amicably," he said. "We are thinking not about political gains, but about the interests of the people and the farmers," he added. The Chief Minister stated that Telangana does not want disputes with neighbouring states, whether it is Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, or Maharashtra. "We seek mutual cooperation," he added. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Naidu, on January 7, had appealed to Telangana not to indulge in politics over river water sharing issues.

Concerned for our community in US: India on Minneapolis shooting

**New Delhi (TSIT):** India on Friday, January 9, voiced concern over the killing of a woman by a federal immigration agent in Minneapolis in the US. "We are closely following the developments," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "We are concerned as we have a large Indian community in the US, including students, professionals and others," he said at his weekly media

a group of ICE agents on a snowy street in Minneapolis, where they had moved last year from Kansas City, Missouri. Following the incident, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesperson Tricia McLaughlin claimed the woman "weaponised her vehicle, attempting to run over our law enforcement officers in an attempt to kill them." However, a video taken by



briefing. Renee Nicole Good was shot dead by a federal immigration agent on Wednesday, January 7, during an inspection, which she did not appear to be the target of. She was a US citizen born in Colorado and appears to have never been charged with anything involving law enforcement beyond a traffic ticket. Her former husband, who asked not to be named out of concern for the safety of their children, said Good had just dropped off her six-year-old son at school on January 7 and was driving home with her current partner when they encountered

bystanders posted to social media shows an officer approaching her car, demanding she open the door and grabbing the handle. When she begins to pull forward, a different ICE officer standing in front of the vehicle pulls his weapon and immediately fires at least two shots into the vehicle at close range. It is unclear what operation the ICE was conducting at the time of the incident. The shooting resulted in major outrage from the public, and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey accused the DHS of spinning the narrative and asked the ICE agents to leave the state.

Why disputes on water flowing waste into sea, asks CM Naidu

**Amaravati:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Friday, asked why should there be disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana over the utilisation of water flowing waste into the sea. He said that there was no meaning in disputes between the two southern states over utilising the surplus water of Godavari flowing into sea. The Chief Minister was speaking at a public meeting after distributing 'pattadar' passbooks among farmers at the Rayavaram village in East Godavari district. Referring to



Telangana's objection to Polavaram-Nallamallla Sagar project and the controversy over Rayalaseema lift irrigation project, Chandrababu Naidu remarked that some people want conflicts and not water. He made it clear that there will be no compromise on the state's interests, adding that disputes will not benefit

anyone. "If 300 TMC water flowing into the sea is utilised, there will be no drought. If Polavaram is completed, there will be no water problem in the region. We will take water from Polavaram to Visakhapatnam and from there to Vamsadhara," he said. The Chief Minister said that if Polavaram project is completed, Telangana can also utilise the surplus water. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that Godavari water diverted to Krishna river through Pattiseema lift irrigation project and the water was supplied to Rayalaseema and as a result the region was emerging as a horticultural hub.

Trump signals control of Venezuelan oil reserves, drawing global attention

**Washington, Jan 9 :** President Donald Trump is framing the US intervention in Venezuela not as a short-term military action but as a long-range economic and geopolitical reset—one that he says reclaims control of oil assets, deters rivals, curbs drug trafficking and sends a signal well beyond Latin America. In a sit-down interview on Fox News' Hannity, Trump laid out a sweeping rationale for the operation that led to the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, repeatedly return-



ing to oil as the central lever of US power. "They took the oil from

us years ago," Trump said, referring to the nationalization of American ener-

gy assets in Venezuela. "We just took it back." The president said the United States has already secured large quantities of Venezuelan crude under sanctions enforcement. "We've taken \$4 billion worth of oil in one day," he said, adding that the total would rise over time. Trump said major American companies would now rebuild Venezuela's collapsed energy sector. "The top 14 companies are coming," he said. "They're going to rebuild the whole oil infrastructure."

Vijay or Stalin, NDA or not: OPS at crossroads

**CHENNAI (TSIT):** AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS) has categorically ruled out the possibility of re-inducting former Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, making a definitive statement after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi, effectively shutting the door on the expelled leader. Disappointed by a categorical statement after meeting the BJP top strategist, OPS has been left with limited options: either ally with the actor Vijay-led fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) or join the DMK-led front. The only solace the former Chief Minister could find was that the BJP was persistently asking him to rejoin the NDA. After taking a grand stand last month, announcing his intention to influence the 2026 elections to



defeat Edappadi K Palaniswami, O Panneerselvam would find it hard to accept the offer to join the same alliance led by EPS. Panneerselvam has been discussing his next move with supporters, including former ministers. Discussions reportedly focused on potential alliances. Some aides

advocate for joining the TVK, while others favour a DMK. O Panneerselvam is expected to announce his next course of political action on his birthday, January 14th. After suffering 'humiliation' at the hands of the NDA, Panneerselvam's supporters don't want him to return to the same front; instead, they prefer TVK or DMK. Expelled from the AIADMK, Panneerselvam's independent journey has turned listless of late. After contesting and losing the Ramanathapuram seat in the last Lok Sabha elections as part of the NDA, he exited the alliance, citing a lack of respect. He subsequently set a deadline for EPS to decide on his re-entry into the AIADMK, which passed without action.

EXTREMELY SADDENING:

PM Modi, other leaders express grief over Himachal bus tragedy

**New Delhi (TSIT):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, and others on Friday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in a tragic road accident in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district, where a private bus skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in a remote mountainous area. "The loss of lives due to a bus mishap in Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh, is extremely saddening. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.



Praying for the speedy recovery of those injured," PM Modi said in a post on X. He announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the PMNRF to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs 50,000 each. Terming the

incident extremely heart-breaking, Union Minister J.P. Nadda said he had asked BJP state president Rajeev Bindal and Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur to closely monitor the relief and rescue operations.

Hydroponic ganja valued at Rs 14 crore seized at Hyderabad Airport

**Hyderabad :** Customs authorities at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) here seized hydroponic ganja (cannabis) worth about Rs 14 crore on Friday. According to officials, the contraband was recovered from two passengers who had arrived from Qatar. The seized hydroponic Ganja, cultivated without soil, is estimated to be worth around Rs 14 crore in the international market. On suspicion, Customs officers intercepted two passengers who arrived from Qatar.







## Ashok Leyland's electric bus plant inaugurated in Lucknow, boost to green mobility



Bengaluru (TSIT) Union Heavy-Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Friday formally opened Ashok Leyland's electric bus factory at Lucknow, calling the 18-month build "a landmark in India's push for clean, self-reliant mobility."

Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya and Hinduja Group patriarchs joined the ceremony, underscoring the project's strategic weight.

Kumaraswamy said the plant dovetails with Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's net-zero-by-2070 pledge and the Make-in-India drive. "Commercial vehicles account for over 40 % of transport emissions; electrifying them is non-negotiable," he told the audience.

The minister ran through the Centre's incentive stack: the Rs.11,500-crore FAME-II scheme that has put 16.7 lakh EVs on the road; the fresh Rs.10,900-crore PM E-DRIVE that has already sold another 20 lakh units; PLI-Auto (Rs.25,938 crore) mandating local value addition; PLI-ACC (Rs.18,100 crore) aimed at 50 GWh of domestic battery output; and the newly approved Rs.7,280-crore REPM scheme to secure rare-earth magnet supply chains.

## AICC SC Department coordinator calls Union minister's corruption claim childish

Bengaluru (TSIT): AICC Scheduled-Caste Department national coordinator Dr Anand Kumar on Thursday dismissed Union Food Minister Prahlad Joshi's claim that Rs.11-lakh-crore worth of fraud took place in the Congress-era Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), calling the charge "an air-shot without a single sheet of evidence."

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, Dr Kumar said Joshi's figure was "childish" because 18 of the 28 states are ruled by the BJP or its allies. "If corruption on this scale happened, why hasn't one BJP chief minister forwarded a file to the CBI? Why have no ED or IT raids been



ordered when these agencies dance to the BJP's tune?" he asked.

The Congress leader pointed out that it was the UPA that introduced Direct Benefit Transfers to cut leakages, and accused the Modi government of now "re-branding our reforms as their own." He also slammed the Centre

for renaming the scheme "VBG Ram G Act" and dropping Mahatma Gandhi's name. "While the world is rediscovering Gandhiji, only the BJP is walking away from him," he said.

Dr Kumar warned that the new wage-material ratio and 60:40 cost-sharing formula in the recently amended Act will push poorer states into debt. "By shifting 40 % of the financial burden on states, the Centre is sabotaging federalism and trying to kill the world's largest rights-based employment programme by stealth," he alleged, announcing a nationwide "Save MGNREGA Movement" to begin next week with Dalit and labour organisations.

## "Wastewater is a resource, not waste": BWSSB chairman calls for shift from groundwater to treated water

Bengaluru : Bengaluru must stop treating sewage as a liability and start viewing it as a reliable water supply, according to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Chairman Dr V. Ram Prasath Manohar. Speaking at a forum organised by WELL Labs and the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), he said the city can no longer afford to drill deeper for dwindling, energy-intensive groundwater when it already produces 2,800 million litres of wastewater a day.

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The chairman wants the share doubled within three years by mandating that IT parks, data centres and bulk construction users buy certified recycled water instead of sinking new borewells.

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ment-level plants will be central to the switch, he added, provided operators are trained and plants regularly audited. "Compliance must become confidence," he said, urging resident associations to partner with the board on quality certification.

"Water security is no longer just an engineering problem; it is an opportunity for collaboration and innovation."

## Karnataka rules out summer load-shedding, promises seven daytime hours for farmers

Bengaluru : Energy Minister K.J. George directed the Energy Department to take comprehensive advance measures to ensure an uninterrupted and adequate power supply during the forthcoming summer, with clear instructions that load shedding must be avoided under all circumstances.

Chairing a review meeting with senior officials at BESCOM's Belaku Bhavana today, the Minister assessed the department's preparedness for summer and emphasized the need to ensure adequate power generation and procurement to maintain a balance between demand and supply.

The Energy Minister directed the department to assess anticipated power demand from March through May and make suitable arrangements, including power banking. He noted that abundant daytime solar power should be efficiently utilized, with hydro and coal-based generation stepped up during night hours to ensure a balanced supply. "Preparations must begin



now to meet demand. Arrangements should be made to procure power from other states through exchanges or long-term purchase agreements, and agreements should also be entered into with sugar factories that generate power alongside sugar production. If surplus power is available during the summer, it can be sold to other states. However, there should be no shortage under any circumstances," Energy Minister K J George said.

Seven Hours of Daytime Power for Agriculture

"In several parts of the state, under the KUSUM-C scheme, agricultural pump sets are already being provided with 7 hours of continuous daytime power supply through feeder

solarisation. Since solar power generation is currently high, a similar 7-hour continuous daytime power supply should be extended to agricultural pump sets in other regions as well," the Energy Minister directed. PKCL officials informed that during the current financial year, a record power demand of 17,220 MW was recorded in December and was adequately met.

They stated that during the coming summer, power demand is expected to increase by about 5% compared to last year, and preparations are underway to meet this demand. During peak demand hours—morning and evening—power will be supplied through hydro and thermal power generation. They further explained that with the water currently stored in the state's reservoirs, it is possible to generate 33 million units of electricity per day until the end of July. Similarly, units at the Raichur, Yeramaru, and Ballari thermal power stations are being readied to produce the required power during summer.

In addition, substantial power is

## DK Shivakumar dares Pralhad Joshi to public duel on MGNREGA 'Rs.11-lakh-cr scam' claim

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar challenged Union Minister Pralhad Joshi for a public debate on MGNREGA and VG G RAM G schemes.

Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence, he said, "Let any one of the three-State BJP President, Leader of Opposition or the Union Ministers - come for a debate on a media platform. I am ready for a debate on this issue." He was replying to Pralhad Joshi's allegation that there were irregularities to the tune of Rs 11 lakh crore in MGNREGA

during the UPA tenure. "If there was corruption in the scheme, let them conduct a CBI inquiry id they have the courage. No one in a responsible position can make such statement, did he really say this?," he said.

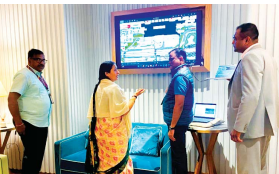
Asked about the 2-day special session to discuss MGNREGA, he said, "We will discuss this comprehensively during the special session. BJP is trying to campaign for VBG G RAM G legislation. Let them defend their bill and we will highlight the disadvantages of it." Asked about the Malayalam Language Bill introduced by Kerala gov-

ernment, he said he did not have full information about it yet. Replying to Kumaraswamy's tweet, he said, "Good for him, if it makes him happy." Asked about Kumaraswamy's taunt that the DCM doesn't have horns, he said, "Let him ask his MLAs to discuss this in the Session."

## Chief secretary Shalini Rajaneesh steps in to end Kempegowda airport pickup chaos

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Bengaluru: Chief Secretary Shalini Rajaneesh visited BANGALORE International airport to sort out the problems being faced by the passengers on account of the new parking and registration system introduced by the airport. AuthorityFour pick up with three lanes each totally 12 lanes in front of T 1 arrival have a capacity of 30 cars moving every 90 seconds. The actual situation was that about hundred cars would enter this space and take up to 10 min-utes to move on with the passengers leading to huge chaos through the feedback mechanism of BIAL.



However, there is a regulation for the yellow board commercial vehicles and they are given a dedicated space or zone allocated by the airport Authority right from the beginning and they have to pay additional car aggregator fee per ride to the airport-tAs per BCAS guidelines up to hun-dred metres, there is no parking facility to be provided at arrival gate This place should be notified as no honking zone by the police DEPT.

police department. A thousand car parking facility is made available by BIAL for registered app based service providers TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES.

For inter terminal shuttle buses, every minute five minutes and six cars for senior citizens with wheelchair service with hydraulic facility has been provided by BIAL at present. A transport desk like a transfer desk has been created for making passengers aware about the new system. The airport Authority has been directed to provide wallet service for private car owners whose cars are being parked in P4 so that they can be brought to the arrival lens within four minutes.

20 staff from BIAL are available to assist the passengers at the walkway and even help with the luggage if needed. Signs have been provided to guide the passengers towards their parked vehicles and shuttles

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction	[SARFAESI] Stage
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1.	Ramesh K (Borrower) Shilpa D P (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHDVG00001401562/ LHDVG00001401562/ 721/1/22 Doddabodhalhi Karnataka- 577004	Survey No. 69/3 22 Site No. 21 D No. 72/21 Site No. 22 D No. 721/1/22 Doddabodhalhi Karnataka- 577004	Rs. 34,63,19.89, 66,54/- January 06, 2026	Rs. 34,63,560/- January 06, 2026	January 13, 2026 11:00 AM - 03:00 PM	January 27, 2026 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	January 23, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgage/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 23, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before January 23, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before January 23, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICIICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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

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

Date: January 10, 2026 Place: Davanagere  
Authorized Officer, "ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

**Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**  
Regd. & Corp. office : 1101, Sharda Terraces, Plot 65, Sector - 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614, CIN: L59923MH2008PLC261472.  
**POSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)**  
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 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 to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notices is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:  

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Date of Possession
259000083254, 1) MR. GOUTHAM SUBRAMANYA THELAGR DIO SUBRAMANYA THELAGR 2) MS. NAGAVENI SUBRAMANYA THELAGR WIO SUBRAMANYA THELAGR	26.09.2025	Rs. 3,09,542.97/- as on 26.08.2025	05.01.2026(Symbolic)

**Description Of Secured Asset(S) (Immovable Property (ies)):** All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Measuring Bearing No.119 Form No.5 & 11a That Property Rdr Pld No.1527/00901500200548, Measuring East To West 17.00 Mtr & North To South 17.85 Mtr. Total Extent 303.51 Sqmtr And House Builtup Area Of 70.00 Sqmtr, Issued Banavasi Grampanchayat, Property Situated Banavasi Village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka Bounded On: East:House Of Chandrashekhar Koravar, North: House Of Anjaneya Telagarawest: Road, South: Road  
The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s 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 M/s Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd, for an above mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon.  
Place : Karnataka, Date : 10.01.2026  
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited

**Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. (Clix)**  
Registered Office: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008  
**POSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)**  
Whereas The Authorized officer of CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PVT. LTD. (Clix), a Non-Banking Financial Company duly incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008, under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrower and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/Guarantor 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 the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on as per under mentioned Date. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. and further interest thereon. The attention of the Borrower is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.  
**Name & Address Of Borrower/Co-Borrower :- 1. ADIL AHMED S/O LATE ABDUL RAZAKH, 2. FARIDA BANU S/O MADAN MOHAN REDDY K, BOTH AT - NO. 693 NEAR ORIENTAL SCHOOL SHIKARIPALAYA, BANGLORE-560100. SR NO. ALSO AT: SHIKARIPALAYA, HULIMANGALA POST JIGANI HOBLI ANEKAL TALUK BANGLORE-560100**  
**Demand Notice Dated :- 17.09.2025, Date of Possession :- 08.01.2026**  
**Amount of Demand Notice :- Rs. 58,36,493.44/- as on 17.09.2025**  
**Details Of Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Property No.2, Khatha No.1204, Presently Property No.12/1204/12/13, 'E' Khatha No.15020010001827/1034, measuring East to West:30 feet, North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, Situated at Shikaripalaya Village, Maragondahalli Dhakale, Hulimangala Village Panchayath, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on with all buildings, structures and appurtenances thereon and all permanent furniture and fixtures, thereon, attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future, and bounded on. East by: Ramesh Farm Land, West by : 25 f Road, North by: Fazlur Rehman's Property, South by : Farida Banu's Property.  
Place : Bangalore, Date : 08.01.2026  
Authorized Officer, Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd.

**Protium**  
(Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd.)  
Registered & Corporate Office Address: 7th Floor, Block B2, Phase - 1 Nirion Knowledge Park, Pahadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai- 400063, Maharashtra.  
**PROTIUM FINANCE LIMITED**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE (Under Rule 13(2) of Securitization (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**  
Notices is hereby given to the Borrowers as mentioned below that 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 Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Pvt. Ltd.) a Non-Banking Financial Company, the credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of NBFC as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, NBFC has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower 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 Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules)  

S. N.	Name and address of Borrower and Co-Borrower/s	Loan Account No./ Demand Notice No.	Date of NPA	Demand Notice Date
1.	Loan Account No. GS09SEEL2218567 1. Danappa Sarvi, S/o Sankappa (Borrower), 2. Shridevi D Sarvi, W/o Danappa Sarvi (Co-Borrower), 3. Shaila S Sarvi, D/o Shankappa (Co-Borrower) Address: (Co-Borrower - Danappa Sarvi, Co-Borrower - Shridevi D Sarvi) Flat No. 09, 2nd Floor, Chatri Complex, Karwar Road, Aravind, Chavara, Adankula - 580024. Address: (Co-Borrower - Shaila S Sarvi) 17, Chattri Complex, Arvind Nagar, Old Hubli, Hubli, Dhulewad, Karnataka-580024		31.12.2025	2nd Jan 2026

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS/MORTGAGED PROPERTIES:-** All that piece and parcel of property No. 44-557-2580 i.e. old No. 44A/2580 in CTS No. 2819A/2, measuring 183 3/8 sq. mtr. with building in area of 79 sq. mtr., situated in Ward No. 44, Krishnanager, Hubballi town, taluk, and Sub-Registrar jurisdiction of Hubballi (South) in Dharwad District, which is bounded as under: Boundaries: East by: Railway line, West by: Other portion of property in CTS No. 2819A, North by: Property in CTS No. 2822, South by: Property in CTS No. 2818  
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 than Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores) together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd) as tendered to Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd) at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd) and no further step shall be taken by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd) for transfer or sale of that secured asset.  
Date: 10.01.2026, Place: Karnataka  
Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited, Authorized Officer



# EDITORIAL

## Kerala's Minerals May Be India's Key To Long-Horizon Strategic Independence

For decades, India has spoken of technological sovereignty, energy independence, and strategic autonomy. Yet one of the most powerful levers to achieve all three lies quietly beneath our feet - specifically, beneath the sands of Kerala's coast. Now that the nuclear "SHANTI" Bill, with all its flaws, is passed, it is time to do something about it. The Chavara-Neendakara-Kayamkulam shoreline contains one of the world's richest concentrations of thorium-bearing monazite, titanium minerals such as ilmenite, rutile and leucoxene, zircon, and associated rare earth elements (REEs). Few regions on the planet host all three categories at scale. Kerala does. These are among the most accessible rare-earth-bearing sands anywhere, requiring neither underground mining nor the long lead times of hard-rock extraction. Kerala's heavy minerals include monazite, ilmenite, rutile, zircon, and sillimanite - materials indispensable to energy transition, defence manufacturing, electronics, and advanced metallurgy. And yet, India has barely begun to treat this endowment as the strategic asset it is. We continue the irrational practice of exporting rare earth oxides while importing finished magnets. If this cycle is to be broken, Kerala is the logical place to begin.

### India Needs Imagination

Handled strategically, these minerals can become the backbone of India's long-term energy security, aerospace capability, and technological self-reliance. The question is not whether Kerala has the resources. The question is whether India has the imagination and institutional will to treat this endowment as a strategic asset. In my view, Kerala should be officially positioned as India's pilot state for strategic mineral exploration. We have the potential to make it a living demonstration that democratic governance, environmental responsibility, and national security can coexist. If Kerala leads, the rest of India can follow. During the nuclear debate in Parliament on the controversial SHANTI Bill, several speakers alluded to India's thorium capacity. India's nuclear establishment has long recognised thorium as the holy grail of energy security. With the world's largest monazite reserves, India sits atop roughly a quarter of global thorium resources. Much of that lies in Kerala. Thorium is not just another mineral; it is a long-duration energy asset capable of powering India for centuries through advanced breeder reactors. Yet today, thorium remains locked in laboratories and policy papers. The three-stage nuclear programme - once a symbol of Indian scientific audacity - has moved at a glacial pace. While other nations race to commercialise next-generation reactors, India's thorium pathway remains a promise deferred. Kerala could change that. A state-level thorium innovation mission, anchored in collaboration between the Department of Atomic Energy, premier research institutions, and private-sector engineering firms, could accelerate reactor component manufacturing, materials research, and safety technologies. The goal need not be immediate commercialisation; it can be demonstrable progress. A pilot cluster in Kerala would send a powerful signal: India is serious about owning the future of nuclear energy. If thorium is the key to energy independence, titanium is the metal of strategic autonomy. Titanium alloys are indispensable for aerospace, defence, naval engineering, hypersonic systems, and space exploration. They offer high strength, low weight, and corrosion resistance - qualities no modern military or spacefaring nation can do without. Kerala's coastal sands contain some of the world's richest ilmenite deposits, the primary ore for titanium. India is the world's largest producer of ilmenite.

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## THE SOUL OF DEMOCRACY LIES IN DIALOGUE



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

The Developed India Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) is part of India's long-term vision, in which youth are not merely beneficiaries of policies, but active participants in policy-making and national direction. India is the youngest country in the world, with more than 65 percent of the population under the age of 35. Therefore, it is clear that the dream of a developed India by 2047 can only be realized if the energy, innovation, and leadership potential of youth are channeled and provided the right platform. VBYLD embodies this objective. This initiative empowers youth to shape the nation's future by providing them opportunities for dialogue, discussion, policy suggestions, and leadership development. The soul of democracy lies in dialogue. The Develop India Young Leaders Dialogue serves as a bridge between youth and governance. Traditionally, policymaking was confined to a limited circle, but through this initiative, youth have the opportunity to directly present their problems, aspirations, and solutions. This not only deepens democratic participation but also makes governance more accountable and inclusive. When youth see their voices reflected in policymaking, their faith in democracy and sense of responsibility are strengthened. Empowering youth leadership isn't limited to political leadership. VBYLD prepares youth for leadership in social, economic, technological, and environmental sectors. Through dialogue and discussion, youth develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and long-term vision. This inspires them to rise above immediate gains and consider the broader goals of national interest and sustainable



development. This initiative thus fosters value-based, sensitive, and visionary leadership. Sustainable development by 2047 is both India's greatest challenge and need. Ensuring social justice, environmental protection, and inclusiveness alongside economic growth is a complex task. The Young Leaders Dialogue provides young people with an understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and empowers them to be part of the solution. Young people share their experiences and innovative ideas on issues such as climate change, resource scarcity, urbanization, unemployment, and inequality. This makes policies more practical, grounded, and future-proof. VBYLD also plays an important role in education and skills development. During the dialogue, youth highlight shortcomings in the education system, skills mismatches, and the need for employable training. This helps the government align education and skills policies with the actual needs of youth. India aims to become a knowledge-based economy by 2047, and this is only possible if youth have access to quality education, digital literacy, and opportunities for innovation. The Young Leaders' Dialogue serves as a thought laboratory in this direction. Social justice and inclusivity are central themes of GS Paper II, and VBYLD con-

tributes to this. India is a country of diversity—across caste, class, gender, region, and culture. The Young Leaders Dialogue promotes inclusive thinking by bringing together youth from diverse backgrounds. When rural, urban, tribal, minority, and women youth communicate together, policy proposals become more balanced and equitable. This initiative helps bring the voices of marginalized groups to the mainstream. Youth are the biggest change agents in the digital age. VBYLD broadens youth participation by using digital platforms and communication. This breaks down geographical barriers and allows young people from remote areas of the country to become part of the national discourse. Digital participation increases transparency, accessibility, and speed, which are essential elements of good governance. This role of youth leadership will be crucial in realizing the vision of Digital India by 2047. Youth participation in policymaking shouldn't be limited to suggestions, but should extend to implementation and monitoring. VBYLD fosters a sense of responsibility among youth, enabling them to become solution-makers, not just critics. When youth are involved in policy development, their participation in its successful implementation becomes natural. This bridges the gap between policy and

society. The role of youth leader dialogues is also crucial in economic development. Young people share their experiences and aspirations on topics such as startups, entrepreneurship, innovation, and self-reliant India. This accelerates job creation, MSME empowerment, and innovation-led growth. India aims to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2047, and young entrepreneurs and leaders will play a central role in this. Development is incomplete without environmental sustainability. Young people are inherently more sensitive to the environment, as they bear the greatest price for the future. VBYLD gives young people the opportunity to provide leadership on environmental protection, renewable energy, sustainable consumption, and green development. This helps to strike a balance between development and the environment. Ultimately, the Develop India Young Leaders Dialogue is not just a program, but a vision. It empowers India's youth to dream, ask questions, propose solutions, and lead. To make India a developed, inclusive, and sustainable nation by 2047, it is essential that youth are at the center of policy-making. VBYLD is a powerful step in this direction, empowering young leadership to play a decisive role in ensuring India's future is secure, just, and prosperous.

## In the name of education, childhood is snatched away from children



PRIYANKA SAURABH

A small newspaper headline can often unmask an entire society. "Teenagers are leaving home after being asked to study and prevented from making reels"—this sentence isn't just information, but a statement of a profound tragedy of our times. It reveals that home, supposedly the safest place for children, is in many cases becoming a center of unbearable pressure for them. Studies, discipline, and worries about the future—all of these are essential, but when they are imposed on children with fear, taunts, insults, and comparisons, the result is not motivation to learn, but escape. This news forces us to pause and consider what we truly want from our children—marks, ranks, and performance, or balanced, sensitive, and healthy human beings? Today's teens are going through unprecedented changes. The digital world has expanded their options—Reels, short videos, online friendships, instant fame, and instant praise. All of this is alluring, but also inherently unstable. In these times, the role of the family becomes even more crucial. Unfortunately, in many homes, communication has been replaced by commands, understanding by comparison, and empathy by expectations. "We are saying this for your own good"—this phrase often strikes children as a fear, as it is not accompanied by a willingness to listen. Society has developed a one-sided view of education. The yardstick for

success has been narrowed to good grades, prestigious colleges, and a so-called secure career. In this race, it's forgotten that not every child is the same. Some are interested in science, some in art; some thrive in sports, some in writing. When everyone is forced into a single mold, many children break down. They begin to consider their failure a personal offense and gradually lose self-confidence. Leaving home is the culmination of that breakdown—a desperate attempt, where the child seeks to escape and find peace. Adolescence is a time of emotional turmoil. The body changes, the mind is filled with questions, and there's a restlessness about establishing an identity. During this time, if the home is filled with scolding, yelling, contempt, and constant surveillance, the child feels isolated and feels unappreciated. They feel their feelings are unappreciated. Parents often mistake their children's silence for discipline, but it's actually a buildup of tension within. It's hard to predict when this tension will explode—leaving home, turning to drugs, or even self-harm. Blaming Reels and social media solely for this problem would be an oversimplification. It's true that excessive screen time impacts children's concentration and patience, but the question is why do children seek refuge in screens? Often, it's because they feel heard, appreciated, or at least not judged. If there's lively communication, shared time, and trusting relationships at home, digital attraction remains balanced. The problem isn't technology, but our relationship with it. Parents' concerns are natural. They want to learn from their own experiences and protect their children from difficulties. But when concern turns into control, it's detrimental. Taking away children's hobbies, preventing them from seeing friends, and constantly comparing them—these methods may seem like discipline in the short term, but they shatter trust in the long run. A child may

appear obedient, but rebellion festers within. A love for learning stems not from fear, but from meaning—when a child understands why they're studying and what direction they're moving toward. The role of schools and educational institutions is no less crucial. The exam-centric system turns children into marks machines. Serious investment in counseling, life skills, and mental health remains elusive. Teachers often overlook children's emotional needs under the pressure of completing the curriculum. If school and home work together to create a supportive system—one where there is dialogue about a child's interests, abilities, and mental state—many tragedies can be prevented. The social display of successes and ridicule of failures also exacerbate the problem. Comparisons from relatives, neighborhood expectations, the buzz of achievement on social media—all of these multiply parental pressure, which in turn is passed on to children. We must collectively accept that not every path is the same, and that even late-blooming flowers exude fragrance. Life is not linear; it has pauses, turns, and restarts. Silence is the most dangerous aspect of mental health. Children's sadness, irritability, sleep changes, and a sudden disengagement from studies—these are all signs that are easy to dismiss as "drama" or "stubbornness." But timely, sensitive intervention—a calm conversation, non-interruptive listening, and professional counseling if needed—can save many lives. Counseling is not a stigma, but a wise step. Creating a culture of dialogue within the home is a pressing need today. Daily shared time—without mobile phones, without commands—is where children can share their day, fears, and dreams. Parents' acceptance of the possibility of mistakes helps children become more honest. Rules are important, but explaining the reasons behind them and listening to children's opinions is just as crucial.

## What's Stopping Vijay's Film? 6 'Conspiracy Theories' About Jana Nayagan

In Tamil Nadu, it turns out you don't need a release date for the promise of a blockbuster. Sometimes, just a missing censor certificate is enough. The delay in clearing actor Vijay's Jana Nayagan has now devolved into a full-blown political whodunnit, complete with villains, secret alliances, and strategic silences that are being analysed with more intensity than in the film's actual screenplay. With elections on the horizon and Vijay's political avatar under constant scrutiny, the absence of an official explanation has ensured one thing: imagination is working overtime. Conspiracy Theory 1: BJP Is Targeting Vijay to Force an Alliance The theory doing the rounds in TVK and fan circles sees the BJP as the 'unseen' hand behind the controversy. According to this version, Jana Nayagan is being held hostage to send Vijay a gentle but firm reminder about "adjustments" in Tamil Nadu politics. Those who subscribe to this theory believe that this is a pressure tactic to arrive at some understanding with the national party to boost its political position in Tamil Nadu and coerce Vijay into an alliance or a tacit understanding. Let's not forget that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has also summoned Vijay in the stampede case. This is also the Congress's allegation: that the BJP is using the film board to put political pressure on Vijay. Conspiracy Theory 2: A BJP-DMK 'Understanding' Naturally, no conspiracy in the state is complete without a DMK cameo. This theory confi-



dently asserts that there is a BJP-DMK "understanding" behind the scenes - though both parties swear by the fact that they are arch enemies. However, in Tamil Nadu politics, denial often only strengthens belief. The peddlers of this theory claim that this 'understanding' is to ensure that Vijay doesn't have a clear run and that his film doesn't set the political narrative in Tamil Nadu. Conspiracy Theory 3: BJP Is Targeting Vijay - To Help Him In a plot twist that's right out of cinema itself, the BJP's targeting of Vijay, many believe, is only to make him stronger. The logic: delay the film, turn Vijay

into a martyr, consolidate his base, and simultaneously give the DMK a headache. Here, the BJP is not a villain but a master chess player, allegedly nurturing Vijay as a strategic asset. Whether this is political brilliance or overestimation is left to the audience. Conspiracy Theory 4: Enter Parasakthi Another theory shifts suspicion away from rival politics to TVK's strategic game plan. The argument is that Jana Nayagan's makers are quietly nervous about Parasakthi, the upcoming Red Giant-distributed film linked to Udhayanidhi Stalin and the DMK. With themes rooted in the 1960s anti-Hindi agita-

tions and heavy doses of Tamil sentiment, Parasakthi is expected to tug at emotional heartstrings and dominate political conversations. The fear, allegedly, is that if Parasakthi lands hard, Jana Nayagan could end up feeling like yesterday's headline. So, a delay may actually fit into Vijay's political script. Conspiracy Theory 5: Delay Now, Dominate Later This one is a continuation of the earlier theory: let Parasakthi release, let the dust settle, and then bring in Jana Nayagan closer to election time, when political messaging matters more than box-office collections. In this version, timing is everything, and patience is a political virtue. Conspiracy Theory 6: The Boring But Possible Truth Then there is the least exciting theory of all - nothing is happening. No politics. No pressure. No chessboard. Just a routine certification delay - the kind Vijay's films have seen before. Supporters of this theory point to the loudest evidence of all: silence. The TVK hasn't cried foul. Vijay hasn't hinted at victimhood. Fans haven't taken to the streets. In Tamil Nadu, this level of calm is often a sign that bureaucracy, not politics, is at work. Until clarity emerges, Jana Nayagan is already successful in one department - generating conversation. Whether the delay is a political masterstroke, cinematic strategy, or just paperwork moving at its own leisurely pace is anyone's guess. In the end, the biggest irony may be this: even before the censor certificate arrives, the film has turned into a political thriller in itself, just not in the way it was originally scripted.





# India pushes back at Trump aide's claim about US trade deal breakdown

India has pushed back at US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's claims that the trade deal between the countries stalled because Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not call President Donald Trump. Trump imposed 50% tariffs on Indian goods in August, including a penalty for buying Russian oil, after the talks stalled. Both sides are now back to negotiating a deal but there is no clarity on when it will materialise and several informal deadlines have been missed. Key sticking points remain even now - including agriculture. Washington has been pushing for greater access to India's farm sector but Delhi has fiercely protected it. However, Lutnick suggested the deal was close to completion at the start. "It was all set up. I said [to the Indian side] you got to have Modi call the president. They were uncomfortable doing it, so Modi didn't call," Lutnick said in a podcast released on Friday. The White House has not yet commented on Lutnick's assertions. India, however, said on Friday that the characterisation of the discussions between Delhi and Washington in the remarks made by Lutnick was "not



accurate". "India and the US were committed to negotiating a bilateral trade agreement as far back as 13 February last year. Since then both sides have held multiple rounds of negotiations to arrive at a balanced and mutually beneficial trade agreement. On several occasions, we have been close to a deal," foreign ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told reporters. He added that Modi and Trump

had spoken on the phone eight times last year, covering "covering different aspects of our wide-ranging partnership". Speaking on the All-In Podcast, a business and technology show hosted by four venture capitalists, Lutnick said that Trump's philosophy of making deals was like a "staircase" - meaning the "first stair gets the best deal". He said that India was the second country to enter into

negotiations with the US for a trade deal after the UK, and that Washington gave Delhi "three Fridays" to close the deal. His role, Lutnick said, was to negotiate the contracts and set up the whole deal but that Trump was the one who closed them - and that India's reluctance to set up the phone call meant the agreement ran into trouble. He added that after that, US closed a slew of deals with

other countries, including Indonesia and Vietnam. He also said that when India got back later saying they were ready to take the initial deal, "the train had left the station". But the terms of the deal that Lutnick claims India missed are unclear. Agriculture, for instance, has been a key sticking point in the negotiations - Washington has been pushing for greater access to India's farm sector but Delhi has fiercely protected it. In December, United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told senators in Washington that the US had received the "best ever offer" from India. He also called India a "tough nut to crack". Trump has also made several comments about India and Modi in recent days, including warning of an increase in tariffs if Delhi does not stop buying Russian oil. India ramped up its purchase of cheaper oil from Moscow after the Ukraine war. Delhi had defended its decision saying that it needed to think about the energy needs of its vast population. Since the tariffs kicked in, oil refiners in India have been cutting their purchases from Moscow.

## VeCura ReSculpt Launches in Kukatpally, Hyderabad; Redefines Non-Surgical Body Sculpting with Science-First Approach

**Hyderabad, Telangana – January 2026:** VeCura ReSculpt, a pioneering name in next-generation aesthetic and body sculpting care, has officially launched its state-of-the-art clinic in Kukatpally, Hyderabad. This launch marks the brand's strategic entry into the Hyderabad market, following its successful debut in Chennai, and sets the stage for further expansion into Bengaluru. The clinic was inaugurated by Chief Guest Ms. Dimple Hayathi, a renowned actress and television personality, in the presence of distinguished doctors, healthcare professionals, industry experts, and media representatives. The event highlighted the growing consumer demand for ethical, medically guided aesthetic solutions in India.

**A Science-First Philosophy**  
At the heart of VeCura ReSculpt is a clear guiding belief: transformation must be scientific, personalised, and safe. Every technology introduced at the clinic is hand-selected following rigorous medical evaluation, considering global clinical out-

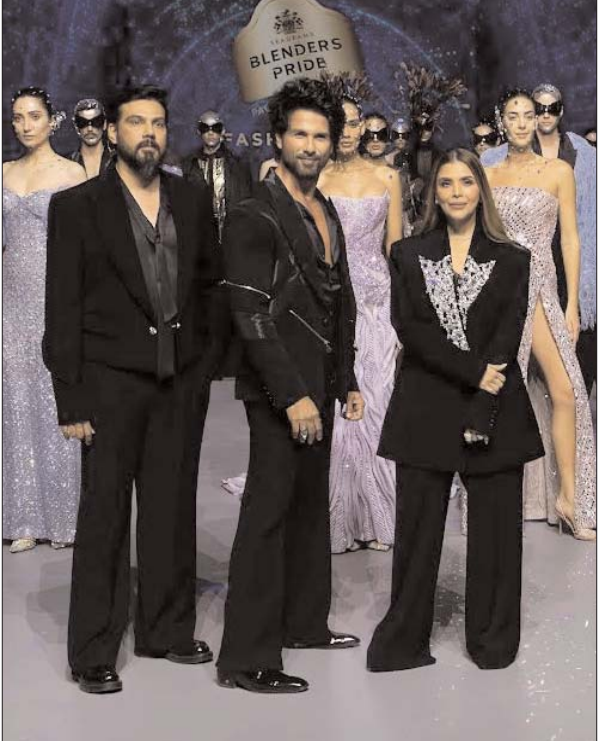


comes, FDA approvals, and CE certifications. "We believe that aesthetic care should not be about trends but about tangible, measurable results," said Dr. Ram Gautham, Medical Director of VeCura ReSculpt. "Our protocols are designed to offer a complete 360-degree approach to body sculpting—addressing fat reduction, muscle toning, skin tightening, and lymphatic health in a medically structured manner."

**Redefining Body Transformation with Science**  
VeCura ReSculpt is designed to move beyond generic aesthetic treatments, offering a structured, science-backed approach to body transformation. The clinic prioritises deep understanding and diagnosis before intervention, ensuring safe and personalised care.

## Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025 Concludes with Groundbreaking Fashion Showcases Across India

**09 January , 2025:** Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025 concluded its spectacular edition, setting a new benchmark for fashion experiences across Gurugram, Jaipur, and Kolkata. Creating "The One and Only" stage that set the tone for what's next in fashion, the tour presented three groundbreaking narratives that pushed the boundaries of how fashion is experienced, celebrated, and imagined. Each city witnessed how Blenders Pride Fashion Tour made fashion move—Gurugram thrust fashion into the futureverse where technology and couture collided in real-time, Jaipur accelerated fashion onto the fast lane with high-octane motor-sport aesthetics, and Kolkata challenged traditional notions of craft, transforming them into a bold, modern form. The tour distinguished itself by setting a new benchmark for immersive, multi-sensory fashion experiences. Gurugram's "The Futureverse of Fashion" by designers Falguni and Shane Peacock merged



haute couture with humanoid robots, holographic technology, and motion-sensing projections, featuring Shahid Kapoor and Tamannaah Bhatia. Jaipur accelerated into 'High Octane Couture' with designers Namrata Joshipura and Abhishek

Patni reimagining motor-sport aesthetics alongside Miss Universe Harnaaz Sandhu and rapper Raftaar, complete with chrome-wrapped supercars and a three-lap runway experience. The Kolkata finale presented 'Future Is Crafted' through a break-

through narrative that shattered moulds of craft as it was known. Set against the iconic Howrah Bridge, AK | OK Anamika Khanna deconstructed traditional craft through futuristic tailoring, with Ishaan Khatter as showstopper, transforming the Hooghly River into a floating theatre of fashion. Debasree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour powered by FDCI has been Indian fashion's most iconic stage. Guided by our 'The One and Only' ambition, we continue to set new benchmarks shaping the evolution of fashion & style in collaboration with India's finest designers. With 'Making Fashion Move', Blenders Pride Fashion Tour asserts its role as a force shaping the future of fashion—driving ideas, collaborations, and experiences that define what comes next. By placing creativity, culture, and innovation at the centre of its universe, the brand continues to set the course for how fashion evolves, engages, and inspires the next generation."

## Samsung Partners with University of Madras to Launch Samsung Innovation Campus in Tamil Nadu

Highlights

- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced a strategic collaboration with the University of Madras to launch its flagship tech education initiative, Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC), in Tamil Nadu—strengthening its commitment to building future-ready skills among the state's youth.



**Chennai, India – January 09, 2026 –** Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced a strategic collaboration with the University of Madras to launch its flagship tech education initiative, Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC), in Tamil Nadu—strengthening its commitment to building future-ready skills among the state's youth. The launch event was attended by senior academicians from the University of Madras, including Dr. P. S. Manjula, Dean, Students' Affairs; Dr. Rita John, Registrar; and Dr. S. Armstrong, Member, Vice-Chancellor Convener Committee. Aligned with

state and national skilling priorities, Samsung Innovation Campus equips youth with essential skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, and Coding & Programming. The programme now spans 10 states, aiming to upskill 20,000 students nationwide in 2025—a six-fold expansion over last year. In Tamil Nadu, 5,000 students will be provided training this year, which is about 25% of the national target—positioning the state as a frontrunner in driving digital empowerment and job-ready talent. In the first phase, the programme will train 500 students within

the University of Madras—one of India's oldest and most prestigious universities—followed by 1,500 students from its affiliated colleges. Samsung Innovation Campus was launched in India in 2022 and by 2024 had trained 6,500 students, training a total of 26,500 students by 2025. It now continues to expand its footprint with a strong focus on underserved and semi-urban communities. Samsung has partnered with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) under the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to train students through accredited training part-

ners. Nationally, Samsung Innovation Campus has achieved 44% women participation—reflecting Samsung's focus on inclusive and equitable skilling. Beyond technical learning, participants receive soft skills training and placement support to strengthen employability and workplace readiness. Together with its Samsung Solve for Tomorrow and Samsung DOST initiatives, Samsung Innovation Campus underscores Samsung's long-term commitment to democratizing technology, building talent pipelines, and preparing India's youth for a connected, innovation-driven future.

## US job creation in 2025 slows to weakest since Covid

The number of jobs created in the US grew only modestly in December, as a weak year for the employment market in the world's largest economy drew to a close. Employers added 50,000 jobs in the final month of 2025, according to Labor Department data, which was fewer than expected. But the unemployment rate dipped to 4.4%. Job gains last year were the smallest since 2020, when the Covid pandemic led to widespread cuts. Businesses have been operating in an environment marked by US President Donald Trump's dramatic policy changes, including tariffs, an immigration crackdown and cuts to government spending. The US economy has held up in the face of these shifts, growing at an annual rate of 4.3% over the three months to September. But the expansion - driven by steady consumer spending and a growth in exports -



has not been accompanied by significant job creation. On average, the US added just 49,000 roles per month in 2025, down from an estimated gain of two million a month the year before. The Labor Department said the US also added 76,000 fewer new positions in October and November than previously estimated. Retailers and manufacturers were among the sectors reporting losses last month, which were offset by hiring at health care employers, bars and restaurants. The data underscores the mixed dynamics facing

job-seekers in the US, where hiring has cooled markedly over the last year but fears of mass layoffs have not materialised. The US Federal Reserve central bank has responded to the slowdown by cutting its key lending rate in hopes of giving the economy a boost. The central bank trimmed interest rates three times last year starting in September, despite concerns that inflation is still bubbling. Its key lending rate is now hovering around 3.6%, which is the lowest level in three years.

## Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society and Kamala Hospital Research Center to Host Asian Thalassemia Conclave 2026; India's Prevention Strategy in Focus

**Hyderabad, 09 January, 2026:** Hyderabad is set to host the Asian Thalassemia Conclave (ATC) on January 10 and 11, 2026, bringing together doctors, public health experts, policymakers, researchers, non-governmental organisations and patient groups from across India and Asia to discuss a coordinated response to thalassemia, one of the country's most serious yet preventable genetic blood disorders. Dr. Chandrakant Agrawal, President, Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), met the Hon'ble Minister for Health, Medical and Family Welfare, Government of Telangana, Shri Damodar Raja Narasimha, to apprise him of the objectives and significance of the Asian Thalassemia Conclave 2026. The Hon'ble Minister welcomed the initiative, expressed his appreciation for its focus on prevention, and conveyed his intent to



attend and formally inaugurate the conclave, reaffirming the government's commitment to prevention-led strategies to address thalassemia. The two-day conclave is being organised by the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, an organisation that has been engaged in thalassemia care, prevention and advocacy for over 27 years and Kamala Hospital Research Center.

TSCS is the world's largest non-governmental organisations working exclusively for thalassemia patients and currently provides comprehensive treatment and long-term support free of cost to more than 4,588 patients, many of whom depend on the organisation for regular blood transfusions and specialised medical care. Over the years, TSCS has built a strong ecosystem that includes

patient care services, safe blood transfusion facilities, counselling, diagnostics, research and sustained awareness programmes. It has worked closely with government departments, healthcare institutions and community organisations to strengthen both treatment and prevention efforts. One of its most notable public health interventions has been in

Mahabubnagar district of Telangana, which became the first district in the country to achieve 100 per cent prenatal screening of pregnant women for thalassemia. The initiative has been widely cited as a successful model demonstrating how systematic screening and genetic counselling can significantly reduce preventable thalassemia births. The Asian Thalassemia Conclave has been conceived against this background, with organisers seeking to take proven local and national models to a broader platform. The conclave has articulated a clear long-term goal: to work towards making India a thalassemia-free country by 2035. Organisers said, "the Asian Thalassemia Conclave is intended to catalyse sustained national action, building momentum towards prevention-led strategies and a measurable reduction in preventable thalassemia births across India."



# More protests erupt in Iran as supreme leader accuses crowds of 'trying to please Trump'

Despite the internet outage, some people in Iran are staying connected through the Satellite service Starlink. In the last few hours the BBC received images from someone who was at a protest last night. Cars that were overturned and set alight could be seen at Tehran's Kaaj roundabout. As a reminder, the BBC and most other international news organisations are barred from reporting inside Iran, so social media is relied upon to verify what is happening on the ground. Many protesters in Iran have been calling for the return of Reza Pahlavi, the exiled son of Iran's last shah - so who is he, and how much support does he have? When the 1979 revolution swept away his father's monarchy, Pahlavi and his family was left stateless, but, now 65, he is once again seeking a role in shaping his country's future. From his home in Washington DC, he himself has called on the people of Iran to take the streets



and previously stated he was prepared to help lead a transitional government if the Islamic Republic collapsed. He has since outlined a 100-day plan for an interim administration, telling reporters: "This is not about restoring the past... it's about securing a democratic future for all Iranians." Over the years in exile, Pahlavi has made multiple attempts to build opposition coalitions.



However most have struggled with internal disagreements and limited outreach inside Iran. Now, his supporters see him as the only opposition figure with name recognition and a long-standing commitment to peaceful change, while critics say he remains too dependent on foreign backing. While Iran's government portrays him as a threat and protesters chant in support of him, it is impos-

sible to measure his true support without an open political space and credible polls. Anti-government protests in Iran have continued for the 13th consecutive day as a nationwide internet blackout continues to block communications for people around the country. Here's what to know today: Videos verified by the BBC showing demonstrators gathering in the city of Zahedan, in south-

east Iran - we've also identified 16 more towns that have seen new protests Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has lashed out at protestors, warning that his regime is committed to cracking down on "trouble-makers" His comments come as internet in the country is blocked - data shows the country has been mostly offline for at least 18 hours In the US, President Trump has vowed to "hit [Iran] very hard" if the regime starts killing protesters The UK has not explicitly aligned itself with Trump's stance, but urged Iranian authorities to "exercise restraint" Emirati airline flydubai tells the BBC that it has cancelled flights due to the unrest Our team of reporters and experts are monitoring for updates - we'll bring you the latest here throughout the day. These are certainly the most sustainable and wide-ranging unrest we have seen in many years and that makes

it significant. What we have seen in Tehran, and the footage we obtained from eyewitnesses before the regime cut off the internet, tell us that in many neighbourhoods people have poured into the streets chanting slogans against Iran's supreme leader, targeting him directly and holding him responsible for the current conditions in the country. Protests erupted last night shortly after exiled Reza Pahlavi, whose father was overthrown in the 1979 Islamic Revolution, called on Iranians to join the ongoing protests. Two days earlier, seven Kurdish political parties in exile and six Kurdish women's rights groups had called on people in Iran's Kurdish regions, across four provinces, to stage a general strike. On Thursday, more than 50 cities and towns, large and small, across the Kurdish regions shut down their shops, and many people took to the streets later in the evening.

## Owner of Swiss ski resort held in custody after deadly New Year's Eve fire



One of the co-owners of the Swiss bar where 40 people died in a fire on New Year's Eve has been detained. Sources told Swiss media that Jacques Moretti, a French national, was a potential flight risk. The blaze at Le Constellation bar in Crans-Montana left 116 people injured. Many of the victims were aged under 20. It emerged this week that the bar in the ski resort had not undergone safety checks for five years. Jacques Moretti and his French wife Jessica, who own the bar together, had been placed under criminal investigation by Swiss prosecutors.

They are both suspected of manslaughter by negligence, bodily harm by negligence and arson by negligence, the prosecutors' office in Valais said. The prosecutors have said they believe the fire started when people celebrating the New Year raised champagne bottles with sparklers attached, setting light to sound-insulating foam on the ceiling of the basement bar. On Friday, Switzerland staged a minute of silence on a national day of mourning for the victims of the fire. Church bells then rang across the country for five minutes.

## One dead, dozens trapped after giant landfill collapses in Philippines



A mountain of rubbish collapsed at a landfill in the central Philippines on Thursday, killing a 22-year-old woman and leaving more than 30 people missing, authorities have said. Rescuers pulled 12 injured sanitation workers from debris at the Binaliw Landfill in Cebu City, who were later hospitalised. Many of the missing are believed to be workers at the landfill. The mayor of Cebu told news outlet ABS-CBN that it may be difficult to reach survivors because of the potential for further collapse. The cause of the collapse is still unclear, but Cebu City councillor Joel Garganera said it was likely the result of poor waste management practices. Some 300 people from various government agencies and civilian groups have been deployed to the privately-owned landfill. Several excavators, ambulances and fire trucks have also been seen on site. "All response teams remain fully engaged in search and retrieval efforts to

locate the remaining missing persons," Cebu Mayor Nestor Archival said in a Facebook post on Friday. "This is not like other landslides that you can just excavate. If you pull from the top, the bottom is soft. Let's say there is a person there, when you get the debris, it might get worse," he said, ABS-CBN reported. Cebu City councillor Joel Garganera said the incident may have happened suddenly, but was likely a result of poor waste management practices. Operators had been cutting into the mountain, mining the soil, and then piling garbage to form another mountain of waste, Garganera told local newspaper The Freeman. "It's not a sanitary landfill. It's already an open dumpsite," he said. Families are waiting for updates on their loved ones trapped in the debris. One Binaliw resident, Belen Antigua, told Rappler that her son had survived the landslide but she was still waiting for her other relatives to be found.

## COLOMBIA SEES 'REAL THREAT' OF US MILITARY ACTION



Colombia's President Gustavo Petro has told the BBC that he believes there is now a "real threat" of US military action against Colombia. Petro said the US is treating other nations as part of a US "empire". It comes after Trump said a military operation in Colombia "sounds good". Petro said that the US risks trans-

forming from "dominating the world" to becoming "isolated from the world." He also accused US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents of acting like "Nazi brigades". Trump has significantly expanded ICE operations as part of what the administration says is a crackdown on crime and immigrants who illegally entered the US. The BBC has approached the White House for comment. Following US strikes on Venezuela and the seizure of Nicolás Maduro, US President Donald Trump said a military operation targeting Colombia "sounds good". Trump has also repeatedly told Petro to "watch his ass", remarks Petro strongly condemned.

## Huge anti-government protests in Tehran and other Iranian cities, videos show

Huge crowds of protesters have been marching through Iran's capital and other cities, videos show, in what is said to be the largest show of force by opponents of the clerical establishment in years. The peaceful demonstrations in Tehran and the second city of Mashhad on Thursday evening, which were not dispersed by security forces, can be seen in footage verified by BBC Persian. Later, a monitoring group reported a nationwide internet blackout. Protesters can be heard in the footage calling for the overthrow of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the return of Reza Pahlavi, the exiled son of the late for-



mer shah, who had urged his supporters to take to the streets. It was the 12th consecutive day of unrest that has been sparked by anger over the collapse of the Iranian currency and has spread to more than 100 cities and towns across all 31 of Iran's provinces, according to human rights groups. The US-based

Human Rights Activist News Agency (HRANA) has said at least 34 protesters - five of them children - and eight security personnel have been killed, and that 2,270 other protesters have been arrested. Norway-based monitor Iran Human Rights (IHR) has said at least 45 protesters, including eight chil-

dren, have been killed by security forces. BBC Persian has confirmed the deaths and identities of 22 people, while Iranian authorities have reported the deaths of six security personnel. The protests are seen as the biggest since 2009, when millions of Iranians took to the streets of major cities after a disputed presidential election. Dozens of opposition supporters were killed and thousands were detained in the ensuing crackdown. On Thursday evening, videos posted on social media and verified by BBC Persian showed a large crowd of protesters moving along a major road in Mashhad, in the country's north-east.

## US SEIZES ANOTHER OIL TANKER LINKED TO VENEZUELA, OFFICIALS SAY

US forces have seized another tanker in the Caribbean Sea, officials said, as Washington continues its efforts to control exports of Venezuelan oil. "Once again, our joint interagency forces sent a clear message this morning: there is no safe haven for criminals," US Southern Command said on X. The X post on Friday morning said that Marines and sailors in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security "apprehended" the Olina oil tanker. Homeland security secretary Kristi Noem said the Olina was "another 'ghost fleet' tanker ship suspected of carrying embargoed oil" and was



seized after it "departed Venezuela attempting to evade US forces". Noem posted a video online appearing to show troops dropping onto a ship from a helicopter. The tanker, the Olina, is on multiple coun-

tries' sanctions lists. It is the fifth vessel seized by the US in recent weeks. Maritime risk company Vanguard Tech said the vessel was attempting to break through the US naval blockade in the Caribbean. It

added that the vessel's location tracker was last active 52 days ago, northeast of Curacao, and that "the seizure follows a prolonged pursuit of tankers linked to sanctioned Venezuelan oil shipments in the region".

## Second night of US protests over ICE shooting of woman in Minneapolis



People took to the streets of Minneapolis and other US cities for a second night to protest against the killing of 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good, who was shot in her car by a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent. Demonstrators marched in Houston, Cincinnati, Washington DC, Philadelphia and other cities, some with placards calling for the abolition of ICE. People laid floral tributes where Good's car crashed after the shooting, just blocks away from the place where George Floyd was killed in 2020, sparking weeks of national protests. Meanwhile, two people were injured in another shooting involving federal agents, this time border patrol in Portland, Oregon, on Thursday afternoon. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said the Portland incident happened during a traffic stop of a

Venezuelan gang member, who "attempted to run over" agents with his car. The Democratic mayor of Portland cast doubt on their account and people gathered on Thursday night at the city's ICE facility to protest. There were six arrests. ICE is taking the lead in carrying out the Trump administration's mass deportation initiative, which was a central promise. Donald Trump's election campaign. Two wounded in Portland shooting involving federal agents What is ICE and what are its powers? Officials have offered differing accounts of the fatal shooting of Renee Nicole Good in Minnesota, with the Trump administration claiming the ICE agent was acting in self defence, while local officials say the woman posed no danger. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation said it would investigate the incident.

## RUSSIA HITS UKRAINE WITH RARELY USED ORESHNIK MISSILE IN FRESH STRIKES

Russia has used the Oreshnik ballistic missile as part of a massive overnight strike on Ukraine. Four people were killed and 25 others injured in Kyiv on Thursday night, where loud booms could be heard for several hours, setting the sky alight with explosions. It is only the second time that Moscow has used the Oreshnik, which was first deployed to hit the central city of Dnipro in November 2024. Russia's defence ministry said the strike was a response to a Ukrainian drone attack targeting Vladimir Putin's residence in late December, which Kyiv denies carrying out. While the ministry did not specify what had been the Oreshnik's target, shortly before midnight (22:00 GMT)

videos began circulating on social media showing numerous explosions on the outskirts of the western city of Lviv. President Volodymyr Zelensky and Ukrainian authorities confirmed that a ballistic missile had struck infrastructure in Lviv, about 60km (40 miles) from the Polish border. The Oreshnik is an intermediate-range, hypersonic ballistic missile, meaning it can potentially reach up to 5,500km (3,417 miles). It is thought to have a warhead that deliberately fragments during its final descent into several, independently targeted inert projectiles, causing distinctive repeated explosions moments apart. "Such a strike close to EU and Nato border is a grave



threat to the security on the European continent and a test for the transatlantic community," Ukrainian foreign minister Andrii Sybiha said. The strike was launched "in response to [Putin's] own hallucinations," he added, referring to the alleged drone attack on the president's residence in December. The EU

had immediately cast serious doubt on whether the drone strike ever happened, and last week Donald Trump said he did not think any such attack had taken place. On Friday EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said Russia's Oreshnik strike was meant as a warning to Europe and the US. "Putin doesn't want peace,

Russia's reply to diplomacy is more missiles and destruction. This deadly pattern of recurring major Russian strikes will repeat itself until we help Ukraine break it," she wrote on X. Zelensky said in addition to the Oreshnik, 13 ballistic missiles targeted energy facilities and civilian infrastructure overnight, along with 22 cruise missiles and 242 drones. One damaged a building at the Qatari embassy, he added. He accused the attacks of aiming "against the normal life of ordinary people" during a cold spell and added everything possible was being done to restore heating and electricity. As Lviv and other western regions were targeted on

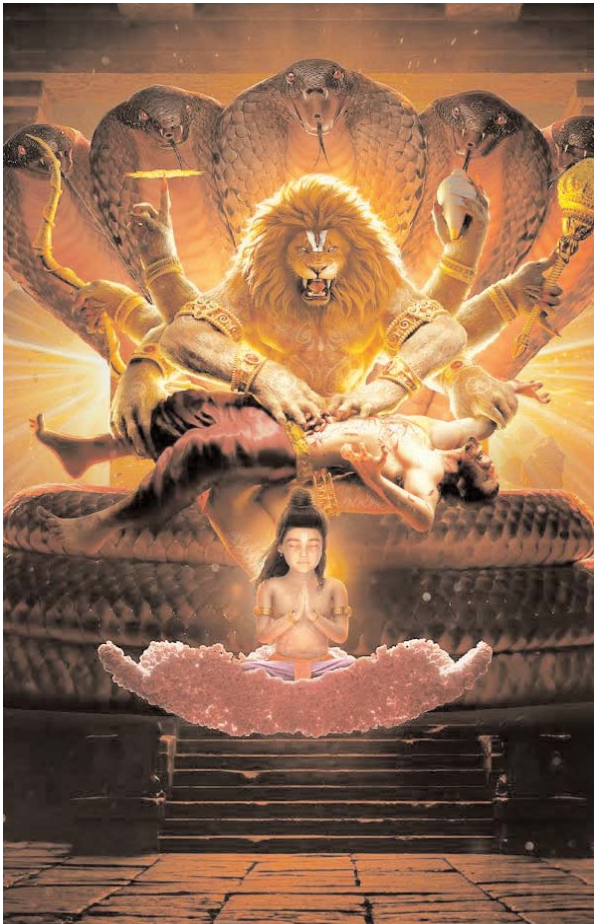
Thursday night, more than a dozen missiles and hundreds of drones were deployed during the attack on Kyiv. A paramedic was among those killed while arriving at a damaged apartment in Kyiv. The capital's mayor, Vitali Klitschko, and Zelensky said it had been a "double-tap" hit - in which the first strike is followed by a second, killing rescuers who have arrived to help the injured. Two apartment buildings along the east bank of the Dnipro River and a high-rise building in the city's central district were also targeted. The morning after, as the clean-up got underway, the businesses that hadn't been damaged were open. ment was serving customers.





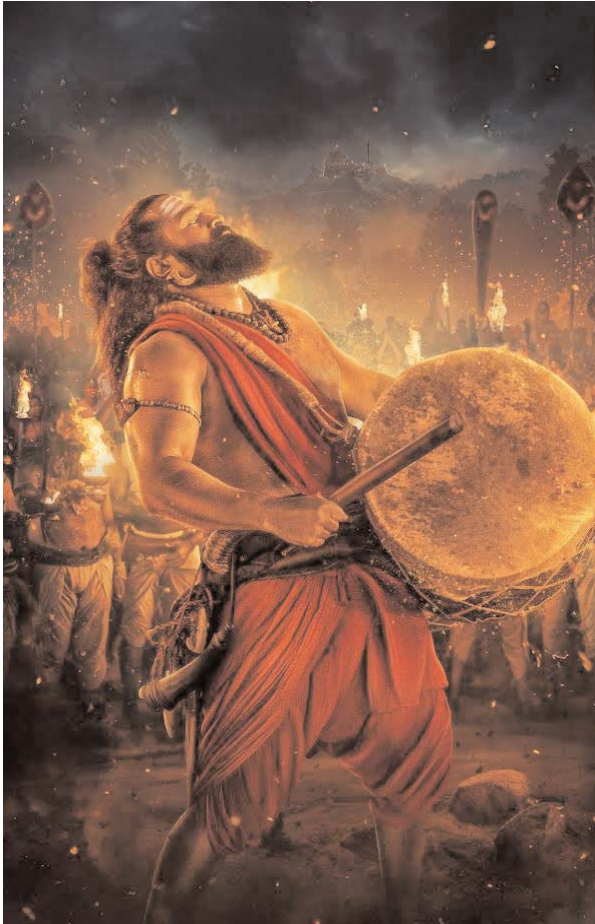


# Hombale Films creates history with two films on the Oscar general entry list



Hombale Films, a leading production house that has been taking Indian cinema to the international level, has achieved another pres-

tigious milestone. The blockbuster films 'Mahavathar Narasimha' and 'Kantara: Chapter 1', released in 2025, have offi-



cially made it to the Oscar general entry list. This is a proud moment for Indian cinema and Hombale Films. 'Kantara: Chapter 1', pro-

duced by Vijay Kiragandur and directed by Rishab Shetty, as well as 'Mahavathar Narasimha' (presented by Hombale

Films) directed by Ashwin Kumar, were not only huge box office successes, but also received special praise for their excellent story, cultural authenticity, technical prowess and visual grandeur. By joining the Oscars general entry list, these two films have qualified for Academy consideration in major categories such as Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Producer, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay/Writing, Best Production Design, and Best Cinematography. Notably, two of the five Indian films that made it to the Oscar general entry list this year were Hombale Filmway. Standing up for powerful stories, crossing creative boundaries, and establishing Indian cinema on international platforms...all of this has been proven once again in the journey of Hombale Films. At a time when Indian cinema is gaining more recognition worldwide, this achievement by Hombale Films stands as a symbol of the creative power of the Indian film industry. This is a proud moment for Hombale Films and for Indian cinema.

## Star Director Buchi Babu Sana Released Fun-filled Teaser Of Purushaha



The upcoming entertainer Purushaha has already stirred plenty of buzz, thanks to its humorous first-look posters and quirky promotional lines. The film marks Pavan Kalyan's debut as a lead actor, supported by an energetic ensemble featuring Saptagiri, Kasireddy Rajkumar, Vaishnavi Kokkura, Vishika and Hasini Sudheer. Presented by Battula Saraswathi under the Kalyan Productions banner and produced by Battula Koteswara Rao, the film is directed by Veeru Ulavala. It is gearing up for a lively theatrical release. Adding to the excitement, star filmmaker Buchi Babu Sana of Uppena and Peddi fame unveiled the

film's teaser. The teaser starts on an intriguing and amusing note, backed by a dramatic voiceover that introduces the three protagonists: "Three valiant warriors continue their relentless battle to conquer the world. Their code of war leaves us in awe. Yet, no matter how many battles they win, there always remains a lingering sense that somewhere... a fragment of the enemy still survives..." The narration takes a hilarious turn, revealing that these so-called mighty warriors are, in fact, tossed around like footballs by their wives. Completely exasperated, the trio heads to court seeking a divorce, setting the stage for a hilarious ride. Director Veeru

Ulavala deserves credit for shaping a highly relatable premise and presenting it with sharp humour. The dialogues are youthful, witty, and packed with contemporary flavour. The character sketches are vibrant and instantly connect with the viewer. The comic trio- Pavan Kalyan, Saptagiri, and Kasireddy Rajkumar, delivered rib-tickling performances, while the inclusion of Vennela Kishore naturally amplifies the fun quotient. Leading ladies Vaishnavi Kokkura, Vishika, and Hasini Sudheer bring their own humorous spark, contributing effectively to the comedic tone. The supporting cast too performs with commendable timing.

## ‘Bharta Mahasayaluku Wignyapthi’: A Relatable Family Entertainer with a Pleasant Surprise

Bharta Mahasayaluku Wignyapthi' is a good family entertainer that everyone can relate to. There is a good surprise in the movie. This is a movie that everyone can connect to: Heroines Dimple Hayathi, Aashika Ranganath Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, Kishore Tirumala is directing the family entertainer 'Bharta Mahasayaluku Wignyapthi', which is being produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the banner of S.L.V Cinemas. The film, starring Dimple Hayathi and Aashika Ranganath, has already created a huge buzz with its teaser, trailer and songs. The film is set to release grandly on January 13. On this occasion, heroines Dimple Hayathi and

Aashika Ranganath shared the film's highlights at a press conference. Aashika Ranganath said... We had planned to do a project with director Kishore Tirumala earlier. But due to some reasons, it didn't work out. Later, he told me the story of 'Bharta Mahasayaluku wignyapthi'. When I heard the story, I thought of playing the role of a modern girl in it. He also said that he wanted the same role. This is a completely different character compared to my Samiranga. It will definitely be something new in my career. My character's name in this is Manasa Shetty. It's a character that today's girls can relate to. It is very difficult to match Ravi Teja's energy. Even then, I don't know

Telugu very well. But the director was very supportive. He is a very sensible director. He designed our characters very carefully. He also took a lot of care in the costumes. The director portrayed my character very beautifully. In commercial films, there are no mistakes in the characters of the heroes. However, now there are many changes in the stories. Every character has some mistake or flaw. The audience is interested in seeing such characters. There are many conflicts in the current relationships. The director has handled such issues wonderfully in a way that everyone can relate to. Ravi Teja is a wonderful performer. He has cultivated a wonderful sense of

fun and emotion. It was a great pleasure to work with him. In this, Satya will be seen in the character of my PA. It is a very good laugh-out-loud character. Ravi Teja garu, Sunil garu, Vennela Kishore, Satya are all actors with excellent comedy timing. It seemed like a challenge to match their timing. I want each of my films to be different, and the audience will definitely feel something new after watching this film. - Sudhakar Cherukuri garu produced this film in a very grand manner. He supported us in every way. We shot for this film in Spain. The film is visually very rich. - Chiranjeevi coming onto the sets while performing the mass song was a memorable

experience. -I am currently doing 2 films, Vishwambhara and Sardaar. I am also doing another film called 'Adhi Naa Pillara'. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to work with big stars at the beginning of my career. Dimple Hayathi said... As soon as director Kishore Tirumala told me this story, I liked it. As soon as I heard this story, I wanted to play the role of Balamani, the wife character in it. Because I had already played the role of a modern girl in Ravi Teja's film. I felt that the role of Balamani would be new to me. I was happy that the director also thought of the role of Balamani. -After telling the story, it was even more enjoyable to say that Ravi Teja is the

hero in this. This is my second film with Ravi Teja. It is always a pleasure to work with him. -I have a very strong independent character in this. Director Kishore has designed the character very wonderfully. Appearing in the role of Balamani is a new experience. -A lot of care was taken in the costumes. The colors were chosen according to the character. Also, the songs feature good colorful costumes. All the visuals are vibrant. All the girls will relate. - There is a surprise element in this movie. You have to see that in the movie itself. The director shows everything by acting. His dialogues are also very unique. This story will connect with everyone.



## Nari Nari Naduma murari is a perfect family entertainer with a new conflict between Murari. The content is very fun. Everyone will enjoy it: Director Ram Abbaraju

Charming Star Sharva and Ram Abbaraju are starring in the wholesome family entertainer 'Nari Nari Nadu Murari' directed by Ram Abbaraju. Produced by Anil Sunkara and Ramabrahmam Sunkara in association with Adventures International Pvt. Ltd. under the banner of AK Entertainment, the film stars Samyukta and Sakshi Vaidya as the female leads. The promotional content has already created a good buzz. The film will hit the theatres on January 14. On this occasion, director Ram Abbaraju shared the film's features at a press conference.



**Looking at the promotional content of this film, a Sankranthi vibe is visible. Is this a film made just for Sankranthi?** -This is a festival-like film. Otherwise, Sharva Garu's Biker film was supposed to be released. But due to some reasons, it was postponed. This gave us a good opportunity to come for Sankranti. -This is good, youthful, fun entertainment. I grew up watching many films for Sankranti since childhood. Now, as a director,

my first film is coming out for Sankranti, which makes me very happy. -I like to entertain all audiences with clean family entertainment. The films I made, Vivah Bhojanbu, Samajavaragamana, and now this one are also very good family entertainers. Everyone can watch it together comfortably and enjoy it. I really like making films that are family entertainment. There have been many stories with two girls.. What will this love story be like? -Two girls, one boy, it feels like a love triangle story. But there is a very new point in this. If you look at the trailer of

Samajavaragamana, we did not reveal the real conflict. The real conflict comes near the interval. That brings something new. There is a new concept in this film too. We are not revealing it right now. You have to watch it on the big screen.

**Sharva looks very young and sleek in this, doesn't she?** -Sharva garu did the movie Biker. He got a very new makeover for that movie. That came together for us. We did the flashback episodes first, then the present scenes. The look was set perfectly for both of those. - Sharva garu is known for his entertaining films. Run Raja Run, Express Raja, Mahanubhavudu... This is his next entertainer. He looks very fresh. - Working with Sharva garu was a very good experience. The entire film went very happily.

**Are you lucky, Naresh?** Naresh garu is a wonderful actor. He is entertaining in all kinds of roles. He has shot perfectly for the father characters in my films. His role in these films is also going to be very amazing.

## Farah Khan says her watchman’s house is ‘worth Rs 15 crore’



Mumbai: Farah Khan, the renowned filmmaker, recently made headlines with her humorous comment about the luxury of her Mumbai home. While joking about the value of her watchman's quarters, Farah revealed that even the watchman's house in her building is worth Rs. 15 crore. The remark took place during a candid vlog with Rakhi Sawant.

**A Humorous Exchange with Rakhi Sawant** When Rakhi arrived at Farah's apartment in an auto rickshaw, she asked the security guard how much an apartment in the building would cost. The guard casually mentioned Rs. 15 crore. Rakhi, clearly surprised, said, "My house is bigger than yours. Yours is worth Rs. 15 crore and mine is Rs. 50 crore." Farah

responded with a playful tone, "Mera ghar 15 crore ka nahi hai bhai, tu mere ghar ki market down kyun kar rahi? Voh toh watchman ki kholi 15 crore ki hai humari building mein" (My house isn't worth Rs. 15 crore, brother! Why are you bringing down my property's market value? The watchman's house in our building is worth Rs. 15 crore). When Rakhi asked about the actual cost of Farah's home, the filmmaker jokingly said, "I can't tell that. I have two more floors and a swimming pool too," Farah's playful response and light-hearted vibe continued as Rakhi teased her about Bollywood, saying that all the money in the industry goes to Farah. Farah's cooking vlogs, which she started in 2024, have gained immense popularity.

## Another Historic Feat by Veteran Producer Thummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana



Renowned producer Thummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana, who has created history by producing over a hundred films, has once again set a new benchmark in the film industry. Trailers of 7 films released on a single day Trailers of the remaining 8 films to be released soon Having produced more than 114 films in a span of 20 years, Thummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana is known for his extraordinary journey as a filmmaker. It is well known that on August 15 last year, he launched 15 films simultaneously, creating a world record. Now, after completing the shooting of 7 films from that lineup, he has once again showcased his remarkable efficiency by unveiling all seven trailers on the same day at a

single venue. The trailers of the movies include: "Mahanaga" – Directed by Uday Bhaskar "Yandamoori Kathalu" – Directed by Ravi Basara "Maa Nanna Hero" – Directed by Vijay Erramsetti "Robo-47" – Directed by Nuthan "Mahabaludu" Directed by Nuthan "Rudra Thandavam" – Directed by Harsha "Manam-2036" – Directed by Sai Ramesh The grand trailer launch event was held amidst great enthusiasm at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad. Eminent personalities such as Suman, Saikumar, V. Vijayendra Prasad, K. S. Rama Rao, Relangi Narasimha Rao, Yandamoori

Veerendranath, J. K. Bharavi, Veera Shankar, Chandra Mahesh, K. L. Damodar Prasad, T. Prasanna Kumar, K. Ashok Kumar, Kavitha, Kalva Sujatha Gupta, and V. Vijay Kumar attended the event as chief guests and extended their best wishes to the film teams. The directors of the seven films were felicitated by the dignitaries, along with music director duo Dr. A. J. Sandhyavarshini and Dr. V. R. A. Pradeep, who are composing music for all 15 films. PRO Dheeraj Appaji, who is handling publicity for all the films, and Creative Head Thallada Sai Krishna were also honored. Cast and crew members from all 15 films under the Bhimavaram Talkies banner participated in large numbers.