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Faridabad gang-rape:

Accused threatened to kill victim before dumping her on road

Faridabad (TSIT) A day after a 25-year-old woman was reportedly gang-raped in a moving van through the night and thrown out of the speeding vehicle, chilling details have surfaced pointing at the brutality of the two alleged perpetrators. According to the victim's family members, when the woman, a mother of three, screamed for help, the accused allegedly threatened to kill her before taking turns to rape her. According to the victim's family members, when the woman, a mother of three, screamed for help, the accused allegedly threatened to kill her before taking turns to rape her. The two men accused of the Faridabad assault, one from Uttar Pradesh and the other from Madhya Pradesh, have since been arrested and sent to judicial custody, police said. According to officials at a private hospital where the woman was admitted on Wednesday, her condition remains stable on Thursday. "The victim, whose condition is stable now, is undergoing treatment at the hospital," Dr Amit Yadav, director of the private hospital, said.

One dead, 15 fall ill after New Year party in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, (TSIT) : New Year celebrations turned tragic in Hyderabad after a person died and 15 others were taken ill after a late-night party. The incident occurred in Bhavani Nagar under Jagadgirigutta Police Station of Cyberabad Police Commissionerate in Medchal Malkajgiri district. A group of 17 friends celebrated the New Year with a party at Bhavani Nagar Welfare Association, where they ate Biryani and consumed liquor. On returning home past midnight, they took ill. One of them succumbed before he could be taken to the hospital. He was identified as Pandu (53). Fifteen people have been admitted to Narayana Malla Reddy Hospital.
Food poisoning is suspected to have led to the tragedy. Police registered a case and took up an investigation.

T'gana formed to protect water rights: CM Revanth

Hyderabad (TSIT): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday asserted that the Telangana government is firmly committed to safeguarding the State's rightful share of river waters and correcting historical injustices.

Speaking at Praja Bhavan, the Chief Minister said Telangana was formed primarily for water rights and accused previous regimes of compromising the State's interests. He alleged that after State formation, agreements signed during the BRS regime allotted only 299 TMC of Krishna waters to Telangana, while Andhra Pradesh received 511 TMC, giving it permanent rights.

Revanth Reddy said Telangana deserves 79 percent share based on catchment area and is demanding 555 TMC. He accused the previous government of inflating project costs in Palamuru–Rangareddy by changing the water source, leading to massive financial losses.Stating that inquiries would be ordered into past decisions, he said the government is now seeking approvals for 45 TMC to secure Central funds. He praised Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy for his dedicated efforts in defending Telangana's water rights.

Another Bangladeshi Hindu set on fire, 4th attack in two weeks

Dhaka (TSIT) A 50-year-old Hindu man was allegedly set on fire on December 31 in Shariatpur district in Bangladesh, the fourth attack on minorities in two weeks in the neighbouring country. Khokon Chandra, a medical shop owner, was returning home when a mob stabbed him with a knife and then set him on fire. He managed to escape after jumping into a nearby pond, NDTV reported.Das injured his lower abdomen and head. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and is currently under medical care.

> Miscreants attack the businessman, 50-year-old Khokon Chandra Das, seriously injure him, pour petrol on his body and set him on fire

His family has demanded justice. "My husband is a simple man. He did not harm anybody, he did not hurt anybody. I don't know who did this," his wife was quoted as saying by NDTV. Since December last year, Bangladesh has been witnessing violent attacks on Hindu minorities. Twenty five-year-old Dipu Chandra Das was lynched to death by a Muslim mob over alleged blasphemy accusations. His body was hung from a tree before being set on fire.

A week later, 29-year-old Amrit Mondal was killed in the Hossaindanga area of Kalimohar Union. India has consistently condemned the attacks and raised safety concerns of Hindus, Christians and Buddhists.However, the Bangladeshi Ministry of Foreign Affairs called New Delhi's statement "incorrect, exaggerated and misleading." Exiled former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina attacked the Muhammad Yunus government, calling the deaths an absolute collapse of law and order and failing "to protect religious minorities and allow extremists to dictate foreign policy."

2,731 drunk driving cases booked in Greater Hyderabad

Hyderabad (TSIT): As many as 2,731 people were caught driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol during New Year celebrations in three police commissionerates covering Greater Hyderabad. In the special drive undertaken by police on the intervening night of December 31 and January 1, a total of 1,198 drunk drive cases were booked in Hyderabad commissionerate limits.

Police in Cyberabad booked 928 cases while 605 motorists were caught in Rachakonda commissionerate.The Hyderabad traffic police conducted a special enforcement drive against drunken driving from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. to ensure road safety and prevent road accidents.

The primary objective of this special drive was to ensure that commuters reach their destinations safely, to deter drunken driving, and to minimize the risk of fatal and non-fatal road accidents during the New Year celebrations.

Hyderabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) R. Venkateshwarlu said that the Hyderabad traffic police aimed to welcome the New Year without a single accident, thereby enabling citizens to celebrate responsibly and safely.

KTR seeks opportunity for BRS to make PPT presentation in Telangana Assembly

Hyderabad, Jan 1 (TSIT) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday demanded that if the Telangana government proposes to make a PowerPoint presentation in the Legislative Assembly, the principal Opposition party, the BRS, must also be given the same opportunity in the spirit of parliamentary democracy.

Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, KTR said that once members enter the Assembly, there is no distinction between the Chief Minister and an ordinary legislator. "All 120 MLAs enjoy equal rights on the floor of the House. If the government presents its version, the Opposition must also be allowed to present its facts," he said.

The Telangana government is likely to make a PowerPoint presentation in the Assembly on Friday on irrigation projects and river water-sharing issues. "You present your version and allow us to present ours. As the principal Opposition, we are fully prepared to explain how Telangana's agriculture and irrigation were transformed over the last ten years under BRS governance," said KTR, as the BRS leader is popularly known.KTR asserted that the BRS is fully prepared to place facts and data before the Assembly.

Recalling an earlier instance, KTR said that when former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao made a PowerPoint presentation in the Assembly on March 31, 2016, the Congress party had boycotted the House, calling it a violation of parliamentary traditions. "What was unacceptable then—how has it suddenly become acceptable now?" he asked. He said that a letter has been submitted to the Speaker seeking fairness and equal opportunity for the Opposition in the matter.Launching a sharp attack on the Congress government, KTR questioned the Chief Minister's understanding of irrigation and river water issues. He alleged that the Chief Minister had publicly claimed that the Bhakra Nangal Project was located in Telangana, whereas it is actually located in Himachal Pradesh.

"A Chief Minister who does not even know basic river basins wants to lecture us on irrigation?" KTR asked, adding that the Chief Minister was also unaware of the river basin to which the Devadula project belongs.KTR highlighted what he described as the government's failures in the irrigation sector, referring to the collapse of the Srisailam Left Bank Canal tunnel that claimed eight lives, the collapse of the Sunkishala project, and the submergence of the Vattem pump house. "What should we learn from you—how to make check dams fail, how Medigadda collapsed, or how Telangana's rightful share in Krishna waters was handed over to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB)?" he asked.

Op Sindoor displayed might of DRDO weapon systems: Rajnath

Lauded Team DRDO for bolstering India's indigenous capabilities by equipping the Armed Forces with state-of-the-art technologies and platforms.

New Delhi, Jan 1 (TSIT): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday praised the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the decisive role played by its weapon systems during Operation Sindoor.

Greeting the DRDO on its 68th Foundation Day, the Defence Minister said, "The weapon systems developed by DRDO played a decisive role during Operation Sindoor, which serves as a testament to the professionalism and commitment of the organisation towards safeguarding national interests."

In a social media message, Rajnath Singh said, "Visited the @DRDO_ India Headquarters in New Delhi on the occasion of their 68th Foundation Day. Lauded Team DRDO for bolstering India's indigenous capabilities by equipping the Armed Forces with state-of-the-art technologies and platforms."

During the event at DRDO headquarters, he appreciated the efforts of the scientists and personnel, praising their unwavering commitment, scientific excellence and deep sense of national duty.

In another message on X, the Defence Minister said, "On DRDO Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all DRDO scientists, personnel and their families.

AI a "big opportunity", essential to ensure its benefits reach all: Murmu

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Describing Artificial Intelligence as a "big opportunity" for ushering in positive change, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said it is essential to ensure that its benefits reach all sections of the society, especially the underprivileged.Addressing a programme organised by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, she observed that AI is emerging as a critical growth driver for India's economy and will contribute significantly towards the country's GDP, employment and productivity in the coming decades.AI should be utilised for reducing societal, economic and technological barriers, said the President.

Dozens feared dead, about 100 hurt in Swiss Alps bar blaze

Crans-Montana, Switzerland (TSIT) A New Year's party at the Le Constellation bar turned into tragedy when fire tore through the packed venue less than two hours after midnight. Police say "several tens" of revellers are presumed dead and around 100 injured, many critically. Rescue helicopters and ambulances ferried victims to hospitals across Valais canton, whose intensive-care unit and operating theatre quickly reached capacity.

Witnesses told French TV that a barmaid holding a lit candle in a bottle accidentally ignited the wooden ceiling; flames spread within seconds, collapsing the roof and trapping partygoers in a basement nightclub. Survivors described smashing windows and surging up a narrow stairwell to escape; parents arrived in panic searching for children.

Investigators have not yet entered the charred building and say it is too early to name a cause, but they rule out foul play. Officials believe combustible gases produced a sudden flashover. Identifying the dead, including foreign visitors, "will take time," said cantonal police commander Frederic Gisler.

Crans-Montana, a leading ski and golf resort set to host World Cup races next month, is less than 5 km from the 2012 Sierre bus-crash tunnel that killed 28. Authorities now urge locals to avoid further strain on overwhelmed medical services.

India & Pak exchange lists of prisoners, nuclear installations

New Delhi, Jan 1 (TSIT): India on Thursday called for early release and repatriation of civil prisoners, fishermen along with their boats, and missing Indian defence personnel from Pakistan's custody.

As both countries exchanged - through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad - the lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen in each other's custody, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that Pakistan has been asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 167 Indian fishermen and civil prisoners, who have completed their sentence.

"India has shared lists with details of 391 civil prisoners and 33 fishermen in its custody, who are Pakistani or believed-to-be-Pakistani. Similarly, Pakistan has shared lists with details of 58 civil prisoners and 199 fishermen in its custody, who are Indian or believed-to-be-Indian," read a statement issued by the MEA.

"The Government of India has called for early release and repatriation of civil prisoners, fishermen along with their boats, and missing Indian defence personnel from Pakistan's custody. Pakistan has also been urged to expedite the release and repatriation of 167 Indian fishermen and civil prisoners, who have completed their sentence. In addition, Pakistan has been asked to provide immediate consular access to 35 civil prisoners and fishermen in Pakistan's custody, who are believed-to-be-Indian and have not been provided consular access so far," it added. Under the provisions of the bilateral Agreement on Consular Access 2008, such lists are exchanged every year on January 1 and on July 1.

New Delhi asserted that it has asked the government of Pakistan to ensure the safety, security and welfare of all Indian and believed-to-be-Indian civil prisoners and fishermen, pending their release and repatriation to India.

"As a result of the sustained efforts by the Government of India, 2,661 Indian fishermen and 71 Indian civil prisoners have been repatriated from Pakistan since 2014. This includes 500 Indian fishermen and 13 Indian civilian prisoners who have been repatriated from Pakistan since 2023 till date," the MEA statement mentioned.

India to receive its 1st Bullet Train on Aug 15 next year: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi, Jan 1 : Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday indicated that India is likely to receive its first Bullet Train on August 15, 2027. The country is going to witness its first Bullet Train running on tracks next year, Vaishnaw said.

"Buy a Bullet Train ticket as on the Independence Day in 2027, the country will get its first Bullet Train," he said.

Vaishnaw also said that the Vande Bharat Express chair car has created a new sense of confidence across the country, and people have appreciated it a lot. "Requests are now coming in from all over India to run Vande Bharat trains, and almost every MP wants one. With the same comfort, safety,

and standards, a new overnight journey will begin with the Vande Bharat Sleeper," he mentioned. India's first Bullet Train project spans 508 kms between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Of this, 352 km lies in Gujarat and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and 156 km in Maharashtra.

According to the government, the corridor will connect major cities such as Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Vapi, Thane, and Mumbai, and is expected to cut travel time between the two metros to around two hours, significantly boosting inter-city mobility.

As per the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd. (NHSRCL), over 85 per cent of the corridor —around 465 km — is being built on elevated viaducts, with 326 km already completed. In November, Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook a detailed review of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project during his visit to Gujarat, marking a key moment in India's push towards next-generation transport infrastructure.

During the visit, the Prime Minister inspected the Surat station — a structure inspired by the city's globally renowned diamond industry. With a height of 26.3 metres and a built-up area of 58,352 square metres, the station includes three levels: The ground floor for parking and security checks, the concourse level for lounges, restrooms, kiosks and ticketing, and the platform level for passenger boarding. While structural work is complete, finishing touches such as interiors and station amenities are currently underway. Track works, including RC track-bed construction and temporary track installation, have also been completed at the site. Progress on river bridges is also substantial, with 17 of 25 bridges constructed. The 47-km Surat–Bilimora section is among the most advanced stretches, where civil works and track-bed preparation have been fully completed.

From 8th Pay Commission to LPG price hike: Key rule changes effective from Jan 1

New Delhi, Jan 1 : The new year 2026 has begun, and several new rules have come into effect from January 1 that are set to directly impact the finances of the common people. One of the most significant changes is the implementation of the 8th Pay Commission from January 1, 2026.

The Union government had already approved the move earlier. The decision is expected to benefit around 50 lakh central

government employees and nearly 69 lakh pensioners. With the new pay commission, salaries of government employees may increase by 20 to 35 per cent. At the same time, the government has increased the price of LPG cylinders by 111 from January 1, 2026.

However, the hike applies only to 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders. Domestic LPG cylinders used for household cooking, which weigh 14.2 kg, have been kept unchanged, providing relief to families.

There has also been some relief on the fuel front. Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has revised CNG and PNG prices from the new year.

CNG prices have been reduced by Rs 3, while PNG has become cheaper by Rs 0.70. However, the revised rates will vary from city to city.

Another major change from January 1 relates to credit scores. Until now, credit scores were updated once a month.

From 2026 onwards, credit scores will be updated every week, or every seven days. This means that people who pay their EMIs on time will see the benefits reflected more quickly in their credit profiles.

The deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar ended on December 31, 2025. If the PAN was not linked to Aadhaar by this date, the PAN card becomes inactive from January 1.

An inactive PAN can create problems in filing income tax returns and carrying out high-value banking transactions.

India-Maldives trade records three-fold jump in last 8 years

New Delhi, Jan 1 : The bilateral trade between India and the Maldives has grown more than threefold over the last eight years, with India's exports doubling to 680 million in FY 2024–25 and imports from the Maldives taking a huge 20-fold leap to $119 million. Along with the rising flow of Indian tourists to the island nation, the economic-interdependence between the two countries has been steadily growing over the years.

Recently, India–Maldives relations have entered a renewed phase following Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's visit to the Maldives, during which eight key bilateral agreements were signed. The agreements cover debt relief, reducing the Maldives' annual repayment burden by 40 per cent; a $565 million Line of Credit for infrastructure; UPI–RuPay integration; fisheries cooperation; housing projects; security assistance; climate resilience; and advancing FTA and investment treaty talks, according to an article published in the Maldives Insight news portal.

The report highlights that India's exports, comprising petroleum products, pharmaceutical products, and food goods such as rice, fruits and vegetables, are economic necessities for the island nation. In addition, machinery, electrical equipment, and transport vehicles exported by India play an important role in meeting consumer demand in the Maldives.

KYV discontinued for cars on new FASTag issued after Feb 1: NHAI

New Delhi, Jan 1 : The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Thursday announced to discontinue the Know Your Vehicle (KYV) process for cars for all new FASTag issuances, with effect from February 1, 2026. This is a major step to enhance public convenience and eliminate post-activation harassment faced by highway users of cars, jeeps and vans.

"This reform will bring significant relief to lakhs of common road users who were facing inconvenience and delays after FASTag activation due to post-issuance KYV requirements, despite having valid vehicle documents," said the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in a statement.

For existing FASTags already issued to cars, KYV will no longer be mandatory as a routine requirement.

KYV will be required only in specific cases where complaints are received, such as issues related to loose FASTags, incorrect issuance, or misuse. In the absence of any complaint, no KYV will be required for existing car FASTags.

EC slams police complaints against CEC, WB CEO; terms allegations 'baseless intimidation'

New Delhi, Jan 1: The Election Commission has strongly refuted two police complaints filed against the Chief Election Commissioner and the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal in connection with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process.

In a firm statement, the office of the West Bengal CEO dismissed the allegations as pre-planned, baseless and motivated, stating that they were a deliberate attempt to intimidate election officials discharging their

statutory duties related to SIR 2026.

The Commission said such intimidation tactics were aimed at derailing the electoral process by exerting external pressure on constitutional authorities. It asserted that these efforts would not succeed and that the Election Commission remains committed to conducting the revision exercise strictly in accordance with the law.

The poll body further underlined that it would take all necessary steps to identify and expose the conspiracy behind what it described as "organised and systematic" complaints, adding that attempts to obstruct the electoral process would be dealt with firmly. Reiterating its resolve, the Election Commission said it would continue to function independently and fearlessly to safeguard the integrity of elections and ensure free and fair polls.

Record deliveries on New Year's Eve despite strike calls: Deepinder Goyal

New Delhi, Jan 1 : Food delivery and quick commerce platforms Zomato and Blinkit achieved record delivery numbers on New Year's Eve, despite calls for strikes circulating over the past few days, its co-founder and CEO Deepinder Goyal said on Thursday.

Goyal said that both platforms continued operations smoothly with the support of local authorities. In a post on social media platform X, Goyal said that support from local law enforcement helped control a small number of miscreants, allowing delivery operations to run without major disruption.

"More than 4.5 lakh delivery partners across Zomato and Blinkit delivered over 75 lakh orders in a single day, marking an all-time high. These orders were delivered to more than 63 lakh customers across the country," Goyal mentioned. Goyal clarified that the record deliveries were completed without any special or additional incentives for delivery partners.

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu launched the 'Skill the Nation Challenge' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi on January 1, 2026.

'Op Sindoor still on': Army chief General Dwivedi's salvo at Pak in New Year message

New Delhi, Jan 1 : Ringing in the New Year, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Thursday recalled Operation Sindoor and the decisive action against the nefarious designs of the enemy in his message to countrymen, reiterating that the anti-terror exercise is continuing even today.

"Last year, the enemy's nefarious designs were given a befitting reply through firm and decisive action under Operation Sindoor, and this operation continues even today," wrote the COAS in his New Year message.

He said, "Along with vigilance on the borders, the Army has played a vital role in national progress through rapid response during disasters within the country and nation-building efforts." Seeking public support for helping the Army contribute to achieving the goal of "Viksit Bharat2047", he said, "I express my gratitude to every citizen for their contribution. Your trust, cooperation, and solidarity are our greatest strengths. The Indian Army will continue to contribute to security and

nation-building to achieve the goal of Developed India 2047."

Shedding light on the modernisation of the Force, the COAS said, "The Indian Army is undergoing a decade of transformation, where jointness, self-reliance, and innovation are the core pillars of our strategic power." "Through the effective use of indigenous technologies, new ideas, and continuous improvements, we are making the Army more capable and future-ready. Networking and data-centricity are providing new impetus to this transformation," said General Dwivedi in a message penned in Hindi.

The Army has declared 2026 as the Year of Networking and Data Centricity. "As part of the #DecadeofTransformation, the Indian Army declares 2026 as the 'Year of Networking & Data Centricity'. Driven by indigenisation, defence modernisation and digital integration, this initiative will enhance connectivity, real-time decision-making and combat effectiveness, thereby strengthening resilience and agility for a future-ready force," said the Indian Army.

Earlier, the COAS visited Base Hospital, Delhi Cantonment, where he interacted with serving personnel and veterans under treatment, appreciated their fighting spirit against all odds, and conveyed his best wishes for their speedy recovery. "The #COAS commended the medical officers and paramedical staff for their unwavering dedication, professional excellence and selfless service, acknowledging their relentless efforts in providing compassionate care and ensuring the well-being of serving personnel, veterans and their families at all times," said the Indian Army in a message on social media.

First Vande Bharat sleeper train to start running between Guwahati and Howrah in Jan

New Delhi, Jan 1 : Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Thursday that the first-ever Vande Bharat sleeper train will operate between Guwahati in Assam and Howrah in West Bengal. He stated that the complete trial, testing, and certification of the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train have been completed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train on this route this month.

The Minister said that this development represents a significant milestone for Indian Railways, the nation, and its rail passengers. He also mentioned that 2026 will be a year of major reforms for Indian Railways, with several passenger-centric initiatives set to be introduced.The districts that will benefit from the launch of the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train include Kamrup Metropolitan and Bongaigaon in Assam and Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Maldah, Murshidabad, Purba Bardhaman, Hooghly, and Howrah in West Bengal. The train will have 16 coaches, including 11 three-tier AC coaches, 4 two-tier AC coaches, and 1 first-class AC coach, with a total capacity of around 823 passengers.

The semi-high-speed train has a design speed of up to 180 kmph. It is fitted with ergonomically designed berths that have improved cushioning, automatic doors with vestibules for smooth movement and CCTVs in all coaches.

Vaishnaw further stated that a completely newly designed bogie with new suspension has been developed. The design parameters have been taken to a new level. Its interiors and ladders feature an ergonomic design, with special parameters implemented throughout for safety and security.

Karnataka bus harassment: Woman confronts accused on camera, urges others not to stay silent

Karwar (Karnataka), Jan 1 : An incident of a youth allegedly indulging in sexual harassment of a young woman passenger on a moving bus was reported on Wednesday from Karwar district in Karnataka.

The victim recorded a video related to the incident and appealed to women and girls not to remain silent when they face similar experiences, urging them to raise their voices and stand up for themselves.

The 2.44-minute video recorded by the victim has gone viral on social media and has garnered widespread appreciation for her courage. She also tagged the police in the video. Following this, Ankola police registered a complaint, and Superintendent of Police M.N. Deepan said action would be taken against the youth based on the video.

In the video, the victim states, "I was travelling to Ankola. My brother was with me. He wanted a window seat, so he moved and sat beside the window. It was a three-seater, and the seat next to me was empty. A youth came and sat beside me. He appeared to be around 28 years old."

She said she could not ask him to sit elsewhere as it was a government bus. "I was asleep. When I woke up, I saw the man's hand placed on my chest. I was shocked and started shivering. I did not know how to react at first. Then I gathered some courage and scolded him, asking whether he comes to buses for such purposes," she said."Even after scolding him, he did not move and continued to sit beside me. I scolded him again and pushed him out of the seat. I then felt I should not spare him. When the bus stopped, the accused tried to cover his face and get down from the bus," she added.

"I recorded a video and hit him on the head. At that point, he started claiming that he had done nothing. I wanted the video to reach his family members. His act should be known to his father, sisters, and other family members," she stressed.

Appealing to women and girls, she said, "If boys misbehave with you, do not remain silent. You must stand up for yourself, no matter who supports you or not. Shout for help and ensure their dirty acts are exposed. Do not keep quiet for any reason." "These people will realise the pain only if their own family members go through the same trauma. They enjoy doing the same to other women," she said. In the video, she is also seen warning the accused while recording and confronting him, saying it was first and last warning for him and that he would face consequences if he repeated such behaviour.

She is also seen asking him to show his face to the camera as he attempts to cover it with his bag while getting down from the bus.

Strict Compliance with Safety Regulations Mandatory in Service Apartments, Hostels and PGs – D.S. Ramesh

Bengaluru: The Commissioner of the Bengaluru East City Corporation, D.S. Ramesh, stated that the owners, operators and managers of all service apartments, hostels and paying guest (PG) accommodations within the City Corporation's limits must inspect their premises and ensure strict compliance, within the stipulated time, with all safety regulations prescribed by the City Corporation, along with all other applicable safety norms.

The primary objective of this measure is to prevent the recurrence of tragic incidents such as recent gas explosions and fire accidents, and to ensure the safety of public life and property. In this context, owners, operators and managers must personally ensure that their establishments fully comply with all prescribed safety standards.

Key safety regulations to be complied with:

• Safe and authorized use of LPG/gas connections
• Complete prohibition of illegal and unsafe gas cylinders
• Adequate ventilation and fire safety measures
• Electrical safety and measures to prevent overloading
• Valid and existing trade licences and all required registrations

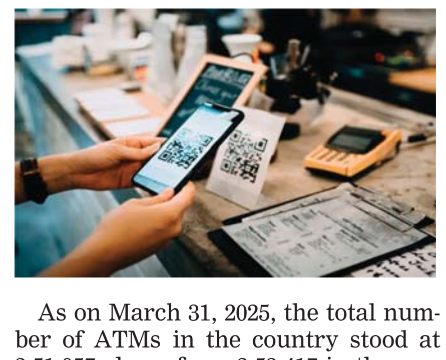
Time granted for compliance:

A period of seven (7) days has been granted to all service apartments, hostels and PG establishments to rectify the above-mentioned safety deficiencies and to ensure full compliance with all applicable laws and licence conditions.

Inspection and enforcement action:

After the expiry of the stipulated period, the City Corporation will undertake a special inspection drive. Strict action will be initiated against service apartments, hostels and PG establishments that fail to comply with safety regulations. Such action will include sealing of the premises and cancellation or suspension of trade licences. Further, penalties will be imposed under the Greater Bengaluru Authority Act, 2024, and other applicable laws. If violations are found to pose a serious threat to life and public safety, legal action will be initiated against the concerned establishments.

Digital payment growth leads to fall in ATM numbers in FY25



New Delhi, Jan 1: With digital payments gaining momentum across the country, the number of automated teller machines (ATMs) declined during the financial year 2024–25, according to a report released by the Reserve Bank of India on Monday.

The RBI's report on Trends and Progress of Banking in India 2025 noted that the expansion of public sector bank networks led to a two per cent increase in the number of bank branches during the year, even as reliance on ATMs reduced.

As on March 31, 2025, the total number of ATMs in the country stood at 2,51,057, down from 2,53,417 in the previous year. The decline has been attributed largely to strategic changes adopted by private sector banks.

The ATM network of private sector banks fell from 79,884 to 77,117 during the year, while public sector banks also saw a marginal reduction, with numbers declining from 1,34,694 to 1,33,544. The report stated that the withdrawal of off-site ATMs by both private and public sector banks contributed to this drop.

The report observed that increased digitisation of payments has reduced the need for customers to conduct transactions through ATMs. In contrast, independently operated white-label ATMs increased from 34,602 in the previous year to 36,216, indicating a shift in the structure of ATM deployment. Despite the growth of digital alternatives, banks continued to expand their physical presence. As of March 31, the total number of bank branches in the country rose to about 1.64 lac, reflecting a growth of 2.8 per cent during the financial year, the report added.

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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(12) 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, notice 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 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000002441, 1) MR. ANIL S/O SWAMY 2) MRS. SAKAMMA W/O SWAMY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.4,59,225/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That, Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Hunasur Village Janger No. 30/2, Panchayath Unique No. 152200703200200042, Situated At Hunasuru Village, Within The Limits Of Kiragasuru Grama Panchayath Kasaba Hobli, T. Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: 12.192 Meters & North-South 9.144 Meters, Total Measurement 75.25 Sq. Meters And Bounded As Follow : East By: House Of Maridasaiah, West By: House Of Devraju, North By : Road, South By : House Of Mahesh Mahadeva.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025(Symbolic)
239000003118, 1) MRS. ANITHA O D W/O KRISHNA 2) MR. KRISHNA H S/O HUCCHALAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,86,603/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That, Piece And Parcel Of Property E-Swothu Katha 11b, Property Bearing No. 250, Pid No. 151600702101420047 Measuring East To West 6.096 Meters And North To South 8.5344 Meters The Said Property Situated At Odanahalli Village, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District And Bounded As Follow : East By: Road, West By : House Of Ramesh And Channappa, North By : House Of Smt. Sheela W/O Srinivasa, South By: House Of Channappa.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
237030001311, 1) Mr. Ashoka R S/O Ramu 2) Mr. Ramu T S/O Thimmaiah 3) Mrs. Rathnamma W/O Ramu P	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,56,030/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcel Of The Rcc House Property Janjar No: 345, Khatha Assessment No: 346, E-Katha No. 150800202100420220 Situated At Madrahalli Village, Gundlupet Taluk And Chamarajanagara District. Within The Limits Of Nenekatte Gram Panchayathi Duration, Measurement Ew-9.12 Meters And Ns-12.14 Meters And Total Measurement 111.41 Sq Meters Of Building 111.41 Sq Meters. And All The Improvements Thereon, Bounded As Follows : Boundaries As Follow: East By : The Road, West By: The House Of Ningaiah, North By: The Road, South By: The House Of T. Somashekar.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	08.10.2025
227050000192, 1) MR. CHANNAIAH S/O LATE VENKATAIAH 2) MRS. KALAMMA W/O LATE VENKATAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,68,040.42/- as on 23.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Peace And Parcel Of Property Bearing Old Property No-47, Janjar No-49/1 152200201100900344 East To West 14.3256 Mtr, North To South 14.9352 Mtr Situated At Rayanahalli Village Kasaba Hobli Hunsur Taluk Mysore District. Bounded On: East: House Of Dasaiah , West: House Of Siddegowda, North: Road, South : Own House.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	26.09.2025
259000036122, 1) Mr. Dayananda C C S/O Channegowda 2) Ms. Kamaksharmma W/O Channegowda 3) Mr. Channegowda S/O Late Chaluvegowda	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,36,783.80/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Property Measuring Bearing No. 141, Form No. 9 And 11a, Property Rdpr Pid No. 151600700400900136, Measuring East To West 6.4008 Mtr & North To Soujth 18.288 Mtr, Total Extent 117.06 Sq. Mtr. And House Builtup Area Of 117.06 Sq. Mtr, Issued At Dodda Kadanuru Grampanchayath, Property Situated Chikka Kadanru Village, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka 573211. Boundaries As Follow : East: House Of Javeregowda, West : House Of Beeresha, North By : Own Site And Road, South By : House Of Javaregowda.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	06.10.2025
247000004328, 1) Mrs. Dhanalakshmi W/O Nagaraja Nayaka 2) Mr. Nagaraja Nayaka S/O Thammannayaka	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 10,35,177.91/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): Vacant Site Bearing Old Property No.186 New Property No 152200300116500285 Measuring Past To West 14.32560000000001 Mtr, North To South-8.2296 Mtr, Total Extent = 117.89 Sq. Mtr. Sttuated At Galigekere Village K.R. Nagara Taluk Mysore District.. Bounded On: East: Road , West: Lands Of Thammannanayaka, North: Lands Of Doddasiddanayaka, South: Lands Of Sannajavaramma.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
259000072975, 1) MRS. GEETHA W/O KUMARA 2) MR. KUMARA S/O RAMEGOWDA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,19,745.31/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Vacant Site & Residential House Bearning Old Property No. 308/308, New Property No.152200101100500762, Measuring East To West 10.0584 Mtr & North To South 10.972800000000001 Mtr, Total Measurement 110.37 Sq. Mtr. Building Measuring-44.59 Sq Mtr. Situated At Naganahalli Village H. D. Kote Taluk Mysore District. Boundaries As Follow : East: House Of Rathnamma, West: House Of Kalamma, North: Road, South: Site Of Gowrish.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
237000001067, 1) MR. GOPAL S/O DEVARAJREGOWDA B C 2) MRS. KANTHAMMA W/O DEVARAJREGOWDA B C	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,64,993/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Property E-Swathu Katha 11b Property Bearning No. 249/341 Pid No. 151600502600620030, Measuring East To West 8.8392 Meters And North To South 12.192 Meters The Said Property Is Situated At Nalluru Village, Channarayapatna Taluk And Hassan District. Boundaries As Follow : East By : Own Property, West By: Own Property, North By: Own Property, South By: Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	08.10.2025
249000073531, 1) MS. GOWRAMMA W/O M SHIVAMALLU 2) MR. M SHIVAMALLU S/O MALLUSHETTY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,59,191.63/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-73/70/1, Panchayath Unique No.152200539085000093, Situated At Shattahalli Village, Within The Limits Of Duggahalli Grama Panchayath, Hullahalli Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: 4.572 Meters, & North -South: 18.288 Meters, Total Measurement 83.61sq. Meter, Thereon Building Measurement 83.61sq.Meters. Bounded As Follows : East By : House Of Kempamani, West By: House Of Guruswamy, North By : Road, South By : Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
237000001272, 1) Mr. Harisha B K S/O Krishnegowda 2) Mrs. Savitha W/O Hariha B K 3) Mr. Krishnegowda S/O Late. Daddabuddi Thimmegowda	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 8,34,177.00/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-107/100/2, Panchayath Unique. No. 152200200501000179, Situated At Bolanahall Village, Within The Limits Of Bolanahalli Grama Panchayath, Bilikere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring East To West 6.705 Mtr & North To South 11.582 Mtr, Total Measurement 77.66 Sq. Mtr, Thereon Building Measurement 77.66 Sq Mtr, Boundaries As Follow : East: Galli & House Of Venkatachala, West: Galli & House Of Venkatalakshmamma, North: Galli & House Of Mogganegowda , South : Road

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
259000045971, 1) MR. JAYARAMU G W/O GOPALARAJU V 2) MRS. M MANGALA W/O GOPALARAJU V	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,82,816.90/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Mangalore Titled House Property No-98/1, E-Katha No.150800202600220020 Situated At Kilagere Village Gundlupete Tq, Chamarajanagar District, Within The Limits Of Bannithalapura Gramapanchayathi Duration, Measuring East To West 6.7056 Mtr & North To South 12.8016 Mtr, Total Measurement-85.84 Sq. Mtr. Building Measuring-85.84 Sq Mtr. Boundaries As Follow: East : House Of Basavanna, West: The Own Site, North: The House Of Gopalaraju, South: The Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	07.10.2025
227000002929, 1) MR. K R HARISHA S/O LATE RAMESHA 2) MRS. CHINNAMMA W/O RAMESH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,95,398/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Peace And Parcel Of Resiðential House Bearing Old Property No 167/1 New Property No 152200101106200200210 Measuring East To West = 4.572 Mtr. North To South = 12.4968 Mtr. Total Extent 57.14 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Kollegowdanahalli Village Kasaba Hobli H.D. Kote Taluk Mysore District And Bounded As Follow: East By : House , West By : Path Galli, North By : Road , South By : Vacant Site Of Mahadevamma.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
249000074707, 1) MRS. LAKSHMAMMA W/O RAVIKUMAR 2) MR. VIKASH R R S/O RAVIKUMAR 3) MR. RAVIKUMAR S/O DODDAYYA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,74,326.86/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of The Residential House And Vacant Site Bearing Old Property No-244, New Property No. 152200101404100364 Measuring East To West=12.192 Mtr, North To South=9.144 Mtr, Total Extent=1l1.48 Mtr Building Measuring=55.74 Sq Mtr, Situated At R.G. Hundi Village H.D. Kote Taluk Mysore District 571114. Boundaries As Follow: East By: House Of Chamaiah, West By: Land, North By : Road, South By : The Site Of Kalyanaiah.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000050780, 1) MRS. LATHA W/O RAMU G E 2) MR. BASAVARAJU G R S/O RAMU G E 3) MR. RAMU G E S/O MODDAN ERAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,88,430.43/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of The Property E-Swothu Katha 9 And 11a, Property Bearing No. 264/245, Pid No. 152100204200100521 Measuring East To West 23.270 Mtrs, And North To South 9.451 Mtrs, Totally Measuring 218.98 Sq Mtrs, The Said Property Situated At Gajjalagere Village, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District 571424. Boundaries As Follow : East By: 26 Feet Road West By: 25 Feet Road, North By: Naganna, South By: Narasaiah.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000000385, 1) MR. MAHADEVU S/O MASTHI SHETTY 2) MRS. SHANTAMMA W/O MAHADEVU	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,84,654/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Mangalore Tiled House Property Janjer No: 53, Property No: 85, E-Katha No-150800202100300071 Situated At Panjanahalli Village, Gundlupete Tq & Chamarajanagar District. Within The Limits Of Nenekatte Gram Panchayathi Duration. Boundaries As Follow: East : The Road, West : The House Of Doreswamy, North : The House Of Padmamma , South : The Hosue Of Chikkanna.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	06.10.2025
259000035275, 1) MRS. MAHALAKSHMI W/O NAGARAJU 2) MR. NAGAIAH S/O CHALUVAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,38,700.57/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-41, Panchayath Unique No.152100102201120025, Situated At Mylarapattana Village, Within The Limits Of Bharathipuracross Grama Panchayath, Santhebachahalli Hobli, K.R. Pete Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, Measuring: East-West: 9.144 Meters, & North-South: 9.144 Meters, Total Measurement 55.74 Sq.Meter. Boundaries : East By: House Of Chalwaiah, West By: Road , North By: House Of Shivaramu , South By: Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
237000001184 , 1) Mr. Mahesh S/O Channashetty Bheemanabeedu 2) Mrs. Manjula W/O Mahesh Bheemanabeedu	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,06,808/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Rcc House Property No-1116, E-Katha No. 150800202500120355, Situated At Bheemana beedu Village, Gundlupete Tq & Chamarajanagar District Within The Limits Of Bheemana beedu Grama Panchayathi Duration, Measuring East To West 12.19 Mtr & North To South 17.68 Mtr, Total Measurement 215.51 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries As Follow: East : The Property Of Marashetty , West : The House Of Gowramma , North : The Path Way , South : The Path Way.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	06.10.2025
257000006369, 1) Mr. Mahesha S/O Late. Parameshwarappa 2) Mr. Basavaraju G P S/O Late. Parameshwarappa 3) Ms. Nagamma W/O Late. Parameshwarappa	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,49,582/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-458/1, Panchayath Untque No. 152200501900520438, Situated At Gattavadi Village, Within The Limits Of Dodda Kowlande Grama Panchayath, Dodda Kowlande Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East West:6.7056000000000004 Meters, & North-South: 15.24 Meters, Total Measurement 102.19 Sq. Meter. And Bounded As Follows. East By: Road , West By: Site Of Mahadevapr-Asad , North By: House Of Rathnamma & Nagappa, South By : Government Halla

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	06.10.2025
237000021614, 1) MRS. MALLAJAMMA W/O SHIVANNA 2) MR. SANTOSH H S S/O SHIVANNA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 9,24,669/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Property E Swothu Katha 11b, Property Bearing No.381/354, Pid No. 152100201100720058 Measuring East To West 12.192 Meters And North To South 9.144 Meters Totally Measuring 111.48 Sq. Meters The Said Property Situated At Hallikere Village, K Belluru Gramapanchayath, Maddurtaluk, Mandya District And Bounded As Follows : East By: Rh Road , West By : Own Vacant Land, North By: Own Vacant Lands , South: Property Of H. T. Ramachandraiah.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	08.10.2025
227030000269, 1) Mr. Manikanta S B S/O Basavanna 2) Mrs. Madalambika W/O Basavanna 3) Mr. Basavanna Rishna S/O Kariyappa	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.9,32,096.01/- as on 23.09.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Right Title And Interest Of Immovable Private Property Bearing All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Khatha Assessment No :- 75, Pid No-150800201800220003 -Situated At -Shettahalli Village Gundlupete Taluk , Chamarajanagar Dist Within The Limits Of Hundipura Grama Panchayath Admesuring East To West : 9.6012 Meters North To South : 9.144 Meters Totally Measuring : 87.79 Sq Meters Of Building And Bounded As Follows : East : Road, West : House Of Mr. Kongalli Mallappa, North : Road, South: House Of Mr. S K Kongalappa

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
259000091776, 1) MR. MANU C/O NAGARAJU 2) MRS. NAGAMMA W/O NAGARAJU	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,29,347.90/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Scheduled Property E-Swothu Katha 9 & 11a, Property Bearing No.134, Pid No. 152100201500800592, Measuring East To West 9.144 Meters And North To South 11.192 Meters Total Measuring 111.48 Sq. Meters And There On Building Measuring 111.48 Sq. Meters The Said Property Situated At Gattahalli Village, Koppa Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District 571425 And Bounded As Follows: Bounded By : East By: Road , West By: Galli , North By : Property Of Mr. Chikkathimaiah , South By : Property Of Mr. Venkatesh

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000001910, 1) MRS. NAGAMMA W/O LATE MAHADEVA SHETTY 2) MR. RAVI H M S/O LATE MAHADEVA SHETTY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,00,163/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No. 401, Panchayath Unique No. 152200534046000436, Situated Ar Huskuru Villagem Within The Limits Of Shiramalli Grama Panchayath, Hullahalli Hobli, Nanjangaud Taluk, Mysuru District. Boundaries: East By : Road, West By : Residential House Of Rajamma, North By : House Of Shivannashetty, South By : Vacant Site Belongs To Shivamallashetty.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
239000000495, 1) MR. NANJUNDA SHETTY W/O LATE CHIKKANIGA SHETTY 2) MRS. PUTTAMMA W/O NANJUNDA SHETTY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,19,717/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Vatalu Village Janger No. 608, Panchayath Unique No. 152200702812020395, Situated At Vatalu Village, Within The Limits Of Vatalu Grama Panchayath, Muguru Hobli, T. Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring East To West 8.8392 Mtrs, North To South 6.096 Meters Mtr, Total Measurement 53.88 Sq. Meters, And Thereon Buildtng Measurement 53.88 Sq. Meter. Bounded As Follow : East : Road, West : House Of Araundathamma, North : House Of Mahadevappa, South : Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	26.09.2025
227000003712, 1) Mr. Ramakrishna C S/O Late Channa Nayaka 2) Mrs. Mahadevamma M W/O Ramakrishna C	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,12,870/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Residential House And Vacant Site Bearing Old Property No-49/3, New Property No-152200101913120070 Measuring East To West=16.4592 Mtr, North To South=14.6304 Mtr, Total Extent 240.80 Mtrs., Situated At Puradakatte Village Saraguru Taluk Mysore District Karnataka. Boundaries As Follow : East By: Path Way, West By: Holding Land, North By: House Of Shivaraju, South By: Vacant Site Of Doddakoosanayaka.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
247000006636, 1) MR. RAMESH M S/O LATE MAHADEVA 2) MRS. SUNANDA W/O LATE MAHADEVA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,70,798.85/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-430/ 402, Panchayath Unique No. 152200500500100524, Situated At Immavu Village, Within The Limits Of Hulimavu Grama Panchayath, Chikkaiahnachatra Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West 12.20 Meters, & North -South: 9.10 Meters, Total Measurement 111.02 Sq. Meter, Thereon Building Measurement 81.00 Sq. Meters. Bounded As Follows: East By: Galli & Property Belongs To Mallaiah, West By: Galli & Property Belongs To Bhagya W/O Mahadeva, North By: House Of Rajeshwari Venkatesh, South By : Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
239000001919, 1) MR. RAMESH NAYAK S/O MOTA NAYAK 2) MRS. SHOBHA BAI W/O RAMESH NAYAK	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,55,964/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Immovable Property Bearing Present Kaneshumart/Kath No. 43/40 And Pid No. 152900100500500566, Measurtng East To West 11.2 Meters And North To South 6.6 Meters, Total Measuring 73.92 Sq. Meters, Situated At Menasiganahalli Village, Bhoohalli Grama Panchayath, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk And Ramanagara District. Boundaries As Follow : East: Remaining Property , West: Govt. Road, North: Remaining Property , South: Devi Bai.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	06.10.2025
227000003604, 1) MR. RANGASWAMY S/O NAGARAJASHETTY 2) MRS. LALINGAMMA W/O NAGARAJA 3) MR. NAGARAJA SHETTY S/O RANGA SHETTY	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,01,599/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcel Of The Rcc House Property No: 767/1, E-Katha No- 150800103200200709 Sttuated At Ummathuru Village, Chamarajanagar Tq & District. Within The Limits Of Ummathuru Gram Panchayathi Duration. Which Is Bounded As Follows: East By : The Road & House Of Nagarajushetty., West By: The Site Of Kempanna. , North By : The Site Of Mahadevashetty. , South By: The House Of Rangashetty. Admeasuring : East To West: 9.75 Meters, North To South: 9.75 Meters. Totally Measuring: 95.13 Sq. Meters Building If Any: 95.00 Sq Meters.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
217060003102, 1) MR. RAVI S/O JAVARABHOVI 2) MRS. JYOTHI W/O RAVI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 1,56,233.80/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcels Of Immovable Property Bearing No. 217, Panchayath Unique No. 152200431028000278, Situated At Siddalingapura Village, Within The Limits Of Siddalingapura Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District, Measuring: East To West: 06.90 Meters & North To South: 12.19 Meters. Boundaries As Follow : East : Property Bearing No. 4, West : Road, North : Property Bearing No. 16, South : Property Bearing No. 14.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	08.10.2025
239000002182, 1) Mrs. Roopa W/O Muddukrishna, 2) Mr. Varun Kumar S/O Muddukrishna, 3) Mr. Muddukrishna S/O Late.Rangaiah	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,78,699/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-128/98, Panchayath Unique No.152200700804900390, Situated At Vaddarakoppalu Village, Within The Limits Of Maliyuru Grama Panchayath, Bannur Hobli,T.Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: 10.3632 Meters, & North - South: 10.3632 Meters, Total Measurement 107.40sq. Meter, Bounded As Follows : East By : House Of Rangaiah, West By : Applicant Property, North By : Road, South By : House Of Srinivasa.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
227000002817, 1) Mrs. Savitha W/O Rajashekhar M P 2) Mr. Rajashekhar M P S/O Puttaswamy	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.3,18,874/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcei, Of Immovable Property E-Swothu Katha 9 And 11b, Property Bearing No. 149/182, Pid No. 151600501500220031, Measuring East To West 6.1112400000000004 Meters And North To South 13.716000000000001 Meters The Said Property Situated At Mallenahalli Village, Dandiganahalli Hobli, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hasana District, Bounded As Follow : East By: Road, West By: House Of Prakash, North By : Road, South By : 4 Feet Own Property And Government Land.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	07.10.2025
227000004712, 1) MRS. SHARADAMMA W/O DHARMAPPA 2) MR. DHARMESHA C D S/O DHARMAPPA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,01,051/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY E - SWOTHU KATHA 11B, PROPERTY BEARING NO.90, PID NO.151600301400420021, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 12.8016 METERS AND NORTH TO SOUTH 7.010400000000001 METERS AND THE TOTAL SITE MEASURMENT 89.79 AND TOTAL BUILDING MEASURMENT 89.79 THE SAID PROPERTY SITUATED AT CHIKKANAHALLI VILLAGE, BAICHANAHALLI GRAMAPANCHATHI, ARAKALAGUDU TALUK, AND HASSAN DISTRICT AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS : EAST BY: ROAD, WEST BY : OWN PROPERTY., NORTH BY : OWN PROPERTY, SOUTH BY : HOUSE OF KUMARA.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
249000124785, 1) MR. SHIJU KUMAR S/O MANI 2) MR.MANI S/O KUNJAISH 3) MRS. SHEELA W/O MANI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.970250.47/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Part And Piece Of The Vacant Site And Residential House Bearing Old Property No-120/120 New Property No-152200202505220221 Measuring East To West=12.192 Mtr, North To South=9.144 Mtr, Total Extent=111.48 Sq. Mtr. Building Measuring=25.64 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Ummathuru Village Hunsur Taluk Mysore District Karnataka. Boundaries Here Under :-North By : House Of Komala, South By: House Of Baby, East By: Pathway, West By : House Of Sunderesha.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	07.10.2025
259000091615, 1) MRS. SHILA W/O JAYARAM 2) MR. JAYARAMU S/O PUTTAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,04,636.11/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Part And Piece Of The Residential House Bearing Old Property No-308/194 New Property No-152200200220200321 Measuring East To West-9.45 Mtr, North To South-4.57 Mtr, Total Extent 43.20 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Maruru Village Hunsur Taluk Mysore District. Bounded On : East: Road, West : Own Old House, North : House Of Swamyshetty, South : Property Of Siddaramaiah.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	07.10.2025
227000004713, 1) MRS. SHILA W/O KRISHNA L D 2) MR. KRISHNA L D S/O LATE DEVAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,66,247/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Part And Pieces Of The Property E - Swothu Katha 9 And 11a, Property Bearing No. 136, Pid No.151600700100900132, Measuring East To West 13.411200000000001 Meters And North To South 5.7912 Meters The Said Property Situated At Lakkuru, Thathanahalli Gramapanchathi, Holenarsipura Taluk, And Hassan District And Bounded As Follows : East By: Road., West By: Property Of Dhanaiah., North By : House Of Sannamma., South By : House Of Shankara.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000001899, 1) MR. SHIVALINGACHARI S/O PUTTASWAMCHARI 2) MRS. RAJESHWARI W/O SHIVALINGACHARI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,12,701/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcel Of House Property Asst No. 99, E-Katha No. 150800202300620157 Situated At Deshipura Village, Gundlupete Tq & Chamarajanagar District, Within The Limits Of Alattura Gram Panchayathi Duration. Boundaries: East By : The House Of Ningachari, West By: The Road, North By: The House Of Siddappaji, South By: The House Of Channachari.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	08.10.2025
237000021650, 1) MRS. SIDDAMMA W/O SOMANNA 2) MR. HARISHAKUMAR H S S/O SOMANNA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 7,25,382.92/- as on 22.09.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential House Bearing Old Property No-645/1/645/2 New Property No-152200543078000616 Measuring East To West-9.144 Mtr, North To South-12.192 Mtr, Total Extent=111.48 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Hadya Village Nanjanagudu Taluk Mysore District. Bounded On : East: Vacant Site Of Mahadevaiah, West : House Of Javaraiah, North : Road, South : House Of Puttadasaiah.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
227070001439 & 259000047872, 1) MR. SIDDESHA S S/O BASAVASHETTY 2) MRS. NAGARATHNA W/O SIDDESHA S	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 7,80,810.42/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Peace And Parcel Of The Rcc House Property Khatha Assessment No.86/56/A, E-Katha No. 152200501700100079, Situated At Hanumanapura Village, Nanjangudu Taluk Mysore District, With In The Limits Of Konanuru Gram Panchayathi Duration, Measurement Ew-8.5344 Meters And Ns -10.972800000000001 Meters And Total Measurement 93.65 Sq.Mtrs Of Building 93.65 Sq. Meters Bounded As Follows : Boundaries Here Under :- North : The Vacant Site Of Mahesh , South : The Conservancy, East : The House Of Shilpa , West : The Land Of Gowramma.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	26.09.2025
257000007229, 1) MR. SRINIVASA MURTHY V K S/O KEMPAIAH 2) MRS. SHIVAMMA W/O KEMPAIAH 3) MR. KEMPAIAH S/O LATE NANJAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,85,970.98/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	27.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Vatalu Village Janger No-581/1, Panchayath Unique No.152200702812020382, Situated At Vatalu Village, Within The Limits Of Vatalu Grama Panchayath, Muguru Hobli, T.Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District Karnataka-571124. Bounded On : East: House Belongs To Nanjaiah, West : House Belongs To Krishnamurthy, North: House Belongs To Vasu, South: Road .

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
239000000341, 1) MRS. SUDHA G W/O GOVINDA 2) MR. GOVINDA S/O LATE HEJJURAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,28,321/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Vacant Site And Residential House Bearing Old Property No.181/3 New Property No- L52200102I17420423 Measuring East To West = 7.010 Mtr, North To South= 7.315 Mtr, Total Extent= 51.28 Sq. Mtr Building Measuring = 37.62 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Kothegala Village Saraguru Hobli Saraguru Taluk Mysore District, Bounded As Follow : East By: House Of Doddaputtaiaih, West By: Conservancy Galli , North By: Road , South By: House Of Hanumantha.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	21.08.2025
239000002007, 1) MRS. SUKANYA W/O RAMAIAH 2) MR. RAMAIAH S/O LATE VENKATAIAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,69,558/- as on 22.07.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Katha/ E-Sowthu 9 And 11a, Property Bearing No. 802, Pid No. 152100200700100981, Measuring East To West 7.9248 Meters And North To South 15.24 Meters Total Measuring 120.77 Sq. Meters The Said Property Situated At Koppa Village And Hobli Koppa Grama Panchayathi, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District, Bounded As Follow: East By: K. G. Srinivas, West By: Yalakki, North By: Galli , South By: Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
239000003189, 1) MRS. SUMALATHA W/O MANJA 2) MR. MANJA S/O GOVINDA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,48,642/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All That, Piece And Parcel Of Residential House Bearing Old Propðrty No. 593 New Property No. 152200601119220259 Measuring East To West = 6.09 Mtr, North To Soutii = 9.144 Mtr, Total Extent = 55.74 Sq. Mtr. Situated At Hitne Hebbagilu Village Periyapatna Taluk Mysore District 571107. Boundaries As Follow: East By: Temple Site, West By: House Of Manju, North By: Property Of Honnegowda And Govt Road, South By: Road.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
227000002928, 1) MRS.SUNDRI W/O SUNDRA 2) MR. SUNDRA S/O LATE KUNTALAH	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.3,22,549/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	29.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of The Residential House And Vacant Site Bearing Old Property No-436 New Property No-152200103125300579 Measuring East To West = 15.24 Mtr. North To South= 21.336000000000002 Mtr. Total Extend 325.16 Sq. Mtr Situated At N. Beguru Village Antharasanthe Hobli H.D. Kote Taluk – Mysore District. Bounded On Boundaries Here Under :- North By: Residential House Of Doreswamy, South By: Residential House Of Mahadeva, East By: Govt. Road, West By : Residential House Of Kusappa.

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	25.09.2025
249000076194, 1) MRS. SUNITHA SUNITHA W/O RAMESH G L, 2) MR. RAMESH G L S/O LINGEGOWDA	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,17,426.64/- as on 26.08.2025
	Date of Possession	26.12.2025(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies): All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Katha No-103, Panchayath Unique No.152200100707220253, Situated At Kolagala Village, Within The Limits Of Madapura Grama Panchayath, Hampapura Hobli, H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring: East-West: 8.2296 Meters, & North South: 28.0416meters, Total Measurement 230.77sq. Meter, Thereon Building Measurement 42.74 Sq. Meters. Bounded As Follows. Boundaries Here Under : East By: Vacant Site Belong To Ravi S/O Late. Ninegowda, West By : Road, North By : Site Belongs To Subbarai S/O Late. Subbegowda, South By : House Of G. L. Suresh.

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.

Authorised Officer
Place : Karnataka, Date : 02.01.2026 **Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

EDITORIAL

'India Out': In South Asia, India Bears the Burden of Nearness

This season, once again, the street in Bangladesh fills before it decides why it has filled. Bangladesh has once again become the place where South Asia's unease gathers. The protests are familiar in form – students, slogans, police lines – but their cause resists precision. They are not only about water, though the rivers matter. They are not only about borders, though the dead along them are remembered. They are not only about diplomacy, though the language of insult and interference circulates freely. What moves beneath these moments is older and more intimate: a feeling that pressure is being applied from beyond the horizon, that decisions are being made elsewhere and lived locally, that proximity itself has become a burden. India enters these scenes less as an actor than as a presence: structural and unavoidable, and therefore endlessly interpretable.

This essay begins here, not because Bangladesh is exceptional, but because it is emblematic. Over the past half-century, similar moments have surfaced across South Asia, appearing suddenly, intensifying quickly, and dissolving without resolution. Moments like this have come to be called "India Out", though what they name is not an ideology so much as a recurring strain of proximity. India is rarely absent in South Asia. Even where it is not invoked, it is felt: through rivers that thin without warning, through fuel queues that lengthen toward dusk, through borders that harden unexpectedly, through a rumour that arrives before reason can intervene. For many of its neighbours, India is not a policy problem so much as a condition of life: proximate, immense, and inescapable. It is this condition, more than any single action, that explains why, at moments of strain, the street turns outward and demands that India go.

These moments do not announce themselves as ideology. They do not sustain programs or carry manifestos. They appear instead as moods. A gathering thickens at a crossroads; a slogan hardens; a phrase repeats itself until it no longer sounds like news but like truth. By the time the words 'India Out' are painted or shouted, the work has already been done elsewhere: in the mind, in the image, in the shared sense that something has been taken, withheld, or imposed without consent. Over decades, since India ceased to be an episodic actor and became a structural presence in the lives of its neighbours, such moments have surfaced repeatedly across Bangladesh, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. They differ in scale and consequence. Some pass without blood; others do not. Yet they share a peculiar intimacy. India is not a distant empire to be denounced, but a neighbour whose presence is already woven into daily life; into water, trade, labor, language, cinema, and news.

To protest India, then, is not to reject an abstraction. It is to recoil from a closeness that, at certain moments, becomes unbearable.

In Bangladesh, the earliest murmur rose not from the street but from the river. When the Farakka Barrage was commissioned in the mid-1970s, the grievance it produced was slow, almost geological. Water does not protest; it withdraws. Crops fail quietly. Livelihoods erode before they break into the open. The Farakka Long March of 1976, disciplined, largely non-violent, did not accuse India of malice so much as of indifference. India appeared there as a force upstream, unseen yet decisive, capable of altering lives downstream without ever crossing a border.

That image endured. Long after the slogans faded, the sense of hydrological vulnerability remained, ready to be recalled whenever scarcity returned. Along the border, death arrived more abruptly. Civilians shot while crossing fields or tending cattle did not require ideological framing to become symbols. Each killing was small in number, large in meaning. Protest followed death, not the other way around.

The Vishwaguru Complex: Supremacist Rhetoric and National Decline

When Mohan Bhagwat, chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), declared that India should aspire not merely to superpower status but to become "Vishwaguru"– teacher of the world – he articulated a vision that demands serious critical scrutiny. This rhetoric, increasingly central to contemporary Indian nationalism, represents a peculiar form of supremacist discourse that claims for India a position of moral, spiritual, and civilisational superiority over other nations. What makes this formulation particularly striking is its divergence from the nationalist idioms of other major nations, which typically emphasise strength, prosperity, or influence rather than pedagogical authority over humanity itself. This column examines the historical, sociological, and psychological roots of this "Vishwaguru complex," argues that it emerges from specific caste-based epistemologies, and demonstrates how such hyperbolic rhetoric functions as deliberate mystification in an era of measurable national decline.

The uniqueness of supremacist pedagogy The rhetoric of "becoming a superpower" or "Vishwaguru" is close to unique to India. No other country speaks of its future greatness with this level of certainty and theatricality. Established powers don't advertise their ascent: the United States doesn't run on promises of becoming a superpower – it already behaves like one. China avoids the language of impending supremacy and instead invests steadily in technology, industry, and global influence. Russia talks of restoring lost stature. Even ambitious economies like Brazil, South Korea, or Turkey don't turn national pride into a public campaign of inevitable world leadership. In this sense, India stands alone. Its political class has converted the idea of superpower status into a collective fantasy and a mass pedagogical project. This boastfulness operates as a substitute for capability. Instead of proprietary technology, industrial depth, or strategic leverage, slogans perform the work of achievement. The fixation on future supremacy is less about aspiration than compensation: loud claims filling the vacuum left by institutional decay and developmental stagnation. Nations that genuinely shape the world rarely speak in this register; they demonstrate strength through action, not incantation. The countries that declare destiny most aggressively are usually the ones furthest from realising it. The slogan "Vishwaguru" is even more distinctive. American exceptionalism invokes power; Chinese nationalism invokes rejuvenation; Russian nationalism invokes restoration; even religious states like Iran or Saudi Arabia define themselves by regional authority or theological guardianship. Only India frames itself as the world's teacher, the bearer of knowledge the rest of humanity supposedly lacks. This is not the language of partnership or even leadership – it is hierarchical, didactic, and civilisationally patronising. It positions India as the enlightened instructor and the world as its classroom. Such confidence does not arise in a vacuum. It draws from a social tradition built on knowledge monopoly and stratified authority: the Brahminical idea that wisdom flows downward from a self-appointed pinnacle. The modern claim to global tutelage is simply this logic scaled up. It is not confidence born of achievement but the inflation of a historical caste impulse onto the international stage. In that sense, India's boasts are not just loud – they are structurally unique. The rest of the world speaks of power. Only here do we speak of destiny, mastery, and the world awaiting our instruction. Brahminical epistemology The ideological substratum that informs the RSS and wider Hindutva emerges from a specifically Brahminical epistemology grounded in the premise of congenital hierarchy. Within this framework, human inequality is not merely social but ontological: Brahmins are positioned as inherently superior by virtue of birth, endowed with a putatively greater proximity to sacred knowledge and spiritual authority. The caste system thus operated not as a neutral division of labour but as a division of human worth, naturalised through doctrines of ritual purity, karma, and rebirth that framed hierarchy as cosmic order rather than historical construction. Central to this structure was the consolidation of epistemic power. Access to sacred knowledge – most notably the Vedas – was institutionally monopolised by Brahmins, who alone possessed the authority to interpret, disseminate, or withhold it. Educational exclusion constituted a mechanism of control rather than mere deprivation: Shudras were legally and theologically barred from hearing Vedic recitation, with violence sanctioned to enforce these boundaries. The result was an epistemological regime in which the Brahmin became teacher by definition, while marginalised castes were structurally designated as non-knowers. Intellectual authority was grounded in claims of exclusive access to transcendence rather than demonstrable competence, producing what can be described as a supremacist epistemology stabilised through ritual, repetition, and punitive enforcement. The RSS inherits this genealogy. Founded by a Brahmin (K.B. Hedgewar), theoretically consolidated by a Brahmin ideologue (M.S. Golwalkar), and repeatedly led by Brahmin leadership thereafter, the organisation's ideological production bears the marks of this ancestry. While its social base has broadened through strategic lower-caste mobilisation, its conceptual architecture remains Brahminical: the nation is imagined through hierarchical categories, cultural authority flows from the top down.

New Year: New Dreams, New Hopes

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

A new year isn't just a change in the calendar. It marks a pause in our lives—a time where we look back, understand the present, and chart a course for the future. Each new year brings with it new hopes, new resolutions, and new possibilities. It's a moment when we look within ourselves and ask ourselves, "How was the past year, what did we learn, what did we lose, and what do we want to become"

In today's fast-paced lives, we're often rushing—chasing goals, burdened by responsibilities, and racing against expectations. A new year offers us the opportunity to pause, take a breath, and reconsider our life's direction. This introspection becomes the foundation for new dreams.

The past year: A school of learning

Every passing year is like a teacher for us. It brings joys and sorrows; successes and failures. But the real question isn't what happened to us, but what we learned from it. Too often, we judge the past year solely on the events—who we lost, what we gained—and ignore the lessons.

The past year may have taught us patience, made us self-reliant, and taught us the importance of relationships. Some experiences made us stronger, while others humbled us. The new year becomes meaningful only when we move forward with these lessons, not just carrying old sorrows and grievances.

New dreams: not appearances, but direction

The New Year often begins with lofty resolutions—I will do this, I will become that, I will achieve this. But within a few months, these resolutions begin to fade. This is because our dreams are often influenced by the expectations of others, rather than our true selves.

Meaningful dreams are those that are rooted in our values. They excite us from within, not exhaust us. The New Year gives us a chance to reflect on whether our dreams are merely for show or for direction. Do we want to be what society wants, or what our soul desires

Dreams can be small—like keeping yourself healthy, spending time with your family, or taking some time for yourself. Not every dream demands a big stage or recognition; sometimes the biggest dream is a balanced and peaceful life.

New expectations: internal, not external

We often place our hopes on others—that someone will change, circumstances will improve, systems will be fixed. But the New Year reminds us that the strongest hope is the one that comes from within. When we believe in ourselves, we can find a way out, no matter the circumstances.

Inner hope means believing that we can change, that we can learn, and that we can become better. This hope lifts us from despair and gives us the strength to stand up even after failure.

Relationship with yourself: The best start to the new year

The first relationship that needs to be mended in the New Year is the one with ourselves. We are quick to notice the mistakes of others, but often shy away from our own shortcomings. The New Year teaches us to balance self-acceptance with self-improvement.

Being honest with ourselves doesn't mean judging ourselves, but rather accepting our true selves. Understanding our limitations, recognizing our strengths, and being compassionate toward ourselves. When we understand ourselves, our expectations of the world become more realistic.

Relationships: Quality, not quantity

The New Year is also a time to reconsider relationships. In today's world, connections are plentiful, but relationships are few. Social media has connected us, but it has also increased the distance between our hearts. The New Year offers an opportunity to reflect on which relationships in our lives energize us and which ones drain us.

It's not necessary to maintain every relationship, but it is important to treat it with honesty. Some relationships require time, some boundaries, and some require a respectful end. Cleaning out relationships in the new year is as important as cleaning out your closet.

A new definition of success

Society has established a fixed definition of success—money, position, and prestige. But the New Year gives us an opportunity to reflect on whether this is success. Is a person who is calm, content, and stands by their values truly a failure The new definition of success should also include mental peace, self-esteem, health, and balance. If we can sleep peacefully at the end of the day, feel proud of ourselves, and not do injustice to anyone—that too is success.

Friendship with failure

With new dreams come new failures. But failure is not something we should fear; it's important to learn from it. Every failure shows us which path isn't right for us. A new year gives us the courage to try again, without underestimating ourselves.

Those who fear failure often don't try. And those who don't try never move forward. The new year is all about taking risks and learning as you go.

Society and responsibility

The New Year is not only a time for personal change, but also for social responsibility. We cannot remain untouched by the problems of the society we live in. Small efforts—such as honesty, sensitivity, and environmental awareness—can improve society. If everyone adopts just one good habit in the new year—change will begin to show itself. Conclusion: New Year, New Outlook A new year isn't a magic wand that will change everything. Change comes when we change the way we think. New dreams, new hopes are only meaningful if they make us better people—more sensitive, more responsible, and more truthful. Let's resolve this New Year to strive not to be perfect, but to be honest. We won't strive to be ahead of everyone, but to be on the right track. And when we look back at the end of the year, we can proudly say—yes, I was honest with myself.

This is the true meaning of New Year –

CAG Audit Report Finds PMKKKY Goals Are Unmet in Karnataka

On December 17, the Comptroller and Auditor General's Performance Audit report that scrutinised in detail the flagship Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana was tabled in the Karnataka state assembly. This flagship scheme was designed as per the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2015; immediately after National Democratic Alliance government came into power in May 2014. The amendment to India's framework law governing the mining sector was rooted in the belief that part of the royalty paid by mining leaseholders shall remain in the district to ensure the overall welfare of mining affected people. Thus, a specified percentage of mining royalty will remain at district-level District Mineral Fund to be managed by organisations named District Mineral Foundation Trusts. In September 2015, as per the provisions of MMDR (Amendment)Act, the Union ministry of mines issued guidelines for the implementation of what it termed the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana. The objectives of PMKKKY are: To implement various developmental and welfare projects/ programmes in mining affected areas; To minimise/mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining, on the environment, health and socio-economics of people in mining districts; and To ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods for the affected people in mining areas. This performance audit on PMKKKY implementation in Karnataka points out that as on March 31, 2023, the District Mineral Fund amounted to Rs 4003.51 crore; whereas expenditure had remained sluggish at Rs 1826.46 crore (i.e. 45.62%). However, as we analyze the audit findings, the message that emerges is not just sluggish expenditure, but also instances of works getting awarded without inviting tenders, as well as money getting spent to what auditors have termed as "irregular and inadmissible expenditure". In a shocking audit finding, auditors reveal that authorities had not paid enough attention to planning processes, thereby defeating the participatory planning purpose that was at the heart of the PMKKKY. In test-checked districts, CAG found that DMFTs had not prepared any Master Plan or Vision Document for the activities to be taken up. While the PMKKKY Guidelines, model rules and Karnataka DMFT Rules provided for the very basic activity of preparing lists of mining affected people and mining affected villages in respective districts, after almost a decade of PMKKKY implementation, these basic lists were not prepared and were not found on records. In absence of such basic lists, the targeting of works under PMKKKY for mining affected villages and people remained an unachieved goal. The performance audit also revealed that monitoring and impact evaluation remained neglected tasks. CAG audit states: "[T]hough the State Level Steering Committee, headed by honorable Chief Minister, was constituted in March 2018, five years later, as on June 2023 no meeting were held". As envisaged under Rule 5A of Karnataka DMFT Rules 2016, the SLSC shall meet at least once a year. The mechanism meant to ensure checks and balances has utterly failed, since the State-Level Empowered Committee, headed by Chief Secretary, whose prerogative was to ensure timely monitoring and review the progress of projects financed by DMFTs and functioning of DMFT Managing Committees, had met only four times between March 2018 and June 2023. As per Rule 5B of Karnataka DMFT Rules 2016, the SLEC shall meet at least three times in a year. Thus, against the mandatory minimum requirement of 15 meetings, the SLEC could meet only four times, exposing poor compliance. Similar shortfalls and non-compliance with basic planning and monitoring mechanism were noticed with regard to mandatory minimum requirement of meetings of DMFT Governing Councils and Managing Committees in test checked districts, as explained in the table below: *Vijayanagara DMFT came into being only after the erstwhile Ballari district was bifurcated, leading to creation of Vijayanagara as separate district on November 17, 2021. Hence, the mandatory minimum number of meetings for this test-checked districts are not at the same level as for other four test-checked districts. CAG auditors also found several deviations in the way projects got approved and managed, defeating the very purpose of creating a fund to address the legacy development and welfare issues in mining affected districts. While PMKKKY guidelines of the Union Ministry of Mining, as well as Rule 18(2) of Karnataka DMFT Rules, had unambiguously underlined upon a judicious prioritisation of projects, by defining High Priority Areas (60% fund utilisation) and Other Priority Areas (remaining 40% fund utilisation).

Škoda Auto's silver jubilee year in India becomes its biggest-ever

Mumbai, January 01, 2026: Škoda Auto marked 2025 as its most defining year in its India journey so far. It marked its 25th anniversary in the country with its strongest-ever sales performance. The brand closed 2025 with sales of 72,665 cars, registering a 107% year-on-year growth compared to 35,166 units sold in 2024. This exceptional performance makes 2025 Škoda Auto India's biggest year ever, reflecting the surge in momentum across products, markets and customer touchpoints. Commenting on the landmark year, Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "The year 2025 will always remain a special one for us. It marks our 25th anniversary in India, and it has seen us with our most enhanced and diverse product portfolio ever, and we are now at our widest when it comes to network and market presence. All of this, combined with the trust and love our customers have shown us, has driven us to our biggest year ever in India. The overwhelming response to the Kylaq, the continued admiration for the Kodiaq, and the passionate enthusiasm for the return of the Octavia RS reaffirm the strong emotional connect customers share with the brand. Alongside this, the cars that started our India 2.0 journey, Kushaq and Slavia, continue to see sustained demand. As we step into 2026, we look forward to carrying this momentum forward with a renewed product offensive, sharper sales and aftersales initiatives, and an even stronger focus on expanding our reach and getting closer to our customers."

Building Relevance

Škoda Auto India's performance in 2025 was anchored in a clear product and network strategy. The Kylaq emerged as a key growth driver, significantly expanding the brand's accessibility, while limited editions of the Kushaq and Slavia enhanced value and freshness across the line-up. The Kodiaq strengthened Škoda's presence in the premium SUV space, and the return of the Octavia RS reignited the brand's performance legacy. During the year, Škoda Auto India also crossed the milestone of selling over 200,000 locally produced cars since 2021, while expanding its footprint to over 325 Customer Touchpoints across 183 cities, reinforcing its commitment to democratising European engineering across India. A large part of the network expansion has been undertaken with Škoda Auto's long-term dealer partners in India, while also bringing new partners with a proven track record of customer centricity into the fold.

Driving Differentiation

Beyond products, 2025 saw Škoda Auto India enhance its brand voice through meaningful storytelling, cultural relevance and customer-centric experiences. India became the first large Škoda market globally to complete a 100% rebranding of its network with the updated Corporate Identity and Design, reinforcing a unified and modern brand experience for the customers. Customer communication took a significant leap forward with the onboarding of Ranveer Singh as Škoda Auto India's first-ever Brand Superstar, adding youthful energy and cultural resonance to the brand. Later in the year, building on this momentum, the 'Fans, Not Owners' campaign celebrated the deep emotional affinity people share with Škoda that goes beyond ownership. The brand also collaborated with global sitar maestro Rishab Sharma for the Octavia RS campaign, bringing a contemporary and expressive lens to performance storytelling and helping to connect with new audiences.

Strengthening Trust

Škoda Auto India strengthened its service ecosystem by expanding the combined sales and aftersales workforce at its dealerships to over 7,500 professionals, supported by more than 25,000 training days during the year.

'Oracle of Omaha' Warren Buffett retires as Berkshire Hathaway CEO

After nearly six decades at the helm of Berkshire Hathaway, American investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett has stepped down as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), handing over charge to his successor and trusted lieutenant, Greg Abel. Previously, the 95-year-old had always maintained he had no plans to retire. His decision in May last year came as a surprise to Abel. According to the Associated Press, Warren's children, Howard and Susie Buffett, who also serve as board members, knew of his decision. The czar of investments Often credited with his sorcery to generate wealth from the stock market, Buffett bought Berkshire Hathaway in 1962 and transformed the once-struggling textile firm into a massive USD 300 billion investment company. In 1972, he bought See's Candies for USD 25 million. This investment heaped gold and by 2019, it saw a pre-tax earnings of nearly USD 2 billion. Another of his genius ideas was the decision to become a major shareholder in Coca-Cola, which proved to be a "forever stock," driven by the soft drink company's strong business model of selling concentrates to bottlers, powerful brand, wide distribution network and ability to set prices. Patience was his virtue Popularly known as the "Oracle of Omaha," his approach towards the stock market was patience and not chasing after quick gains. He focused on quality and stressed long-term, value-based investing and sustainable profits. Warren Buffett was born in 1930 to Howard Buffett, a US Congressman. At the age of 20, he graduated from the University of Nebraska and then studied at Columbia Business School. From there, he attended the New York Institute of Finance to focus on his economics background and soon pursued a business career. Who is Greg Abel, Warren's successor Abel joined Berkshire Hathaway in 2000 when it acquired MidAmerican Energy. Known within his peers as more of a hands-on manager, Buffett had often praised Abel as a "tireless worker and an honest communicator." The 63-year-old has been serving as the company's vice chairman since 2018. A Reuters report stated he owns about USD 170 million worth of Berkshire stock and his net worth exceeds USD 1 billion.

TATA MOTORS PASSENGER VEHICLES LTD. Q3FY26 SALES

PASSENGER VEHICLES SALES REGISTERED BY TATA MOTORS PASSENGER VEHICLES LTD IN Q3FY26

Business Units/Segments	Dec'25	Dec'24	Growth/Decline	Q3 FY26	Q3 FY25	Growth/Decline
PV Domestic	50,046	44,230	13.1%	168,616	139,424	20.9%
PV IB	473	59	701.7%	2,397	405	491.9%
PV Total (includes EV)	**50,519**	**44,289**	**14.1%**	**171,013**	**139,829**	**22.3%**
EV IB + Domestic	6,906	5,562	24.2%	24,103	16,119	49.5%

Sales in the domestic & international market for Q3 FY26 stood at 171,013 units, compared to 139,829 units during Q3 FY25.

Mr. Shailesh Chandra, MD and CEO, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. said, "CY25 saw steady progress for the PV industry powered by a growing preference for SUVs and accelerating adoption of cleaner, emission-friendly powertrains. For Tata Motors, it was the fifth consecutive year of record-breaking annual sales, with 587,218 units sold, including the highest-ever EV volumes of 81,125 units in a calendar year. For Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, the momentum sparked by the rollout of GST 2.0 in late Q2 FY26 gained further traction in Q3, resulting in several new records. We achieved our highest-ever quarterly wholesales of 171,103 units, while retail sales/registrations crossed the coveted 200,000 units milestone for the first time. Nexon led the charge as India's top-selling car/SUV in October and November and is on track to retain this leadership for Q3 FY26, with sales ~64,000 units. Punch dominated its segment and Tiago delivered robust growth, reinforcing its preference among hatchback favorites. December was another standout month as we continued our growth trajectory with 22% growth YoY. At the same time, our retail sales significantly exceeded wholesales, driving dealer inventory down to ~18 days, and underscoring our strategic focus on demand-led growth and prudent channel health management. Our multi-powertrain strategy delivered exceptional YoY growth in Q3FY26, with CNG volumes crossing 47,000 units and overall SUV volumes rising by a strong 18%. EV adoption accelerated significantly, supported by enhanced capabilities, longer range, lifetime battery warranty, and price parity with ICE counterparts, translating to a robust 50% YoY growth. Q3 FY26 also witnessed major product introductions, including the unveiling of Harrier and Safari in petrol and the launch of the highly anticipated Sierra, which has been exceptionally well received. Looking ahead, we remain confident about the PV industry's growth. With deliveries of recently introduced products commencing in Q4 and an exciting pipeline of launches and innovations on the anvil, Tata Motors is well poised to accelerate its growth trajectory in FY26."

Commerical LPG cylinder rates hiked by Rs 111 from Jan 1

New Delhi: Starting from January 1, the price of commercial LPG has risen by Rs 111 per cylinder across all major cities, making it the highest hike since June last year. With this, a single 19 kg cylinder will now cost Rs 1,691.50 in Delhi, Rs 1,642.50 in Mumbai, Rs 1,795 in Kolkata and Rs 1,849.50 in Chennai. Domestic cylinder rates remain unchanged at Rs 853 per 14.2-kg cylinder. Petrol and diesel prices continue to remain frozen after a Rs 2 per-litre reduction in March last year; petrol currently costs Rs 94.72 per litre in Delhi and diesel Rs 87.62. Meanwhile, prices of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), or jet fuel, were reduced by 7.3 per cent. The reduction comes after three rounds of monthly price hikes. According to state-owned fuel retailers, which include Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petr oleum, the ATF price in Delhi was cut by Rs 7,353.75 per kilolitre to Rs 92,323.02 per kilolitre. In Mumbai, it was revised to Rs 86,352.19 per kl, while prices in Chennai and Kolkata were cut to Rs 95,770 and Rs 95,378.02 per kl, respectively. The rate was last raised by Rs 5,133.75 per kl, or 5.4 per cent, on December 1. Before that, prices had risen by about 1 per cent on November 1 and by 3.3 per cent on October 1. The latest reduction is expected to ease pressure on airlines, for which fuel accounts for nearly 40 per cent of operating costs. State-owned fuel retailers revise ATF and LPG prices on the first day of every month based on international benchmarks and the exchange rate. The revision in commercial LPG prices is significant for sectors that rely heavily on such cylinders, including eateries, catering services and small businesses, as fuel forms a major component of their operating costs. The unchanged domestic LPG prices, meanwhile, ensure that household budgets are not impacted by the latest revision. In August, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri hailed the Centre's recent decision to pay Rs 30,000 crores to oil companies in 12 parts, which has kept prices of Liquefied Petroleum Gas stable in the country. The Union Cabinet, on August 8, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a compensation of Rs 30,000 crore to be paid in twelve parts to oil companies that have kept LPG prices stable despite global uncertainty. The new rates of commercial cylinder are applicable from January 1 and will remain in force until further revision by oil marketing companies.

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Highlights

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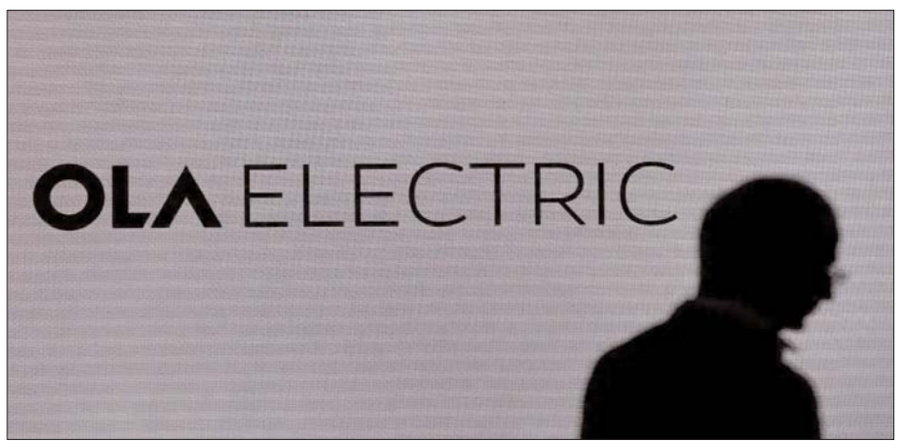
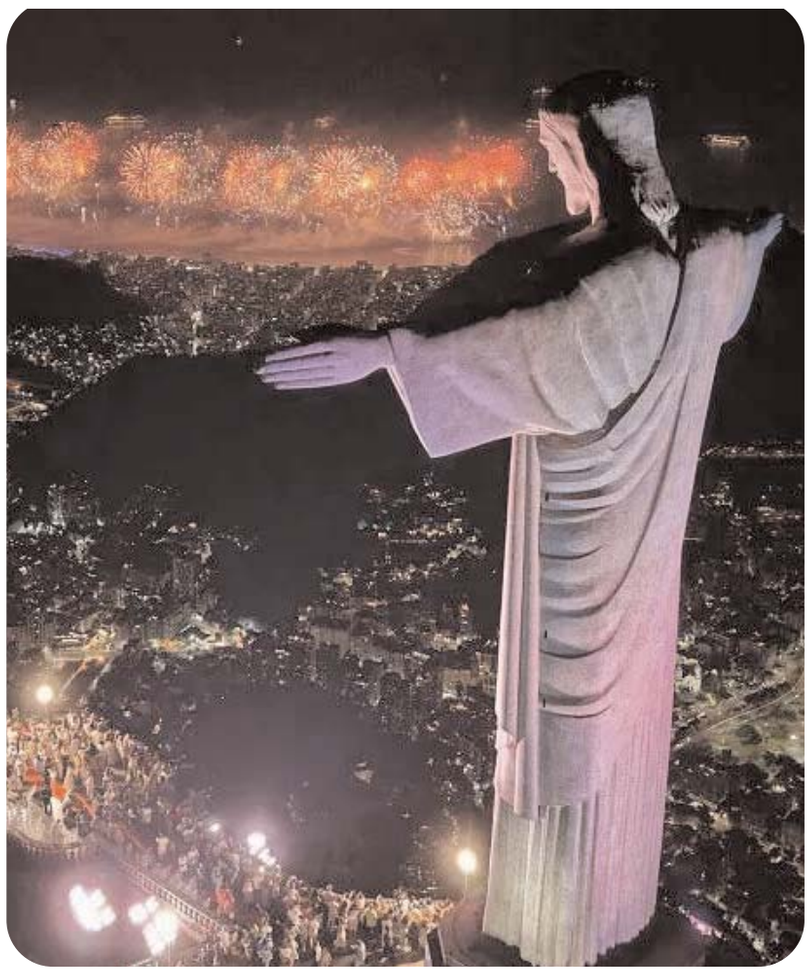
OLA ELECTRIC SIGNALS BUSINESS TURNAROUND IN DEC 2025



New Delhi: Ola Electric on Thursday reported vehicle registrations of 9,020 units in December as per VAHAN data, with increased market share to 9.3 per cent in December over 7.2 per cent in November 2025 on the back of Hyperservice, its focused service transformation programme. In addition to this, the company's market share in the second half of December 2025, as per VAHAN data, further increased to nearly 12 per cent, indicating a clear uptick in demand and market share gains, Ola Electric said in a statement. The company attributed the strong performance to 'Hyperservice', its focused service transformation programme, positioning it for a sustained business turnaround driven by improving customer experience, rising demand, and disciplined operational execution. "Our priority has been to fix the fundamentals of service with speed and discipline. Hyperservice is a structurally focused programme, not a short-term fix, and we are already seeing clear outcomes in customer experience, market share, and bookings momentum," Ola Electric Chairman and Managing Director Bhavish Aggarwal said. As service metrics stabilise, he said, "Early indicators point to an improvement in demand. With the rollout of 4,680-cell vehicles and upcoming BESS deliveries, we are strengthening both our near-term execution and long-term technology roadmap. We believe this positions Ola Electric for sustained growth with improving operational leverage". After encountering service bottlenecks amid rapid scale-up, the company initiated Hyperservice to structurally strengthen its service backbone. The programme is designed to directly address backlog resolution, workforce capacity, parts availability, and customer self-service – key levers to unlock demand momentum at scale. It delivers significant improvement in service resolution speed, with 77 per cent of service requests experiencing same-day completion in December 2025, Ola Electric said. Driven by market share gains and demand boost in December 2025, Ola Electric said, it reclaimed its position among the top three EV players in nearly a dozen states, including key EV markets such as Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab and Haryana. Along with service recovery, Ola Electric said it commenced deliveries of its 4680 Bharat Cell-powered S1 Pro+ 5.2 kWh scooters in November 2025, seeing strong early demand. Additionally, the company received the government certification for its 4680 Bharat Cell-powered Roadster X+ Motorcycle in December 2025, extending the 4680 Bharat Cell platform across scooters and motorcycles. This marks the beginning of in-house cell integration across its two-wheeler portfolio, a key long-term margin and supply-chain lever. The company's energy business is also set to scale, with Ola Shakti (BESS) deliveries expected to begin in the next few months, the statement said. The company attributed the strong performance to 'Hyperservice', its focused service transformation programme.

In pictures: New Year welcomed around the world



STRANGER THINGS DRAWS TO AN EPIC AND EMOTIONAL CLOSE

Stranger Things has drawn to an epic and emotional close, with a dramatic two-hour finale that briefly jammed Netflix's servers. Viewers rushed to watch the final episode, which concludes the 10-year run of the sci-fi horror series, as it was released at 01:00 GMT. Some fans also attended special cinema screenings of the finale in cities across the US and Canada, several of which were attended by the show's stars. Set in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana, Stranger Things first aired in 2016 and stars Millie Bobby Brown, Winona Ryder and David Harbour. The dramatic two-hour series finale, titled Chapter Eight: The Rightside Up, initially overloaded Netflix servers. Several fans said they were shown an error message as they tried to play it - something that often happens with big new releases on streaming platforms. But the episode was soon restored and viewers were able to watch a finale that included massive battle scenes and emotional tributes that brought in all five seasons, giving closure to the characters that we've fallen in love with over the years. The finale left you on the edge of your seat at moments and had you both cheering and crying in others. A lot was riding on Netflix and The Duffer Brothers, who created the 1980s-inspired, monster-infused, inter-dimensional series. Ending any beloved series comes with both anticipation and a lot of critics. So far this season, fans have picked apart scenes and gone through past seasons in an attempt to piece together how it all might end in the Upside Down.

US military says five killed in latest strike on alleged drug boats

The US military says it struck two boats it alleges were carrying drugs on Wednesday, killing five people on board. US Southern Command did not say where it had carried out the latest strikes but US forces have been targeting vessels they suspect of smuggling narcotics to the Caribbean and the eastern Pacific for the past three months. Wednesday's strike came a day after the US targeted what it said were "three narco-trafficking vessels travelling as a convoy", killing at least three people. The Trump administration has cast its operations as a non-international armed conflict with the alleged traffickers but legal experts say they could be in violation of the laws governing such conflict. In total, there have been more than 30 strikes on vessels as part of the Trump administration's "war on drugs" with more than 110 people killed since the US carried out its first attack on a boat in international waters on 2 September. That first attack has come under particular scrutiny from lawmakers in Washington since it emerged that US forces struck the targeted boat twice. Two people who had survived the first strike and were clinging to the hull of their boat were killed in the second. Some lawmakers expressed concern that the "double-tap" strike breached the rules of engagement. In its post announcing the strike on a convoy of three boats carried out on 30 December, US Southern Command said that there had been a number of survivors, without specifying how many. It said that "the remaining narco-terrorists abandoned the other two vessels, jumping overboard and distancing themselves before follow-on engagements sank their respective vessels".

New discovery may challenge theory Vikings built first Irish towns - researcher

A recently discovered large hilltop settlement could challenge the theory that the Vikings built the first towns in Ireland, a researcher has said. Dr Dirk Brandherm and his colleagues have identified more than 600 suspected houses in the Brusselstown Ring making it, to date, the largest nucleated settlement ever discovered in the entirety of prehistoric Britain and Ireland. The settlement, which is thought to have emerged at about 1200 BC (the Late Bronze Age), is located within a region called the Baltinglass Hillfort Cluster in the south-western edge of the Wicklow Mountains. It is among the 13 large hilltop enclosures spread across the mountain range where there are structures dating back to the Neolithic period and Early Bronze Age. The findings were recently published within Antiquity, a peer-reviewed journal of world archaeology. The study states: "Given its exceptional size, density of occupation and architectural complexity.

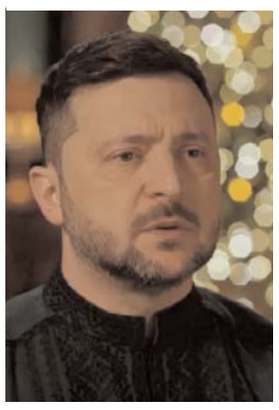
SEVERAL DOZEN FEARED DEAD IN SWISS SKI RESORT BAR FIRE

Several dozen people are presumed dead and around 100 injured after a fire ripped through a bar in a ski resort in southern Switzerland, officials have said. The fire broke out at around 01:30 (00:30 GMT) during new year celebrations in a bar called Le Constellation in Crans-Montana, police said. People from multiple countries have been affected, according to Swiss authorities, and "significant work" will be needed to identify victims and return bodies to families. Officials investigating the incident have not mentioned any cause, but categorically ruled out an attack. Ten helicopters, 40 ambulances and 150 emergency responders were sent overnight to the scene of the fire in the Valais region, which is popular with tourists. Most of the injured experienced severe burns and were sent to Valais hospital, said Mathias Reynard, the region's council leader, in a press conference on Thursday morning. Its intensive care unit had reached full capacity and Reynard said the local community must take extra care to avoid needing hospital treatment unnecessarily. Details are still emerging, and it is not yet known the precise number of people who have been killed and injured, their nationalities, the cause of the fire or how many people were in the bar. Officials have, however, confirmed that several nationalities were involved. The Italian foreign ministry said information from Swiss police indicated around 40 people had died. Police at the press conference said "several dozen" were presumed dead, but did not give a more precise number when responding to questions from the media. Local media reports earlier on Thursday suggested pyrotechnics could have caused the incident, although this is unconfirmed. Valais canton prosecutor general Beatrice Pilloud said an investigation was under way "to identify the circumstances which caused this dramatic situation to occur". She told the press conference "currently we are favouring a fire and at no time is there question of any attack", adding out of respect for the families she cannot say more at this time.

NETHERLANDS POLICE FACE 'UNPRECEDENTED' NEW YEAR'S VIOLENCE

Police in the Netherlands were pelted with fireworks and faced an "unprecedented amount of violence" on New Year's Eve, officers have said. A 19th century church in Amsterdam was engulfed by fire in the early hours of New Year's Day, although the cause of the blaze is not yet known. The Vondelkerk, which overlooks the largest park in the city, the Vondelpark, has been a tourist attraction since it was built in 1872. Elsewhere in the Netherlands, a 17-year-old boy and 38-year-old man were killed in fireworks incidents. In Bielefeld, Germany, local police said two 18-year-olds died after setting off homemade fireworks. The head of the Dutch Police Union, Nine Kooiman, said she had been pelted by fireworks and other explosives on her shift in Amsterdam. The amount of violence was "unprecedented" she said. Reports of attacks against police and firefighters were widespread across the country. Petrol bombs were thrown at police in the southern city of Breda. In Rotterdam, the city's eye hospital said it had treated 14 patients, including 10 minors, for eye injuries. Two received surgery. A 17-year-old boy from Nijmegen and a 38-year-old man from Aalsmeer were killed in fireworks incidents, local media reported. In Amsterdam the 50-metre high tower of the historic Vondelkerk church collapsed. Authorities said the roof was badly damaged but the structure was expected to remain intact. The neo-Gothic basilica was designed by architect Pierre Cuypers whose works also include the Rijksmuseum. A ban on unofficial fireworks is due to come into force in 2026. According to the Dutch Pyrotechnics Association, a record 129m (£112m) had been spent on them this year.

ZELENSKY SAYS PEACE DEAL IS 90% READY IN NEW YEAR ADDRESS



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said a peace agreement to end the war with Russia is "90% ready", in a New Year address that largely focused on resistance to Moscow's full-scale invasion. Zelensky said the remaining 10% of the agreement to end nearly four years of conflict would "determine the fate of peace, the fate of Ukraine and Europe". In his own New Year speech, Russian President Vladimir Putin told his troops that "we believe in you and our victory". Earlier on Wednesday, Moscow also released what it said was evidence of Ukraine using drones to target Putin's private home on Lake Valdai in north-west Russia, allegations Kyiv has strenuously denied. It included a map allegedly showing that the drones were launched from the Sumy and Chernihiv regions of Ukraine and a video of a downed drone lying in snowy woodland. A serviceman standing next to the wreckage claims it is a Ukrainian Chaklun drone. The BBC hasn't been able to verify the footage, and it is not possible to locate where it was shot. Russia would review its position on the ongoing peace negotiations as a result of the alleged incident, the Kremlin said. However, Kaja Kallas, the EU's top diplomat, on Wednesday described the Russian claims as a "deliberate distraction" and an attempt to derail the peace process. In his 20-minute address to the nation, Zelensky said that Ukraine did not want peace "at any cost", adding that "we want the end of the war – not the end of Ukraine". He said that a Ukrainian withdrawal from the eastern Donbas region means "everything will be over", a reference to Russia's maximalist demand that Moscow secure full control of the industrial area in any peace agreement. Moscow currently controls about 75% of the Donetsk region, and some 99% of the neighbouring Luhansk. The two regions are known collectively as Donbas. Its fate has been a major obstacle throughout negotiations, with Russia consistently unwilling to compromise on its aim to seize full control of Donbas.

SOCIAL MEDIA FUELLED MAMDANI'S RISE. CAN HE KEEP THE MOMENTUM AS NEW YORK MAYOR

Jumping into the frigid waters of Coney Island in January for a pun on "I'm freezing... your rent". Visiting food trucks to discuss how city permitting processes have led to "Halalflation". Walking the length of Manhattan to show New Yorkers they "deserve a mayor that they can see, they can hear, they can even yell at". Those social media videos helped propel Zohran Mamdani and his left-wing policies to a surprise win in New York City's mayoral primary, and then to victory in the November election. The democratic socialist, 34, engaged New Yorkers - particularly young voters who spend much of their time "doom-scrolling" – by using social media to build an image of someone who is authentic and joyful, experts told the BBC. Now, after he was sworn in as mayor on 1 January, his next challenge will be keeping those same supporters engaged and maintaining the momentum in office. About three-quarters of New York City voters under the age of 30 voted for Mamdani, according to an Associated Press voter poll. Mamdani's robust social media strategy engaged these voters by delivering an image of a political candidate that young people - frustrated with older, more established candidates - craved, said Jane Hall, a communications professor at American University who studies politics and the media. A candidate does not have to be young to connect with young voters, Hall said, "but I think you have to be seen as being authentic and speaking to what people care about in a way that is hip and makes people want to be on the bandwagon". Jack Bratich, a journalism professor at Rutgers University who studies political culture and social media, said Mamdani has shown he is able to combine a lightheartedness with serious conversations. That sense of fun stands in contrast to some of the negativity that President Donald Trump has leaned into on social media, Jennifer Stromer-Galley, who teaches communications, political science, and rhetorical studies at Syracuse University, told the BBC. Despite an unexpectedly friendly first meeting in November between the two politicians, where they said they agreed on a number of issues facing New York City, such as the affordability crisis, the pair locked horns during the mayoral race. Trump painted Mamdani as an extremist "lunatic", threatened to withhold federal funding from the city if Mamdani won, and said he would have him arrested if he stood in the way of immigration enforcement operations. On election night, Mamdani snapped back in his victory speech, telling the president "to get to any of us, you will have to get through all of us". That comment prompted a raucous cheer from his supporters at the time, but experts say the reality of governing may mean engaging with the Trump administration in a pragmatic way. That warm meeting in November may have been an early sign that Mamdani is willing to do so. How he works with the White House - and the kind of relationship he cultivates with the president - could prove crucial for implementing his agenda. While it may be easy to promise "fast, sweeping change" in campaign videos, things become much more difficult when it comes to actually "governing under a hostile administration.

Virat Kohli's First Instagram Post Of 2026 With Anushka Sharma Gets Over 5 Million Likes In 3 Hours

Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma welcomed the New Year 2026 with friends and family. Several photos of the Indian cricket superstar have gone viral on social media, where he can be seen with Anushka and his brother Vikas along with some close friends. Kohli himself posted a photo with Anushka Sharma on Instagram, which was incidentally his first social media post of the year. In the caption of the photo, he used an emoticon. The photo garnered over five million likes in three hours. Earlier, Kohli's last photo of 2025 contained a special message: "Stepping into 2026 with the light of my life @anushkasharma," he posted on Instagram. The post received close to four million likes in less than an hour. Kohli is spending some quality time with his family currently, before he returns to action with the Vijay Hazare Trophy and the India vs New Zealand ODI series. Kohli is just 25 runs away from breaking a sensational world record held by Sachin Tendulkar. He needs 25 runs to complete 28,000 runs in international cricket, and he could become the fastest cricketer to achieve this milestone. The star batter will be in action for India in the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand, starting January 11. Kohli will become only the third batter to reach the feat, after Sachin and legendary Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakkara. While Sachin achieved it in 644 innings and Sangakkara in his 666th, Kohli has already scored 27,975 runs in just 623 innings. As a result, he has ample opportunity to surpass Sachin's record, and it is expected that the Indian star will reach the milestone during the ODI series against New Zealand. Kohli was in good form in the first two games for Delhi, smashing 131 and 77 respectively. In the process, he also became the fastest to 16,000 List A runs, reaching the milestone in his 330th innings and surpassing the iconic Sachin Tendulkar, who touched the landmark in 391 innings. A BCCI source said that while the Indian ODI squad for the New Zealand series is assembling in Vadodara by January 8, there is a possibility that Kohli might arrive a day earlier to train. The three-match ODI series against the Black Caps will begin at the same venue on January 11.

Pretoria Capitals Enjoy A Rousing SA20 New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve proved to be the good luck charm for Pretoria Capitals as they joined Paarl Royals in opening their SA20 Season 4 accounts with their respective first victories on Wednesday. Capitals eased past MI Cape Town by 85 runs to earn a bonus point victory at Newlands. Sherfane Rutherford enjoyed a New Year's Eve to remember with the West Indies allrounder delivering the perfect all-round performance for Capitals. Rutherford (47 not out 15 balls, 6x6) and Dewald Brevis (36 not out off 13 balls, 1x4, 4x6) brought the fireworks with the bat before the Windies superstar delivered a career-best bowling performance of 4/24 to dismiss MI Cape Town for just 135 in response to the Capitals' mammoth 220/5. The 'Sky Blues' pair delivered an explosive 86-run partnership off just 27 balls that offset a poor Powerplay after a fit-again Kagiso Rabada had helped reduce the visitors to 36/3. It was a belligerent exhibition of power-hitting with 92 runs for the loss of just one wicket at a run-rate of 18.2 coming in the last five overs. The duo almost matched each other shot for shot, but it was Rutherford's astonishing assault on Dewald Pretorius in the penultimate over that shocked the Newlands faithful. The West Indian blasted four successive maximums, which formed part of a sequence of a half dozen sixes in a row that had been kickstarted by Brevis' double in the previous over. It was the perfect ending after Shai Hope (45 off 30 balls, 3x4, 2x6) and Wihan Lubbe (60 off 36 balls, 7x4, 2x6) had done the initial resurrection job. The four Player of the Match candidates were Dewald Brevis, Wihan Lubbe, Keshav Maharaj and Sherfane Rutherford with the West Indian winning 77.4% of the fan vote. MI Cape Town's chase was always going to be dependent on their openers Ryan Rickleton (33 off 17 balls) and Rassie van der Dussen (28 off 20 balls) and the pair duly delivered a 60-run stand within the Powerplay.

Australia Great Tears Into Babar Azam On Live TV After Pak Star's Latest BBL Fifty

Star batter Babar Azam slammed a half-century for the Sydney Sixers during their Big Bash League (BBL) clash against the Melbourne Renegades on Thursday. The former Pakistan captain struck an unbeaten 58 off 46 balls and was the top scorer for his side as the Sixers beat the Renegades by six wickets at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne. Chasing a tricky target of 165, Babar hit four fours and a solitary six, striking at just over 126. This was his second half-century of the campaign-following a 58 against the Sydney Thunder on December 20-and his first since being omitted from Pakistan's squad for the upcoming T20I series against Sri Lanka. While there was a huge roar in the stadium for Babar following his half-century, former Australia wicketkeeper-batter Adam Gilchrist raised concerns over his approach in the chase. Gilchrist, who was on commentary duty for Fox Cricket, pointed out that Babar's 'run-a-ball' approach puts unfair pressure on the other batters. A video of the remarks has since gone viral on social media. "Babar is not known to have a power-packed game. He is not going to hoick across the line and slog one over the boundary for a six. He needs to be proactive. He can't just think run a ball and put all the responsibility on his batting partner to get the job done," Gilchrist was heard as saying on-air. Sixers were in a spot of bother in the chase before Joel Davis slammed a quickfire 34 off just 15 balls. They eventually won the game with five balls to spare. Babar has been struggling for touch in recent times.

BBL Player Suffers Huge Embarrassment After Fiery Send-Off To Australia Star

An embarrassing moment took place for Perth Scorchers' Mahli Beardman during the side's Big Bash League 2025-26 game against Hobart Hurricanes at Bellerive Oval, Hobart, on Thursday. The Hurricanes were chasing a big target of 230. On the sixth ball of the 12th over of their chase, Australian batter Matthew Wade shuffled across the stumps and tried to play a sweep shot. Pacer Beardman nailed his yorker to perfection, cleaning up the stumps. Given Wade had already smashed one six and two fours in the over, Beardman gave the batter a fiery send-off. Things took a U-turn as the umpire signalled that it was a front-foot no-ball. As a result, Wade was declared not out and returned to his crease, resuming his batting. Talking about the game, Mitchell Marsh's scintillating century powered Perth Scorchers to a commanding 40-run victory over Hobart Hurricanes. Opening the batting, Marsh smashed a brilliant 102 off just 58 balls, lacing his innings with 11 fours and five sixes. He was well supported by Aaron Hardie, who produced a blistering unbeaten 94 off 43 deliveries, striking nine boundaries and five maximums. The duo dismantled the Hurricanes' bowling attack and guided the Scorchers to a formidable total of 229/3 in their allotted 20 overs. Chasing a mammoth target, Hobart Hurricanes were restricted to 189/9 despite a few spirited cameos. Nikhil Chaudhary emerged as their top scorer with a quickfire 31 off 15 balls, which included five fours and a six. Hobart had opted to field after winning the toss, but their chase never quite gathered the required momentum as they lost wickets at regular intervals.

BRAZIL LEGEND ROBERTO CARLOS RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL

Brazil and Real Madrid legend Roberto Carlos is "recovering well" after undergoing what he described as "a preventative medical procedure". The former left-back, 52, updated fans on his condition via his Instagram page, which included a picture of him smiling in a hospital bed. He also denied rumours that he had suffered a heart attack. "I would like to clarify recent information that has been circling," he wrote. "I recently underwent a preventative medical procedure, planned in advance with my medical team. The procedure was successful, and I am well. I did not suffer a heart attack. "I am recovering well, and looking forward to returning to full fitness and resuming my professional and personal commitments soon. "I sincerely thank everyone for the messages of support, care, and concern. I would like to reassure everyone that there is no cause for concern. "My heartfelt thanks go to the entire medical team who took care of me." Carlos won four La Liga titles and three Champions Leagues across 527 appearances for Real Madrid, and lifted the World Cup with Brazil in 2002. Renowned as a free-kick specialist, his other clubs included Palmeiras, Inter Milan, Fenerbahce and Corinthians.

Shubman Gill's Return Date Confirmed, Set To Play In This Tournament After T20 World Cup Snub

Star India batter Shubman Gill is all set to take part in the upcoming round of games for Punjab in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, according to a report. The 26-year-old, who is India's Test and ODI captain, was left out of the T20 World Cup squad last week after a prolonged lean patch with the bat in the shortest format. According to a report in Cricbuzz, Gill is expected to feature in Punjab's matches on January 3 and 6 against Sikkim and Goa in Jaipur. Veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has reportedly informed Saurashtra that he will play the January 6 and 8 fixtures against Services and Gujarat. Wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul is also expected to play in the January 3 and 6 games against Tripura and Rajasthan for Karnataka, though there is no official confirmation as of yet. Gill, Jadeja and Rahul will then join the Indian team ahead of the upcoming three-match ODI series against New Zealand, beginning on January 11. Gill was part of the Punjab squad announced by the side but did not feature in the first four matches. It is worth noting that Gill was dropped from India's squad for the New Zealand T20Is as well as the 2026 T20 World Cup following a lean patch in the format. He had been brought back into the team for the Asia Cup earlier this year, a return that saw him playing a T20I after a gap of more than one year. However, the comeback proved difficult for the right-handed batter, who managed just 291 runs in 15 innings at an average of 24.25. His below-par performance led the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selectors to drop him from the T20I team. Gill had initially returned to the T20I setup at a time when things were going well for the side. He was the top scorer in the England Test series and, impressed by that form, the selectors recalled him to the T20I squad. Consequently, he replaced Sanju Samson in the opening slot after a year-long absence from the format. The fact that Samson was dropped despite impressive performances in that position drew widespread criticism at the time. However, while naming the squad for the 2026 T20 World Cup, the BCCI selectors performed a U-turn, naming Samson in the team in place of Gill.

Rees-Zammit signs 'long-term' deal with Bristol

Louis Rees-Zammit says he is "incredibly happy" to have signed a new deal with Bristol Bears. The club have not disclosed the length of the 24-year-old's new contract, but describe it as "long-term". The Wales wing or full-back returned to rugby union from the NFL last summer and has looked at home in Pat Lam's side, scoring six tries in eight appearances. "Louis is a world-class talent and someone who embodies the way we want to play at Bristol Bears," said director of rugby Lam. "Since coming back from the NFL, he's shown incredible professionalism and hunger to keep improving. His speed, power and skill set are obvious, but what really stands out is his willingness to learn, adapt and deliver on the biggest stage." Lam also thinks there is more to come from Rees-Zammit, who toured with the British and Irish Lions in 2021. "He's only just scratching the surface of his ability," he added. "If he keeps progressing on this journey, he has everything it takes to become one of the very best players in the world." Rees-Zammit said: "I'm incredibly happy to have committed my future to Bristol Bears. This is the perfect club for me and I'm excited to see what we can achieve here. "The environment here allows me to express myself and play the game the way I love, and that brings out the best in me. "Running out at Ashton Gate in front of huge crowds and feeling that energy from the fans is special, and it makes me excited about what we can build together in the years ahead."

SA20: David Miller Stars For Paarl Royals To End Sunrisers Eastern Cape's Perfect Start

In a dramatic showdown at St George's Park, Paarl Royals captain David Miller upended the Sunrisers Eastern Cape's New Year's Eve festivities, delivering a thrilling performance that secured his team's first win of the SA20 Season 4. Miller struck an impressive unbeaten 71 runs off just 38 balls, ultimately leading the Royals to chase down the Sunrisers' total of 149 all out with only two balls and five wickets to spare. Royals found themselves in deep trouble early on, with Sunrisers fast bowlers Marco Jansen and Anrich Nortje blowing away the visitors' top-order. Jansen claimed his 50th SA20 wicket in the process. Royals stumbled to a precarious 35/ 4, with Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Asa Tribe, Rubin Hermann, and Kyle Verreynne all back in the pavilion. It was at this critical juncture that Miller stepped up to guide his side through the turmoil. Showing off all his experience, Miller forged a pivotal partnership with Rising Star Keagan Lion-Cachet, who contributed a commendable 45 runs off 40 deliveries. The duo shared a 114-run partnership for the fifth wicket, turning the tide for the Royals, with Lion-Cachet falling just short of the finish line. The St George's Park crowd, who were baying for a miracle and a dramatic Super Over, had their hopes dashed when Lewis Gregory delivered a fateful wide that confirmed the Royals' victory. Earlier, the Royals delivered yet another teenage starlet with Nqobani Mokoena delivering a four-star performance in just his second SA20 appearance. The 19-year-old seamer claimed career-best figures of 4/34, which included the golden wicket of Quinton de Kock in the Powerplay.

Prabhas' Powerful First Look As AJANUBAHUDU From Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Spirit Unveiled

Rebel Star Prabhas is set to unleash one of the most intense chapters of his career with Spirit, being helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who delivered hat-trick blockbusters with his first three movies. The makers welcomed the New Year by dropping a powerful first look that has instantly sparked conversation. Sandeep Reddy Vanga shared, "INDIAN CINEMA.... witness your AJANUBAHUDU / AJANUBAHU Happy New Year 2026 #SpiritFirstLook" The poster introduces Prabhas in a raw, unfiltered avatar. Shot from behind, his bare, sculpted frame is riddled with scars, bruises, and bandages, silently narrating a life shaped by violence and survival. His long hair and thick beard add to the intensity of the character. A liquor bottle clenched in his hand, Prabhas' posture reflects exhaustion, anger, and inner chaos. Adding to the mood is Tripti Dimri, who appears beside him in a charged, close moment as she lights his cigarette. The first look presents the character as intense, broken, and powerful, signaling a brutal film with a focus on violence, inner conflict, and strength. The film is currently in its early stages of production, and Prabhas has already begun building anticipation by openly expressing his excitement and enthusiastically hyping the project.

MASS KA DAS VISHWAK SEN, SAI KIRAN DAIDA, KALAAHI MEDIA ANNOUNCE POLITICAL DRAMA, LEGACY WITH AN INTENSE, STUNNING AND SENSATIONAL TEASER

Mass ka Das Vishwak Sen is renowned for trying different characters and scripts without sticking to one kind of mould films and scripts. His penchant to deliver chase excellence over quantity and emphasis on quality films made him such a fan favorite. He grew a name for himself as a "Minimum Quality Entertainment Guarantee" Hero. Now, he is starring in the second production of Kalaahi Media, who produced critically acclaimed Pindam, directed by Sai Kiran Daida. The new movie, Legacy, is also being directed by the exceptionally talented writer-director. The makers have released a stunningly intense and dark teaser on New Year's Day, 1st January 2026, announcing the interesting film. The political drama is an interesting character study of a reluctant young man, Siddharth, who is forced to carry legacy of his highly influential political leader, father. The teaser takes off with Vishwak's voice over talking about how he despises the vultures who surround a chair without a successor to take over. He states that even though he dislikes such political power games and chess moves to gain one upmanship, deceit of opportunistic vultures, he has to take over because the Legacy needs to be carried on someone's able shoulders and he had to. Vishwak Sen is introduced going to visit his late father's memorial and there he discreets urine on his dead body and wishes, "Happy New Year". Later, we see him holding a gun among leaders and shoot blanks, someone in his room. As a diabolical, rude, grief-striken, broken, very rude and crude individual Vishwak Sen is sensational. His performance, look and screen presence are stunning and the kind of political drama that is set to unfold, it is interesting. His acting prowess and skills to showcase intensity through his eyes, walk and completely transform into the character increase anticipation and curiosity for this film. After a critical acclaimed film like Pindam, director Sai Kiran Daida is focused to bring a riveting political drama to life and the teaser visuals highlight his technical and artisitic prowess. Production values by producers Yeshwanth Daggumati, Saikiran Reddy Daida are exceptional and Sanjay Sambrani, V.V.N Prasad are co-producing it. Govind Vasantha's scintillating background score added a mystic and sinister layer to proceedings that are apt to the dark and intense tone of the character. Being the composer of 96, the expectations from this film are huge. Jiju Sunny is handling cinematography while Sirish Prasad is editing it. Ekta Rathod is playing leading lady role while reputed actors like Rao Ramesh, Sachin Khedekar, Murali Mohan, Kay Kay Menon are playing prominent roles in the film. With first announcement teaser itself, the movie has scored exceptional marks among audiences and it is going to be a very happy new year indeed for Telugu Cinema with such a phenomenal start. The movie shoot is progressing at a rapid pace and more details to be announced by the makers soon.

Hrithik Roshan makes a 'big revelation' about his double thumb

Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan quipped about how he has never been able to form the perfect heart shape with his hands because of his "double thumb". The actor, calling it a 'big revelation', mentioned how it is the second thing that he cannot do with his extra thumb. The actor shared a carousel post featuring himself in a silhouette alongside what looks like a shadow of his girlfriend, Saba Azad; the superstar bid 2025 a farewell on a 'merry' note. He wrote, "Caught some happy shadows dancing next to us. 2025 seems to be ending on a very merry note. Sending big love to all my fans out there. I especially dedicate the new year to you guys. Happy almost 2026, everyone. keepdancing #keepflowing #keeploving #keepgrowing #staycurious P.s. Not being capable of making a hand heart properly is only the 2nd thing I can't do with my double thumb. Big revelation." In the past few weeks, Hrithik Roshan was seen taking the internet by storm with his appearances at his cousin's wedding. The actor along with Saba and his two children Hridaan and Hrehaan, was seen turning eyeballs at the wedding and caught all the media glare. In a video shared by Hrithik on his social media account, he along with his sons were seen dancing their hearts out to Sukhbir's popular track "Oh Ho Ho Ho" at his cousin's sangeet celebrations. In the clip, the father of two looked dapper in black. Meanwhile, his sons looked handsome in hues of white and black. Hrithik wrote in the caption: "Damn Gotta get lighter on my feet to keep up. @eshusaishu #wedding #family #love #joy." Hrithik's mother, Pinkie Roshan, had also shared the video on his social media account and described watching her son and grandsons dance together as a deeply emotional experience. She wrote, "Dadi Nani (ME) is joyfully sharing her joy and happiness with pride in this most precious moment as I was in jaw-drop shock seeing them dance together…that too on my favourite track by Sukhbir."

Celebrating New Year and Sri Skanda's Birthday with 'Mana Doctor Baabe' Poster & Glimpse

'Mana Doctor Baabe' is being produced by Kritakshi under the Skanda Films banner, with presentation by Sharanya and Sudhiksha, and directed by Chalapathi Kumar Puvvala. Sri Skanda plays the lead role in the film, while Mohana Siddhi and Shruti Shankar appear as the female leads. As a New Year special and on the occasion of the hero's birthday, the makers released a special poster along with an exciting glimpse from the film. To mark Sri Skanda's birthday, a New Year special poster was unveiled. The glimpse clearly indicates that the film is going to be a comedy entertainer set against a village backdrop. The visuals showcase lush greenery, the rustic village atmosphere, a local clinic, and the doctor working there. With this glimpse itself, the makers convey that the film will be packed with ample entertainment. Overall, 'Mana Doctor Baabe' promises to be an out-and-out comedy entertainer. Music for the film is composed by Manoj Kumar Busam. Cinematography is handled by Kishore Boyidapu, while Selva Kumar is the editor. Lyrics for the songs are written by Rambabu Gosala, Giridhar Ragolu, and Vishnu Yarravula. "

Netflix crashes again as 'Stranger Things' finale premieres

Los Angeles: Some users found it difficult to log in on Netflix on Wednesday night to watch the finale of "Stranger Things", the series that debuted in 2016 and became an instant hit with viewers with its band of adventure-loving kids, nostalgic 80s setting and the Upside Down. The streamer faced a similar technical issue during the season 5 premiere of the show on November 26. The crash on Wednesday lasted for about a minute and was fixed after a few refreshes. Users encountering the error were met with an image from "Nailed It!" with the caption: "Something went wrong. Sorry, we're having trouble with your request. You'll find lots to explore on the home page", reported Variety. During the November 26 crash, Netflix was down for about five minutes when the first four episodes of Season 5 released. Season 5 of "Stranger Things" was the most-watched title worldwide thanks to the three new episodes. Between December 22-28, the fifth and final season received 34.5 million views. That marked the season's second-best weekly total after its debut with 59.6 million views in November, which was Netflix's best-ever opening week for an English-language title, according to the website. The series, created by Matt and Ross Duffer, revolves around the residents of a fictional small town of Hawkins, Indiana. A group of young friends witness supernatural forces and befriend a young girl with psychokinetic abilities, named Eleven. She opens a gateway between Earth and a hostile alternate dimension known as the Upside Down at a nearby human experimentation facility. Winona Ryder, David Harbour, Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin, Natalia Dyer, Charlie Heaton, Cara Buono, Matthew Modine, Noah Schnapp, Sadie Sink, Joe Keery, Dacre Montgomery, Sean Astin, Maya Hawke, Priah Ferguson, Brett Gelman, Jamie Campbell Bower and Linda Hamilton star in the series. Just hours before the premiere of the finale, Ross Duffer wrote a moving Instagram post to recall their 10-year journey.

Action thriller 'The Task' in Telugu

The Kannada film 'The Task' with the theme of drama and action thriller was a huge success there. Now this film with the same name will be released in Telugu. Jayasurya R. Azad, Sagar Ram, Srilakshmi, Raghu Shivamogga are the main characters. Directed by Raghu Shivamogga, this film was recently released in Kannada... and has gained a lot of audience there. The film, which has been released in Telugu by famous director Mutyala Subbaiah's son Mutyala Anant Kishore, will be released in Telugu. Mutyala Anant Kishore has made a name for himself as a passionate producer through a good family story film like 'Thalli Manasu' in the past.

Mutyala Anant Kishore expressed the opinion that all the newcomers have acted in this film, which is an action thriller, and that the Telugu audience will also like this film very much. He said that the rest of the details will be provided soon.

Horror Comedy Movie "Rukmini" First Look Poster Launched by Nata Kireeti Rajendra Prasad on New Year

"Rukmini" is an upcoming film produced under the G Cinema banner by Nelaballi Subrahmanyam Reddy and Katta Gangadhara Rao, with Smt. Nelaballi Kumari presenting the film. The movie stars Niranjan, Greeshma Netrika, Priyanka, and Deepti Srirangam in the lead roles. Director Simhachalam Gudupuri is bringing this film to the screen with a fresh horror-comedy storyline. On the occasion of New Year's Day, the first look poster of "Rukmini" was officially launched by Nata Kireeti Rajendra Prasad. Speaking at the event, Rajendra Prasad said: "Gangadhar has worked with me for many years. He was part of several hit films like Edurinti Mogudu Pakkinti Pellam. I'm very happy that my good friend is now producing the film 'Rukmini'. The film industry stays healthy only when small films receive appreciation. I have always wished for the success of small films. Niranjan is playing the hero in this movie, and I sincerely hope 'Rukmini' becomes a big success. My best wishes to the entire team." Hero Niranjan said: "My thanks to Rajendra Prasad garu for launching the first look poster of our film 'Rukmini'. Our young team has come together to make a good film. 'Rukmini' will be a horror-comedy that families can enjoy together. We will be coming before you with the teaser this Sankranti. We request your support for our team." Heroine Greeshma Netrika said: "You all encouraged me as a child artist in the film Malliswari. Now, I'm coming before you as a heroine with 'Rukmini'. I'm very happy that Rajendra Prasad garu launched our first look poster. Just as much as we enjoyed shooting this film, you will enjoy watching it." Actor Vikhyath said: "We believe you all liked the first look poster of 'Rukmini'. I played a key role in this film. My thanks to our producers and director for giving me this opportunity. We will bring the 'Rukmini' teaser to you this Sankranti." Actor Jayanth said: "I played a good character in 'Rukmini'. The film is being made with all commercial elements that will appeal to audiences." Producer Katta Gangadhara Rao said: "New Year greetings to everyone. I'm very happy that Rajendra Prasad garu released the first look poster of 'Rukmini'. I share a 30-year association with him and have worked on his films earlier. With strong content and a new concept, we hope everyone will support 'Rukmini'." Director Simhachalam Gudupuri said: "We are making 'Rukmini' with a fresh horror-comedy concept.

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