



19-01-2026
Total pilgrims: 79,098
Tours: 24,083
Hundi Kanakalu: 4,16 CR
Waiting Compartments: 20

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam
(with out SSD Tokens)... 8 H



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SIR is 'Software Intensive Rigging', alleges TMC



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DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE WILL '100%' CARRY OUT GREENLAND TARIFFS THREAT, AS EU VOWS TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS

IN BRIEFS

Delhi govt okays Rs 1,471 Cr 6-lane MB Road project

New Delhi (TSIT): Delhi government's Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has approved a major infrastructure project for South Delhi. At an estimated cost of Rs 1,471.14 crore, a six-lane integrated elevated road, along with two underpasses, will be constructed on M.B. Road from Saket G-Block to PUL Prahladpur. The project is targeted for completion by December 2027. The meeting of the EFC was held at the Delhi Secretariat on Tuesday chaired by Delhi CM Rekha Gupta. With a total length of nearly five kilometres, the project will be developed in two phases. The first elevated stretch will run from Saket G-Block to Sangam Vihar, measuring 2.42 kilometres. The second stretch will extend from Maa Anandmayee Marg to PUL Prahladpur, with a length of approximately 2.48 kilometres. The project will be executed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). It will be developed along the DMRC corridor alignment to ensure optimal coordination between road and metro infrastructure. The integrated structure will feature a multi-decker system, with the metro operating on the upper deck and a six-lane elevated road corridor below.

ED files chargesheet against NCL official in corruption, money laundering case

New Delhi (TSIT): The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office, stated on Tuesday that it has filed a chargesheet against Shailendra Pasari before a special PMLA court in Jabalpur. A notice for a pre-cognizance hearing has been issued against the accused. The ED initiated its investigation based on two FIRs registered by the CBI's Anti-Corruption Branch in Jabalpur. The first FIR was registered under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. In this case, Shailendra Pasari, then Senior Manager (Civil) at Northern Coalfields Limited's Jayant Project in Singrauli, was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 for clearing pending escalation bills. Subsequently, during searches conducted by the CBI at his premises, unaccounted cash amounting to Rs 72,97,200 was recovered from Pasari's residence, bank lockers, and office. The second FIR was registered under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act for possessing disproportionate assets. The CBI alleged that Pasari and his family members were in possession of assets worth Rs 1.30 crore (124.12% disproportionate to his known sources of income) during the check period from January 1, 2014, to September 8, 2018.



Davos (TSIT): Global consumer goods major Unilever has expressed interest in exploring the establishment of a Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Hyderabad, following a meeting with the Telangana Rising delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2026 in Davos on Tuesday.

The Telangana delegation met Willem Uijen, Chief Supply Chain & Operations Officer of Unilever, during which discussions focused on Hyderabad's rapid emergence as a global hub for GCCs. Highlighting the city's strong ecosystem, world-class talent pool, and investor-friendly governance, the Chief Minister outlined Telangana's vision for attracting global corporations.

Mr. Uijen stated that Unilever would be happy to explore the possibility of setting up a GCC in Hyderabad, acknowledging the city's growing reputation as a preferred destination for global opera-

tions. Industries & Commerce Minister D. Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad already hosts GCCs of leading FMCG companies such as McDonald's, Heineken, and Costco, underscoring the State's credibility in the sector. "Unilever is a proud partner of Telangana. The State is known for policy continuity and a fast-paced approval and licensing process for businesses," he said. The delegation, which included Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, also invited Unilever to explore FMCG manufacturing opportunities in Telangana's industrial parks.

Discussions further covered aligning Unilever's commitments on climate action, water positivity, and plastic reduction with Telangana's initiatives in renewable energy, water stewardship, and the circular economy, reinforcing the State's focus on sustainable and responsible industrial growth.

EU on cusp of historic trade deal with India: Ursula von der Leyen

DAVOS: (Jan 20) (GNS) The European Union is on the cusp of signing a historic trade agreement with India that is being called 'the mother of all deals', European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced on Tuesday, asserting it will create a market for 2 billion people or about one-fourth of the global GDP. In a special address here at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, she said the real would crucially provide a first-mover advantage for Europe with one of the world's fastest-growing and most dynamic continents.

"Right after Davos, I will travel to India. There is still work to do. But we are on the cusp of a historic trade agreement. Some call it the mother of all deals," she said.



"Europe wants to do business with the growth centres of today and the economic powerhouses of this century. From Latin America to the Indo-Pacific and far beyond, Europe will always choose the world. And the world is ready to choose Europe," she said. President of the European Council, Antonio Costa and von der Leyen will be in India from January 25 to 27 to grace the Republic Day celebrations as chief guests and hold summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

UAE agrees to partner with Telangana for 'Future City' development



Hyderabad, Jan 20 (TSIT): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has agreed to partner with Telangana for the development of Bharat Future City as a top global city, the Telangana government said.

UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy-led Telangana Rising delegation, at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Tuesday. Touq Al Marri said his national government would be happy to join hands with Telangana. He suggested that the two governments establish a joint task force of officials from both sides for the speedy implementa-

tion of this project, according to a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) here. The delegation discussed potential areas of cooperation in the state's large infra-

Nitin Nabin takes over as BJP's 12th president; PM Modi says 'You are my boss'

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Nitin Nabin on Tuesday took over as the BJP's 12th national president, succeeding J P Nadda and beginning a new chapter for the party as it seeks to tighten its grip on the country's politics and further expand its influence in uncharted territories with a generational shift in the organisation.



Addressing a gathering at the BJP headquarters here on the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said when it comes to party matters, he is a worker and 'honourable Nitin Nabin ji' is his boss.

After a formal announcement of Nabin's name as the new BJP chief, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior leaders took him to his new office at the party headquarters, where he officially assumed the charge of the party's national president.

roadmap to transform the state into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

He threw light on the massive scope for development in the Bharat Future City project - India's first Net-Zero Greenfield Smart City. Spread over 30,000 acres, the city is envisioned as a multi-sectoral, sustainable urban-industrial hub with dedicated spaces for AI, education, health, industries, residential and entertainment zones. The Chief Minister explained that global companies like Marubeni and Semcorp are already on board with the project. He said recently that an MoU was signed with Reliance Group's Vantara to establish a new zoo in Future City.

No better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh: CM Chandrababu



Amaravati, Jan 20 (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Tuesday that there is no better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh. He invited industrialists to visit Andhra Pradesh and personally observe the policies implemented by the state government and the favourable conditions for investments. He urged them to make investment decisions only after witnessing the speed of doing business policies.

The Chief Minister, who is attending the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, was addressing the CII session on 'India at the Centre: The Geography of Growth - The Andhra Pradesh Advantage'.

The Chief Minister posted on X that he told the industry leaders that Andhra Pradesh isn't just an investment destination but a strategic advantage.

He showcased Andhra Pradesh's strengths across various sectors. "With nearly a quarter of India's FDI, our speed of doing business makes AP a premier investment hub. I invited the global industry to

**TN 2026 POLLS:
Stalin takes charge of alliance dynamics**

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Order for SIR of electoral rolls legislative in nature, lays down guiding principles: EC to SC

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NEW DELHI (TSIT): The Election Commission on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that its order on special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in various states is legislative in character, lays down guiding principles, and prescribes documents needed. The submissions were made by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the poll panel, before a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi during the final hearings on a batch of petitions challenging the EC's SIR of electoral rolls undertaken in several states, including Bihar.

"Our SIR order is legislative in character. It lays down a complete set of principles and documents prescribed. It is a general order applicable to the whole country, except the Assam case," the senior lawyer said. The petitions, including the lead one filed by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, raise significant constitutional questions concerning the scope of the poll panel's

powers, the determination of citizenship for electoral purposes, and the fundamental right to vote.

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Referring to Section 62 of the Representation of Peoples Act, he submitted that voter registration is subject to specific statutory conditions. Dwivedi said Articles 324 to 326 of the Constitution, read with Section 19 of the 1950 Act, impose a constitutional obligation on the EC to ensure that only citizens are enrolled as voters.

Telangana aims to increase its GDP contribution to 10 pc

Hyderabad (TSIT) : Telangana has set the goal of raising its contribution to India's GDP to 10 per cent, supported by a clear roadmap to build a USD 3 trillion economy, industry minister D. Sridhar Babu said on Tuesday. He invited global industry leaders to partner in Telangana Rising, a long-term vision built on policy stability, ease of doing business, and innovation-led growth. At the inauguration of the India Pavilion at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Minister Sridhar Babu invited the industry leaders to invest in the state.

He told them that Telangana today offers a conducive, predictable ecosystem where global companies can scale, invest and participate meaningfully in the state's development journey. He said that life sciences, electronics, semiconductors,



IT, aerospace, renewable energy and green technologies are the priority sectors. The minister stated that with Rs 2.5 lakh crore in investments mobilised over the past two years, the emphasis remains on sustaining growth, creating employment and strengthening Telangana's global standing.

He told the investors that Telangana has become a role model for other states in ease of doing business. Sridhar Babu

said that his government's resolve is not to wait for the future, but to build it. He stated that they have set a target of increasing Telangana's share in the country's GDP to 10 per cent by 2047 and are taking visionary and planned steps accordingly.

He stated that a comprehensive roadmap has been prepared with the participation of experts, industrialists, and the public to propel Telangana's economy to \$3 trillion by 2047.

He added that this vision document gives utmost priority to key sectors that will boost the state's economy. He elaborated on the favourable conditions, opportunities, and the existing ecosystem in Telangana for investments in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, life sciences, biotechnology, healthcare innovation, electronics, semiconductors, hardware manufacturing,

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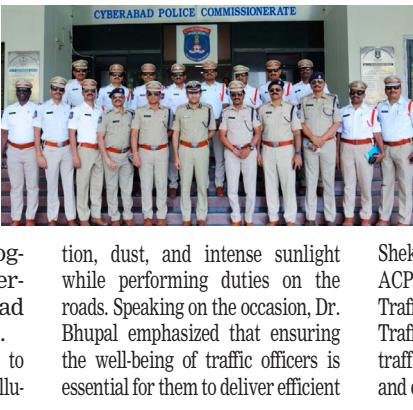
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Cyberabad Traffic Police Personnel Receive Protective Goggles

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TSIT, January 20, 2026: In a welfare initiative aimed at safeguarding the health of frontline officers, Dr. Gajara Bhupal, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Cyberabad, distributed protective goggles to traffic police personnel at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.

The goggles were provided to shield traffic personnel from pollution, dust, and intense sunlight while performing duties on the roads. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhupal emphasized that ensuring the well-being of traffic officers is essential for them to deliver efficient and effective service to the public. "Healthy traffic police personnel can better serve the community," he stated.



Vaidyula who received applications from aspirants

Karimnagar, January 20, TSIT: Corporation Congress President Vaidyula Anjan Kumar along with District Congress Panchayat Raj sangathan Chairman Madupu Mohan and several other leaders received applications from leaders hoping for Congress Party ticket for corporation posts on Tuesday at the DCC office in Karimnagar. On this occasion, Anjan Kumar said that the applications received from the party ranks will be prepared and the final list will be sent to the TPCC.

Based on the surveys, the winning horses of the PCC will be selected and



given an opportunity to contest through the Congress party ticket.

It is said that the opportunity to receive applications is being given till 1 pm on 22nd of this month and aspirants should take

advantage of the opportunity. He assured that the workers who have the party's back during the difficult times will be given appropriate position and justice will be done to every worker.

Will Migration Ever Stop? Tribal Hamlets Await Irrigation and Livelihood

RANGAREDDY : Hopes that assured irrigation would change the fate of tribal communities in the border areas of Rangareddy district have faded, forcing families into poverty and migration. Drought, lack of employment, and the absence of irrigation facilities have pushed several tribal hamlets into a humanitarian crisis, with poverty knocking on every household.

The Palamuru-Rangareddy region has long suffered neglect, even during the undivided state period. Generations born into drought continue to face water scarcity, hunger, and forced migration. In the last-mile areas of Konduru and Chowdurga mandals, several tribal hamlets under Galiguda and Chegireddigamapur village limits remain largely locked and deserted, as families migrate to Mumbai, other parts of Maharashtra, and Hyderabad in search of livelihood.

Farmers say completion of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, including the Lakshmidipally reservoir, could resolve irrigation and drinking water problems and help stop migration. However, the ground reality remains grim. Farmers who have land and cattle still lack water facilities. Despite



spending lakhs of rupees on borewells, many have not received even a drop of water, pushing them into debt and forcing them to abandon agriculture and work as daily wage labourers. Even after 75 years of Independence, rural and tribal migration continues. Elderly people are left behind in villages, while younger generations migrate for survival. Key irrigation projects such as Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, Koilasagar, Bheema, Kalwakurthy, and Nettampadu continue at a slow pace, despite two major rivers flowing through the district.

Many residents had hoped that the formation of Telangana would improve their lives, but conditions have only worsened. Farmers and tribal families now wait with tired eyes, hoping for the day when irrigation water will finally reach their lands and bring an end to forced migration.

Medicover Hospitals Successfully Performs Advanced Hybrid Laparoscopic-Robotic Whipple's Surgery for Rare Duodenal Cancer



Hyderabad: Medicover Hospitals, HITEC City, has achieved a significant surgical milestone with the successful performance of a complex Hybrid Laparoscopic-Robotic Whipple's Resection for a rare case of duodenal adenocarcinoma. The procedure was led by Dr. Mannem Manoj Kumar, Consultant Surgical Gastroenterologist and Robotic GI Surgeon, along with a multidisciplinary surgical team.

The patient, Mr. Shaik Rabani Pasha (57 years), presented with persistent vomiting. Detailed endoscopic evaluation revealed a tumor in the second part of the duodenum, and biopsy confirmed adenocarcinoma with signet ring cell features, a high-risk and aggressive subtype. After thorough evaluation, the team opted for a Whipple's procedure, considered one of the most technically demanding surgeries in gastrointestinal oncology.

The surgery was performed using an innovative hybrid approach, combining laparoscopic tumor resection with robot-assisted reconstruction using the DaVinci X robotic system. This technique provided greater flexibility during resection and exceptional precision during critical reconstruction phases.

The robotic platform enabled meticulous performance of complex anastomoses such as pancreaticojejunostomy and hepaticojejunostomy, particularly challenging in cases with a soft pancreas and non-dilated ducts. The entire procedure was completed through a minimally invasive approach, requiring only a small incision for specimen retrieval.

The patient had an uneventful postoperative recovery, experienced minimal pain, and was discharged in stable condition without any complications.

Speaking on the achieve-

ment, Dr. Mannem Manoj Kumar said, "This successful outcome highlights the growing role of hybrid laparoscopic-robotic techniques in managing complex gastrointestinal cancers. Such advanced approaches offer improved surgical precision, reduced morbidity, faster recovery, and better overall outcomes for patients."

The case was supported by a multidisciplinary team including Dr. Ganesh M. Jagathkar, Director & Senior Consultant - Critical Care, Dr. Jogi Kiran Kumar, Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology, and Dr. Venu Gopal, Consultant Anesthesiologist, ensuring comprehensive perioperative care.

This achievement further underscores Medicover Hospitals' commitment to delivering world-class, minimally invasive and robotic surgical care, supported by advanced technology and highly skilled specialists.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Mallu Ravi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nagarkurnool; Shri Vijayudu, MLA, Alampur; Shri B. M. Santosh, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Jogiambal Gadwal; Shri S. Radhakrishnan, Chief General Manager, SBI Hyderabad Circle; Shri Swapan Dhar, MD & CEO, SBI Foundation; Lt Gen Hari Prasad (Retd.), Managing Trustee, Bhavishya Bharat, and other dignitaries.

Implemented in partnership with NGO Bhavishya Bharat, the Gram Seva project focuses on integrated village development through initiatives in education, healthcare, sanitation, youth empowerment and infrastructure.

As part of the launch, two mobile service vehicles - 'Shalihotra Express' for veterinary services and 'Swachhta Saathi' for waste management - were flagged off. Digital education facilities including a Smart Class, Computer Lab and Science Lab were also inaugurated at the Government High School, Chinnipadu.

A fully equipped Youth Training Centre, named after Telangana's brave son Col. Bilkumalla Santosh Babu (MVC), was inaugurated to provide free skill and personality development training for youth.

The project also includes installation of solar streetlights, repair of government schools and Anganwadi centres, among other developmental works.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mallu Ravi lauded the initiative and assured full support from both Central and State Governments through the district administration. He said SBI has set a benchmark in implement-

Five-Day Embedded Systems Training Programme Begins at GITAM Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Department of Electrical, Electronics, and Computer Engineering (EECE), School of Core Engineering, GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, is organizing a five-day hands-on training programme on "Embedded Systems Design and Automation" from January 19 to 23, in association with PHYTEC, Bengaluru.

The programme focuses on advanced embedded system technologies, including embedded Linux porting, kernel compilation, device tree configuration, and root file system customization. Participants are gaining practical exposure to real-world sensor interfacing using UART, I2C, and SPI protocols, and developing applications such as Smart Energy Monitoring Systems and Industrial Gateway Solutions.

Special emphasis is placed on Linux shell scripting, peripheral driver integration, GPIO-based device control, Edge AI concepts, and industrial communication protocols like Modbus and MQTT. The training modules are aligned with NEP 2023, supporting skill-based learning, innovation, and curriculum enhancement.



Gopal, Technical Manager, and Harish, Convener.

Embedded Software Developers from PHYTEC, Bengaluru, are serving as resource persons. The programme is conducted under the supervision of Arun Kumar Singh, Director, PHYTEC, and Prof. T. Madhavi, Head, Department of EECE, with Dr. P. V. Rama Krishna as Convener.

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DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL (DPS) WARANGAL STUDENTS SHOWCASED THEIR TALENT

WARANGAL, January 20, TSIT: Students from Delhi Public School (DPS) Warangal showcased their talent and innovation at the prestigious School Youth Ideathon 2025, jointly organized by ThinkStartup and MEPSC in association with CBSE. The event's grand finale took place on Sunday at IIT Delhi. According to a statement from the school's Chairman, Sri V. Ravi Kiran Reddy, the students made the institution proud with their outstanding performance and creative thinking.



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Participating students Pendyala Medha and Zoya Tahmeena, both from Class XI (MEC stream), represented DPS Warangal as Team Elevate. Under the effective guidance of their mentor, faculty member Kasipeta Manoj Raj, they developed an innovative AI-powered mobile application called 'FarmLink'.

The app addresses key challenges faced by farmers by enabling them to directly connect with markets, market their agricultural produce more efficiently, and secure fair prices.

By leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), FarmLink facilitates seamless linkages

between farmers and buyers, reducing intermediaries and empowering rural producers with better market access and pricing transparency.

SBI Foundation Launches 'Gram Seva' CSR Programme in Gadwal District

JOGULAMBA GADWAL: SBI

Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of the State Bank of India, on Tuesday formally inaugurated its flagship 'Gram Seva' programme at Peddapatthulapadu village in Manopad Block of Jogiambal Gadwal district, aimed at holistic rural development and socio-economic empowerment.

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Rangareddy District Minority Cell Strongly Condemns MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy's Remarks
Hyderabad: The Rangareddy District Minority Cell has expressed strong outrage over controversial comments made by Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy regarding residents of Hyderabad's Old City (Pattabasti) allegedly not paying electricity bills and property taxes. Ayaz Ahmad Khan, Vice Chairman of the Rangareddy District Minority Cell.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/306/2025

11-11-2025

IDBI Bank Ltd.,

Versus

Annampag Thimothy Livingstone and Another

(CD 1) Annampag Thimothy Livingstone, S/o Late Thimothy A.L., Aged 39 Years, H.No. 4-617/3, Plot 18 And 19, Sy.No.40, East Gandhi Nagar, Cement Factory, Nagaram Village, Keesara Mandal, Telangana-500083

(CD 2) Mrs Premathala W/o Late Thimothy A.L, Aged 59 Years, H No 4-617/3, Plot No 18 And 19, Sy No 40, East Gandhi Nagar, Cement Factory, Nagaram Village, Keesara Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana-500083

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2) on A/21/2024 an amount of Rs 427039.47 (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Seven Hundred Nine And Paise Forty Seven Only) along with pendiencile and future interest @ 10.20% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 28/03/2024 till realization and costs of Rs 81505 (Rupees Eighty One Thousands Five Hundred Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 26-12-2025 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date 11-11-2025

Recovery Officer

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2)

SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400701.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by its incorporation certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400701, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th Jan 2026.

Borrower Name and Address

(1) Kandi Vijaya Lakshmi W/o. Narsimha Charly, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Poultry Farm, Kistapur, Jagadevapur, R/o. H.No. 1-26/A, Angadi, Kistapur, Jagadevapur, Medak, Chebbarthy, Medak-502279, Ph: 900011840. (2) Kandi Narsimha Charly S/o. Lakshmaiah, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Poultry Farm, Kistapur, Jagadevapur, R/o. H.No. 1-26/A, Angadi, Kistapur, Jagadevapur, Medak, Chebbarthy, Medak-502279, Ph: 9900832144. (3) Rayapolu Sudarshan S/o. Yadagiri, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Poultry Farm, Kistapur, Jagadevapur, R/o. H.No. 2-29, Angadi, Kistapur, Markook Mandala, Medak-502279, Ph: 8106761395.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
Property holder Name is Kandi Vijaya Lakshmi W/o. Narsimha Charly, Mortgage deed dated 19.05.2023 Registered as Document No. 5956/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Gajwel, Property on the Name of Kandi Vijaya Lakshmi W/o. Narsimha Charly. All that the part & parcel of Open land bearing Sy. No. 64/1/1/1/2/1, addressing 1210 sq.yards or 1011.71 sq.meters situated at Block No. 1, Residential Area, Angadikistapur Village, Marook Mandala, Siddipet District, and bounded by: North: Land of Chettireddy Mahender Reddy, South: Land of Donor (Kandi Narsimha Charly), East: Land of K. Kishore, West: Angadi kistapur to Ganeshpally Road.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Angadikistapur Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiriram Finance Limited Date: 19-01-2026

SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400701.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by its incorporation certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th Jan 2026.

Borrower Name and Address

(1) Balaji Enterprises Rep By Its Prop. Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao, R/o. H.No. 1-7-94, Hunter Road, Hamakonda, Warangal-506007, Ph: 7569055562. (2) Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao, Age: 66 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. Balaji Enterprises, H.No. 1-7-94, Hunter Road, Hamakonda, Warangal, R/o. H.No. 1-10-84, GF-1, Mount Santhoshi Apartment, Near Mayuri Marg, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016, Ph: 8885606661. (3) Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao, Age: 60 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. Balaji Enterprises, H.No. 1-10-84, GF-1, Mount Santhoshi Apartment, Near Mayuri Marg, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016, Ph: 9955606661. (4) P. M. Sudheshwar Rao S/o. Narasimha Rao, Age: 55 Years, Occ: Manager, R/o. H.No. 2-246, Kakalgutta, Hamakonda, Warangal-506002, Ph: 9955606661.

MALKAT2305160002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
Property holder Name is Kandi Vijaya Lakshmi W/o. Narsimha Charly, Mortgage deed dated 19.05.2023 Registered as Document No. 5956/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Medchal. Property on the Name of Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao. All that the Piece and parcel of Open land bearing Plot No. 83 addressing 400 square yards or equivalent to 334.4 sq.meters in Survey No. 1068 Northern Part, situated at Kalathur Green Residency, Medchal Village and Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District bounded by: North: Plot No. 82, South: 30' Feet Wide Road, East: 30' Feet Wide Road, West: Plot No. 126.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Medchal Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiriram Finance Limited Date: 19-01-2026

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MALKAT2102280003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
Property holder Name is Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao, Mortgage deed dated 02.03.2021 Registered as Document No. 4303/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Medchal. Property on the Name of Pingili Venkateshwar Rao S/o. Muthryunjaya Rao. All that the Piece and parcel of Open land bearing Plot No. 83 addressing 400 square yards or equivalent to 334.4 sq.meters in Survey No. 1068 Northern Part, situated at Kalathur Green Residency, Medchal Village and Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District bounded by: North: Plot No. 82, South: 30' Feet Wide Road, East: 30' Feet Wide Road, West: Plot No. 126.

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Place: Medchal Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiriram Finance Limited Date: 20.01.2026. Place: HYDERABAD.

Telangana

Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Association Holds Annual General Body Meeting, Releases Diary 2026

Hyderabad: The Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Association, representing employees working in the Telangana State Secretariat, organised its Annual General Body Meeting along with the launch of the Association Diary-2026 on Tuesday at the Telangana Secretariat. The event was graced by Hon'ble Minister for Minority Affairs Mohammed Azharuddin and Special Chief Secretary, General Administration (Services), Shri Benhar Mahesh Dutt Ekka who noted that the 11-member executive committee has been proactively taking employees' issues to the notice of the government and working towards their resolution.

Secretariat employees face significant work pressure on a daily basis. He emphasised the need for the Association to regularly organise sports and cultural activities to help employees manage stress and maintain work-life balance. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mohammed Azharuddin appreciated the Association's efforts under the leadership of President Srinivas Reddy, noting that the 11-member executive committee has been proactively taking employees' issues to the notice of the government and working towards their resolution.

CAN FIN HOMES LTD
H No. 15-12-14 (New), Old. H.No. 6-2-14, Ground Floor, Plot No.10 and 11, Sy.No. 264 and 265, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khamnapur Haveli, Beside Mitthi Potlam Street, Khammam-507002, Ph:08742-298955, Cell No.7625079213. E-mail:khamman@canfinhomes.com, Web:wwwcanfinhomes.com CIN No : L85110KA197PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

APPENDIX - IV-A [See proviso to rule 9 (1)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.31,18,783/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen thousand Seven hundred Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd., Khammam Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As it is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-02

EDITORIAL

THE RISE, EXILE, AND FADING FOOTPRINTS OF KASHMIRI PANDITS

The Kashmiri Pandits are Saraswat Brahmins, one of the oldest ethnic groups of the Indian subcontinent. Their history can arguably be traced back to the first human settlements in the Valley over 4,000 years ago, rooted in a land they believed was reclaimed from a vast lake by the sage Kashyapa. For centuries, Kashmir was the "sharda peeth," or the seat of learning. The Pandits developed Kashmir Shaivism, a sophisticated school of philosophy that views the universe as a manifestation of pure consciousness.

Unfortunately, this highly educated and scholarly community was persecuted in history at least eight times between 1320 and 1990.

1) 1320: It was Zuljui, also known as Zul Qadir Khan, a Turco-Mongol invader who attacked in 1320 AD and wreaked devastation when he commanded the force that conquered Kashmir.

2) 1389-1413: Sultan Sikandar, or Sikandar Butshikan, who was also known as the 'iconoclast,' destroyed massive temples like Martand and gave Hindus in the area the choice to convert, flee, or die.

3) 1413-1420: Ali Shah, the son of Sikandar, continued his father's policies with even more brutality, deploying guards to prevent Pandits from escaping so they could be forcibly converted.

4) 1500s: Under Kaji Chak and Musa Raina, who were influenced by Shia missionary Mir Shams-ud-Din Iraqi, thousands were forcibly converted. Those who resisted were massacred on the holy day of Ashura, according to K.L. Bhan. 5) Late 1600s: Mughal ruler Aurangzeb's governor, Iftikhar Khan, used extreme force to convert the community. This led the Pandits to seek help from the Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur, who was eventually killed while protecting them.

6) 1720s: During a period of Mughal decline, local fanatical leaders including the cleric Mullah Abdul Nabi imposed "jizya" or tax and banned Pandits from wearing turbans, shoes, or even riding horses.

7) 1753-1819: Afghan Rule is widely considered the darkest era. Afghan governors would tie Pandits in pairs in grass sacks and drown them in Dal Lake. It was said that "a Pandit's life was not worth the price of a hen."

8) 1989-1990: Modern militancy, the rise of Pakistan-sponsored insurgency and radical Islamism led to targeted killings and mosque announcements. This forced most of the community into exile. The Kashmiri Pandits' 'best times' are often associated with the reign of Lalitaditya Muktagupta in the 8th century and later, the peaceful rule of Zain-ul-Abidin in the 15th century. The latter invited Pandits back after a period of persecution, earning him the title Budshah, the great king. During these eras, the community thrived as administrators, scholars, and spiritual leaders. Life moved on after the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India in 1948. The two communities, Pandits and Muslims, lived in harmony although Kashmiri Pandits were always viewed with a bit of suspicion because of their religious identification with the majority community of mainland India. Pandits were, however, acknowledged as good teachers and professionals (many were doctors and bureaucrats). Interestingly in spite of being Hindus they were very good teachers of the Persian language and were also recognised as good interpreters of the Quran. The most painful chapter in their modern history began in January 1990. As Islamic militancy surged in the Valley, fuelled by external support and internal radicalisation, the minority community was targeted with a campaign of terror. Slogans like "Raliv, galiv ya tchaliv (convert, die, or leave)" reverberated from loudspeakers of the mosques.

When the educated stand and the illiterate sit: The insult of education in democracy

- Dr. Satyavani Saurabh

Any civilized society is defined by its education system and the respect it receives. Education is not merely a collection of degrees, but rather a culture of conscience, discipline, constitutional understanding, and public responsibility. The question is whether a democracy like India truly respects this education, or whether educated people in the corridors of power are merely destined to stand in a posture of obedience. In India, millions of young people reach the civil services after years of rigorous preparation, failure, and struggle. They enter the IAS, IPS, or other services after a thorough study of the Constitution, administration, economics, sociology, and policymaking. Even after selection, they face lengthy training, field postings, and constant accountability. On the other hand, these same officers are often seen standing with folded hands before public representatives whose educational background and administrative understanding are extremely limited. This is the scene where the truth of the system speaks, not satire—the illiterate are sitting, the educated are standing. The journey to becoming a civil servant is a year-long endeavor. The exam tests not just facts, but also thinking, analytical skills, ethics, and the ability to make decisions under pressure. Even after joining the service, every file, every order, and every signature must stand the test of future scrutiny. In contrast, there is no minimum educational

qualification required for entry into politics, nor is formal training in policy or administration mandatory. Public support is the soul of democracy, but when that very support becomes a veneer to conceal a lack of competence within the entire system, then the problems begin. Democracy means rule by the people, but democracy has never been a celebration of ignorance. Successful democracies value both political leadership and professional administration. There, the decision-making stage is dominated by facts and logic, not emotions. Our situation is developing into one where debates are more noisy and less scholarly. The heat of accusations and counter-accusations is high, and the light of data and facts is low. In such an environment, the bureaucracy, which represents knowledge and process, is reduced to a mere machine that obeys orders. This mentality gives rise to the scenario—the kurta is sitting, the uniform is standing. In the vision of independent India, khadi and khaki were considered complementary. Khadi symbolized public opinion, politics, and policymaking, while khaki symbolized law, order, and impartial implementation. A respectful relationship between the two was supposed to lay the foundation for good governance. Today, the situation is such that khadi often appears to impose its views through numerical strength and positional power, while khaki, fearing transfer, retaliation, or false accusations, refrains from offering prudent advice. Officers have come

to believe that "what the higher-ups want" is more important than "what is right." This mindset not only weakens administrative ethics but also calls into question the rule of law. This environment directly impacts the image of education in society. When young people repeatedly witness the scene where those who studied for years, passed competitive exams, and underwent training are left standing at the end; while those who climbed the political ladder without any preparation are left sitting and making the final decisions, disappointment naturally arises. The message is clear: education does not bring power, knowledge does not make decisions, and hard work does not ensure respect. Gradually, education becomes a mere means to obtain employment, not a means to guide society. Ironically, when policies fail, plans fail to materialize, or corruption is exposed, officers are often the first to be targeted. The reality is that most major decisions are made at the political level, and officers are the implementers of those policies. Yet, the entire responsibility for failure is placed on them. This is a double injustice—limited participation in decision-making, but complete accountability. The result is that honest and forthright officers are discouraged, and "silence and doing what is told" becomes the safe option. Whenever the question is raised about whether a minimum level of education and administrative understanding should be required for policymaking,

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How China Got Trapped In Its Own 'Export Miracle'

Last week, China reported the world's largest ever trade surplus for 2025, a year when Donald Trump's tariffs on more than 90 countries gave a jolt to the global economic order. The Chinese trade surplus reached a massive \$1.19 trillion, despite Beijing reducing exports to the US by 20%. It simply sold much more to the rest of the world, including India. The staggering \$1.19 trillion trade surplus of China is just under half the size of India's GDP and close to the size of Saudi Arabia's, a G-20 member. Last year, China was the largest trading partner of Brazil in America's backyard, of Central Asia in Russia's backyard and the Gulf countries, where the US used to dominate. The US has already lost Africa to Beijing; if Trump continues with his disastrous tariff policies, even other regions could become China's number one trading partner, replacing the US. China has not had a global trade deficit since 1993. It has come a long way from being one of the world's poorest countries in 1978, when its leader Deng Xiaoping introduced economic reforms, to becoming the world's second largest economy and a superpower. But in the process, China has also transformed the global economy, making everyone else dependent on it, based on a model that has created problems even for its own people. But can this model survive?

The Making Of China's Economic Model Beijing's exports-based economic model has roots in Deng's reforms, which paved the way for the country to become the world's manufacturing hub. Large plants and factories were set up across the country to produce cheaper products for the rest of the world. Gradually, millions of Western manufacturing jobs were outsourced to factories in China. These state-subsidised plants forced many factories in other countries to close down because they could not compete with Chinese products. As early as 1994, silk farmers in India were complaining that the dumping of cheap Chinese synthetic silk in the country was driving them out of business. Beijing has often been accused of dumping its products in other countries. Such accusations have resurfaced after the publication of the lat-



est record surplus figures. But China has continued to expand its production capacity, diversifying into many new fields. The current Chinese leader, Xi Jinping, has taken the country's economic model to a new level. After becoming the head of the Communist Party in 2013, he focused on high-quality development by investing in strategic emerging industries to become a dominant force that could not only challenge China's rivals but also control them. Self-Reliance Or World Domination? At the core of China's economic strategy is making itself self-reliant, according to the Chinese leaders. Xi's 10-year programme, known as Made in China, launched in 2015 to reduce dependence on the West, has achieved most goals. Beijing's unprecedented investment in green technologies has made it the undisputed world leader in renewables, electric vehicles and many other fields. Over the weekend, China's state media reported that the country consumed 10.4 trillion kilowatt-hours of power in 2025, according to the National Energy Administration. This is more than double the use in the United States and exceeds the combined power consumption in India, Russia, Japan

and the European Union. This suggests industrial plants and AI data centres in China are working harder than anywhere else. Xi has also prepared China for a trade war with the United States and ordered his officials to work on choke points for its economy, which he successfully employed last year in response to Trump's tariffs. As early as 2019, Xi described rare earths and other critical minerals as an "important strategic resource." Beijing now has almost total control over the global supply of those minerals. India may be a leading supplier of pharmaceuticals, but China is the world's dominant producer of the ingredients needed to make antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals. The same is the case in the solar power industry. Global Domination But Domestic Repression China's economic growth helped its government to lift tens of millions of people out of poverty and make many others in the country rich, especially in the early years of reform. But its model of increasing growth by selling cheaply to the world has had its implications. For years, Chinese families subsidised the country's rise through foregone returns while the rest of the world splurged on dis-

counted Chinese goods. While the rest of the world is fighting inflation, China is facing an acute problem of deflation, where prices continue to drop, discouraging customers from buying in the fear that goods would be even cheaper later. This is caused by overcapacity in factories and weak domestic demand. A persistent decline in consumption signals deeper economic trouble. Last year, Chinese authorities promised new child-care subsidies, increased wages and better paid leaves to revive a slowing economy. But that has failed to have any meaningful impact. The collapse of the property market in recent years has also made Chinese consumers more risk-averse, leading them to cut back on spending. Domestic consumption drives more than 80% of growth in the US and UK, and about 70% in India. China's share has typically ranged between 50% to 55% over the past decade. So Xi has a hard task to encourage his countrymen to spend more. Falling Birth Rate China is facing another problem that is threatening its economic model. A shrinking population of youngsters and an ever-growing number of elderly people. On Monday, the authorities announced that the birth rate has now fallen to the lowest level since 1949, when Mao Zedong came to power after leading the communist revolution. Last year, only 7.92 million new babies were born, a decline of 17% over 2024. This means China will have fewer people to work in its factories to sustain its export-based economy. On top of that, young families now have to care for their elderly parents. The Social Security System in China is poor in comparison to other industrialised economies. The Chinese government has offered many incentives to encourage youngsters to have children and taxed contraceptives but young Chinese are not keen to produce babies. Currency Manipulation Western countries have often alleged that China's rise has been aided by the manipulation of the global system, using its state-owned or subsidised firms to buy depressed assets in other countries, and, above all, keeping its currency renminbi artificially low - which makes its products cheap.

Dear America, Keep Your Republic and Let All Others Keep Theirs

It is not easy to play poker with Washington these days. It holds a trump card never seen in the deck before. It is now an ace, a king, a jack, and a joker with very dark intent. For example, just when we were being schooled to believe that Russia and China could be gunning for Greenland, it turns out that is the trump card gunning for Europe and NATO. The terrible child, having snatched the bauble of world opinion - which he otherwise despises - from Maria Machado, with a forthrightly stated "I am the one who deserves the peace prize", is again to the fore. "I want Greenland, give me Greenland," says he. "And if you don't I will then tariff more and yet more; you are allies only if I be your lead bad boy. If not, Europe and NATO can go as many leagues below the Mediterranean as they might, so long as I have my Greenland." Gosh, if only the good old Dr. Sigmund Freud were still with us, what illuminations he might have shared with us little people. What of the lilliputians who live on that land? The joker in the poker would say, "In poker, the winner takes all, be they chips or homo sapiens." So come forth, speak to them the truth that only muscle matters; the rest is moral blackmail visited by the weak on the puissant. Thus spake Zarathustra, have you forgotten? No sir, we haven't.



And we remember what inferno them teachings of Nietzsche brought the world to not too long ago, dear Trump; which is why we need regime change, foremost in that land which once shook off the monarchs who tyrannised those whom you now lead as did the despots of old. So, dear Europe, do you begin to see the new poker game and the new trump card that begins to do that to you what neither Russia nor China have yet done? Ten percent tariffs more already, with promise of 25% come first of June, should you fail to come to supplicant senses? Dear NATO, you may well be fighting the next war not against Russia or China but your chief guarantor, the US. Do laugh; But also begin to take a leaf from Canada's book. Neither Europe nor Canada seem any more to belong to the "western hemisphere" which Trump has vowed to protect with blood and guts; so why not turn East? You have a combined GDP equivalent to the US. So think how you might put the joker back in the pack by simply teaming up with Russia and China who, after all, have never coveted any of your belongings, not even Greenland; and who, in fact, saved you from your own predators eight decades ago. So rise and shine. Bring down the poker. Save Greenland. Show the way down to the Greenback, where it may begin to be reborn with a human face. Build a new world with sturdy, self-confident, peace-loving BRICS. Prepare a new American ground to plant a Bernie Sanders here, a Zohran Mamdani there. Forestall the bad boy of the day from extracting Mette Frederiksen, who governs Greenland, as he did the incautious Nicolas Maduro. And, dear Americans, look to Minneapolis. Allow yourselves to take in the full meaning of the contention there, before the moment comes when, like a century and a half before, a call goes up for secession from the Union. Save the federation, save democracy and save the ideals which led mankind out from the dark ages. Recall Benjamin Franklin's prophetic caution: "A republic, if you can keep it." Keep your republic and help all others keep what they have chosen for themselves. Badri Raina taught at Delhi University.

Siddaramaiah warns of Lok Sabha seat cut for southern states

Bengaluru, Jan 20 (UNI) Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday expressed concerns over a possible reduction in the number of Lok Sabha seats for southern states under the proposed delimitation of parliamentary constituencies, warning that it could undermine federal principles and democratic equity.

Speaking at a conference organised by the Centre for Socialist Studies and Samajwadi Sangama here, the Chief Minister said the proposed delimitation exercise posed a grave risk to southern states that had successfully implemented population control measures.

"The southern states controlled their population, invested in education and empowered women because the nation asked us to. Now we are told that success will be punished with reduced representation," he said.

Siddaramaiah reiterated that if delimitation was carried out strictly on the basis of the latest



census figures, southern states including Karnataka could either lose seats or see no increase, while northern states would gain more representation.

He recalled that earlier estimates suggested Karnataka's Lok Sabha seats could fall from 28 to 26 if the exercise was based on the 2021 or 2031 census.

Undivided Andhra Pradesh could see a drop from 42 to 34 seats, Kerala from 20 to 12, and Tamil Nadu from

39 to 31.

The Chief Minister urged the union government to either use the 1971 census as the base for delimitation or expand the total number of Lok Sabha seats in a manner that does not rely solely on population figures.

At the event, Siddaramaiah said democracy could not reward failure and penalise progress. "If this injustice continues, South India will be politi-

cally marginalised in its own country. Federalism is not charity. It is a constitutional right," he asserted.

He also alleged that Karnataka was facing fiscal injustice despite being a major contributor to the national economy. "We contribute nearly Rs 5 lakh crore annually to union taxes and about 8.4 per cent of India's GDP with just around 5 per cent of the population, yet receive barely 13 paise for every rupee sent. Our share was cut by the 15th Finance Commission, special grants were denied, over Rs 53,000 crore was lost through cesses, and even severe drought relief was ignored," he said.

Siddaramaiah accused the Centre of undermining cooperative federalism by centralising resources. "When the union hoards resources through cesses, cuts devolution, delays disaster relief and denies States their constitutional dues, it is not reform, it is a betrayal of the Constitution," he added.

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The Appellate Authority of the School Education Department has upheld the order cancellation of recognition of Al Jamia Muhammadiyah Education Society.

Bengaluru: The School Education Department has upheld the fact that Al Jamia Muhammadiyah Education Society, Thansandra, Mumbai, under its administration, has opened educational institutions in Bengaluru named Jamia Muhammadiyah Mansoora, Jamia Muhammadiyah Education Society, Saamar International Islamic School, Thansandra, Bengaluru East City Corporation, Commercial Complex, Ground Floor, Opposite Phoenix Mall, RHB Colony, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru - 560048, or by sending their suggestions via email to acfma-hadevapura@gmail.com. All suggestions must be submitted within seven (7) days from the date of issuance of this press release.

Ramesh Babu urged to implement House Committee report on clubs

bylaws and rules of the clubs and given an opportunity to their objections, and has prepared and presented a report. In addition, a proposed bill has been presented. If the proposed bill is implemented, it will be convenient to bring the clubs in the state under the purview of the law and control them. Although almost eight years have passed since the report was presented, it has not been implemented till now. In the interest of the state, in order to ensure that the clubs run transparently and to increase the income of the state government, it is imperative to implement the report of the House Committee. The committee has held many meetings and obtained information and then submitted a report. Before submitting the report, it visited other states and obtained information about the clubs, made a lengthy study and gave a good report, and Council member Ramesh Babu has urged in his letter to implement it.

Bengaluru: Legislative Council member Ramesh Babu has urged to properly implement the report on clubs given by the House Committee and to implement the proposed bill given by the committee.

In this regard, he has written a letter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of the Legislative Council, saying that the 14th Karnataka Legislative Assembly had constituted a House Committee in 2012-13 to control the



illegal activities of clubs in the state and the Greater Bengaluru Metropolitan Area. The committee had presented an interim report in the House on 07-06-2013. Later, the House Committee submitted a comprehensive report of about 180 pages to the Speaker on 07-02-2017.

The House Committee has mentioned in its report that clubs are carrying out illegal activities by flouting the government rules and laws. In addition, it has visited many clubs and examined the

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Drive to Remove Unauthorized Hoardings, Flexes and Banners in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Limits: Daljit Kumar

Bengaluru: Additional Commissioner (Development) Daljit Kumar said that As per the orders of the Commissioner of Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Rajendra Cholan, more than 51 hoardings that were illegally installed on pedestrian skywalks and bus shelters in 5 divisions of the Central City Corporation limits have been removed.

From morning, a special drive was carried out in 5 divisions of the Central City Corporation to



remove hoardings that were illegally installed on pedestrian skywalks and

bus shelters. Continuous Drive The Bengaluru Central City Corporation is continuously carrying out drives to remove flexes, banners and hoardings. Through this, the public and organizations are instructed not to install flexes, banners and hoardings illegally. Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Advertisement and Revenue Officers, and other sanitation staff participated in this drive to remove illegal hoardings.

MP Basavaraj Bommai Congratulates the newly elected BJP National President Nitin Nabin

Bengaluru: Former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Nitin Nabin on being unanimously elected as the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

In a post on X, he stated that he expresses his sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister



Amit Shah, and outgoing party president J.P. Nadda for placing their trust in young leadership and entrusting this responsibility with the future of both the party and the nation in mind.

He further said that he is confident the newly appointed president, Nitin Nabin, will take the party—which has the largest membership in the world—to even greater heights.

Dr. Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy, Former MLC has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Nitin Nabin on being elected as National President of BJP



Delhi : Dr. Sudhakar Reddy conveyed his best wishes to Nitin Nabin for a successful and impactful tenure, expressing confidence that under his leadership, the BJP will further strengthen its organizational base and take the party's vision, ideology, and commitment to public service to every corner of Bharat. He stated that the election of Nitin Nabin reflects the trust and confidence reposed in his leadership abilities and organizational experience, and expressed optimism that the party will continue to grow stronger and more united in the coming years. Vimal Dua and other party functionaries joined in this occasion with Reddy. Dr. Sudhakar Reddy reaffirmed his commitment to work collectively with the party leadership and cadre to further strengthen the BJP and serve the nation with dedication.

88.91 lakh voters listed in draft rolls of five city corporations

Opportunity to submit claims and objections from January 20 to February 3, 2026

Bengaluru: In connection with the conduct of elections under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the draft electoral rolls were published. Citizens are advised to verify whether their names are included in the draft electoral rolls and, if not found, to immediately submit applications in the prescribed forms to get their names included. All citizens aged 18 years and above should ensure that their names are included in the electoral rolls, stated State Election Commissioner G.S. Sangreshi during a joint press conference held at GBA Head Office.

The ward-wise draft electoral rolls of the five City Corporations under the jurisdiction of the Greater Bengaluru Authority include a total of 8,891,411 voters, informed State Election Commissioner G.S. Sangreshi.

Speaking to the media after releasing the draft electoral rolls, he stated that elections will be conducted under the GBA jurisdiction covering five City Corporations —

Bengaluru Central, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru East, and Bengaluru West — comprising a total of 369 wards.

The draft electoral rolls have been prepared with October 1, 2025 as the qualifying date. The rolls include 45,69,193 male voters, 43,20,583 female voters, and 1,635 other voters, totaling 88,91,411 voters, he explained.

From January 20, 2026 to February 3, 2026, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will visit households for verification. During this period, citizens will have the opportunity to submit claims and objections, he said. The disposal of claims and objections will be carried out from February 4 to February 18, 2026, and the final electoral rolls will be published on March 16, 2026, he added.

Among all wards, Ward No. 23 of Bengaluru West City Corporation has the highest number of voters

with 49,530, while Ward No. 16 of Bengaluru East City Corporation has the lowest number of voters with 10,926. A total of 8,044 polling stations will be set up across the 369 wards, he informed.

ELECTORAL ROLLS ON WEBSITE

The ward-wise draft electoral rolls will be published in PDF format on the official GBA website: <https://gba.karnataka.gov.in/home>

Citizens can verify and confirm the inclusion of their names in the electoral rolls. On this occasion, GBA Special Commissioner (Election) Ramachandran, City Corporation Commissioners Rajendra Cholan, Shri Pommala Sunil Kumar, Shri Ramesh D.S., Dr. Rajendra K.V., Special Officer (Elections) Shri Selvamani, Additional Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners (Elections), Tahsildars and other concerned officials were present.

Operations to remove unauthorized flexes, banners and hoardings

Bengaluru: Officers and staff of the Bengaluru North City Corporation are constantly working against unauthorized/illegal flexes, banners and hoardings. As a part of this in record manner in a single day a total of 473 flexes, banners and hoardings are being removed.

As per the instructions of Bangalore North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, team of officers and employees of the corporation have worked tirelessly on a single day (Monday) to remove a record number of 473 flexes, banners and hoardings with the intention to keep city clean and beautiful.

MINISTER M.B. PATIL HOLDS DISCUSSIONS WITH MENZIES AVIATION, UPL, TATA SONS AND OTHER COMPANIES

Bengaluru: Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil, who is participating in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos, held discussions on the first day, Monday, with senior representatives of Menzies Aviation, UPL, The Coca-Cola Company, Tata Sons, Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) and Natural Fiber Welding (NFW Earth).

In a media release issued from Davos, the Minister said that Menzies Aviation has already invested \$25 million in Bengaluru for the development of cargo handling operations. The

company is now exploring opportunities to offer additional services at the Kempegowda International Airport and has expressed its willingness to invest a further \$10 million. In addition, Menzies Aviation has shown interest in establishing a Global Capability Centre (GCC) in the State, he said. The fertiliser major UPL is looking to expand its operations in Karnataka.

sively. The Moon is the same for everyone; the difference lies in the perspective. India is moving towards the peak of the global innovation ecosystem. With the right combination of talent, technology, and cooperation, India has the potential to deliver transformative missions." At BBC, BBC 2.0 - Mission for Life Sciences: Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Manjula NIAS Secretary Dept of E, IT and BT, stated about the new phase of BBC activities and new initiatives of Beyond Bengaluru along with the collaboration with NABARD and RKVY is playing a significant and effective role in promoting innovation-based solutions in agriculture. She stressed that focusing on nutrition, value addition, and sustainable food systems is essential for Karnataka's long-term development. Also NABARD support in establishment of new BBC NABARD-RKVY Agri innovations centre.



"Innovation Flourishes Only When Education and Industry Collaborate," says Former ISRO Director Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai

Bengaluru : "Innovation becomes more prolific and fruitful only when educational institutions and industries work together. Through this collaboration, it is possible to find solutions to societal problems," said Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, former Director of ISRO.

He was speaking after inaugurating the BBC 2.0 Catalyst Program, an initiative organized by the Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre (BBC) in collaboration with K-Tech, aimed at connecting skill development with innovation and promoting self-employment. Dr. Annadurai noted that while facilities are available in the healthcare sector, the increasing number of patients demands advanced technology and innovative solutions. He also highlighted the immense opportunities in the energy sector, stating that responsible involvement can transform many existing challenges into opportuni-

ties. "Bengaluru, particularly through its IT and BT sectors, has the potential to make a global mark and become a hub for innovation-led development," he added.

Innovation in Agriculture:

Dr. Annadurai emphasized that India is primarily an agricultural nation and holds the top position globally in banana cultivation. "Banana pseudostems, which are usually discarded after harvest, cre-

ate waste management challenges for farmers. by applying research-based solutions, this solid waste can be reprocessed and recycled, creating value instead of waste," he explained. Drawing parallels with space exploration, he mentioned, "Although around 100 missions attempted lunar exploration, Chandrayaan gained global recognition as the first mission to analyze the Moon uniquely and comprehen-

Nutritious meal employees hold state-wide protest pressing demands

CHENNAI: The nutritious meal employees attached to TNNMEA on Tuesday commenced their four day protests across the state pressing for various demands including revised pension, filling up of vacancies among others.

As the talks held with the government failed on January 19, the association decided to hold protest in all the districts of the State from Tuesday till January 23, 2026. A Jessy, secretary, the Tamil Nadu Nutritious Meal Employees Association (TNNMEA) told reporters.

"We have been hoping that our demands will be fulfilled. We met the department officials on Monday and since the talks have failed, we are forced to stage protest till January 23 in all the district capitals," she added. Expressing her disappointment with the DMK Government for not fulfilling the associations'



long-pending demands, she said over 71,000 workers are taking part in the protests across Tamil Nadu.

"Tamil Nadu has over 1 lakh nutritious meal centres and 71,000 workers are engaged in it. This Association has been functioning for the last 45 years and we have been poorly

paid. Our pension is Rs 2,000 only. During the 2021 elections, the DMK promised that it will fulfil our demands. But in the last 4.5 years it did not," she alleged.

"Since our demands are not met, we are forced to protest. If government is ready to talk with us, we

are ready to reconsider our decision," she said.

As part of intensifying their protest, the association has also planned to stage an agitation in front of the District Collectorate on January 24 and 25, across Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, the PMK faction led by Dr Anbumani Ramadoss, in a statement said that due to the protests initiated by the nutritious meal workers, "the students depending on these centres will face a situation where they cannot get food". The Nutritious meal workers serve as the backbone of the government administration. They are the ones who act as a bridge between the government and the people, the statement urged. "Without further delay, the government should hold talks with the nutritious meal workers and fulfil their demands," it further said.

TN asks Centre to scrap VB-G RAM G, restore MGNREGA to reduce financial burden

The discontinuation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has not only hindered development in rural areas but also increased the financial strain on the state government, it said.

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday urged the Centre to withdraw the recently passed VB-G RAM G act and restore UPA-era rural employment scheme, MGNREGA, thereby easing the state's financial burden.

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"Due to the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeekika Mission (Gramin) VB-G RAM G, the financial burden on Tamil Nadu will further increase by approximately Rs 5,000 crore per annum," Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M Appavu said while reading out Governor's address to the Assembly. The governor had walked out of the state Assembly without delivering his customary address during the maiden session of the year, citing "inaccu-



ries" in the text prepared by the DMK government.

Reading the Tamil version of the governor's address, Appavu said the new scheme VB-G RAM G undermined the fundamental objective of the MGNREGA, a programme designed to ensure wage employment for crores of poor and underprivileged people in rural areas, particularly women and Adi Dravidar communities.

He noted that through MGNREGS, which provides social security to the rural poor, numerous projects such as infrastructure development, natural resource

drawn and the Central government should restore and allocate additional financial resources to MGNREGA.

On language policy, the state government reaffirmed that the Tamil Nadu State Education Policy continues to follow the two-language formula of Tamil and English, a policy maintained since 1968.

"We have been safeguarding the two-language education policy formulated by former Chief Minister C N Annadurai as dearly as our own eyes. When it comes to protecting the Tamil language, which is inseparable from our life and emotions, there can be no room for compromise," he said. The government added that under no circumstances will it, under the leadership of Chief Minister M K Stalin, accept any alteration to this policy. On other matters, the government said the CM's efforts helped Tamil Nadu achieve robust economic growth of 11.19 per cent during the last financial year, the highest in the past 14 years.

ED shares fresh inputs linking Nehru to Rs 366-cr MAWS scam

CHENNAI: The Enforcement Directorate has shared fresh inputs regarding an alleged Rs 366 crore worth money laundering and corruption ring in the transfer and appointments of officials and engineers in the Tamil Nadu Department of Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply (MAWS), officials said on Tuesday.

The federal probe agency's Chennai zonal office has sent a letter in this context to state chief secretary and the directorate of vigil-

ance and anti-corruption (DVAC) seeking registration of a police FIR against minister K N Nehru and some others linked to him. The ED had also written two separate letters to the state government authorities in October and December last year claiming "wide spread" corruption in the MAWS tenders and linked Nehru to these charges. The said PMLA provision empowers ED to share information and evidence regarding an offence with the police

or a designated law enforcement agency. In its latest communication, the ED informed the TN government that it has recovered photos, WhatsApp chats and documents which show "many" instances of bribes being collected for the transfer and posting of government officers and engineers in MAWS. It claimed that alleged bribe amounts ranging from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 1 crore, depending on a case-by-case basis, were being transacted in the case of about 340 MAWS officials.

TN Assembly session to continue till January 24

CHENNAI: The maiden session of the year of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (TNLA), which began here on Tuesday, would be held till January 24. TNLA Speaker M Appavu made an announcement to this effect among media persons in his chamber after the day's proceedings of the House began on a stormy note with Governor R N Ravi not reading the government's address in protest of the non-rendering of the national anthem at the beginning of the address.

Madras HC reserves order on actor Vijay's Jana Nayagan censor certification

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Tuesday reserved its order on the censor board's appeal against a single-judge direction to grant U/A certificate to Vijay-starrer 'Jana Nayagan'.

A bench of Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G Arun Murugan heard the appeal, after the Supreme Court had on January 15 asked the Madras HC to decide on the plea on January 20, and reserved its order. The apex court



had refused to entertain the plea filed by the producer of 'Jana Nayagan', challenging an interim order of the Madras High Court that stayed a single-judge direction to grant censor board clearance to the movie. On January 9, the division bench of the Madras High Court stayed a single judge's

order directing the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to immediately grant a censor certificate to 'Jana Nayagan', leaving the fate of actor-turned-politician Vijay's film, which has drawn attention for its political overtones, in limbo. Vijay recently launched his political party, Tamilaigai Vettai Kazhagam (TVK). 'Jana Nayagan', which is widely publicised as Vijay's final film before his full-fledged entry into politics, was slated for a Pongal release on January 9.

WOMAN KILLED, OVER 10 INJURED AS HELIUM GAS CYLINDER EXPLODES AT RIVER FESTIVAL NEAR KALLAKURICHI

CHENNAI: A 50-year-old woman was killed and more than 10 others were seriously injured after a helium gas cylinder exploded during a river festival on the banks of the Thenpennai River near Manalurpet, close to Tirukoilur in Kallakurichi district, on Monday evening. The incident occurred around 7 pm when one of the two helium gas cylinders used by a balloon vendor suddenly exploded with a loud blast, triggering panic among the devotees gathered at the venue.

Green Energy Revolution: Breakthrough in Hydrogen Fuel Cells



using hydrogen as an alternative fuel to, say, gasoline," said Michaela Burke Stevens, an associate scientist with SLAC and Stanford University's joint SUNCAT Center for Interface Science and Catalysis and one of the

senior authors on the study. "But it's still fairly expensive to run a fuel cell."

The Cost Dilemma of Fuel Cells

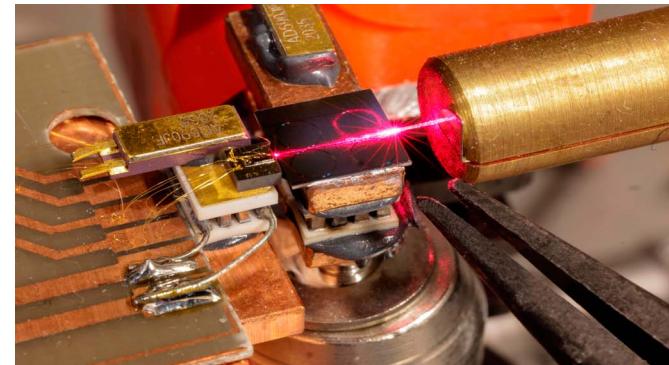
The problem, Burke Stevens said, is that fuel cells typically rely on a catalyst –

packed with expensive platinum group metals (PGM) – that boosts the chemical reaction that makes the system work. That led Burke Stevens and her colleagues to search for ways to make the catalyst cheaper, but making such a fundamental change to a fuel cell's chemistry is a daunting challenge: Scientists often find a catalyst that works in their small lab setup doesn't work out so well when a company tries it in a real-world fuel cell. This time, the researchers balanced costs, by partially replacing PGMs with a cheaper alternative, silver; but the real key was to simplify the chemical recipe for getting the catalyst onto the cell's electrodes. Scientists typically mix the catalyst into a liquid and then spread it onto the mesh electrode,

but these catalyst recipes don't always play out the same way in different lab environments with different tools – making it difficult to translate the work into real-world applications. "Wet chemical processes are not particularly resilient with respect to laboratory conditions," said Tom Jaramillo, director of SUNCAT, which made the collaboration possible.

To get around that issue, the SLAC team instead used a vacuum chamber for more controlled depositions of their new catalyst onto electrodes. "This high-vacuum tool is a very 'what you see is what you get' type of method," said Jaramillo. "As long as your system is calibrated well, in principle, people can reproduce it readily."

Micro-Ring Resonators: Advancing Laser Technology



EPFL researchers have developed a hybrid device that significantly improves existing, ubiquitous laser technology. The team at EPFL's Photonic Systems Laboratory (PHOSL) has developed a chip-scale laser source that enhances the performance of semiconductor lasers while enabling the generation of shorter wavelengths. This pioneering work, led by Professor Camille Brès and postdoctoral researcher Marco Clementi from EPFL's School of Engineering represents a significant advance in the field of photonics, with implications for telecommunications, metrology, and other high-precision applications. Innovative Integration for Improved Coherence and Visibility. The study, published in the journal Light: Science & Applications, reveals how the PHOSL researchers, in collaboration with the Laboratory of Photonics and Quantum Measurements, have successfully integrated semiconductor lasers with silicon nitride photonic circuits containing microresonators. This integration results in a hybrid device capable of emitting highly uniform and precise light in both near-infrared and visible ranges, filling a technological gap that has long challenged the industry. Semiconductor lasers are ubiquitous in modern technology, found in everything from smartphones to fiber optic communications. However, their potential has been limited by a lack of coherence and the inability to generate visible light efficiently," explains Professor Brès. "Our work not only improves the coherence of these lasers but also shifts their output towards the visible spectrum, opening up new avenues for their use." Coherence, in this context, refers to the uniformity of the phases of the light waves emitted by the laser. High coherence means the light waves are synchronized, leading to a beam with a very precise color or frequency. This property is crucial for applications where precision and stability of the laser beam are paramount, such as timekeeping and precision sensing. The team's approach involves coupling commercially available semiconductor lasers with a silicon nitride chip. This tiny chip is created with industry-standard, cost-efficient CMOS technology. Thanks to the material's exceptional low-loss properties, there is little to no light that is absorbed or escapes. The light from the semiconductor laser flows through microscopic waveguides into extremely small cavities, where the beam is trapped. These cavities, called micro-ring resonators, are intricately designed to resonate at specific frequencies, selectively amplifying the desired wavelengths while attenuating others, thereby achieving enhanced coherence in the emitted light. The other significant achievement is the hybrid system's ability to double the frequency of the light coming from the commercial semiconductor laser – enabling a shift from the near-infrared spectrum to the visible light spectrum. The relationship between frequency and wavelength is inversely proportional, meaning that if the frequency is doubled, the wavelength is reduced by half.

Neuroscience Revolution: AI Precision in Tracking Moving Neurons



EPFL and Harvard scientists develop an AI-based method for tracking neurons in moving animals, enhancing brain research efficiency with minimal manual annotation. Recent advances allow imaging of neurons inside freely moving animals. However, to decode circuit activity, these imaged neurons must be computationally identified and tracked. This becomes particularly challenging when the brain itself moves and deforms inside an organism's flexible body, e.g. in a worm. Until now, the scientific community has lacked the tools to address the problem.

Development of AI Method for Neuron Tracking

Now, a team of scientists from EPFL and Harvard have developed a pioneering AI method to track neurons inside moving and deforming animals. The study, now published in *Nature Methods*, was led by Sahand Jamal Rahi at EPFL's School of Basic Sciences. The new method is based on a convolutional neural network (CNN), which is a type of AI that has

been trained to recognize and understand patterns in images. The team has made their CNN accessible, providing a user-friendly graphical user interface that integrates targeted augmentation, streamlining the process into a comprehensive pipeline, from manual annotation to final proofreading. By significantly reducing the manual effort required for neuron

segmentation and tracking, the new method increases analysis throughput three times compared to full manual annotation," says Sahand Jamal Rahi. "The breakthrough has the potential to accelerate research in brain imaging and deepen our understanding of neural circuits and behaviors." This involves a process called "convolution," which looks at small

parts of the picture – like edges, colors, or shapes – at a time and then combines all that information together to make sense of it and to identify objects or patterns. The problem is that to identify and track neurons during a movie of an animal's brain, many images have to be labeled by hand because the animal appears very differently across time due to the many different body deformations. Given the diversity of the animal's postures, generating a sufficient number of annotations manually to train a CNN can be daunting.

Targeted Augmentation
To address this, the researchers developed an enhanced CNN featuring 'targeted augmentation'. The innovative technique automatically synthesizes reliable annotations for reference out of only a limited set of manual annotations. The result is that the CNN effectively learns the internal deformations of the brain and then uses them to create annotations for new postures, drastically reducing the need for manual annotation and double-checking.

Tata Motors Launches 17 Next-Generation Trucks, sets New Standards for Safety, Profitability & Progress

New Delhi, 20 January 2026:

In a landmark move set to transform the Indian trucking landscape, Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer and mobility solutions provider, today launched its next-generation portfolio of 17 trucks, spanning 7 to 55 tonnes, setting new benchmarks in safety, profits and progress. This comprehensive launch introduces the all-new Azura series, the cutting-edge Tata Trucks.ev range, and significant upgrades to the established Prima, Signa, and Ultra platforms. Engineered to conform to stringent global safety standards (ECE R29 03), these trucks maximise earning potential, reduce total cost of ownership and enhance vehicle uptime to deliver greater success to transporters. Launching the new trucks, Mr. Girish Wagh, MD & CEO, Tata Motors Ltd., said, "India's trucking landscape is undergoing a rapid transformation, driven by progressive national policies, modern infrastructure, and the rising demand for safer, cleaner, and more efficient logistics. Tata Motors has always



led the way in setting benchmarks that shape the industry's future. With the introduction of our next-generation portfolio—including the all-new Azura series, two advanced high-efficiency powertrains, India's widest range of zero-emission electric trucks and tippers on our new I-MOEV architecture, significant upgrades to European standard cabins and industry-leading safety features, increased payload and fuel efficiency, all seamlessly integrated with Fleet Edge digital services, we are advancing this legacy. Guided by 'Better Always'

philosophy, our relentless drive for innovation, deep commitment to localisation, and unwavering focus on customer success embody the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', enhancing India's self-reliance and aspiration to lead in sustainable mobility." Introducing Azura - Excellence Reimagined for the ILMCV segment. Highlights of Azura: New 3.6-litre diesel engine with best-in-class performance and efficiency. Available in 7 to 19-tonne configurations.

Contemporary styling with bold grille, stylish panels, and signature Trust bar

ü All-new walkthrough Cabin with enhanced interiors – Comfortable and safe with D+2 seating configuration, reclining seats, enhanced utility space, ergonomically designed for fatigue-free driving. Tata Motors showcased the all-new Azura range. Purpose-built to deliver superior performance, comfort and uptime in the intermediate and light commercial vehicle segment. Engineered to drive productivity, safety and comfort, Azura combines aesthetics with purpose for a fatigue-free driving experience. Powered by a

new 3.6-litre diesel engine delivering best-in-class performance and efficiency, Azura sets a new benchmark for reliability and uptime. The Azura range will be offered in 7 to 19-tonne configurations, perfectly suited for a diverse array of applications—from e-commerce and FMCG distribution to white goods delivery, construction material transport, agricultural and industrial goods movement, as well as intercity, medium-haul, and regional logistics. Bringing World-Class Safety to Indian Roads Tata Motors has set a new benchmark for road safety by comprehensively upgrading its entire truck portfolio— including the Signa, Prima, Ultra, and all-new Azura range—to meet the stringent ECE R29 03 global crash safety standard (Euro crash norms). These trucks feature cabins engineered for full frontal, rollover, and side-impact protection, and are equipped with up to 23 India-specific advanced active safety technologies such as adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, and collision mitigation systems.

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Hyderabad, January 2026:

Bandhan Mutual Fund has announced the launch of the Bandhan Gold ETF FOF and Bandhan Silver ETF FOF, two open-ended schemes designed to provide investors with an easy, transparent, and cost-efficient way to participate in gold and silver. The New Fund Offers (NFOs) open on Monday, 12 January 2026, and close on Tuesday, 20 January 2026. Investments in the Bandhan Gold ETF FOF and Bandhan Silver ETF FOF can be made through licensed mutual fund distributors, investment advisors, online platforms, or directly at <https://bandhanmutual.com/cam>.

paign/nfo/ Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC, commenting on the launch, said, "Gold and silver can play a meaningful role in portfolio diversification, but the way investors access these assets matters. Physical metal often brings uncertainties around purity, making charges, storage, and resale, while ETFs require demat accounts that many investors still do not use. The Fund of Fund (FoF) structure removes barriers such as demat requirements, lowers the entry point to ₹1,000, and enables disciplined investing through SIPs starting at ₹100. Bandhan Gold ETF FOF and Bandhan Silver ETF FOF combines the

assurance and transparency of ETFs with the simplicity of mutual fund investing. Investors can now participate in the resilience of gold and the structural industrial demand for silver through a liquid, transparent format. These offerings are designed to make precious metal investing easier, smarter, and more accessible for a much wider audience." Bandhan Gold ETF FOF and Bandhan Silver ETF FOF are suitable for investors seeking to enhance portfolio resilience, diversify across assets, and participate in the evolving global demand for precious metals through a simple and efficient investment route.

Yulu Marks National Road Safety Month with Rider Awareness Rallies in Bengaluru and Delhi

Bengaluru, January 20,

2026: Reinforcing its commitment to safer roads and responsible riding, India's largest shared EV mobility tech company Yulu, organised rider awareness initiatives in Bengaluru and Delhi as part of the National Road Safety Month campaign spearheaded by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Aligned with this year's theme, "Sadak Suraksha, Jeevan Raksha" (Road Safety Saves Lives), Yulu conducted a two-wheeler EV rally in Bengaluru and participated in a government-led road safety rally in Delhi to promote traffic discipline and health awareness among riders. The company kicked off its campaign in Bengaluru with a 5-kilometre anti-drug and road safety awareness rally, joined by 30 police officials. The rally was flagged off by Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic), DK Gupta. It saw participation from around 200 riders—including Yulu users and delivery partners—who interacted with commuters to reinforce the importance of road safety awareness.



Yulu engaged with fellow road users and local residents, highlighting the importance of personal well-being and responsible riding. In Delhi, Yulu participated in a two-wheeler rally organised by MoRTH and Delhi Traffic Police at Connaught Place. The rally was flagged off by Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic), DK Gupta. It saw participation from around 200 riders—including Yulu users and delivery partners—who interacted with commuters to reinforce the importance of road safety awareness.

Over the last eight years, Yulu has promoted road safety through multiple platforms and formats including in-app and WhatsApp-based safety notifications, training videos and on-ground workshops conducted in partnership with local police departments. "Enabling people to navigate cities safely and securely is a vital part of Yulu's mission. Therefore, we work closely with all relevant stakeholders—from delivery brands to gig workers and transport officials—to sensitise communities to the importance of responsible and safe riding," says Mr RKM Misra, Co-founder and President - Ecosystem Partnerships, Yulu. One example of this can be seen in Yulu's largest market, Bengaluru, where the company has deployed trained safety Marshals at major junctions to guide riders and ensure compliance with traffic rules, at the request of the Bengaluru Traffic Police. These, and numerous other initiatives, underscore Yulu's ongoing efforts to foster safer and healthier urban communities.

THE PREMIA ACADEMY HONOURED WITH SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR AWARD AT GOSHARPENER SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR '25 CONCLAVE

HYDERABAD: 20th January, 2026:

The Premia Academy, a leading international school in Hyderabad, today has been recognized for its exceptional Sustainability Superstar Awarded at Gosharpeners Sustainability Superstar '25 Conclave and recognises institutions creating meaningful impact through sustainability-driven practices. The recognition reflects The Premia Academy's belief that education should not only prepare students for careers, but also for life—by nurturing values of responsibility, empathy, and environmental consciousness.

At the conclave, the



Academy also shared its experiences and insights on shaping education that is future-ready, sustainable, and rooted in purpose. The Gosharpeners Sustainability Superstar '25 Conclave brought together changemakers

from across sectors to discuss how organisations can create long-term value while staying socially and environmentally responsible. The Premia Academy stood out for seamlessly weaving sustainability into its

curriculum, campus culture, and everyday learning experiences. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sinduri Reddy, Founder & Managing Director of The Premia Academy, said: "This national recognition is a powerful affirmation of our core mission and its truly belongs to our students, teachers, and the entire Premia community. Sustainability for us is not a checklist—it's a way of thinking, learning, and growing together. We want our students to understand their role in building a better, more responsible future." "We believe the classrooms of today shape the world of tomorrow. By encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and conscious choices, we aim to raise young individuals who don't just succeed professionally, but also contribute positively to society." Adding to this, Ms. Trupti Rao, Principal of The Premia Academy, added: "The Sustainability Superstar Award reinforces The Premia Academy's ongoing efforts to redefine education—one that empowers learners to lead with purpose, act responsibly, and make a meaningful difference in the world around them."

Celebrate Republic Day 2026 with Exclusive ASUS Laptop Offers

ASUS



Hyderabad, January 2026: ASUS, a Taiwanese tech giant, is celebrating the spirit of India's Republic Day with exciting offers across its wide range of laptops. As part of the Republic Day Sale, consumers can upgrade their digital experience with cutting-edge ASUS laptops, ranging from high-performance gaming machines to sleek and lightweight productivity devices. The offers span across ASUS' popular product line-ups, including

ROG, TUF, Vivobook, and Zenbook series. During this limited-period festive sale, customers can enjoy savings of up to 19% on select ASUS laptops, making it an ideal time to invest in advanced technology and best-in-class performance. These special Republic Day offers will be available till 26th January 2026 at leading electronics retail chains, including Reliance Digital, Croma, and Vijay Sales, ensuring easy access for customers across the country. Customers can

BHARAT STEEL TO SHAPE GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON THE FUTURE OF STEEL



New Delhi, 13 Jan, 2026: As India prepares to host Bharat Steel 2026, a global platform to reshape future of steel, the nation is signalling its intent to showcase the next era of global steelmaking forged by R&D, digitalization, innovation, and access to high skilled engineering and technology human resources. The two-day summit in New Delhi will bring together policymakers, technology pioneers and industry leaders to confront the defining challenges of the decade: building resilient supply chains and accelerating the transition to low-emission steel production. Steel has played a pivotal role in modern economies, akin to a skeleton", emphasised Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, remarking that whether it is skyscrapers, shipping, highways, high-speed rail, smart cities, or industrial corridors, steel is the strength behind every success story. "India is striving to achieve the goal of becoming a \$5 trillion economy, with the steel sector playing a significant role in this mission", he added during India Steel 2025, expressing pride in India being the world's second-largest steel producer. The Prime Minister's vision forms the corner-

stone of this year's Bharat Steel summit, which seeks to reimagine a global blueprint for the steel sector at a time marked by economic uncertainty, fragmented trade flows, rising protectionist tariffs, and the urgent imperative of achieving net-zero goals. India's leadership is rooted in both scale as it is already among the largest steel producers and ambition, with a national target of 300 MT of steel production capacity by 2030 and 500 MT by 2047. India's steel demand continues to grow across infrastructure, housing, railways, defence and energy. But achieving 500 MT requires more than added capacity; it demands

secure raw materials, predictable regulations and innovation-led modernisation. Strengthened domestic beneficiation, reduced coking-coal dependence, improved logistics and efficient approvals form the backbone of this supply-side push. The Government's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for specialty steel is reshaping the sector, shifting India from commodity-grade output toward high-value precision engineered steels essential for aerospace, automotive, defence and advanced infrastructure. 'Green' steel lies at the heart of India's competitiveness. The Ministry of Steel's 2024 Green-Steel Roadmap outlines the transition to clean energy integration, green hydrogen pilots, CCUS deployment, expanded scrap utilisation and emerging routes like direct electrolysis. Digitalisation; covering IoT monitoring, robotics, automation and predictive maintenance; will be a core Summit theme. AI-based optimisation promises efficiency gains, lower waste and improved quality. This technology thrust will be reinforced by expanded R&D, deeper partnerships, clearer tech-transfer pathways and pilot-scale trials for emerging processes. As global trade moves toward carbon-accounting norms, India aims to position itself as a major exporter of low-emission, high-grade steel. The National Steel Strategy prioritises joint ventures in hydrogen-based DRI, CCUS and electrolysis technologies, supported by targeted investment incentives. The Bharat Steel Summit thus marks a pivotal moment; one in which India seeks to chart a global roadmap for a steel sector that is secure, competitive, climate-aligned and future-ready. Such direction will ensure that steel remains not only the backbone of India's infrastructure, but also the spine of sustainable progress and global industrial leadership.

World

Chagos sovereignty no longer up for debate, says Mauritius, after Trump criticises UK deal

Mauritius' attorney general has responded to Donald Trump's criticism of the Chagos deal, stressing that it still expects the agreement to go ahead. In the written statement, Gavin Glover says it is "important to remember" that the deal was "negotiated, concluded and signed exclusively between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Mauritius". "The sovereignty of the Republic of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago is already unambiguously recognised by international law and should no longer be subject to debate," it says. "We expect the treaty to be implemented as soon as possible, in accordance with the commitments made." The government's opponents argue that giving up the Chagos Islands represents an act of national self-harm and a boost to the United Kingdom's rivals, especially China. The arguments include an element of



post-imperial hand-wringing but also the fear that the base at Diego Garcia, vital to both the UK and United States, will soon be more vulnerable. The base's remote location makes it extremely difficult to monitor, except from space. But if Mauritius decides to open up the waters of the Chagos archipelago to commercial fishing, this could change. "Beijing uses its fishing fleet as the eyes and ears of

its military," Jack Watling of the Royal United Services Institute wrote in November 2024. "There is a significant risk that such vessels will soon ply the waters around the base." If such concerns were shared by in Washington, there was little sign of it last summer when US Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke in glowing terms of what he called "this monumental achievement". In February

last year, Donald Trump said he had "a feeling that it's going to work out well". It's not clear why he seems to have changed his mind so dramatically. Donald Trump's post on his Truth Social platform earlier positioned the Chagos Islands deal as a matter of national security for America, referring to Diego Garcia as "the site of a vital US Military Base". The US launched a huge construction project

on the island in the 1970s and spent 10 years turning it into a fully operational military airbase. The site, and operations there, are highly secretive. Here are some of the operations it has been involved in before: During former US President George W Bush's so-called War on Terror, following the 9/11 (11 September) attacks, US stealth bombers would stop off at Diego Garcia as they returned from bombing runs of al-Qaeda targets in Afghanistan. It was later a key base for US and UK operations during the Iraq War. Troops and bombing aircraft were stationed there, as well as the giant US Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort. More recently, in May 2025, satellite imagery from Earth data analytics company Planet Labs showed that the Pentagon had deployed bombers to the island. This came after the US ramped-

up its bombing campaign against the Houthi rebel group in Yemen and amid tensions with Iran. Downing Street has said the US still supports the deal to hand sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, despite President Trump calling it "an act of great stupidity". The prime minister's official spokesperson says: "Our position hasn't changed on Diego Garcia or on the treaty that's been signed." "The US supports the deal and the president explicitly recognised its strength last year," they say. "All our Five Eyes allies support it too and they all understand the national security capabilities that the base provides." When the UK took control of the Chagos Islands - Diego Garcia is the southernmost - from former British colony Mauritius, it sought to rapidly evict its population of more than 1,000 people to make way for the military base.

France makes first interception targeting small boat crossings to UK



French officials have made their first interception on the water as part of a new policy aimed at stopping small boats carrying illegal migrants to the UK. A so-called "taxi-boat" was boarded by French officers on Saturday on the Aa canal in Gravelines, which is on the Channel coast above Calais. It follows a change of tactics agreed in November following growing pressure from the UK government to step up interventions. A photograph of the aftermath of the operation

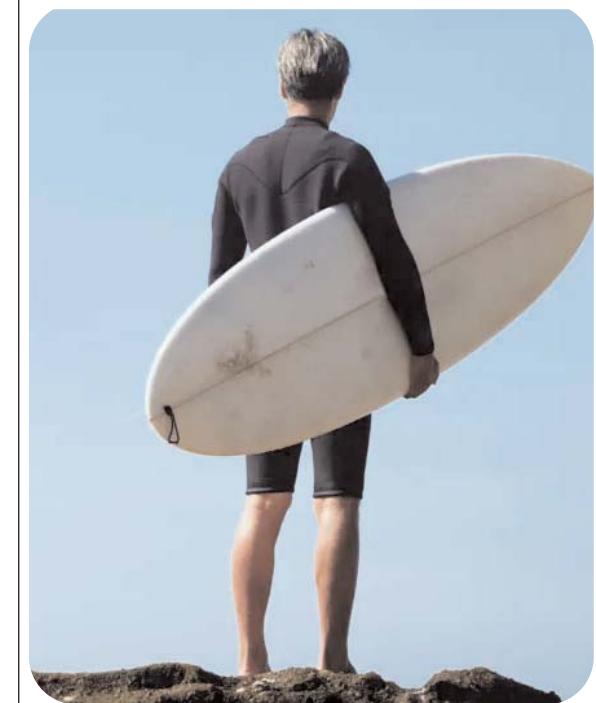
Palestinian children's football pitch faces Israeli demolition ultimatum



A Palestinian children's football club in the occupied West Bank faces imminent demolition despite an international campaign to save it. Its supporters say it provides a rare sporting opportunity for young Palestinian players. But Israel insists it's been built without the necessary permits. In this deeply divided land so much is contested; from the identities and faiths of the people who live here, to every inch of the ground they stand on. Recently, that has come to include one small patch of artificial turf laid down under the shadow of the giant concrete wall that isolates Israel from much of the occupied West Bank. In the context of the 7 October attacks, the two-year war in Gaza and the fragility of the current ceasefire, there are without doubt far more pressing issues. But this is a story freighted with symbolism and one which has drawn outsized international attention because of its

connection to that other world religion - football. On the day we visit, a group of Palestinian children are lining up to take penalty shots in the winter sunshine. The construction of the pitch began here on the edge of Bethlehem in 2020, and today it provides a place to practise for more than 200 young players from the nearby Aida refugee camp. The cramped and crowded streets contain the homes of the descendants of Palestinian families who were forced or who fled from their homes during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. On 3 November last year, as the children made their short walk from the camp for that day's training, they found a notice pinned to the gate of the football field declaring it to be illegal. The notice was followed soon by a demolition order. "We don't have anywhere else to play," 10-year-old Naya told me, wearing a Brazil shirt with the name of the footballing legend Neymar emblazoned on the back.

Surfer injured in fourth shark attack in Australian state in 48 hours



US officials probing Minnesota ICE protest that disrupted church service

The US justice department has said it is investigating protesters who disrupted a Sunday service at a Minnesota church because they believed a pastor there worked for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Video showed protesters inside the church chanting "ICE out" and "Justice for Renee Good", the woman killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis earlier this month. Justice department officials, who accuse the protesters of "desecrating a house of worship", say they will investigate them for civil rights violations. President Donald Trump has called them "agitators and insur-



rectionists". Anti-ICE protests continue in the state against Trump's immigration crackdown. Over the weekend, ICE officers arrested a naturalised US citizen at his St Paul home, after breaking down his front door. Videos showed officers escorting Chong Ly

Thao, clad only in shorts with a plaid blanket over his shoulders, out of his house with his hands behind his back. Images of the 56-year-old walking to a car in his snow-covered neighbourhood with an ICE agent at each elbow quickly spread across social media.

Thao was returned home later on Sunday. "I was praying. I was like, God, please help me, I didn't do anything wrong. Why do they do this to me? Without my clothes on," Thao, a Hmong man born in Laos, told Reuters. The Department of Homeland Security told Reuters that officers were investigating two individuals convicted of sexual offences who were linked to the address. Thao's family told Reuters that one of the individuals of interest previously lived at the address, but had moved out. The Pentagon has reportedly put 1,500 soldiers on standby for possible deployment.

DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE WILL '100%' CARRY OUT GREENLAND TARIFFS THREAT, AS EU VOWS TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS



Netherlands and Finland - all of whom are members of the defence alliance Nato which was founded in 1949. Asked if he would follow through on the tariff threat, Trump told NBC News: "I will, 100%." When the outlet asked whether he would use force to seize the territory, the president replied "no comment". Trump added: "Europe ought to focus on

handful of troops to Greenland last week in a move seen as symbolic. However, Trump followed that deployment with an announcement to impose tariffs on the eight Nato allies. Danish foreign minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen said that Europe had to show President Trump tariff threats were "not the way forward". "We have red lines that can't be crossed," he told Sky News. "You can't threaten your way to ownership of Greenland. I have no intention of escalating this situation." Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz said that the tariffs did not benefit anyone, and he hoped to meet with the US president during his trip to Davos for the World Economic Forum. He said:

"We do not want this escalation. We do not want a trade dispute with the United States of America." He also added that the Trump administration would not have been surprised by Nato's so-called reconnaissance mission over the weekend, as it had been announced and agreed upon beforehand. "It was never a military action," the German chancellor said. The European Union is to hold an emergency summit in Brussels for its leaders on Thursday where they will discuss how to respond to Trump's latest threat to take over Greenland.

Kaja Kallas, the EU's foreign policy chief, said the bloc has "no interest to pick a fight, but we will hold our ground".

Nigerian homicide police investigate death of singer Destiny Boy at 22



Police in Nigeria have made one arrest as they investigate the death at 22 of popular singer Destiny Boy, whose real name was Afeez Adesina. Ogun state police's homicide section is dealing with the case, it said in a brief statement. News of Destiny Boy's death emerged on Sunday, sparking shock and speculation on social media. It is not clear exactly what happened but his family reportedly said he had been suffering from a long-term illness. The body has since been buried in line with Muslim rites. Destiny Boy was seen as a promising young Afrofuturist artist, known for blending traditional Yoruba Fuji sounds with modern Afrobeats. He came to national prominence after his 2019 version of popstar Davido's hit song If Went viral on social media. He later recorded his own renditions of other popular songs as well as original tracks. Following the young man's death, videos shared widely on social media showed what appeared to be his body being transported to a mortuary, triggering

rumours about what may have led to his death. Family members have said the singer had been living with a long-term illness, which they said caused him to have seizures. In an online video, his mother, Saida, stated that the family had sought both medical and traditional treatment for the condition. She said the illness "had almost run him mad", adding that relatives had to physically restrain him during seizures to prevent him from running out.

Nigerians online have been sending condolence messages, with some questioning the circumstances of his death. On X, artist Ruger appeared to be complaining that there had been "no autopsy" and "we just have to accept that he's dead".

May God RIP Destiny Boy". The artist began his career as a backup dancer for Fuji musician Pasuma at T2 Boys Studios in Agege, a suburb of Lagos, before gaining wider attention in 2019. His death comes about a year after the birth of his first child with his partner, Iremide, in November 2024.



Sports minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya congratulates Ladakh for showing capability to host Khelo India Winter Games

Leh (Ladakh), January 20:

The curtains went up on the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games at the Nawang Dorjan Stobdan (NDS) Stadium here on Tuesday. The Ladakh phase of the winter Games, that will host ice sports like skating and hockey, will conclude on January 26. This is the third time that the Union Territory of Ladakh is hosting KIWG. The snow leg of KIWG will be held in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir later this year. At a colourful opening ceremony, punctuated by traditional music and dance and an exhibition ice hockey match between Army XI and UT Ladakh, Khelo India Winter Games 2026 were declared open by the Hon'ble Lt Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta. The first leg of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 will be organised by the Youth Services and Sports department of the Union Territory of Ladakh under the supervision of the Sports Authority of India. The technical expertise for the con-



duct of the Games will be provided by the national sports promotional bodies/federations managing ice sports. In a message to Ladakh, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Affairs, said: "I congratulate the Union Territory of Ladakh for successfully hosting the Khelo India Winter Games once again and for demonstrating, with confidence and capability, that India's winter sports

future is being built from the Himalayas outward. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ladakh has emerged as a symbol of what focused policy, infrastructure development, and local commitment can achieve. The manner in which these Games have been organised sends a clear national signal that winter sports are now an integral part of India's competitive sporting framework

and will be pursued with seriousness, scale, and long-term intent." Dr Mandaviya added, "The Khelo India Winter Games 2026 have been deliberately designed as a two-leg competition, with ice sports in Leh followed by snow events in February at Gulmarg in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to build depth, continuity, and high-quality competitive exposure for athletes. This structure allows

athletes to test themselves across varied terrains and conditions, closely aligned with international winter sport standards. Such sustained domestic competition is essential if India is to move beyond sporadic participation and steadily build credibility, consistency, and competitiveness in winter Olympic disciplines over the coming years." In his speech, Shri Gupta expressed how Ladakh has benefitted from Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision on promotion of sports in India. "Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India's sporting culture has received a renewed impetus. Through the Khelo India initiative, youth empowerment, physical fitness, and sporting excellence have been elevated as national priorities." Shri Gupta added: "Hosting the Khelo India Winter Games continuously for the past three years is a matter of great pride for Ladakh.

Sanjay Manjrekar Jumps To Gautam Gambhir's Defence With Stunning Claim: 'No Cricket Fan Remembers'

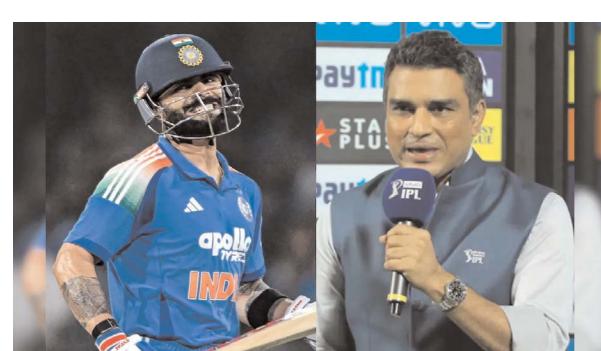


While India's first-ever ODI series defeat at home to New Zealand has sent another shockwave through the Indian cricket fraternity, former India cricketer and reputed commentator Sanjay Manjrekar urged fans to not read too much into the result of the series. Manjrekar came to the defence of head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill by playing down the importance of the three-match bilateral series, claiming that many fans will not remember the result in a couple of weeks. In fact, Manjrekar went as far as to say that the World Cup is the only ODI tournament that holds value. "Honestly, in 50-overs cricket today, what really

matters are the World Cups and not even the Champions Trophy," Manjrekar said in a video on his official Instagram account. "If you try and remember the last three Champions Trophy winners, you'll struggle to remember those. But the

50-over World Cup, you'll remember each winner from the time the World Cup started. So, yes, if you want to have your setbacks and poor performances, get it out of the system now, in time for the next World Cup," he added. "These bilateral series are sched-

"Mr Expert Of Cricket Has Suggestions": Virat Kohli's Brother Rips Into Sanjay Manjrekar



Virat Kohli's brother, Vikas Kohli, launched another scathing attack on former India cricketer and reputed commentator Sanjay Manjrekar. This follows after Manjrekar had lamented that Virat Kohli retired from Test cricket to instead play ODIs. Manjrekar had described ODIs as the "easiest format", and expressed his disappointment at Kohli's decision to play only the 50-over format. However, after Kohli smashed yet another century on Sunday - this time in a losing cause against New Zealand - his brother took to social media to hit back at Manjrekar's earlier comments. "I wonder if Mr Expert of Cricket has some suggestions for the easiest form of cricket. You need to be there to do that. Anyways, as I said, easier said than done," Vikas Kohli posted on his official Threads account, subtly referring to Manjrekar's statements. This is not Vikas Kohli's first criticism of



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Brooklyn Beckham's Feud With Father David, Mother Victoria Goes Public: Timeline Of Events

Months, or rather years, of speculations of growing rifts within the Beckham family were finally made official as Brooklyn, the eldest son of David and Victoria, made some serious allegations against his parents in a 6-page statement. Brooklyn asserted that there's no scope of reconciliation with his family, as distance from them has freed him from the "overwhelming anxiety" he grew up with. The 26-year-old also cited "endless" attempts by his parents to undermine his marriage to Nicola Peltz Beckham. He even accused them of spreading lies to the media, which is why he could no longer remain quiet. Here's a timeline of events: Wedding Drama In 2022 - Nicola married

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Rohtak Royals Kick Off Training Camp In Rohtak Under Head Coach Surender Nada

Ardroit Sports LLP-owned Rohtak Royals, the franchise representing the city of Rohtak in the inaugural Kabaddi Champions League (KCL), have begun their training camp in Rohtak under the guidance of newly appointed Head Coach Surender Nada, marking the formal start of the team's preparations for the upcoming season. The Kabaddi Champions League Trophy Tour, which was recently launched, is travelling across the state and will reach Rohtak on January 21. For Surender Nada, the camp marks the beginning of a new chapter after a decorated playing career spanning over 15 years. A gold medalist with India at the 2016

Kabaddi World Cup, the 2017 Asian Kabaddi Championship, the 2018 Dubai Kabaddi Masters and the 2019 South Asian Games, Nada now turns his focus to building Rohtak Royals from the sidelines. Speaking on the start of Rohtak Royals' journey in the Kabaddi

Champions League, Head Coach Surender Nada expressed, "This is a matter of great joy for us, for our players, and for our state. Haryana has a huge number of Kabaddi players and a strong passion for the sport. The league will be extremely beneficial for future genera-

tions and it will give new talent an opportunity to showcase their skills, and that will ultimately benefit Haryana by providing these players with a strong platform." With Rohtak Royals assembling a squad that blends senior professionals, emerging talent and strong local representation, Nada underlined the importance of cohesion as the franchise builds towards its debut season. "My journey as a player has given me a strong foundation for this new role, and stepping in as the coach of Rohtak Royals is both exciting and motivating. The team has great potential, and our focus is on building the right combination and strong on-field coordination."

Fulham are in talks to sign winger Oscar Bobb from fellow Premier League side Manchester City. The 22-year-old has fallen down the pecking order under Pep Guardiola following the £62.5m signing of forward Antoine Semenyo this month. Sources have told BBC Sport talks have taken place between the two clubs, but the Cottagers have yet to make a formal offer. Bobb, who has also had interest from Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund, has featured 15 times for City this season without scoring. He last played on 17 December against Brentford in the Carabao Cup, when he hobbled off injured inside the opening 20 minutes. City face Bodo/Glimt in the Champions League group phase on Tuesday and

when asked about Bobb's injury, Guardiola replied: "He says he is not fit, so he is not fit." Semenyo's signing adds competition on the right wing, where Brazilian Savinho also plays, meaning Bobb may well be allowed to leave this month either on loan or a permanent transfer. Fulham have lost only one of their past seven games under Marco Silva, sitting 11th in the table and progressing into the fourth round of the FA Cup. Bobb has featured six times for Norway this year, helping them qualify for this summer's World Cup, and would unite with compatriot Sander Berge at Craven Cottage. He missed almost the whole of last season after fracturing a bone in his leg during training in August 2024.

Shreyas Iyer Snubbed, This India Star To Bat At No. 3 In 1st T20I Against New Zealand



Indian cricket team skipper Suryakumar Yadav said that wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan will be taking Tilak Varma's slot in the batting order during the first T20I against New Zealand on Wednesday. With Tilak out of the first few matches due to injury, Suryakumar revealed that Kishan will be batting at No. 3. While Shreyas Iyer was another option for the No. 3 slot, the India captain explained that Kishan will be given the chance as he is a part of the T20 World Cup squad. Kishan was included in the T20 World Cup squad in place of Shubman Gill, keeping "team combination" in mind, while Shreyas was included as a replacement for Tilak for the first three T20I matches. "Ishan will bat at number 3 because he is a part of our T20 World Cup team and he was picked in the squad first so it's our responsibility to give him a chance," he said in the pre-match press conference. "He hasn't played for India for

past one and half year and in the mean time consistently performed in domestic cricket," the Indian skipper did not leave any room for guess work. "Since he (Ishan) has been picked for World T20, he deserves to play ahead (of Shreyas). Had it been a question of batting slots Nos 4 or 5, it would have been a different question altogether. Unfortunately, Tilak isn't there so Ishan is our best bet," he added. When asked if he himself has any chance of

Full Details Of Babar Azam-Steve Smith Controversy Revealed: "Misunderstanding Of Cultures"



Sydney Sixers captain Moises Henriques revealed that the Big Bash League controversy involving Babar Azam and Steve Smith did not end on the spot and actually went on for a few days. It all started after the Pakistani cricketer was left fuming on being denied a singlet by Smith during their match against Sydney Thunder. Media reports claimed that Babar felt 'disrespected' by Smith's decision and even told his teammates in the dressing room about his feelings. He also slammed the boundary cushions with his bat after his dismissal during the match. However, ahead of their next game, Smith revealed that everyone was fine between the two and the

matter was completely resolved. Henriques has now revealed that he played a small part in establishing peace between the two players and he described the entire incident as "a bit of a misunderstanding of cultures". "It took a couple of days for it to settle down. To be honest, I think it was just a bit of a misunderstanding of cultures. It's a pretty common thing in our culture, and for him, he wasn't used to it. Didn't quite understand. Once it was

FULHAM IN TALKS TO SIGN MAN CITY WINGER BOBB



when asked about Bobb's injury, Guardiola replied: "He says he is not fit, so he is not fit." Semenyo's signing adds competition on the right wing, where Brazilian Savinho also plays, meaning Bobb may well be allowed to leave this month either on loan or a permanent transfer. Fulham have lost only one of their past seven games under Marco Silva, sitting 11th in the table and progressing into the fourth round of the FA Cup. Bobb has featured six times for Norway this year, helping them qualify for this summer's World Cup, and would unite with compatriot Sander Berge at Craven Cottage. He missed almost the whole of last season after fracturing a bone in his leg during training in August 2024.



Kabaddi World Cup, the 2017 Asian Kabaddi Championship, the 2018 Dubai Kabaddi Masters and the 2019 South Asian Games, Nada now turns his focus to building Rohtak Royals from the sidelines. Speaking on the start of Rohtak Royals' journey in the Kabaddi

Biggest musical romantic drama Nilave set to be released for Valentine's Day on February 13th



Directed by Sowmith Poladi and Sai K Vennam, Nilave stars Sowmith and Shreyans Sen in lead roles. Raj Allada, Sai Vennam and Giridhar Rao Poladi have bankrolled this soulful project under the banner POV Arts Production. The film has completed its production and is currently in the post-production stage. The makers have announced the release date of the promising product. Nilave will come out in theatres on February 13 as a Valentine's Day treat for audiences. Made as the biggest musical love drama, the film is set to enthrall viewers with its emotional depth as well as

fresh and innovative ideas. Sowmith Poladi and Shreyans Sen are set to deliver superb performances. Harsha Chemudu, Supriya Aysola, Rupesh Marrapu, Jeevan Kumar, Gururaj, Siddarth Gollapudi, Anala Susmitha, and others appear in key roles. The makers stated that each artist will leave a distinct mark with their diverse and unique characters. Music for this film has been composed by Kalyan Nayak, while Dilip K Kumar's cinematography is set to be one of the major highlights of the movie. For the songs written by M. V. S. Bharadwaj, additional lyrics were pro-

Mythri Movie Makers Presents, Satya, Ritesh Rana, Clap Entertainment's 'Jaitley' Final Schedule Begins

Highlights

- The shooting of this film is going on at a jet speed. The final shooting schedule has recently begun.
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- Miss Universe India Rhea Singha will be making her Telugu debut with this film.



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ing schedule has recently begun. The first look posters and glimpses that have already been released have received a tremendous response. Miss Universe India Rhea Singha will be making her Telugu debut with this film. The main team behind Mathu Valadara is working on this film. Ritesh Rana, along with

music composer Kala Bhairava, cinematographer Suresh Sarangam, editor Karthika Srinivas, and production designer Narni Srinivas, have once again created a unique cinematic universe. Jetli will deliver a fun-packed experience, combining high-energy action with Ritesh Rana's style and signature humor.

FARAH KHAN SHOWS 'AYATUL KURSI' PAINTING BY SALMAN KHAN



After Hania, Sajal, another Pakistani actress' wedding on cards

Islamabad: It looks like 2026 is shaping up to be the biggest wedding season for the Pakistani entertainment industry, with several A-list celebrities rumoured to be tying the knot this year. While the internet is already buzzing with reports about Hania Aamir-Asim Azhar and Sajal Aly-Hamza Sohail's alleged weddings, another popular actress has now entered the spotlight. Another big celebrity wedding in Pakistan? According to leading Pakistani entertainment portal Galaxy Lollywood, actress Laiba Khan is set to get married soon. The portal's hosts, Momin Ali Munshi and Iman Ali Munshi, who earlier confirmed Hania Aamir and Sajal Aly's weddings, have now dropped strong hints about Laiba's upcoming nuptials. They also claimed that wedding cards have already been printed. Adding fuel to the speculation, Laiba recently shared a cozy, celebratory picture on her Instagram story. The image featured a teal-blue plate with the words "Happy Days



Coming" written on it, leaving fans convinced that a big announcement is on the way. Momin Ali Munshi also claimed that the actress will officially announce her wedding on Instagram soon. Who is Laiba Khan? Laiba Khan is a rising name in Pakistani television, best known for her performance in the 2024 hit drama Kaffara. She has steadily built a strong career with notable roles in dramas like Do Boli, Kaisi

Teri Khudgarzi, Baylagaam, Mera Dil Mera Dushman, and Aafat, earning praise for her grounded performances and versatility since her debut around 2018-19. About Hania Aamir's wedding buzz Meanwhile, buzz around other celebrity weddings continues to grow. Reports suggest that preparations are in full swing at Hania Aamir and Asim Azhar's homes, with the duo allegedly hosting a qawwali night to kick-start their pre-wedding celebrations.

Ben Affleck Says He Had Food Poisoning While Filming Goodbye Scene With Bruce Willis in 'Armageddon'

Ben Affleck has revealed an unexpected behind-the-scenes detail from Armageddon, sharing that he was severely unwell while filming one of the film's most emotional moments with Bruce Willis. Speaking to Fox 32 Chicago, the actor said he was suffering from food poisoning when he shot the goodbye scene between AJ Frost and Harry Stamper. At the time, Affleck admitted, he didn't feel confident enough to step away from work despite his condition. "I wasn't an experienced enough actor to know that you can just pick up the phone and say, 'I'm too sick to work today,'" he said. Instead, he pushed through the shoot — even though it meant "vomiting between takes". Looking back, Affleck joked that his physical discomfort may have actually enhanced his performance, quipping that it "probably made the scene better." The moment he

refers to is a key emotional beat in Michael Bay's 1998 disaster epic, in which AJ bids farewell to Willis' Harry Stamper, a veteran oil driller who sacrifices himself to manually detonate a bomb and save Earth from a massive, planet-threatening asteroid. Armageddon featured a large ensemble cast including Liv Tyler, Billy Bob Thornton, Will Patton, Steve Buscemi, William Fichtner, Owen Wilson and Michael Clarke Duncan.

The film follows a group of roughneck deep-core drillers recruited by NASA for a near-impossible mission to stop an asteroid the size of Texas from colliding with Earth. Despite drawing mixed responses from critics, the film was a box office juggernaut, finishing as the highest-grossing release of 1998 and becoming Touchstone Pictures' most successful film at the time. Affleck also recently reflected on the experience while reconnecting with Buscemi at the premiere of his new Netflix film, The Rip. During the conversation, he said, brought back vivid memories of Armageddon. "We were reminiscing about that movie and thinking about how that was the weirdest, kind of wonderful, strange, otherworldly movie experience," he recalled.

The scene from Armageddon that Affleck is referencing is the emotional moment when his character AJ Frost says his final goodbye to Willis' Harry Stamper, the heroic oil driller. Stamper sacrificed himself and stayed behind the asteroid to destroy it manually before it collided with Earth. Looking back on the experience, Affleck reckoned that his medical emergency, "probably made the scene better." The remark earned a laugh from Matt Damon, who was sitting beside him during the interview. The duo is currently on a promotional tour for their new movie, The Rip. During the conversation, Affleck also recalled reuniting with his Armageddon co-star Steve Buscemi recently. "I actually saw Steve Buscemi last night at the premiere for The Rip, and we were reminiscing about that movie and thinking about how that was the weirdest, kind of wonderful, strange, otherworldly movie experience," shared Affleck. Other notable stars Affleck shared the screen with in Armageddon include Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler, Will Patton, Owen Wilson, and more. Meanwhile, Affleck's latest movie, The Rip, reunites him on screen with his long-time friend and collaborator Matt Damon.



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Did Pooja Hegde Give A 'Caravan & Star Hero' Statement?



Pooja Hegde is one of the star heroines in the movie industry. The actress awaits the release of the Tamil movie Jana Nayagan, starring Thalapathy Vijay in the lead role. It's been a while since the actress actively promoted a film and participated in interviews. However, some media outlets are spreading news that Pooja shared an incident in which a star crossed boundaries and misbehaved with her. According to news reports on social media, Pooja reportedly said that some industry people forgot basic boundaries and start misbehaving. She reportedly stated that during a pan-India film shoot, a star entered her caravan without permission. She reportedly added that she stood up for herself by slapping him, and the particular person in question never worked with her again. However, there seems to be no truth in the news reports about this. As per what we came across, Pooja never shared any incident like that or gave any statement in the recent past. Some media houses are just tagging Pooja and attributing something that she has never said. A few sites are even pushing it further without even checking the authenticity.