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IN BRIFS

We won't play in India but still hopeful of justice from ICC: Bangladesh

DHAKA: (Jan 22) Bangladesh on Thursday refused to send its national cricket team for the T20 World Cup in India, effectively paving the way for Scotland to take its place in the tournament roster after the ICC dismissed the country's demand for a change of venue. Bangladesh had been served an ultimatum by the world body on Wednesday to either agree to travel to India or risk being replaced as there was no credible threat to the safety of their players, officials or fans there. The country was given time till Thursday to make its decision. However, taking a defiant position Bangladesh's sports advisor Asif Nazrul, after a meeting with national team players, announced that the ICC's position was not acceptable to them.

10 soldiers killed as Army vehicle falls into gorge in J&K's Doda

Jammu (TSIT) An Army vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday (January 22, 2026), killing 10 soldiers and injuring 11 others, officials said. The accident took place at the 9,000-foot-high Khanni top along the Baderwah-Chamba interstate road around noon when the driver of a bulletproof Army vehicle heading towards a high-altitude post lost control and the vehicle plunged into a 200-foot-deep gorge. A joint rescue operation by Army and police was immediately launched and four of the soldiers were found dead on the spot and 11 others were rescued in an injured condition, the officials said. The Army vehicle was badly mangled. Later, six more injured soldiers died of injuries. One of the injured is under observation in Baderwah sub-district hospital while 10 soldiers were airlifted to Udhampur command hospital for specialised treatment while one is under observation in Baderwah sub-district hospital.

KTR calls phone-tapping probe a 'diversionary tactic' by Congress govt

Hyderabad (TSIT): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Thursday alleged that the ongoing phone-tapping investigation is nothing but a diversionary tactic meant to shield administrative failures and protect Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's position. Addressing the media at Sircilla, he claimed that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the government resembled a "daily television serial" rather than a genuine inquiry. He asserted that notices were being issued selectively to opposition

leaders purely for political mileage while senior police and intelligence officials who actually oversaw the system in the past were being kept away from questioning. According to KTR, every government in the country relies on intelligence agencies for maintaining law

and order and safeguarding stability. He argued that surveillance mechanisms have existed since the time of Jawaharlal Nehru and continue even today. Such systems, he maintained, function within the police and intelligence establishment and do not operate at the discretion of ministers or political executives. He questioned why former intelligence chiefs and police directors — including current DGP Shivadhar Reddy, former DGP Mahender Reddy, ex-DGP and Home Secretary Jitender, and Ravi Gupta — were not being summoned by the SIT.

CM Stalin inaugurates twin bridge at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam on OMR

The existing bridge will be demolished, and construction of two additional one-lane bridges and metro train lines will begin adjacent to the already constructed two-lane road bridges.

CHENNAI (TSIT): Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated the newly constructed twin bridge at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam on Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) on Thursday. As part of the larger infrastructure push, the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has constructed this four-lane bridge at a cost of Rs 60 crore. Since August 2024, discussions have been under way to either expand the existing bridge or construct a new one. As the existing

bridge has a restricted waterway of 90 meters and low vertical clearance, it triggered floods during Cyclone Michaung in December 2023. Hence, CMRL, in consultation with the state government and the Water Resources Department (WRD), decided to construct a new bridge with an expanded waterway of about 205 meters and an additional 1.5 meters of vertical clearance. Steel structures have been used for rapid construc-

tion. The existing bridge will be demolished, and construction of two additional one-lane bridges and metro train lines will begin adjacent to the already constructed two-lane road bridges.

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for the construction of an integrated multi-modal transport and commercial complex at the existing Mandaveli bus depot and terminal at an estimated cost of Rs 167.09 crore. The multi-modal facility will be constructed by the Chennai Metro Asset Management Limited (CMAML), which is a joint venture between CMRL and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO). The integrated facility will consist of tower 1 and tower 2, which will include two basements, a ground floor and seven upper floors.

51 medicines, including cough syrups, manufactured in Himachal fail to meet quality parameters

Solan (TSIT): As many as 51 medicines, including cough syrups, manufactured in Himachal's pharmaceutical industries have failed to meet quality protocols as per the investigations undertaken by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). They were among 167 medicine samples which failed quality parameters from across various states and were listed in the monthly alert issued last evening. Six cough and cold syrups were found lacking in quality protocols due to inadequacies in assay, pH and other technical parameters while in several injections samples.

WEF eyes partnership with Telangana Rising Vision

Hyderabad (TSIT): The World Economic Forum has come forward to partner in the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, aimed at making the state a \$3 trillion economy. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday met Jeremy Jurgens, Managing Director, World Economic Forum (WEF) and Manju George, Head of Strategic Impact and Integration, C4IR Network, at the Telangana Pavilion during the WEF 2026 in Davos. The Chief Minister presented the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, the roadmap and strategy being implemented towards reaching the goal of becoming a \$3 trillion economy. According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) here, Jeremy Jurgens said the various facets of the vision open up various opportunities for mutual cooperation. "We would like to partner in the Telangana Rising vision and be a part of the journey. Hyderabad has a great talent base," the CMO quoted him as saying. The

Chief Minister proposed to host an annual follow-up WEF in the month of July or August. The idea is to facilitate a platform for follow-up on the discussions or decisions made during WEF in January, considering that a time gap of one year is quite long in the context of modern business lifecycles of today. The WEF team responded very positively to the Chief Minister's idea, despite similar proposals from several coun-

tries. Jeremy Jurgens told the Chief Minister that they would take this forward soon. He mentioned that the 'Summer Davos' is being held annually in China, and that there is strong interest from Saudi Arabia. The two sides reflected upon the journey of C4IR Telangana (Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution), which was launched in Hyderabad at BioAsia 2024. It was launched as the WEF's first thematic centre

for healthcare and life sciences in India, aiming to drive health-tech innovation, policy, and workforce skilling through strategic partnerships with industry and academia. Jurgens said the launch of C4IR Telangana at BioAsia was a very positive role model for WEF in India. The WEF MD explained about C4IR's research work on best practices in planning industrial clusters and offered to share information on that front with C4IR Telangana. Industry Minister D. Sridhar Babu explained about "CURE, PURE, RARE" — the state's new economic development strategy, as well as the Bharat Future City, the net-zero greenfield smart city project, which is set to be a role model for sustainable urban development in India. The delegation, including Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, detailed Hyderabad's leading capabilities in aerospace, defence, bio-design, software, and pharma.

India among those absent at signing ceremony of Trump's 'Board of Peace'

NEW DELHI (TSIT): (Jan 22) India was among the countries not present in Davos on Thursday when US President Donald Trump unveiled his "Board of Peace" that seeks to work towards bringing lasting peace to Gaza and possibly resolve global conflicts. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among numerous global leaders that the US President has invited to join the board that was announced under the second phase of a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. France, the United Kingdom, China, Germany and many other leading nations also skipped the signing ceremony for Trump's "Board of Peace". Trump hosted the ceremony on the margins of annual World Economic Forum in the Swiss mountain resort. India is yet to take a call on it, people familiar with the matter said when asked about Trump's invite to PM Modi. New Delhi is considering various aspects as the initiative involves sensitive issues, it is learnt. India has been pushing for a "two-State solution" to the Palestine question

with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security within recognised borders. The countries that joined the Board of Peace included Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Egypt, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. A number of countries including Germany, Italy, Paraguay, Russia, Slovenia, Türkiye, and Ukraine have remained non-committal on the invitation. Trump's "Board of Peace" is being projected by Washington as a new international body to usher in peace and stability in Gaza and beyond, triggering speculations that it could throw a challenge to the United Nations.

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Telangana Rising Cricket League Poster Unveiled



Hyderabad: The poster of the Telangana Rising Cricket League was formally unveiled by Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Goud on Thursday. The event marked an important step in promoting sports and youth participation under the Telangana Rising vision. Mettu Sai Kumar, Chairman of the Telangana State Fisheries Corporation, was present on the occasion and expressed support for initiatives that encourage sportsmanship and talent development among the youth. Several Congress leaders from the Goshamahal Assembly constituency, including Sham Singh, Badrinath, Subhash, and Afaraz, participated in the programme and extended their best wishes for the success of the cricket league.

Jaggareddy and Nirmala Pull Up HMDA Officials Over Delay in Bypass Road Expansion Works



Hyderabad: Senior Congress leaders Jaggareddy and Nirmala Jaggareddy expressed strong displeasure over the delay in the bypass road expansion works in Sangareddy town and came down heavily on HMDA officials for the slow progress. They directed the officials to immediately speed up the road widening works without further delay.

Following their intervention, the administration swung into action from Thursday morning. Officials began the expansion works on a war footing, deploying heavy machinery to remove obstacles along the stretch. As part of the

Parishad Office.

Local residents expressed happiness over the acceleration of the long-pending road expansion. They stated that once the widening works are completed, traffic congestion from the IB Guest House to the Basaveshwara statue would be significantly reduced, bringing much-needed relief to commuters.

The works were supervised at the site by TPCC General Secretary Thopaji Ananth Kishan, Congress Town President George, and party leaders Shafi Hafeez and Kiran Goud, who ensured that the expansion progresses without interruptions.

Inaugural Ceremony of CHESS CLUB held at Indoor Stadium, KITS Warangal



WARANGAL, January 22, TSIT : The Inaugural Ceremony of CHESS CLUB at Indoor stadium, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS) Warangal announced on Thursday. It is inaugurated by the chief guest, Founder Chess Network & Researcher and Development activities, NRI, Sudhir Kodati in association with former MLA & KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar.

On this occasion the chief guest, Founder Chess Network, Researcher and Development activities,

NRI, Sudhir Kodati highlighted that "Let's spread the joy of chess, Each one, Teach Ten". By the active involvement in the chess game focusing on latest developments for improving competitive spirit.

It gives a lot of impact on a positive attitude and it also changes the healthy lifestyle among the student community.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client, **Mr. Mohammed Riyaz Uddin, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Siddiquddin** who is absolute owner of the below mentioned scheduled property, propose to create mortgage over the scheduled property and wants to avail loan from Banks/ Financial Institutions, if any person/s has any objections/claim/interest/ dispute over the said property, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which no further claims/objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the mortgage of the scheduled property in favour of Banks/Financial Institutions and will complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:
Flat No. 304 bearing Separate GHMC No. 17-1-254 to 257/6A/B/304, [PTIN No. 1071701889], No. 304, bearing Separate GHMC Floor, on third floor in the Complex Known as "AIDA ENCLAVE" admeasuring 1062 Square Feet, along with One Car Parking admeasuring 90 Square Feet, together with undivided share of land to an extent of 19.00 Square Yards. Out of total land area of 787 Square Yards, in the Premises bearing Municipal Nos. 17-1-254 to 257, Constructed on Portion of Plot 6A. Situated at Mama Dilaram Bagh, Santosh Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad, T. S. and bounded by: North : Open to Sky, South : Open to Sky, East : Open to Sky, West : 6" Vide Corridor.

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
1-8-506/2A/1, Adnan Chambers, Prakashnagar, Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500018.
Mobile : 99440067560

IN THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT HYDERABAD

O.A. No. 972 OF 2025
BANK OF BARODA,
Rep. By Its Agm
Hi Tech City Branch ...Applicant
AND
BODDU ARAVIND & ANR.

...Defendants
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To
1. BODDU ARAVIND KUMAR
S/o. Boddur Rajalingam,
Aged About 49 Years, Occ: Private, R/o. Flat No. 106, AV Chandana Heights, Sri Sai Nagar, Beside Kim Fashion Mall Lane, Boddupalli, Medchal Malkajiri, Telangana-500098
2. BODDU SUNJA,
W/o. Boddur Aravind Kumar,
Aged About 40 Years, Occ: Private Service, R/o. Flat No. 106, AV Chandana Heights, Sri Sai Nagar, Beside Kim Fashion Mall Lane, Boddupalli, Medchal Malkajiri, Telangana-500098

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 37,76,083/-** as on 13-10-2025 together with future interest and other reliefs and the Hon'ble Tribunal ordered notice to you by way of paper publication in "South India Times" News Paper Hyderabad Edition in English and posted the matter to 03-03-2026

You are hereby required to show cause on **03-03-2026 at 10.30 AM** at Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001 in person or through Advocate, as to, why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 22nd day of January, 2026.

Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
1st Floor, Triveni Complex,
Abids, Hyderabad- 500001

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, AT HYDERABAD

O. A. No. 964 OF 2025
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULES OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

Between:
Central Bank of India ...APPLICANT
Batasisingram Branch
V/S
M/s. Suryaprabha Agro Farms and 2 others ...DEFENDANTS

To,
1. M/s. Suryaprabha Agro Farms,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, Ch. Padma and J. Vikram Regd. Office at Plot No. 72,23,24, Sy. No.232, Pasumamula, Abdullahpurmet, R.R. District, Telangana-501505 (M) 9705878447
And also at
M/s. Suryaprabha Agro Farms,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, Ch. Padma and J. Vikram Office at Plot No. 127, Pasumamula, Abdullahpurmet, R.R. District, Telangana-501505 (M) 9705878447
2. Smt. Chinnappa Padma,
W/o. Ch. Srinivasulu, R/o. Plot No. 127, H.No.5-41/4, Saingar Colony, Pasumamula, Abdullahpurmet, R.R. District, Telangana-501505 (M) 9705878447
3. Sri. Javali Vikram, S/o. Sri J. Muthaiah,
Central-2-153, Boddipally, Nelikuru, Warangal, Dantapalli, Telangana-506324.
(M) 996398219

SUMMONS BY PAPER PUBLICATION FOR SHOWING CAUSE AS TO WHY THE RELIEF PRAYED SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED

Whereas, O.A. No. 964 of 2025 was listed before Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-II. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 37,86,217.75** (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Twelve and Seventy-Five paise only).

In accordance with sub section (4) of section 19 the Act, you, the Defendants are directed as under:-

- To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
- To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
- You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the original application for attachment of properties.
- You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without prior approval of the tribunal.
- You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-II on 23-02-2026 at 10.30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this the 17th day of January, 2026.
By Order Of The Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aaurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **Shriram Finance Limited** (Formerly known as **Shriram City Union Finance Limited**, amalgamated with **Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited**, subsequently **Shriram Transport Company Limited** name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 30.09.2015	Date Of Demand Notice: 27.12.2025
(1) Konka Nagabhushanam, S/o: Papaiah Konka, Age: 59 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: H.No: 5-7357/3 (or) 5-7-357/3 (or) 3-57/3, Plot No. 50, B N Reddy Nagar, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, Vanasthalipum, Near Nithya Hospital, Hyderabad-500070, Address-II: # 5-5-810/1, Plot No. 5, Jahangir Nagar, Chintal Kunta Check Post, LB Nagar, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy-500074, B/o: Managing Director of "M/s. Raksha Hospital", At # Plot No. 5, Jahangir Nagar Colony, Chintalunkunta Check Post, LB Nagar, Near Bharathi Petrol Bunk, Hyderabad, 8019096159. (2) Konka Hem @ Alias Sangepu Hema, W/o: Konka Nagabhushanam, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Govt. Employee, Address-I: H.No: 5-7357/3 (or) 5-7-357/3 (or) 3-57/3, Plot No. 50, B N Reddy Nagar, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, Vanasthalipum, Near Nithya Hospital, Hyderabad-500070, Address-II: # 5-5-810/1, Plot No. 5, Jahangeer Nagar Colony, Near Bharath Gas Godown, LB Nagar, Chintalunkunta, Hyderabad - 500074, O/O: "Z.P. High School", Working as a School Assistant, At # Kurnapalli (V), Chintapalli (M), Nalgonda (D), 9177912925. (3) Srinivasulu Kunchakuri, S/o: Krishniah Kunchakuri, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 3-9-39, P. No. 39 and 40, Central Bank Colony, L B Nagar, Hyderabad-500074, B/o: Proprietor of Real Estate & Dairy Farm Business", At # 13-78, Thimimala Srutrinivas, P & T Colony, Chitalk Nagar, Hyderabad, 9248176077. Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs DLSKNT1407290001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE "A": As per Regd Vide Doc. No: 7185/2013, All that the piece and parcel of Open Land Plot No. 35 Admeasuring 200 Sq.Yards of 167.22 Sq.Mts., in Sy.No. 196 Situated At Bagh Hayath Nagar Village, Hayath Nagar Revenue Mandal, Under Ward No. 4, Block No. 9, GHMC LB Nagar Circle, Hyderabad East Sub-District, Ranga Reddy District and Bounded as follows: Towards East: Plot No. 46, Towards West: 25 Ft Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No. 34, Towards South: Plot No. 36. DLSKNT1407290001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE SCHEDULE "B": As per Regd Vide Doc. No: 7184/2013, All that the piece and parcel of Open Land Plot No. 111 Admeasuring 200 Sq.Yards of 167.22 Sq.Mts., in Sy.No. 196 Situated at Bagh Hayath Nagar Village, Hayath Nagar Revenue Mandal, Under Ward No. 4, Block No. 9, GHMC LB Nagar and Bounded as follows: Towards East: Plot No. 122 (Present: Neigh House) Towards West: 30 Ft Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No. 111/1 (Present: Neigh House), Towards South: Plot No. 112 (Present: Neigh House).	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 36.39,525/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 12,000,000/-

NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED

NORTHERN ARC Regd. Office: 10th Floor, Phase-I, IIT-Madras Research Park, Kanagam Village, Taramani, Chennai - 600113, Tamil Nadu.

ANNEXURE-V 3rd E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Under proviso to Rule 8(6))

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Northern Arc Capital Ltd has taken over possession of the following property/ies u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large is informed that 02nd E-Auction of the charged property/ies under SARFAESI Act in the below mentioned cases for realisation of NORTHERN ARC's dues will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

Name of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property /ies are being Sold	Description of the property
1) Rammurthi Madikonda	Rs. 26,34,677/- as on 15 th April, 2025 and interest thereon w.e.f. as on plus other charges	All That The House And Open Place Bearing H. No. 17-3/2, In Ward No. 17, Admeasuring To An Extent of 121.27 Square Yards (Or) 101.39 Square Meters, Situated At Parkal Village, Parkal Mandal, Hanumakonda District And Within The Limits of Parkal Municipality And Sro Parkal And Bounded By: East: H. No. 17-3/3 of Madikonda Suman West: H. No. 17-6/3 of Madikonda Gopi North: Municipality C.C. Road South: Road

Details of Sale are as below:-

Reserve Price	Last date for submission of bid and EMD (10% of the Reserve Price)	Bid increment amount	Date and time of E-Auction Sale
Rs. 33,18,273/- (Rupees-Thirty Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only)	07th February 2026 Rs. 331,827/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Only)	Rs. 25,000/-	09th February 2026 Time 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: 3rd February 2026 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and upon request on call to the Authorised officer Mr. Sunil Verma 9987030148 & Mr. Ramesh Rao-8978284555.

Terms and Conditions of the e-Auction are as under:

- E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through **Northern Arc Capital Limited's** approved service provider **M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd Auction Tiger Ahmadabad** (Contact Person:- Mr. Ram Sharma Cell No. 800002397, Email ramprasad@auctiontiger.net & (Contact Person - Mr. Sunil Verma Cell 9987030148 Email sunil.verma@northernarc.com, and Sameer Suke Cell 91529 10835 Email Sameer.suke@northernarc.com at the web portal (<http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>), E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-Auction bid form is available in websites, <http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>
- The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT/ RTGS in the Account No. 65252037994, **Northern Arc Capital Limited - State Bank of India & IFSC Code: SBIN0009930** or by way of demand draft drawn in favour of **Northern Arc Capital Limited**, drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank.
- Bidders shall hold a valid email ID (e-mail ID is absolutely necessary for the intending bidder as all the relevant information and allotment of ID & password may be conveyed through email).
- The intending bidder should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR number along with Request Letter for participation in the E-auction, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification (KYC) viz. Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc. (ii) Current Address-Proof for communication, (iii) PAN card of the bidder, (iv) valid e-mail ID, (v) contact number (Mobile/Landline) of the bidder etc. to **Northern Arc Capital Limited** by **07th February 2026** Time 01:00PM to 02:00PM time. Scanned copies of the original of these documents can also be submitted to the e-mail Id of **Northern Arc Capital Limited**.
- Names of the Eligible Bidders will be identified by the **Northern Arc Capital Limited** to participate in online e-auction on the portal, <http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> (Auction Tiger) will provide User ID & Password after due verification of PAN of the Eligible Bidders.
- It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid.
- The e-Auction/bidding of above properties will be conducted exactly on the scheduled Date & Time. The bidder shall improve their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increment Amount" against the property. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of e-Auction process shall be declared as Successful Bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by **Northern Arc Capital Limited** /Secured Creditor.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded.
- The Sale confirmation/Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s) / applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s).

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Authorised Officer
NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED

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NOTICE FOR LOCKERS BREAKING

A Public notice is hereby given to all the persons concerned and public in general that the person/s named under this notice have availed the facility of safe deposit lockers at the below mentioned branches of Canara Bank (including branches of e-Syndicate Bank). The respective branches have already addressed individual letters/Notices by registered post with acknowledgement due (AD) to locker hirers/LOA at the latest available address as per our Bank records with a request to remit the arrears of Locker rent. Despite these notices, the locker hirers/ LOA have not contacted the Branch and have not remitted the locker rent arrears. Below named Locker Hirers and their legal heirs are requested to consider this as the FINAL NOTICE and contact the Branch concerned with necessary documents and remit the locker rent arrears within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Bank will break open the lockers without any further notice or intimation, at the cost and sole risk of the hirers or their legal representatives/heirs /LOA.

S. NO	BRANCH NAME /CONTACT NO	LOCKER BOX NUMBER	LOCKER RENT ARREARS	LOCKER HIRER NAME & ADDRESS
1	Hyderabad Abid Road[00606] Cell 8580120400	533	2,750.00	MUMTAZ KHATOON 20-1-399/6 FATIMA COLONY HUSSAINALAM HYDERABAD 500264
2	Hyderabad Abid Road[00606] Cell 8580120400	152	17,700.00	BONDA NARASIMHA PRASAD D NO 6 3 662/b FLAT NO 402 5th FLOR KAMALANIVAS ZAFAR ALI BAGH SOMAJIGUDA 500082
3	Hyderabad Abid Road[00606] Cell 8580120400	585	6,720.00	DILNAAZ W/o EZZAZUDIN AHMED, 20-3-979/5/A SHAHJUNG CHOWK CHAMINAR 500002
4	Hyderabad Abid Road[00606] Cell 8580120400	97	12,965.00	VIDYAVATHI w/o Late SRI B SUDHAMA MANISHA TOWERS FLAT NO.501 MASAB TANK 500029
5	Hyderabad Abid Road[00606] Cell 8580120400	56	12,980.00	SRIRAMULU REDDY D FLAT NO 10 PLOT NO 38-A VIJAYA VIHAR APTS L B NAGAR MUNICIPAL GREE HILL COLONY RD 2, R K PURAM 500035
6	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	127	1,283.00	MEKA VEERASWAMY 8-2-468/118 SUBRAGH ROAD NO 5 BANJARA HILLS 500034
7	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	17	3,540.00	E SIDDHARTHA RAO TDSAT A 61 NDSE 1 4 FLOOR HOTEL SAMRAT 110003
8	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	1	3,540.00	HEENA SHRIVASTAVA MO NOMINEE FOR OLD SB 1/14831 NOMINEE FOR OLD SB 1/14831 NOMINEE FOR OLD SB 1/14831 500034
9	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	157	1,801.00	KALPANA BARMESHA 208/A EXPRESS APTS., RED HILLS 500034
10	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	291	8,260.00	SYED LAIQ ALI 8-2-469/6 ROAD NO.5 BANJARA HILLS 500034
11	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	27	8,260.00	SYED MOAZAM ALI HYDER 401 VALLEY VIEW APTS BANJARA HILLS ROAD NO.6 500034
12	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	149	12,980.00	LALITHA GUPTA G-2,VIDUSHI VILLA, PLOT NO21,RD.NO14 BANJARAHILLS, 500034
13	Hyderabad Banjara Hills-II[13006] Cell 9916268539	56	12,980.00	IHSAN LATEEF APT NO 101,TOWER 2 10-5-38/1,ANAND RESIDENCY AHMEDNAGAR ROAD,MASAB TANK 500028
14	Hyderabad Sultan Bazar[00844] Cell 7032047616	135	2,307.00	P NARENDER GOUD FLAT NO.52,SAMSKRUTHI LAKE VIEW APT NEAR VENKATESWARA TEMPLE,M.MT NAGAR, NACHARAM 500076
15	Hyderabad Sultan Bazar[00844] Cell 7032047616	114	8,260.00	SUNITI D NO 4 5 753 JYAN GANGA SULTAN BAZAR 500027
16	Hyderabad Tolichowki[03459] Cell 8884504438	244	8,260.00	M PURUSHOTTAM S/O M KRISHNAIAH 1-60/30/115/13A ANJALIAH NAGAR 500032
17	Hyderabad Tolichowki[03459] Cell 8884504438	84	6,046.00	MOHAMMED ALI TANZEEM S o T AZIZ IQBAL VILLA NO AE 45 MANTRI EUPHORIA MANCHIREVULA RAJENDRANAGAR 500075
18	Hyderabad Tolichowki[03459] Cell 8884504438	72	25,724.00	FATIMA UNNISA W/O ABDUL RAHMAN KHAN 12 718 2 A NANAL NAGAR TOLICHOWKI 500008
19	Hyderabad Tolichowki[03459] Cell 8884504438	203	25,960.00	KR NAVEEN KUMAR REDDY S/O K SATYAPAL REDDY 2-2-1105/ 9/12/1, FL NO 301 TILAK NAGAR, MUSHEERABAD, NALLAKUNT 500044
20	Secunderabad M.G.Road[00616] Cell 7249497274	220	8,177.00	PARAMJIT SINGH 1051,S.ROCKFELLER,SVITEA,ONTAR 91761 USA 1111
21	Secunderabad M.G.Road[00616] Cell 7249497274	324	8,260.00	KUMAR SHYAMSUNDER A FLAT O 402 SULOCHNA SADANSTHI WEST MAREDPALLY BESIDE SECUNDERABAD NURSING HOME 500026
22	Secunderabad M.G.Road[00616] Cell 7249497274	32	12,980.00	MOHD MOINUDDIN PO BOX NO- 14182 JEDDAH 111
23	Secunderabad M.G.Road[00616] Cell 7249497274	192	11,974.00	GOUSE MOHAMMAD PO.BOX.NO.24405,SHARJAH UAE
24	Secunderabad M.G.Road[00616] Cell 7249497274	288	12,980.00	MALLADI SUDARSHAN RAO MS RAO PLOT NO89 SREE SIKHARA 3RD FLOOR RAJEENNAGAR YOUSUFUGUDA 500045
25	Secunderabad Marredpally [00624] Cell 9844053082	322	25,030.00	C PANDITH RAO 10-3-85/4 PLOT NO.74/4 EAST MARREDPALLY 500026

DATE :22/1/2026, PLACE:HYDERABAD

AUTHORISED OFFICER , CANARA BANK

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266.

Corporate Office : 12th Floor, R Teck Park, Nirlon Complex, Near Hub Mall, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063, MH.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

30 days 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 provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company. Accordingly the **Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited** / Secured Creditor had TAKEN POSSESSION of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

Indian Bank
HIMAYATNAGAR BRANCH-ADDRESS: 3-6-150, Himayalnagar Hyderabad - 500029

VEHICLE AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Branch Name	BORROWER NAME & ADDRESS	VEHICLE TYPE	REGISTRATION No & YEAR	RESERVE PRICE (Rs.)	EMD PRICE (Rs.)
HIMAYATNAGAR Branch	M/s. Pulicheri Rojaram Enterprises (Prop: Pulicheri H.No-20-477/1, Ekalavya Nagar, Malkajigiri Telangana - 500047)	Eicher Pro 503SD - LPG Tanker Model: Eicher Pro 503SD Type of Body: Steeper Cab and Tractor and LPG Tanker Type of Fuel: Diesel Colour: N° color without Tank	TS-09-UC-4084 Engine No: E624CDJM2565 22 Chassis No: MC25SDRC0JM 013897	Rs. 3,60,000/- (Rupee Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 36,000/-

Open Auction will be conducted for participants who deposits as above mentioned EMD on or before On 09/02/2026 up to 3.00 P.M. by DD/Pay order to Indian Bank, Himayalnagar Branch, Hyderabad. Date & Time of Auction: 09/02/2026 between 3.30 P.M to 4.00 P.M. At: 3-6-150, Himayalnagar Branch Hyderabad-500029. Bid Incremental Amount Rs. 5,000/- For further details, Terms & Conditions, contact: Mr. Abhishek Kumar Ph: 040-2325823 Mob: 9951573326, E-mail: himayalnagar@indianbank.co.in. Parking Charges: (To be borne by bidder). Addition to RP Rs.47850/- upto 10.02.2026. Successful bidder should NEFT/RTGS Bank trf on the same day. The vehicle shall be auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" condition. The Authorised Officer may accept/cancel the auction without assigning any Reason thereof.

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 22-01-2026 Sd/- Branch Manager Indian Bank.

MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED
Formerly Manappuram Home Finance Pvt Ltd
Regd Office: 5/596 A, Padmaranga Building, Near Sreenarayana Swami Temple, Chirappur - Thrissur Road, Thrissur, Kerala 680567 | Phone No: 0487-3520504, Website: www.manappuramhomefin.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 9 of the said notice, the borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower (Lender's account number/ Branch)	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent to Borrower	Date of Possession
1	Chindam Renuka, Chindam Ramesh, NRI/0109005217/ Karim Nagar	All That The Residential House Property Bearing House No. 3-53, Having Plinth Area of 432.00 Sft. Total Plot Area of 164.00 Sq. Yards, Situated at Gangaiah Nagar of Gandhinagar Mandal of Karimnagar District, Telangana - 505445, East-Open Place of Dusa Ramesh, West-House of Chindam Vishwanatham, South-House of Chindam Laxminarayana, North-Way	20-10-2025 & Rs. 302671/-	20-01-2026
2	Gangipalli Laxmi, Gangipalli Mondiah, NRI/0109013887/ Karim Nagar	All That The Acc Roof House Along With Open Place Bearing Plot No. 5-386 & 5-39 Total Area 484.00 Sq. Yds Equal To 406.56 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Soimappalli, Vemulawada Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District, Telangana - 505524, East-Open Place And House of Dhruvachari Rajarao, West-Open Place And House of Era Narasiah, South-Road, North-Open Place of Buyers Land	20-10-2025 & Rs. 475279/-	20-01-2026
3	Challa Lavanya, Kondapalli Prakash, NRI/0109001417/ Karim Nagar	All That The Acc Tin Shed Roof House Along With Open Place Bearing Plot No. H. No. 2-492, Total Area 242.00 Sq. Yards Equal To 311.21 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Peddur, Sircilla, Dist. Rajanna Sircilla District, Telangana - 505301, East-8 Feet Wide Road, West-Open Place of Kadamanchi Narasiah, South-Open Place of Theagar Siva, North-House of Gandam Banasharam	20-10-2025 & Rs. 410653/-	20-01-2026
4	Matla Yesumani, Matla Rakshan Kumar, Matla Devalah, NRI/0109014130/ Karim Nagar	All That The RCC Roof House In Beating Plot No. H. No. 1-85, Total Area 120.16 Sq. Yards Equal To 100.46 Sq. Mtrs In RCC Roof Sra 682.12 Sq. Fts Situated At Nimmampalli Village, Kanopetnaka Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla Dist. Near Nand Water Plant, Karimnagar, Telangana - 505301, East-8 Feet Wide Road, West-Open Place of Matla Sathya, West-House of Open Place Mayala Mojieth, South-House With Open Place Mayalamahiah, North-Cc Road	20-10-2025 & Rs. 472860/-	20-01-2026
5	Kodam Ramulu, Kodam Padma, Mahammad Yusuf, NRI/010901584/ Karim Nagar	All That The RCC Roof House With Open Place In Beating Plot No. H. No. 2-492, Total Area 242.00 Sq. Yards Equal To 311.21 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Peddur, Sircilla, Dist. Rajanna Sircilla District And Within The Limits of Rajanna Sircilla District, Telangana - 505301, East-8 Feet Wide Road, West-Open Place of Sala Narasiah, South-House of Kondapalli Durgiah, North-Road	20-10-2025 & Rs. 461980/-	20-01-2026
6	Borjani Laxmi, Borjani Prashanth, NRI/0109024250/ Karim Nagar	All That The Tin Shed Roof House Bearing No. 5-3-137, 138, Measuring 165.57 Sq. Yards or 138.44.32 Sq. Yds. Situated At Akkavaram Village of Ramnagar Mandal/Peddapalli District, Telangana-505205, East-West-Open Place of G. Sriani S/O. Narayana, North-House of G. Madhu And G. Ashok	20-10-2025 & Rs. 731625/-	20-01-2026
7	Kondipalli Swarupa, Kondipalli Bhikshappa, Kondipalli Mondiah, NRI/0109022141/ Karim Nagar	All That The House Bearing No. 6-58 Measuring 726 Sq. Yards In Sy. No. 307 Situated At Peddur Village of Sircilla Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District And Within The Limits of Rajanna Sircilla District, Telangana-505301, East-8 Feet Wide Road, West-Open Place of Sala Narasiah, South-House of Kondapalli Durgiah, North-Road	20-10-2025 & Rs. 511767/-	20-01-2026
8	Kasarla Gouri, Kasarla Nagender, NRI/0109039685/ Karim Nagar	All That The House Bearing Door No. 1-11 With Sy. No. 108 Measuring 219.27 Sq. Yds. Situated At Peddur Locality of Sircilla Proper And Mandal of Sircilla Sircilla Dist. Within The Limits of Sircilla Municipality, Telangana-505301, East-8 Feet Wide Road, West-Open Place of G. Sathya N/O. Narayana, North-House of G. Madhu And G. Ashok	20-10-2025 & Rs. 724221/-	20-01-2026
9	Dormetti Venkatesh, Dormetti Venkatesh, NRI/0109024089/ Karim Nagar	House No. 1-647, Measuring 123.26 Sq. Yards, Gandhi Nagar, Vemulawada Town And Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla Dist. Near Nand Water Plant, Karimnagar, Telangana - 505302, East-Kava, West-House of Karam Ranga Linga, South-House of Dormati, North-20 Feet Road	21-10-2025 & Rs. 718932/-	20-01-2026
10	Chetipati Raju, Chetipati Ranthina, Sandhya Mundav, Katam Lakshmaiah, NRI/0728029426/ Warangal	The RCC House With Open Place Bearing House No. 3-49 To An Extent of 144.44 Sq. Yards or 120.77 Sq. Yds. Situated At Gulla Burchin of G. Ramnagar Revenue Village, Bhupally Mandal, Warangal Shikharupally District, Telangana, Pin 506169, East-House of Kandakota Bhaskar, West-House of Rangay Swara, South-House of Nunavath Laxman, North-R&B Road	21-10-2025 & Rs. 983073/-	20-01-2026

Date: 22-01-2026 | Place: TELANGANA Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

BARKATPURA BRANCH
3-4-499 & 3-4-764, Near Barkatpura Chaman, Barkatpura, Hyderabad - 500027, 040-27564472, 27568152, 99481 23041 e-mail: barkatpura@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) / 9(1)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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 8 (6) 9(1) (Retain whichever is applicable) 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/Constructive (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Barkatpura Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 10.02.2026 for recovery of Rs.32,37,726/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Thirty Seven thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six only) (as on 16.01.2026) due to the Indian Bank, Barkatpura Branch, Secured Creditor, from Mr. Sarvasetty Suresh and Mrs. Mrudula Sarvasetty Flat no.22, second floor, G.R.Pristige, H.No: 2-22-109/1B and C/202, Plot no: 2.3.4.5, Vijaya Nagar Colony, Road no-6, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072 (Name and address of the borrower/guarantor).

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of	1. All that the Flat No. 202, in Second Floor, with a built up area of 1125 square feet (including common area) and car parking area of 80 square feet provided in stilt floor, together with proportionate undivided share of land measuring 22 square yards (out of total land measuring 684.66 square yards), in the building known as "GR PRESTIGE" being constructed on Plots bearing Nos. 2.3.4 & 5, in Survey No. 120, situated at Vijaya Nagar colony, Kukatpally Village, Mandal and Circle, under GHMC Limits, Hyderabad, Medchal, Malkajigiri District, vide Sale Deed Document No. 12024/2015, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajigiri District, Hyderabad, BOUNDARIES OF THE COMPLEX: NORTH: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, SOUTH: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, EAST: NEIGHBOUR'S LAND, WEST: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, BOUNDARIES FOR FLAT No. 202: NORTH: OPEN TO SKY, SOUTH: CORRIDOR, EAST: OPEN TO SKY, WEST: CORRIDOR. Note: The above property is extended to the Limits availed By Ms.AVRBHAVA INFRATECH INDIA PVT LTD Ws limits Account number : 6601786779. Balance Outstanding as on 16.01.2026 Rs.74,60,410/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Four Hundred and Ten only) with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 17.01.2026.
Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	Rs. 54,90,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)
EMD Amount	Rs. 5,49,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty nine Thousand Only)
Bid incremental amount	Rs. 20,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	Date: 10.02.2026 Time: From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM
Property ID No.	IDB6585857421
Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://baanet.com) for an e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance, please call 8291220220. For Registration status and EMD status, please email to support.baanet@psb-alliance.com . For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions, please visit: https://baanet.com and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. Contact No. 8291220220. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://baanet.com	
Contact Person: 1. Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh – Authorised Officer - 9948123054 2. Mrs.J.Sangeetha – Branch Manager/Barkatpura - 9948123041	

Inaugural Ceremony of CHESS CLUB held at Indoor Stadium, KITS Warangal

WARANGAL, January 22, TSIT : The Inaugural Ceremony of CHESS CLUB at Indoor stadium, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS) Warangal announced on

Thursday, It is inaugurated by the chief guest, Founder Chess Network & Researcher and Development activities, NRI, Sudhir Kodati in association with former MLA & KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar.

On this occasion the chief guest, Founder Chess Network, Researcher and Development activities, NRI, Sudhir Kodati highlighted that "Let's spread the joy of chess, Each one, Teach Ten". By the active involvement in the chess game focusing on latest developments for improving competitive spirit. It gives a lot of impact on a positive attitude and it also changes the healthy lifestyle among the student community. He concluded that stay engaged, be active to improve your competitive spirit with high intellectual abilities.

On this occasion former MLA & KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar told that active involvement in chess can raise



the abilities of intellectual skills and understanding capabilities. Games and sports are the need of the hour for the present education system and it is leading to building a healthy society. On this occasion KITSW Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy told that youth of this country channelised for play games by making strategies and improving problem solving skills. It will help to overcome stress, also provide fun, and engaging way to learn and explore new concepts, ultimately contributing to a well-rounded education. At the end of the inaugural ceremony programme, Vice president BAT, General Secretary WDBA and Administrative Officer, KITS Warangal Dr. P. Ramesh Reddy gave the presidential remarks.

SHIRIRAM Finance
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative Office: 6' Floor (Level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer M/s. Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Company Limited, subsequently Shiriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) 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 - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Kazipet WGL (hereinafter referred as Company/Lender), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) 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 Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 21st day of January, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Yynala Rajitha D/O.Srinivas, age: 52 years, Occ: Sri Mattha Chicken Center, R/o:H.No.2-93/A, Guniparthi, Kamalapur, Karimnagar -505102, Ctl:8179521886.2) Chikatta Srinivas S/O.Sammaiah, age: 43 years, Occ: Business, R/o:H.No.2-93/A, Guniparthi, Kamalapur, Karimnagar -505102, Ctl:8808127012 And Also At Chikatta Srinivas S/O.Sammaiah, age: 43 years, Occ: Business, Open plot to an extent of 245.00 sq yards, 205.80 sq mtrs, Sy.No:696, Mucherla village, Hasanaparthi mandal, Hanumkonda District. 3) Parre Avinash S/O.Ashok, age: 32 Years, Occ: GVMC Govt Employee (Public Health Worker), R/o:H.No:4-8-50, Dharmakantha, Jangaon, Warangal- 506167, Ctl:9959862661.	Rs.21,93,824/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four only)
KZPIPTF2303310004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is CHIKATTA SRINIVAS Mortgage deed dated 31.03.2023 Registered as Document No.6890/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL (R.O)): Open plot to an extent of 245.00 sq yards or 205.80 sq mtrs in Sy.No:696 there are no structure and House there in situated at mucherla village, Hasanaparthi mandal of Hanumkonda District within the limits SRO Warangal, RO is bounded by: East: Land of vendors, West: Land of vendors, North: 30 ft Wide Road, South: Land of N Rajagopal	
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic 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:Kazipet WGL, Date : 21-01-2026	Sd/-Authorised officer, Shiriram Finance Ltd.

SHIRIRAM Finance
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, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S) Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 08.07.2024 DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 31.12.2025 OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.236955/- LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.1500000/-
1) Rajuputh Sony @ Alias Kumari Rajput Sony, W/o: Satish Kumar, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 7-5-9, Goutham Nagar, Feroz Guda, Thirumalgi, Hyderabad-500054, B/o: Proprietor Of "m/s Sri Ganapathi Logistics", At#49-416, Ground Floor, Padma Nagar, Phase-2, Qutubullapur, Hyderabad-500054, 7661919165, 7097336587.	
2) Satish Kumar, S/o: Singhamarender, Age: 38 Years, R/o: H.No: 7-5-9 (or) 7-5-96, Nagarjuna Colony, Goutham Nagar, Feroz Guda, Thirumalgi, Hyderabad-500011, 8099555116, 8886550252.	
3) Parvathi, W/o: Singh Amarendra, Age: 50 Years, R/o: H.No: 7-5-9, Goutham Nagar, Feroz Guda, Thirumalgi, Bovenpally, Hyderabad-500011, 8125772138.	
4) Sunny Kumar Singh Rajputh, S/o: Rajputh Vijay Singh, Age: 29 Years, Occ: Pvt Employee, R/o: H.No: 270, Ram Reddy Nagar, Jeedimetla, Hyderabad-500055, O/o:"connect Business Solutions Ltd.", Working As A "Sott Ware", 9662033005.	

.....barrowers/co-borrower /guarantors/legal heirs

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MDPTMTF2401310002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF HOUSE NO. 09-37/1/1 (PTIN No.- 1150501483) ADMEASURING 82 SQ. YARDS OR 68.55 SQ. MTRS. IN SY NO.302 SITUATED AT AYODHYA NAGAR, JEEDIMETLA (VILLAGE), QUTUBULLAPUR (MANDAL), MEDCHAL-MALKAJIGIRI DISTRICT and Bounded as follows: Towards East: H.No- 9-37/1, Towards West: H.No- 9-37/1/2, Towards North: 10' Wide Road, Towards South: 9-384, (present: 9-354).

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

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

Dated: 22.01.2026
Place: HYDERABAD
Sd/-Authorized Officer SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHIRIRAM Finance
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 08.12.2021	Date Of Demand Notice: 27.12.2025
(1) Bathula Krishna Goud @Alias Bathula Krishna, S/o: Dasharatha Bathula, Age: 55 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 3-32, Ankushapur (V), Ghatkesar (M), Near Nallala Bavi, Medchal-Malkajigiri (D) -501301, B/o: Proprietor of "Yadanti Tours and Travels, At # NFG Nagar, Ghatkesar, 9006740177, 7013054985, (2) Latha Bathula, W/o: Bathula Krishna Goud, Age: 42 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H.No: 3-32, Ankushapur (V), Ghatkesar (M), Near Nallala Bavi, Medchal-Malkajigiri (D)-501301, 7013054985, 9000674017, (3) Suresh Donikala, S/o: Agamiah Donikala, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 5-56, B C Colony, Ankushapur (V), Ghatkesar (M), Medchal-501301, B/o: Proprietor of "Agamiah House Constructions Works", At # Ghatkesar, 9959228939	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 24,95,159/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 10,00,000/-

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

BHONGTGF2101250004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the piece and parcel of the House No. 3-33, Admeasuring 120 Square Yards or Equivalent to 100.3 Square Meters, Having Plinth Area 800 Square Feet with RCC Roof, Situated at Ankushapur Village and Grampanchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri District and Bounded as follows: Towards East: House of Yettaiah (Present: Neighbours Open Land), Towards West: House of B. Ramanandam (Present: Neighbours Open Land), Towards North: 12" Wide Road (Present: 20" Wide Road), Towards South: House of B. Lingam.

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Dated: 22.01.2026
Place: MEDCHAL-MALKAJIGIRI
Authorized Officer SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

The students can enhance learning skills, the spirit of winning capabilities and academic performance by improving focus, problem-solving skills and teamwork.

In this regard the Former Rajya Sabha MP and KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshminantha Rao, Treasurer P. Narayana Reddy and former MLA &

KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar & the principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy have congratulated Chess club students and staff.

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 09.05.2024 DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 31.12.2025 OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.2454108/- LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.1500000/-
1) VADLA LAXMAN, S/O: NARAYANA VADLA, age: 45 years, occ: self employee, r/o: H.no: 1-7, 1st ward, kothur (v), mulugu(m), kokonda, siddipet-502336, b/o: proprietor of "sri laxmi narsimha swamy wood works", at # kothur, near rice mill, kokkonda, mulug, siddipet-502336, 9866065069.	
2) VADLA DANAMMA, W/O: LAXMAN, Age: 35 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H.no: 1-7, 1st Ward, Kothur, Mulugu, Kokkonda, Siddipet-502336, 8328575742.	
3) NARASIMHA CHARI RALLABANDI, S/O: SATTAYA, Age: 30 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.no: 4-13, Bhuniki Bollaramulugu Mandal, Siddipet-502336, B/o: Proprietor Of "m/s Menakshi Needs", H.no: 4-13, Thunukibollaram, Mulugu, Medak-502336, 9550888038, 9550669078.	
.....Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	
PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: HMYTNTF2306270007- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All That Part And Parcel Of Open Land Admeasuring 313 Sq. Yards (177 Sq. Yards And 136 Sq. Yards), Equivalent To 261.70 Sq. Mtrs, Having A Constructed A.c.c. House Bearing No.1-7, Plinth Area 144 Sft., And 72 Sft Total Plinth Area 216 Sft., Remaining Open Land 1449 Sft., And 1152 Sft Total Remaining Open Land 2601 Sft., Situated In Kothur (village), Mulugu (mandal), Siddipet District, Boundaries Of 177 Sq. Yards: North: Plot Of Upendra Chary, South: C.C. Road, East: C.C. Road, West: Titled House Of V.srinivas, Boundaries Of 136 Sq. Yards: North: Plot Of V.shakunthala, South: R.c.c House Of V.srinivas, East: Plot Of V.srinivas, West: Panadhi.	
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Dated: 22.01.2026 Place: SIDDIPET	Sd/-Authorized Officer SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHIRIRAM Finance

Andhra Pradesh: No point in attending Assembly without LoP status, says Jagan

Amaravati, Jan 22 : YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday made it clear that there is no point in attending the Andhra Pradesh Assembly unless the status of Leader of Opposition is accorded to him.

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan asked the Assembly Speaker what was stopping him from giving opposition party status to the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), the only party in opposition in the House. Responding to queries at a news conference here, he said that only the Leader of Opposition status would give

him sufficient time to "expose mischievous deeds" of the coalition government.

"The only party in opposition is the YSR Congress. All other parties are in the ruling government. You should question the democracy of the Speaker. What is stopping the Speaker from giving it the status of an opposition party," he asked.

The YSRCP leader's remarks came a day after Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu suggested "no work, no pay" for the MLAs who are not attending the Assembly. He also mooted the proposal to give voters the 'Right to recall' such public rep-



representatives. The Speaker made the suggestions at the 86th All India Conference of Presiding Officers at Lucknow.

All 11 MLAs of YSRCP have been skipping the Assembly

since 2024.

Responding to a query on his padayatra, he said it is a political decision that will be taken when the timing is right and anti-incumbency peaks.

At a party meeting on Wednesday, the YSRCP leader had said that they will undertake a padayatra after one year and will remain with the public on the roads for one year.

Jagan slammed Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for what he called "credit chori" in the comprehensive land resurvey.He alleged that CM Chandrababu Naidu hijacked the comprehensive land survey under-

taken by the YSRCP party government and resorted to "credit chori", despite having virtually no contribution to the herculean task of implementing the 'Bhu Raksha' (Land Rights) and 'Bhu Hakku' (Land Protection) schemes. Recalling the origins of the initiative, he said that during his padayatra, farmers had poured out their woes over irregular land titles and disputes, an issue that was clearly mentioned in the 2019 manifesto. During the YSRCP party government's tenure, Rs 6,000 crore was spent, and nearly 40,000 staff were deployed to carry out comprehensive land reforms—something no other government had managed.

Special Handloom Expo Opens at Ameerpet, Showcasing Textiles from 23 States



Hyderabad: Showcasing the rich heritage and grandeur of Indian handloom art, a Special Handloom Expo has been organised at the Ameerpet Kamma Sangham premises in the city. The expo was inaugurated on Thursday by chief guest Rashmi Thakur, Ikat Handlooms Brand Ambassador and Miss Asia International. The exhibition will continue till February 4 and is open daily from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm with free entry for all visitors.

Handloom artisans from 23 states are participating in the expo, displaying a wide range of exquisite sarees and textiles that reflect India's diverse cultural traditions. Speaking on the occasion, Rashmi Thakur said that celebrating traditional arts and craftsmanship in a festival-like atmosphere plays a vital role in empowering handloom communities. She added that such events not only support weavers but also inspire visitors by bringing together the finest handloom creations under one roof.She noted that the expo has been attracting enthusiastic response from visitors, especially for Banarasi sarees from Uttar Pradesh, Kalamkari and cotton butta sarees from Andhra Pradesh, Patola sarees from Gujarat, Chanderi sarees from Madhya Pradesh, Paithani sarees from Maharashtra, and Pochampally Ikat sarees from Telangana. She urged the public to make the most of the opportunity.Dr. S. Arun Kumar, Regional Head, Ministry of Textiles, also addressed the gathering and stressed the need to encourage and support handloom weavers. He appealed to the public to visit the expo and contribute to sustaining India's handloom sector. Beyond its impressive displays, the Special Handloom Expo serves as a platform for cultural exchange, enabling direct interaction between visitors and weavers, promoting sustainable fashion, and fostering appreciation for India's timeless textile traditions.

Parking Facility Available at Platform No.10 of Secunderabad Railway Station Amid Redevelopment Works

Secunderabad: As part of the ongoing redevelopment of Secunderabad Railway Station, parking facilities have been reorganised to ensure smooth traffic movement and passenger convenience. The redevelopment project, being executed at an estimated cost of Rs.714.73 crore, aims to enhance passenger amenities, strengthen infrastructure and improve overall operational efficiency. The works are progressing at a fast pace in a phased and systematic manner, without disrupting train services, even during recent festival rush.

In view of the redevelopment works, parking at Platform No.1 side has been temporarily suspended, allowing only pick-up and drop services. To man-

age vehicular congestion on the Platform No.10 side, an Access Control System has been introduced to prevent unauthorised parking and blockage in the circulating area. Passengers are permitted free pick-up and drop for up to 15 minutes, after which overstay charges will be levied if vehicles are not parked in authorised parking zones.

To facilitate passengers, ample parking facilities for both four-wheelers and two-wheelers have been provided in the underground basement on the Platform No.10 side. This facility can be used for boarding trains, pick-up, drop and parking purposes. Clear directional signage, display boards and public address announcements have been arranged



across the station to guide passengers effectively.

The approved parking tariff at the basement parking on Platform No.10 side includes Rs.40 for four-wheelers for the first two hours and Rs.20 for every subsequent hour, Rs.25 for motorcycles/scooters for the first two hours and Rs.10 thereaf-

Currently, around 50 per cent of the redevelopment works have been completed, with the remaining works progressing rapidly. The entire project is targeted for completion by December 2026. Once completed, the redeveloped station will offer world-class passenger facilities, including a multi-level car parking facility on the Platform No.1 side and enhanced base-ment parking on the Platform No.10 side.

Railway authorities have appealed to passengers to utilise the authorised basement parking at Platform No.10 to ensure hassle-free traffic movement and avoid overstay charges during the redevelopment phase.

UpTik to Host International Conference on Investments & Global Affairs at BSE on January 24

Hyderabad: Hyderabad-based UpTik, part of the Growwcap Fintech ecosystem, is set to host the International Conference on Investments & Global Affairs on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the International Convention Hall, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Mumbai.The conference will bring together senior stakeholders from global investment institutions, family offices, advisory firms and policy-oriented organisations to deliberate on the changing dynamics of the global investment landscape. Key discussions will focus on cross-bor-

der capital flows, alternative investments, global capital allocation trends, and the role of regulatory frameworks in promoting responsible and transparent investing. Industry experts will also examine how international economic and geopolitical developments are influencing investment decision-making for Indian investors in an increasingly interconnected global market. Speaking ahead of the conference, Vinod Varma Ainampudi, Co-Founder and CEO of UpTik, said that as global markets become more interconnected, investors must navi-

gate complex regulatory, economic and geopolitical factors. He noted that the conference aims to encourage informed dialogue while emphasising transparency, governance and long-term discipline in investment strategies.The event reflects UpTik's commitment to fostering thought leadership and facilitating informed participation within India's rapidly evolving financial ecosystem. Media interactions with the UpTik leadership team are scheduled to take place at 1:30 PM following the conference proceedings.

From Kenya to Hyderabad: a transplant, a sister's gift, and a renewed life

KENYAN WOMAN OVERCOMES END-STAGE KIDNEY DISEASE AT AINU HITEC-CITY

From Kenya to Hyderabad: a transplant, a sister's gift, and a renewed life

Kenyan woman overcomes end-stage kidney disease at AINU Hitec-city

Hyderabad, January 22nd 2026: Mrs. Fathumo Mohamud Dubow, a 55-year-old woman from Kenya, suffering from polycystic kidney disease and end-stage renal failure, has undergone a successful kidney transplant at the Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU), hospital sources said. The patient had exhausted available treatment options in Kenya and required an urgent kidney transplant. Accompanied by her young daughter and sister, she travelled to India in search of specialised renal care. Following detailed clinical evaluation and statutory clearances at AINU, doctors advised a living donor kidney transplant as the most appropriate treatment option.

Her sister volunteered to donate a kidney after compatibility testing and medical evaluation. The transplant surgery was performed in September 2025 in a single surgical session, during which the kidney was retrieved from the donor and transplanted into the recipient. The procedure lasted approximately four hours and was carried out by a multidisciplinary team comprising transplant surgeons, nephrologists,



anaesthetists and critical care specialists from the Transplant Department of AINU Hitec City, Hyderabad.

Doctors explained that polycystic kidney disease is a genetic, familial condition in which multiple cysts develop in the kidneys over time. While many individuals with the disease may never progress to advanced kidney failure, regular screening and long-term follow-up are essential to detect complications early. In some patients, the disease can gradually progress to chronic kidney disease and eventually end-stage renal failure, requiring dialysis or transplantation. In this case, doctors noted that the patient was fortunate to have a medically suitable sibling donor, as access to a living related donor significantly improves transplant outcomes and long-term graft survival.

"This transplant required careful donor selection, detailed pre-operative evaluation, and close coordination

between surgical, nephrology and critical care teams. Living donor kidney transplantation continues to offer superior outcomes for patients with end-stage renal disease. The patient's recovery underscores the importance of timely referral, protocol-driven care, and consistent post-transplant monitoring for long-term graft success. Dr. K Kranthi Kumar, Sr. Consultant Nephrologist, AINU Hospitals, Hitec-city, Hyderabad, said.

Hospital sources said the patient was closely monitored in the KTP isolation room during the post-operative period. Despite initial challenges, she responded well to treatment and achieved stable graft function. Doctors said the patient required 10 days of in-hospital recovery before being deemed fit for discharge.The patient was discharged from the Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU) in 10 days after the surgery and would continue follow-up care as advised. Doctors reiterated that living donor kidney transplantation remains the most effective treatment for end-stage renal disease, offering improved survival rates and better quality of life.Mrs. Fathumo Mohamud Dubow, said, "Travelling from Kenya to India was a difficult decision for my family, but it gave me a chance to live again. The doctors explained every stage of treatment clearly and supported us throughout the process. My sister's decision to donate her kidney saved my life.

GITAM Hosts EPOCH 4.0 Technical Fest, Highlights Drone Bootcamp Hands-on Training



Hyderabad: The GitHub Community at GITAM, Hyderabad, in association with GITAM Student Life, successfully organised EPOCH 4.0, a three-day technical extravaganza from January 20 to 22, 2026, aimed at promoting hands-on learning, collaboration and exposure to emerging technologies among students. The event began with Tech Trivia, a multi-round competition testing participants' knowledge in software development, hardware, cybersecurity, technology history and emerging trends. This was followed by

Docker 101, a practical session introducing students to containerisation, covering Docker installation, core concepts, essential commands, image creation and container management. Day two focused on Open-Source Development, familiarising students with open-source philosophy and contribution workflows on platforms such as GitHub. The day concluded with a Productivity Tool Coding Challenge, where teams designed and built innovative tools within a limited timeframe, encour-

aging creativity and teamwork. On the final day, students participated in Prompt to Page, a workshop demonstrating a complete prompt-to-production workflow for modern web applications. This was followed by Techscapades 4.0, a campus-wide treasure hunt combining problem-solving skills with collaboration. The event concluded with an informative session on Large Language Models, highlighting their evolution, applications and emerging trends in the open-source AI ecosystem. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, interactive learning stalls featuring tech-based games and challenges were set up across the venue, many designed by GitHub Community members themselves. Over 200 participants took part in the three-day event.Meanwhile, the Drone Bootcamp witnessed enthusiastic participation as students engaged in hands-on drone assembly and flight operations. Under expert guidance, participants assembled seven Quad X copters and conducted live test flights. Students also flew a GPS-enabled Hexacopter, gaining exposure to advanced navigation and stabilisation systems, while Nano Drone sessions helped beginners build confidence in basic flight controls.Overall, EPOCH 4.0 and the Drone Bootcamp provided a comprehensive platform for students to strengthen technical skills, gain real-world experience and bridge the gap between theory and practical application

KL University Warns Against Fake Admission Offers and Fee Discount Claims

Hyderabad: KL (Deemed to be University) has issued a public advisory cautioning students and parents about misleading advertisements and false claims regarding admissions and fee concessions. The university clarified that all admissions are conducted strictly through authorised channels, such as KLEEE and other approved procedures, based on merit and eligibility. KL University emphasised that no individual, agent, or organisation is authorised to promise guaranteed



admissions, special quotas, or unofficial fee discounts on its behalf.The institution warned that acting on such false

claims could result in financial loss and academic complications, for which the university will not be responsible. It also noted that strict legal action will be taken against anyone spreading fake information or misusing the university's name and logo. Students and parents are advised to rely solely on official university communications, including the website and authorised admission offices, to obtain accurate and verified information. KL University reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, ethical practices, and high academic standards throughout the admissions process.

EDITORIAL

The Right Has a Plan. What About the Progressives?

2026 is both strange and surreal. Even though we are predictably surprised, what Trump is unleashing on the world was all meticulously documented. For example, page 184 of Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, also known as the Presidential Transition Project, expressly called for “re-hemisphering” to “eliminate some of the more recent supply-chain issues” faced by the US including “reduc(ing) reliance on distant and manipulable sources of fossil fuels” (read West Asia). Project 2025 also spoke about how nations like “Venezuela, Colombia, Guyana, and Ecuador (were) either increasingly regional security threats in their own rights or...vulnerable to hostile extra-continental powers” (read China and Russia). It went on to argue that “the U.S. has an opportunity to lead these democratic neighbours...(and this) leadership and collaboration must span all tools at the disposal of US allies and partners, including security-focused cooperation”.

This is being carefully operationalised through the White House’s 2025 National Security Strategy (NSS), which mirrors, to a large degree, the US Under-Secretary of Defence for Policy, Elbridge Colby’s book The Strategy of Denial: American Defense in an Age of Great Power Conflict. The refocusing on South America for resource replenishing, pushing Europe to tackle Russia, sustained power projection into the Indo-Pacific and preventing China from hegemonic status in Asia are all core elements from the NSS. This is precisely why President Trump is reestablishing the Monroe (recast as the Donroe) doctrine. Given the Project2025.observer estimates that President Trump’s administration has already implemented about 50% of the proposal – made possible in part because over 50 senior officials in the Trump administration, including 70% of the cabinet, are aligned to organisations backing Project 2025 – progressive forces should have taken this document much more seriously.

This is especially because this document is the culmination and part of a larger “international ideological axis” that organisations like the Heritage Foundation and networks like the International Democratic Union, the Movement, National Conservatism Conference, Conservative Political Action Conference etc. have painstakingly created over years. Collectively, they have unleashed undemocratic upsurges against the liberal world order, as well as progressive values and parties in numerous nations including the USA, United Kingdom, India, Germany, France, Netherlands, Hungary etc. It is no coincidence that 91 countries representing 72% of the world’s population are classified as autocratic by the Varieties of Democracy Institute. Mapping the cartography of the global Right lies beyond the scope of this article. Nevertheless, Project 2025 serves as an illustration of how methodical the Right is in its planning, and how exacting it is in its execution. The successes of their plan is evident in not just political triumphs of populist-autocrats in numerous nations, it is also starkly visible in global operations like Operation Absolute Resolve in Venezuela, which represents a singularity, and not just because Trump declared himself the acting President of Venezuela on Truth Social. It marks the onset of a new Cold War, which like before, will be interspersed with smaller ‘hot-wars’ (borne out by President Trump’s threats to Mexico, Columbia, Greenland, Cuba and his plan to enhance The US’s military budget from \$901 billion this year to \$1.5 trillion next year. Given the Greenland toolkit is bound to be applied elsewhere, it is worth dissecting it. After Ukraine, Greenland is the first ‘Western’ nation under threat of attack, and has sparked predictable condemnations from the West – condemnation that were sadly not extended unilaterally for Palestine and Venezuela.

Why India Must Applaud - And Learn - From Carney's Davos Speech

In the frost-bitten landscape of Davos this week, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney delivered a speech that was less diplomatic routine and more clarion call. In essence, he outlined a manual for survival that resonated around the world. Addressing the World Economic Forum, Carney - a man who transitioned from the central banking boardrooms of London and Ottawa to the helm of a G7 nation - spoke of a rupture in the global system rather than a mere transition. He announced the death of the rules-based international order, warning that the grim reality where, in Thucydides' classic formulation, "the strong do what they can while the weak suffer what they must", is no longer a historical footnote, but our current lived experience. He was greeted with a standing ovation. Many leaders wished they had had the courage, or the nerve, to deliver a version of the same speech themselves. For an Indian audience, Carney's analysis should ring with a familiar, if unsettling, clarity. As we navigate 2026, the global architecture we once relied upon for trade and security, and served to define our place in the world, is being systematically dismantled by President Trump's great-power transactionalism. We need to be as honest with ourselves about the situation as Carney was in his speech. A Prescription For India, Too Carney's prescription for Canada - building strength at home, diversifying abroad, and forming issue-by-issue coalitions - offers a compelling mirror for India's own journey. Indeed, these are the very elements I have been stressing in my columns and speeches over the past year. However, for a subcontinental giant like India, the path forward requires a delicate balance between Carney's approach and our own aspirations: endorsing the middle-power solidarity Carney suggests while carving out a unique trajectory rooted in our own strategic autonomy. Carney's most potent observation was that nostalgia is not a strategy, urging nations to stop waiting for a return to the 1990s and to accept that economic integration is now being misused as a weapon. Whether through aggressive tariffs or the weaponisation of financial chokepoints, the era of trade as mutual benefit is being replaced by an ethos of coercion. India has long



sensed this shift. From our refusal to join the RCEP to our Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, New Delhi has proactively moved toward "de-risking" long before the term became a Brussels buzzword. We must endorse the Canadian call for clarity; we cannot live within the lie that global institutions like the World Trade Organization (WTO) or the UN Security Council will protect our interests in their current paralysed states. Resilience today is not about isolation, but about a sovereignty anchored in the ability to withstand external pressure. The Great 'Middle' This leads directly to the power of the "middle". One of the most actionable parts of the Carney Doctrine is the call for middle powers to band together, arguing that while hegemons can go it alone, everyone else is on the menu if they aren't at the table (a phrase I have used myself for two decades, but which has never seemed as apposite as now). India finds itself in a unique position here. While we often view ourselves as a leading power rather than a middle power, the tactical benefits of Carney's approach are immense. There is a

natural common cause to be made with nations like Canada, the UK, Japan, ASEAN and the EU (and maybe even Russia). For instance, Canada's massive investment in minerals and energy is a direct opportunity for India's electric vehicle and green-tech ambitions. By joining "buyers' clubs" with the G7 and Canada, India can secure supply chains that are currently choked by a single-source monopoly. Similarly, in the realms of AI and quantum computing, India and Japan can lead the way in creating open-source democratic standards, instead of being trapped under a digital iron curtain that seems to be falling between the US and China. Much like Canada's decision to join European defence procurement initiatives, India can deepen its Indo-European security ties with Germany and France, without giving up its first-mover advantage with Russia, to hedge against a potentially inward-looking United States. By collaborating with these powers, India avoids the vassalage of the re-emerging bipolar world. As a "multi-aligned" power, we aren't choosing a side, we are building a net-

work. A Table Of Our Own However, where Carney speaks for a nation of 40 million, New Delhi stands up for 1.4 billion. Our scale dictates that we cannot simply be a member of a middle-power bloc; we must be an anchor. There are significant areas where India must deviate from the Carney blueprint and follow its own path of strategic autonomy, most notably regarding our leadership of the Global South - who represent the Silenced Majority of the human race. While Carney focuses on values-based trade with the West, India's destiny is inextricably linked to the Global South. Our influence in Africa and Southeast Asia is not just about trade; it is about providing an alternative model of development that is neither Western-prescriptive nor Chinese-coercive. India must remain the bridge between the Davos elite and the developing world. Furthermore, we must navigate the Russia-China paradox with a level of pragmatism that middle powers in the West do not require. For Canada, Russia is a clear-cut adversary. For India, the relationship is nuanced by decades of defence history, diplomatic support and a pragmatic need for energy security. Our multi-alignment strategy - in this case, engaging with the Quad while maintaining our involvement with BRICS - is a necessity. And unlike Canada, which just signed a major agreement with China in Beijing, we have a long-disputed frontier with China, which Beijing periodically probes. Canada does not have Chinese troops nibbling away at its territory. Nonetheless, we must continue to resist the pressure to pick a side in conflicts that do not serve our immediate national interest. This external autonomy must be backed by domestic fortresses. Carney spoke of building strength at home through tax reform and inter-provincial trade, but India's task is more Herculean. Our fortress must be built on the rapid formalisation of our economy, the massive skilling of our youth, and the creation of a technological infrastructure and a manufacturing base that can serve as a global alternative to China. Our strategic autonomy is only as strong as our GDP growth. What 'Power' Now Means The world Carney describes is one of variable geometry - a messy, fragmented, but highly active international system.

India And Bangladesh: Are We Missing The Woods For The Trees?

Are national memories short, or selective, or both? What explains India and Bangladesh's recent political behaviour? Non-business visa services on both sides remain suspended. Bangladeshi cricketer Mustafizur Rahman signing up for the Pakistan Super League after being removed from the ICC following the Indian cricket board's directives would point to that. That this came soon after the Indian Foreign Minister's Dhaka visit to attend former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's funeral appears even more unpropitious. Bangladesh reacted predictably, with a request for shifting the IPL T20 series away from India, voicing a security threat for their players. India and Bangladesh seem to have forgotten the 1971 Liberation War they fought together. Bangladesh, for one, seem to definitely have moved on from the memories of rampage, genocide and the political injustice they faced at the hands of Pakistani leaders, which forced East Pakistan to seek an independent state away from Pakistan. The Growing Ties With Pak India and Bangladesh have been on a sticky wicket ever since Sheikh Hasina, India's trusted Bangladeshi leader, had to step down in face of popular protests in August 2024. Since then, Pakistan has made significant inroads into the country. In the recent past, they offered the use of Karachi



port when India banned import of a number of jute products and textile products through its land routes. Talks of buying Pakistani fighter jets are being heard. Dhaka and Karachi will soon have direct flights. Sheikh Hasina often referred to restoring the pre-1965 connectivity ties between India and Bangladesh; now, Islamabad is attempting to restore the erstwhile Bangladesh and Pakistani ties. The violence against minorities in Bangladesh is the latest trigger for India. The death of Bangladeshi youth leader Osman Sharif Hadi saw angry mobs attacking secular institutions, torching media houses and brutally attacking Hindus. His killing was an opportune moment for a particular section to push their agenda effectively. The initial inaction of the interim Mohammed Yunus government during this latest round of violence also

added to the escalation. Violence against Hindus is not new in Bangladesh. Can a political message from India deter such disruptive behaviour or ensure minorities' safety? In October 2001, Bangladesh saw the worst attack in a single day on the largest number of Hindus in a post-electoral win for the BNP. India immediately sent an emissary, and while the two countries did not enjoy strong political ties during those five years, the scale of violence against minorities certainly ebbed through quiet diplomacy. There exists a general understanding that post-2009, given the close association of minorities with the Awami League (AL) party, their lives seemed safer. Particularly, Hasina ensured that minorities were present within the police forces, and this mitigated fears for Hindus, especially in rural areas. Even so, according to one study, over 600 Hindus

have been leaving Bangladesh annually for over the last several decades, including during Hasina's rule. India's Political Message Given the present impasse that exists between the neighbours, can the hardening on both sides ensure the safety of minorities? Expecting the interim government - which seems to be in an exit mode now that the Jatiya Sangsad elections are only a few weeks away - to take strong security measures is a futile exercise. Declaring Bangladesh a non-family posting in anticipation of violence is a sharp political message. India securitising Bangladesh means feeding the hardliners on both sides. The section that desires to postpone elections and change the political landscape of the country to revoke plurality and democratic norms is finding a greater space in this sharp, distanced bilateral environment.

The Greenland 'Secret' Trump Doesn't Quite Like Talking About

At Davos, US President Donald Trump's remarks on Greenland were the most awaited. In the event, however, he backed off from the threat of force to get the largest island on earth. But the issue is far from over. That extremely fragile and incredibly beautiful region has always been under severe US threat, with Washington showing little regard for its people - or for its sovereignty, or for any of the things that matter, like the rapidly melting ice cap. In 1968, it was one of the first regions to experience a near nuclear disaster, as a nuclear-armed B-52 bomber crashed near the Thule Air Base, an incident that left plutonium-laced debris scattered across miles of Arctic sea ice. Ten years before that, a permanently insecure United States had positioned nuclear weapons there as a reaction to the Soviets. Declassified documents now show that Denmark knew that, but did nothing. Unsurprising, since Denmark itself was a colonizer, with interest in the mining resources there rather than the people. Now, it has all come back to bite. Greenland Matters To Us Here Here's the thing for all the rest of us. Greenland's health matters hugely. It is melting at its fastest rate in 12,000 years. That's an existential threat for the low-lying Maldives, for instance, which could disappear entirely as sea levels rise, or even for low-lying Bangladesh. It's another thing Dhaka, at least for now, is more concerned about burning up all political opposition. An Ugly



History Greenland was first inhabited by the Inuit, from Asia, and Vikings who farmed the area. The latter were eventually pushed out, till the Danish colonised the area together with a bunch of missionaries. The Inuit were forced out, with their women forcibly made to adopt intrauterine birth control measures at least till 1991. Then there was the mining for aluminium, all of which makes for some very repulsive reading. Greenland was made a full part of Denmark without consulting anyone in 1953, but transitioned to self-rule in 2009, which gives it control over everything except defence, foreign policy, and, oddly, judiciary. That means all laws have to go through a Danish once-over. It gets worse, with not just the accident-prone B-52 crash spewing radioactive waste, but the fact that Denmark probably knew about these nuclear overflights and still chose to go with diplomatic blindness. Also, in the background to the World War, the Danish Ambassador gave the US unlimited mili-

tary access to the island, which included stationing of nuclear weapons there for a brief period. In short, while Denmark refused nuclear weapons on its own territory, it was fine with them being placed in Greenland, with a wink and a nod. Everyone Has Wanted Greenland, Always Early US Presidents, from Eisenhower onwards, all briefly considered 'buying' Greenland, but did not, since they had total access anyway. This was after a treaty of April 1951, which, while confirming Danish sovereignty, delineated three "defense areas" for use by the United States, with additional areas subject to future negotiations " ...in accordance with NATO plans". Consistent with that broad guidance, the US would be free to operate its bases as it saw fit, including the movement of "supplies" and with no restrictions on its access to airspace over Greenland. Meanwhile, the US got a permanent Space base at Thule - now known as Pituffik - which, according to reports,

is being rapidly overhauled, including the runway and associated infrastructure. That includes Early Warnings over near-Earth space as well, with base officials claiming they can find a softball-sized metal from 3,000 miles away. But again, that capability is already there. Trump doesn't need to grab Greenland to sustain it. Denmark would hardly object. The Threat From Russia And China So the big question: why does Trump, who has demand-based access to almost all of Greenland, want to do a land grab? The major reason - apparently - is that the Arctic has opened up due to rapid global warming. That means not just Russian but even Chinese ships making their way through the Northwest passage via Alaska into the Atlantic. Or so it is feared. In September last year, two of those ubiquitous Chinese "research vessels" entered the Extended continental shelf of the US through this route, leading the US Coast Guard to react together with an air component.

Fight Will Continue Till MGNREGA Is Restored: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday strongly criticised the Governor, alleging violation of constitutional provisions by not reading the Cabinet-approved address during the first joint session of the Legislature this year. He said the move amounted to an insult to the Assembly of people's representatives and was aimed at shielding the Centre's "mistake" of repealing the MGNREGA Act.

Speaking to the media at Vidhana Soudha, the Chief Minister said Articles 176 and 163 of the Constitution clearly



mandate that the Governor must read the speech prepared by the State Cabinet during the first joint session of the year or when a new government is

formed. "Reading any other speech is unconstitutional and against established democratic practice," he said.Siddaramaiah said the State Government is

firmly opposed to the Centre's decision to repeal the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and replace it with the new 'VBJ Ram Ji – Developed India Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural)' Act. He pointed out that MGNREGA guaranteed the right to work for at least 100 days a year, benefiting Dalits, women, workers and small farmers.He alleged that the new Act offers no assured employment, removes the role of Gram Sabhas and Panchayats, and centralises decision-making.

"Earlier, work could be provided throughout the year and even on farmers' own land. That right has now been taken away," he said.

Accusing the opposition of deliberately justifying the new Act, Siddaramaiah said the State Government and ruling party have decided to continue the struggle until MGNREGA is restored, similar to the withdrawal of anti-farmer laws in the past. He added that legal options, including approaching the Supreme Court, would be discussed after legislative deliberations.

LANXESS remains at the forefront of sustainability



Bangaluru : Climate protection initiative CDP has once again included LANXESS in its "A List" for climate

protection – for the seventh time in a row. With an "A" rating, the specialty chemicals company ranks among the top 4 percent of more than 22,100 companies assessed worldwide.CDP gave particularly positive ratings in the areas of business strategy, targets, emissions reduction and climate-friendly products, governance and value chain.

The CDP experts award "A" ratings to companies that disclose their climate protection measures in a particularly transparent manner and implement their plans reliably. Among other things, verifiable strategies, science-based targets and a current climate protection plan are rewarded.

Hexagon India unveils ATS800 Metrology Solution to India Market at IMTEX Forming 2026



Bengaluru : Hexagon, the global leader in measurement technologies, announced the India market launch of its advanced metrology solution, the ATS800, at IMTEX Forming 2026, one of India's premier manufacturing and machine tool exhibitions. While the solution has been introduced globally earlier, IMTEX Forming 2026 marks its official introduction to Indian manufacturing market. The launch

and inauguration ceremony was attended by Mr. Pramod Kaushik, President, Hexagon India; Mr. Manoj Sharma, Director - Marketing and Sales Excellence, Hexagon India, along with other Hexagon leaders and eminent guests.

The event is underway until 25 January 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, where Hexagon India is showcasing the solution at

Hall 3A, Booth A126.

The ATS800 is a next-generation laser tracking metrology solution that combines high-accuracy direct scanning and reflector tracking into a single portable system. It enables manufacturers to measure complex surfaces, fine features, and large structures from distances of up to 40 metres, enhancing precision, productivity, and workflow efficiency.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Pramod Kaushik, President, Hexagon India, said, "The introduction of ATS800 in India reflects Hexagon's continued commitment to supporting the country's manufacturing transformation. As manufacturers move towards higher precision, larger assemblies, and digital quality workflows, the ATS800 offers a flexible and scalable metrology solution that helps improve accuracy, productivity, and operational confidence."

Congress Government Disrespects Governor and Constitution; Presenting Speech Symbolically is Not New, This is a Black Day: Opposition Leader R. Ashoka Expresses Outrage

Bengaluru : Opposition Leader R. Ashoka, expressing his outrage that The Congress government has turned the day of the special session into a black day by showing disrespect to the Governor and insulting the Constitution.

Speaking to reporters after the House session, he said that the Congress government has made the session day a black day. The Governor acts as a bridge between the state and central governments. Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot presented the speech symbolically and left after thanking. Previously, Hansraj Bhardwaj had done the same. There is nothing wrong with this. According to the Constitution, there is an opportunity to come to the House, present a symbolic speech, and express thanks. However, Congress legislators acted like goons, pushed the Governor, and attacked him. It is truly shameful and condemnable that senior House members and Law Minister H.K.



Patil himself have set a precedent for this bad tradition. Law Minister H.K. Patil does not deserve to continue in that position even for a moment, he said.In the 27th clause on page 13 of the House rules book, it is mentioned about the procedures to be followed during the Governor's speech. It states that no member should interrupt while he is speaking. If done so, it should be considered a serious violation. Therefore, Speaker U.T. Khader should punish the errant members and expel them from the House. The Governor has maintained his dignity and has never

shown disrespect to the House. Previously, he has signed all bills. The Congress government is trying to turn Raj Bhavan into a party office, he alleged.

The Governor administered the oath to the CM and ministers. Congress leaders have gheraoed such a Governor. To please Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, Congress members have acted this way and insulted the Constitution. These people who insulted Baba Saheb Ambedkar have now insulted the entire House. The Supreme Court has already said that it will not interfere in matters related to the Governor, he said.

Letter to Speaker Opposition Leader R. Ashoka has demanded through a letter to Speaker U.T. Khader that disciplinary action be taken against the members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council who showed disrespect when the Governor was leaving the House. He has tweeted about this.

The Governor who has defamed the Constitution should take moral responsibility and resign and step down: S Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S Manohar has demanded that the Governor should immediately take moral responsibility and resign and step down.The Governor's actions, which have defamed the Constitution, have created a constitutional crisis in Karnataka today. Speaking after participating in a protest organized by the Congress Party against the Central Government and the Governor with slogans of "Go Back, Go Back Governor, Go Back", he urged the Central Government to recall Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, who has behaved like a BJP agent by defying democracy and insulting Article 176 of the Constitution by not reading it in the Legislative Assembly.

This scheme, which was implemented in the name of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who sacrificed his life for the country, was providing employment to crores of people in the country today. The unemployed BJP government has said that it will condemn the cowardice of the central government for stopping this scheme and increasing unemployment and stopping the scheme in the name of Mahatma Gandhi and abandoning the Mahatma Gandhi scheme in the name of VB Ramji.

Today, followers of Mahatma Gandhi are condemning the move of the BJP in the entire country. The BJP can only erase Mahatma Gandhi's ideas. But he warned that these cowards of the BJP cannot erase his path of non-violence and sacrifice. He said that the Central Congress government had earlier brought the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme, which provided daily work to farmers and the unemployed, and this scheme was helpful in developing local villages and urban areas. Congress party leaders A. Anand, Chandrashekhhar, Kushal Puttaraj, Sai Naveen Sunkadakatte, Naveen Umesh, Sanjay Sashimath and Congress party workers participated in this protest.

Congress holds MGNREGA workers' national convention

LONG-DRAWN FIGHT TILL MGNREGA ISN'T RESTORED AS IT IS: KHARGE

NEW DELHI : Leading from the front for the restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Congress resolved to fight to the finish until the scheme is restored in its original form, in letter and spirit. The party held a national convention of the MGNREGA workers at Jawahar Bhawan, which was organised by the 'Rachmatmak Congress' headed by Sandeep Dikshit. Around 300-400 MGNREGA workers and activists from 20-25 states took part in the convention.Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi assured the MGNREGA workers that the party will fight for their rights and ensure that the rights-based scheme is restored in letter and spirit. Speaking on the occasion, Kharge said the fight to get MGNREGA restored is a long-drawn one. He said the rights-based law will not be restored through dharnas and demonstrations alone, but will need a consistent and long-term struggle. He said the Modi government has not just dismantled a scheme that helped the poor and the Dalits, but has carried out a conspiracy that attacks the very concept of 'gram swaraj'. The Congress president said the BJP was the first party to have scrapped a scheme like MGNREGA, which was named after the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that the scrapping of MGNREGA amounted to an attack on the Constitution of the country, the same way the Modi government had attacked it by bringing in three black farm laws, demonetisation and the flawed implementation of the GST.



“The Sacred Bond: Valavaara’s Ode to the Cow”

Bengaluru: There are few stories that manage to connect innocence, nature, and culture as beautifully as Valavaara does. At the heart of this Kannada feature lies a tender bond between a young boy and a cow — one that goes beyond pet and owner. It is about emotion, trust, and belonging. Director Sutan Gowda brings to screen a world that feels achingly real, set in the scenic landscape of Sakleshpura. Through the cow's presence, the film explores the idea of purity — both of nature and of human emotion.

The cow, a revered and gentle being in Indian culture, becomes a mirror for the boy's growth and conscience. As their bond deepens, Valavaara gently reminds us that compassion and empathy are the



true measures of humanity. With soul-stirring music by Kadri Manikanth and stun ning visuals by Balaraj Gowda, the film turns every simple moment into something profound. In times when technology often overshadows tenderness, Valavaara stands tall as a reminder of what really makes us human — love that expects nothing in return.

Misuse of the Governor’s office to criticise the Central Government – Vijayendra’s strong criticism

Bengaluru: BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra has demanded that the Congress government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should allow the joint session of both Houses of the Legislature to function under healthy democratic principles and a positive federal structure, without inserting content in the Hon'ble Governor's address that is directed against the Central Government.

He clarified that there is no opposition to the Hon'ble Governor delivering the address. However, the Governor has rightly objected to the State Government spreading false and misleading information and using it to carry out propaganda against the Central Government among the general public.

Vijayendra pointed out that the State Government has been continuously indulging in propaganda against Central Government schemes. It is unfortunate that even the Hon'ble Governor, who holds a constitutional post, is being used for such propaganda, and he termed this as unconstitutional.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Governor's stand that he would not read out statements that could harm the unity and

integrity of the nation, Vijayendra said the government's conduct in this regard is condemnable. He alleged that for the Congress government, politics of hatred is more important than public development, and expressed hope that at least after the Governor's decision, the Congress government would correct its approach.

He said that a party which claims to strongly advocate federalism is, in Karnataka, misusing the Legislative Assembly merely because it is in power, and using it as a platform to vent hatred against the Central Government. This, he said, is nothing but an assault on democracy.

Vijayendra accused the Congress government, which claims to uphold the Constitution and federal structure, of continuously spewing venom against the Central Government and betraying the people of the state. He alleged that the government has repeatedly violated the Constitution and federal principles. Over the past 32 months, instead of safeguarding the interests of the people, the Congress government has repeatedly passed resolutions in the Legislature against the NDA government at the Centre,

conspiring to weaken the federal system. He further stated that during eight legislative sessions, the Congress government has passed five resolutions against the Central Government on five occasions, misusing the majority mandate given by the people. Under the pretext of guarantee schemes, the state's development has been sidelined, the government's financial capacity has deteriorated, and there are signs that the state treasury could face bankruptcy at any moment. To hide this, the government is making false allegations against the Central Government and sowing hatred among the people of the state. He criticised the move to convene a special legislative session for discussion on the V.B.G. Ramji scheme, alleging it is another attempt to raise an outcry against the Central Government. Vijayendra reminded that while the Congress may have won a majority in the last Assembly elections, it should not forget that in the subsequent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP-led NDA alliance won 19 seats in Karnataka. He asserted that having a majority does not give the Congress the license to run the state arbitrarily, and said the party must understand this clearly.

GTTC Partners with Australian Social Enterprise to Boost Global Career Opportunities for Locals

Bengaluru : The state-run Government Tool & Training Centre (GTTC) signed an agreement with Workinitiatives, a leading Australian social enterprise, to address Australia's critical skills shortages and create global career pathways for Karnataka's skilled workforce.This partnership will connect Karnataka's professionals, tradespeople and community workers with Australian employers, focusing on sectors like construction, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and technology. This partnership leverages Workinitiatives' innovative technology to connect job seekers, employers and govern-



ment bodies.The MoU was signed by Siddalingappa Pujari, GTTC MD GTTC and Chris Carman, founder and CEO of Workinitiatives in the presence of the Skill Development & Medical Education Minister Dr Shanaraprakash R Patil here at Vikasa Soudha on Thursday.According to

Carman, Australia faces significant shortages in some of the industry sectors including construction trades (over 100,000), healthcare and aged care (over 400,000), cybersecurity, AI and software development. "We're impressed with the Karnataka's proactive approach.

Ministers signal confidence of retaining power in House replies



CHENNAI: While responding to questions raised by members on constituency-related demands, Ministers on Thursday coupled their replies with predictions about the outcome of the

forthcoming Assembly elections. Kumbakonam MLA G Anbalagan raised a question on whether a shed would be set up for temple cars in his constituency. Replying to the query,

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Minister PK Sekarbabu referred to the world-famous Mahamaham festival, which is held once every 12 years and is sched-

uled to take place in 2028. Veiling a reference to the upcoming elections, he said that when the ritual event is held, their leader would continue as Chief Minister.

In another instance, Minister for Public Works EV Velu directly linked his reply to an election prediction while responding to a question raised by CPM legislator M Chinnadurai (Gandarovakottai).

The Minister said that a government guest house would be constructed in the Member's constituency during the 2026-27 financial year, adding that the government would ensure the project is completed next year. He said the member should be confident and the government would construct the guest house.

Special trains between Chennai Egmore and Kanniyaakumari

CHENNAI: Southern Railway has announced special trains between Chennai Egmore and Kanniyaakumari to clear extra rush of passengers during Republic day. Train No 06135 Chennai Egmore - Kanniyaakumari superfast special will leave Chennai Egmore at 11.45 pm on January 23 (Friday) and reach Kanniyaakumari at 01.00 pm, the next day (one service). In return direction Train No 06136 Kanniyaakumari - Chennai Beach Superfast special will leave Kanniyaakumari at 09.35 pm on January 26 (Monday) and reach Chennai Beach at 10.15 am, the next day (one service). The train will have stoppages at Tambaram, Chengalpattu and Villupuram. Coach composition will be of 18 AC three tier coaches, and two luggage cum brake van. Advance Reservation for Train No 06135 is open and for Train No 06136 will open shortly, added the release.

Thoothukudi: Farmers outburst over crops damaged by white frost



THOOTHUKUDI: Farmers in the Kovilpatti division of Thoothukudi district are distressed after chilli and coriander crops were damaged by severe white frost on January 21, according to a report by Daily Thanthi.

Early-morning frost has led to blight and leaf spot diseases in chilli plants, causing them to wilt. Coriander crops, now in the

flowering stage, have also been affected by fungal infections triggered by the frost, farmers said.

Though onions, chillies and coriander are usually grown only in irrigated areas, farmers in the Kovilpatti division cultivate these crops in rain-fed lands as well. The soil found in Kovilpatti, Pudur, Vilathikulam and

Ettagapuram, which is rich in iron and calcium, supports such cultivation. Produce from the region is known for its taste and resistance to disease, and farmers sow chilli seeds at a rate of seven measures per acre.

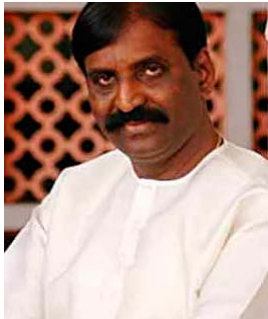
Last year, Margazhi rains (December-January) provided much-needed moisture for chilli, as well as for later-sown coriander and sunflower crops. This year, however, the absence of rain during the period has added to farmers' worries. Across rain-fed areas of the Kovilpatti division, including Kovilpatti, Ettagapuram, Kazhugumalai, Kayathar, Ottapidaram, Vilathikulam and Pudur, farmers had raised black gram, green gram, maize, small onions, chillies and coriander on around 30,000 acres.

Tirupur: Woman hurls footwear at lyricist Vairamuthu

TIRUPUR: A brief commotion broke out on Thursday after a slipper was hurled at poet Vairamuthu while he was attending a literary event in Tiruppur, said a report by Maalai Malar.

The incident occurred during the inaugural function of the Kongu Kalai Literary Cultural Forum, held at the District Collector's Office, where Vairamuthu had arrived as a guest.

As the programme was underway, a slipper was suddenly thrown towards the poet, causing confusion among those present. The slipper missed Vairamuthu and landed amid the audience.



Police later identified that a woman participating in the gathering had thrown it.

According to preliminary information, the woman is reportedly suffering from mental health issues. Police have taken up an investigation to ascertain the circumstances leading to the incident.

Thiruvananthapuram-Tambaram among 3 new Amrit Bharat Express trains linking TN



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CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu will soon have seven Amrit Bharat Express trains with the addition of three more trains that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is flagging off on Friday (January 23).

Of them, one will be operated on the high-demand stretch between Thiruvananthapuram and Tambaram, while the other two link the southern part of Tamil Nadu to neighbouring states - Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

Train No 16122/16121 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express, which Prime Minister Modi will flag off at 10.45 am from Thiruvananthapuram, will connect major destinations in

A delicate balance of prevention and early intervention can prevent cardiovascular disease



New Delhi, May 6 (IANSLife): Cardiovascular disease continues to be a major global health concern, with heart attacks and strokes ranking as leading causes of death worldwide. However, these conditions are not inevitable. Individuals can take proactive steps toward safeguarding their heart health with conscious lifestyle adjustments and medical interventions. Dr. Niranjan Hiremath, Senior Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, "Heart health is a delicate balance of prevention and early intervention. Small, consistent lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk over time."

Checkout the 12 essential heart health tips by Dr. Hiremath:

Adopt a balanced diet: A healthy diet is fundamental to maintaining a healthy heart. Aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid saturated fats, trans fats, and excessive sugars, which can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol, and other cardiovascular risks.

Exercise regularly: Regular physical activity is vital for a healthy heart. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming can boost cardiovascular fitness, strengthen the heart muscle, and improve circulation. Even light activities like gardening or taking the stairs can contribute to heart health by burning calories and reducing chole-

sterol levels. Manage stress effectively: Chronic stress has been shown to contribute to heart disease by raising blood pressure, causing unhealthy behaviours like overeating or smoking, and increasing inflammation in the body. Developing stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or yoga can help to relax the mind and body. Engaging in hobbies or activities that bring joy, such as reading, painting, or spending time in nature, can also help mitigate stress levels.

Monitor your blood pressure: High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often called a "silent killer" because it may not present symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regularly monitoring blood pressure at home or with a healthcare professional can help identify any issues early on. If necessary, medications and lifestyle changes such as a low-sodium diet, regular exercise, and stress management can help maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Get regular check-ups: Routine medical check-ups are essential for catching potential heart issues early. Regular cholesterol screenings, ECGs, and other tests can help monitor cardiovascular health and identify issues before they escalate. Early detection allows for timely intervention, reducing the risk of more severe complications.

Quit smoking: Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, damaging blood vessels, raising blood pressure, and contributing to atherosclerosis. Quitting smoking is one of the most effective

steps one can take to improve heart health. Seek support from smoking cessation programs, counselling, or medication to aid in breaking the habit.

Limit alcohol consumption: Excessive alcohol consumption can raise blood pressure, increase triglyceride levels, and contribute to heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. Opting for non-alcoholic beverages, moderating consumption, or seeking support from health professionals can help reduce alcohol-related cardiovascular risks.

Maintain a healthy weight: Obesity is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular exercise can significantly reduce these risks. For sustainable weight management, avoid crash diets and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or nutritionists to develop a plan tailored to your needs.

Sleep well: Lack of sleep has been linked to various health issues, including heart disease. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep per night. Developing a consistent sleep routine, avoiding electronic devices before bed, and creating a relaxing bedtime environment can help improve sleep quality.

Stay hydrated: Dehydration can thicken the blood, increasing the risk of blood clots and heart strain. Ensure adequate hydration throughout the day, especially in hot weather or during exercise. The recommended daily intake varies depending on individual needs, but generally, adults should aim for 8-10 cups of water per day. Proper hydration helps maintain cardiovascular function and overall health.

Control cholesterol levels: High cholesterol contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regular cholesterol screenings can help monitor levels and catch any issues early. A diet rich in fiber and low in saturated fats, alongside regular exercise and medication, if necessary, can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels. Consult your healthcare professional for personalized advice on managing cholesterol.

Manage diabetes: Diabetes can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease by damaging blood vessels and nerves. Managing diabetes through diet, exercise, and medication can help reduce these risks. Regular monitoring of blood sugar levels and consulting a healthcare professional for comprehensive diabetes management is crucial for overall health. Taking proactive steps to care for your heart can drastically reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Niranjan Hiremath reiterates, "Preventive measures and lifestyle modifications play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy heart. It's important to take charge of your health before it takes charge of you."

“Indian Youth Have Global Startup Opportunities,” Says Dr. Harshavardhan Reddy NB at S.A. Engineering College Workshop



Chennai: “Indian youth have global startup opportunities,” stated Dr. Harshavardhan Reddy NB, CEO - HVR Training & Consulting Services, while addressing students during the Two-Day Workshop on “Entrepreneurship and Startup Ecosystems in a Tech Era” held at S.A. Engineering College on 21st and 22nd January 2026.

The workshop was organized by the Departments of MCA and MBA, in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC). During his session, Dr Reddy highlighted the growing scope for Indian youth in global markets and discussed opportunities available in the current startup ecosystem. He covered key aspects such as idea generation, self-assessment for entrepre-

neurship, real-world success stories, and conducted interactive activities that enabled students to practically experience entrepreneurial thinking.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Chief Patrons - Dr. S. Salivahanan (Advisor) and Dr. S. Ramachandran (Principal), with coordination by Dr. V. Sujatha (Professor & Head - MCA), Dr. V. Rohini (Director - MBA), and Dr. Nalla Bala Kalyan (Professor & EDC-Coordinator).

The workshop witnessed active participation from around 100 MCA and MBA students and aimed to strengthen their entrepreneurial mindset, innovation capabilities, and readiness to explore startup ventures in a technology-driven era.

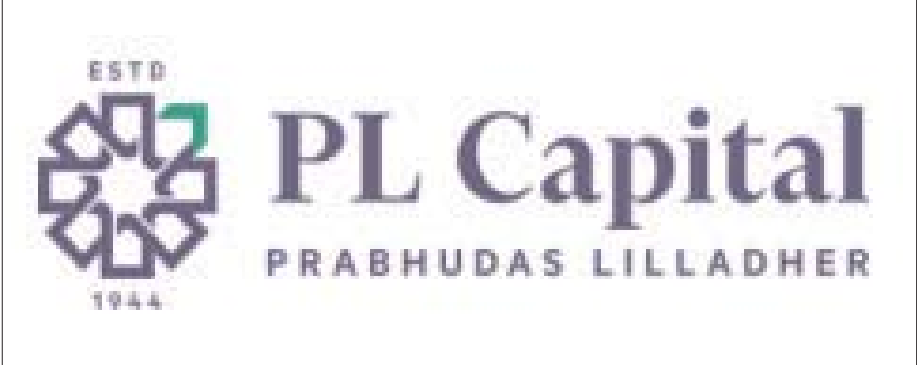
Anti-acidity medications linked to a high risk of migraine, says expert

New Delhi, May 6 (TSIT): Taking acid reflux medications may raise the risk of migraines in individuals already suffering from the debilitating headache, according to a top neurologist. Dr Sudhir Kumar from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said this, citing a recent study published in the journal Neurology Clinical Practice. Led by researchers from the University of Maryland in the US, the study showed that acid-reducing drugs, including proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as omeprazole and esome-

prazole, histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2RAs), H2 blockers such as cimetidine and famotidine, and antacid supplements, are linked to a higher risk of migraines and other severe headaches than people who do not take these medications. “In people who are suffering from migraines or other severe headaches, and are taking PPIs or H2RAs for treating gastrointestinal symptoms, it may be worthwhile stopping these medicines to see if their headaches reduce,” the doctor wrote in a post on X.

Revises 12-month NIFTY target to 28,814, down from 29,094

Mumbai January 2026: According to PL Capital's India Strategy Report, Indian equity markets have turned largely range-bound after giving up most of their recent gains, amid rising global geopolitical risks and persistent tariff-related uncertainties with the US. However, domestic demand indicators and macro fundamentals continue to show resilience, supported by policy-led tailwinds. It notes that NIFTY has shed most gains made in past couple of months and has been largely flattish. Global geopolitics is redrawing global power and business equations leading to significant increase in business uncertainty. In addition India's sustained tariff row with the USA is disturbing the market momentum. However, domestic demand outlook and macro indicators still continues to show sustained traction in 3Q and beyond as benefits of cut in interest rates, GST rationalization, income tax cuts, low inflation have started to show in improved consumer sentiments and demand. Mr. Amnish Aggarwal, Co-Head Institutional Equities, PL Capital said "We expect economic momentum to be sustained as the benefits of strong tailwinds—arising



from income tax rate cuts, a cumulative 125 bps cut in the repo rate, normal monsoons, decade-low inflation, and GST rate rationalisation—carry forward into next year. As the 2027 Budget approaches, the focus is likely to shift towards structural economic reforms, with limited room for major tax concessions following last year's significant increase in tax slabs and GST rate cuts." Accordingly, PL Capital has revised NIFTY earnings estimates marginally, with FY26/27/28 EPS adjusted by -2.6%, -2.4% and +1.0%, respectively. Despite near-term caution, NIFTY EPS is projected to grow at a 14.8% CAGR over FY26-28. The brokerage values the NIFTY at a 3% discount to its 15-year average P/E, arriving at a 12-month target of 28,814, down from 29,094 earlier. However, PL Capital remains

cautious in the near term and expects large caps to continue to outperform, having delivered returns of 16-17% over the past 12 months. It expects domestically oriented sectors such as banks, NBFCs, autos, select staples, jewellery, defence, select durables and metals to outperform over the near to medium term. PL Capital notes that 3Q26 has shown a mixed demand scenario. Auto demand has been robust as GST rationalization has boosted demand across segments of 2W, PV, CV and tractors. Jewellery demand has been robust with 30-40% industry sales growth despite 65% higher gold prices YoY. Consumer Durables have seen tepid response after GST rationalization so far while apparel and footwear have been mixed. Travel demand has been decent, sans some impact of Indigo Airlines

flight issues in Dec25. Consumer Staples has seen gradual pickup in demand post inventory rationalization got over by mid-November. Rural demand remains steady and is growing ahead of urban demand, urban sentiment has shown steady improvement in the past few months with hopes of further pick up in coming months. Accordingly, PL Capital estimate a growth of 8.2% in sales, 12.8% in EBIDTA and 12.2% in PBT for its coverage universe. Ex oil & Gas, it estimates 12.6% growth in EBIDTA and 11% in PBT. Budget 2026-27 – Focus likely on Infra and structural reforms Union Budget FY26-27 arrives amidst increasing global geopolitical uncertainty and chaos, tariff tiff with the USA and India retaining its tag of fastest growing large econo-

my with 4th Rank in GDP. FY26 has seen multiple positives which include 1) multi-year low inflation 2) cut in interest rates by 125bps 3) cut in income tax rates 4) GST rates rationalization and 5) normal monsoons. These initiatives have resulted in strong GDP growth (FY26 estimates at 7-7.3%) despite punitive US tariffs and geopolitical uncertainty. PL Capital expect structural reforms to continue in budget, however any big bang announcements post tax cuts and GST rationalization of last year look unlikely. Reviving the "Animal Spirit", GDP growth estimated at 6.5-6.8% in FY26: India's GDP growth is projected to slow to 6.4% in FY25, its weakest in four years, driven by subdued private investment, manufacturing deceleration, and global economic headwinds. However, the economy is expected to see a recovery in FY26 at 6.5%-6.8%, supported by government spending, monetary policy easing and improved consumer demand. Direct tax rationalization is unlikely: With last year's big tax adjustment in personal income tax rates, we don't expect any meaningful changes in tax slabs in the current budget.

Bezos' Blue Origin announces satellite rival to Musk's Starlink

Blue Origin, the rocket company owned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, says it will launch more than 5,400 satellites to create a new communications network. Named TeraWave, it will offer continuous internet access around the world, with the ability to move large amounts of data much more quickly than rival services. But even after launching thousands of satellites, Blue Origin would still have far fewer in orbit than Elon Musk's Starlink, which currently dominates the satellite internet market. Starlink - part of Musk's rocket firm SpaceX - also offers internet and phone services to individual customers, while Blue Origin says TeraWave will be focused on data centres, businesses and governments. Blue Origin said its network, at its fastest, would allow upload and download speeds of as much as 6 terabits per second, much faster than rival commercial satellite services currently offer. Another competitor to TeraWave is Amazon, the technology giant that made Bezos a multi-billionaire. He is still Amazon's executive chairman after stepping down in 2021 as its chief

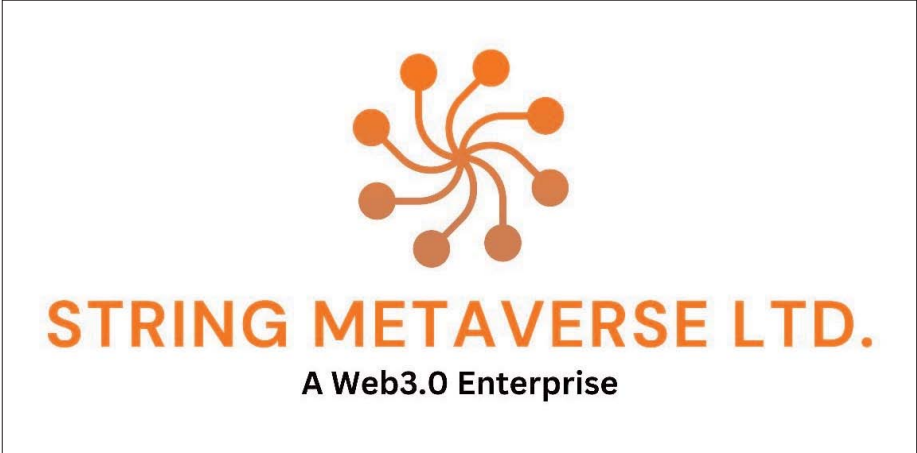


executive. Amazon's satellite venture is called Leo. While it currently has around 180 satellites in orbit, having launched dozens more just last week, it plans to have more than 3,000 in orbit. Like Starlink, Amazon is also more focused on the general public than businesses and governments, pitching Leo as a way to offer high-speed internet access globally. It has not said when all of the Leo satellites will be in orbit. Blue Origin said it will start launching its TeraWave satellites by the

end of 2027. In November, the company successfully landed a rocket booster on a floating platform for the first time. Only SpaceX had previously accomplished this feat. In April, Blue Origin launched an 11-minute space flight with an all-female crew, including Bezos' now-wife Lauren Sánchez, singer Katie Perry and CBS presenter Gayle King. But some commentators said it was "tone deaf" for celebrities to be taking part in such a fleeting and expensive trip at a time of economic struggle.

STRING METAVERSE REVENUE, PROFIT JUMP NEARLY THREEFOLD

HYDERABAD, India, 22nd January, 2026 — String Metaverse reports 9-month revenue of 711.13 crore rupees, PAT at 67.82 crore String Metaverse Ltd (BSE: META) on Tuesday reported a sharp rise in revenue and profit for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 2025, supported by higher transaction volumes and the expansion of its digital asset and financial market infrastructure businesses. The company's revenue for the nine-month period FY26 rose to ₹711.13 crores from ₹254.16 crore a year earlier, while profit after tax increased to ₹67.82 crore from ₹22.34 crore. For the third quarter FY 26, revenue climbed to ₹278.79 crore from ₹116.25 crore a year earlier, and profit after tax rose to ₹27.89 crore from ₹10.21 crore. String Metaverse said the performance was driven by rising activity across its blockchain-based infrastructure platforms and higher usage of its transaction, liquidity and set-



tlement systems. The company said it is expanding its Tokenization as a Service platform, positioning itself as a provider of financial market infrastructure as global markets increasingly move toward real-time settlement. The platform is designed to support continuous trading, instant transaction finality and programmable ownership, enabling markets to operate beyond traditional trading hours. During the quarter, the company processed \$8.93 million in

on-chain trading volume for tokenized U.S. equities and exchange-traded funds on the Solana blockchain, using the Raydium decentralized exchange under its CoinX-IDLE framework. The activity covered tokenized exposure to major U.S. blue-chip stocks and ETFs including Tesla, Nvidia, Alphabet, MicroStrategy, Coinbase, Circle, Robinhood, gold-linked products, the Nasdaq-100 and the S&P 500, the company said. String Metaverse said its

revenue model focuses on transaction flow rather than market volatility, generating income through settlement services, liquidity provisioning and infrastructure usage. "We don't monetize volatility. We monetize order flow," said Ganesh Meenavalli, Managing Director of String Metaverse. The company said it serves a global user base of more than 5 million users and plans to continue investing in blockchain nodes and computing capacity.

Widespread Steroid Use Emerging as a Key Trigger for Secondary Glaucoma, Say Doctors

January 2026: Doctors across India are raising concern over the widespread and often unsupervised use of steroids, warning that it is emerging as a major trigger for secondary glaucoma, a sight-threatening condition that can lead to irreversible blindness. Steroids commonly used for allergies, skin conditions, respiratory illnesses, and even as over-the-counter eye drops can significantly raise eye pressure when used for prolonged periods, often without patients realizing the long-term damage being caused to the optic nerve. India is already home to an estimated 12-13 million people living with glaucoma, accounting for nearly one-sixth of the global burden. Globally, glaucoma affects around 75-80 million individuals, a number expected to rise beyond 110 million by 2040. Despite being the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide, glaucoma remains vastly underdiagnosed in India. A particularly alarming concern is that



85-90% of glaucoma cases in the country remain undiagnosed. The disease progresses silently, and by the time symptoms become evident, irreversible optic nerve damage has often already occurred. Late diagnosis results in avoidable vision loss, reduced quality of life, and significant socioeconomic impact. "We are seeing a noticeable rise in steroid-induced glaucoma, particularly in patients who use steroid medications or eye drops without medical supervision," said Dr. KKS Chakravarthy, Head –

Clinical Services, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, Vijayawada. "What makes this dangerous is that patients feel symptom-free initially, while eye pressure continues to rise silently, causing permanent damage", he adds. Over the past two to three years, doctors have reported a notable rise in diagnosed glaucoma cases, driven by an ageing population, a higher prevalence of diabetes and myopia, advancements in diagnostic technologies, and improved public awareness. However, experts cau-

tion that a growing proportion of cases are linked to secondary glaucoma caused by prolonged or unsupervised steroid use—an avoidable risk factor if identified and addressed early through timely screening and medical guidance. Glaucoma is most commonly diagnosed in individuals above 40 years of age, with incidence peaking between 50 and 70 years. That said, clinicians are increasingly detecting juvenile and early-onset glaucoma, particularly among individuals with a family history of the disease or secondary triggers. Primary open-angle glaucoma continues to be the most prevalent form, followed by primary angle-closure disease, while steroid-induced glaucoma and pseudoexfoliation glaucoma are also frequently observed in clinical practice. "Many patients don't recognize early signs like peripheral vision loss, frequent changes in glasses, or seeing halos. Since central vision is often unaffected at first,

HCLTech and Carahsoft Partner to Accelerate Digital Transformation for the U.S. Public Sector

Jan 2026 — HCLTech, a leading global technology company, and Carahsoft Technology Corp., The Trusted Government IT Solutions Provider®, today announced a partnership to accelerate digital transformation in the Public Sector. Under the agreement, Carahsoft will serve as HCLTech's Public Sector distributor, providing the Federal, State, Local and Education agencies in the U.S. with advanced mission-driven technology solutions through Carahsoft's reseller partners and National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint, OMNIA Partners, E&I Cooperative Services Contract and The Quilt contracts. HCLTech established a dedicated Public Sector Solutions subsidiary that provides AI-driven platforms, cloud native modernization

services, cybersecurity offerings and constituent-focused services for Government agencies. Carahsoft contributes expertise in Public Sector contracting and sales and marketing and supports a broad network of reseller partners. Together, the companies will deliver integrated solutions and amplify access to HCLTech's capabilities for clients in the Government and education sectors. "Our goal through this partnership is to make HCLTech's AI Force accessible to the Public Sector and to ensure deployment at the speed and scale agencies require to enhance constituent services, strengthen cybersecurity posture and improve operational efficiency," said Michael Shrader, Vice President of Intelligence and Innovative Solutions at Carahsoft. "This collabora-

tion is focused on delivering measurable outcomes that support mission success, and Carahsoft and our reseller partners look forward to continuing to work with HCLTech." "Public sector organizations face ever-increasing demands, such as enhancing constituent services, accelerating mission delivery, securing sensitive data and leveraging emerging technologies, including GenAI," said Arjun Sethi, Chief Growth Officer and President of HCLTech Public Sector Solutions. "Our partnership with Carahsoft marks an important step to drive IT efficiencies and modernize technology platforms across the Public Sector. Together we bring a unique blend of trusted engineering, deep domain insight and channel enablement to help agencies achieve lasting outcomes."

Kenvue Strengthens Its Hydration Portfolio in India with ORSL TM and eRZL TM Offering Complete Hydration

22 January 2026— Kenvue today announced a dual brand strategy with two brands—ORSL TM and eRZL TM [2] for complete hydration. This move solidifies the company's leadership in India's hydration category by offering innovative solutions to address both diarrheal and everyday hydration, as dehydration emerges as an important public health concern. With its "Double Power for Complete Hydration" brand strategy, the company is set to provide consumers two scientifically backed hydration brands-ORSLTM and eRZLTM. ORSLTM: ORSLTM will now become the brand name of the company's ORS portfolio based on World Health Organization (W.H.O) formula to address diarrhoeal dehydration. It is available in Ready-to-Drink and Powder formats. eRZLTM : Effective January 2026, eRZLTM is the new brand name of its science-backed electrolyte drink portfolio (erstwhile ORSL electrolyte drinks portfolio)



for everyday hydration and recovery for tiredness and exhaustion. eRZL TM New and Improved composition To further its commitment to provide consumers with science-backed hydration solutions, the company launches eRZL TM with a New & Improved composition. eRZL TM provides faster hydration compared to water with 1.4X more electrolytes and 8X less sugar compared to the previ-

ous composition and acts as an adjuvant when feeling depleted during mild to moderate dehydration in conditions such as heat exhaustion, muscle cramps etc or feeling low due to tiredness and weakness. Designed for everyday hydration, eRZL TM Electrolyte Drink combines three vital electrolytes (Sodium, Potassium, Chloride) and Vitamin C along with real fruit juice offering hydration that is tasty and guilt free.

Commenting on the company's dual brand hydration strategy, Manish Anandani, Managing Director-India, Kenvue, stated, "For years, we have been at the forefront of the hydration category, driven by a deep understanding of consumer needs and a strong scientific foundation. As dehydration emerges as an important health concern, we have been innovating and expanding our hydration portfolio to address these needs. Taking another step,

we are delighted to launch our distinct two-brand strategy-ORSL TM and eRZL TM to address diarrheal and everyday hydration needs and to capitalize on the immense potential of India's electrolyte drink category which is growing at a rapid pace. We remain committed to strengthening awareness around hydration across both illness and everyday care with superior hydration products, while complementing broader public health efforts." Speaking on the launch and improved composition, Prashant Shinde, Business Unit Head – Self Care, Kenvue in India said, "In recent years, the health and wellness trend has accelerated. Consumers are increasingly seeking low sugar, low calorie options as well as tailored hydration solutions beyond water when they are feeling ill or depleted. The all new eRZL TM with its improved composition provides consumers with a healthy hydration option for such occasions to feel better faster."



US ALLIES WON'T FORGET TRUMP GREENLAND CRISIS

What on earth has the last fortnight been all about? In the wake of a successful military operation in Venezuela earlier this month, a buoyed-up Donald Trump started to ratchet up the rhetoric on Greenland. Day after day, the world was treated to claims of ownership, threats of military action and tariffs against traditional allies in Europe. Now, in an apparent puff of smoke, it may all have gone. Nato Secretary General Mark Rutte, arguably the Trump whisperer-in-chief, seems to have talked the president down from his dangerously high hobby horse. The ground may have been laid last week during a visit to Washington by the foreign ministers of Denmark and Greenland. The visit concluded with agreement on a "working group" to discuss



Greenland's future. But Rutte appears to have finessed an issue that had threatened to shatter the north Atlantic alliance. We don't yet know the details of the deal, but many will wonder why it needed a frenetic two-week crisis to get here. Denmark had long

said that it was only too happy to see an increased American military presence on Greenland. If Nato has now pledged to up its presence on and around the island, then that will go some way towards reassuring Donald Trump that the alliance is finally paying



proper attention to Greenland. The New York Times quotes anonymous officials as saying one idea under discussion is for Denmark to cede sovereignty over small areas of Greenland where the US would build military bases - similar to the arrangement

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by which the UK maintains sovereign bases on Cyprus. Trump said the deal would involve access to Greenland's mineral resources. Neither Denmark nor Nato has confirmed these or any other reports. Nato said discussions would "focus on

ensuring Arctic security through the collective efforts, especially the seven Arctic Allies" (the US, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland) and aimed to prevent Russia and China from gaining a foothold, economic or military, in Greenland. It won't be long before details of the deal emerge. But the fact that Donald Trump triggered a fortnight of high drama and a sense of existential crisis within Nato to get here will not easily be forgotten. Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney called it a "rupture", saying the old order was "not coming back." EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke of "seismic change" and urged greater European independence. It's hard to see a quick return to business as usual.

THREE DEAD IN SHOOTING IN AUSTRALIA'S NEW SOUTH WALES



Three people have died and another injured after a shooting in a small town in New South Wales, Australia, police have said. Emergency services were called to a residential area in Lake Cargelligo at about 16:40 local time (05:40 GMT). The suspect is still on the run and is believed to have fled in a vehicle, NSW police confirmed. A man and woman were found shot dead in a vehicle, a second shooting soon afterwards killed a woman and left a man in a "critical condition" in hospital, police said. The Sydney Morning Herald reports

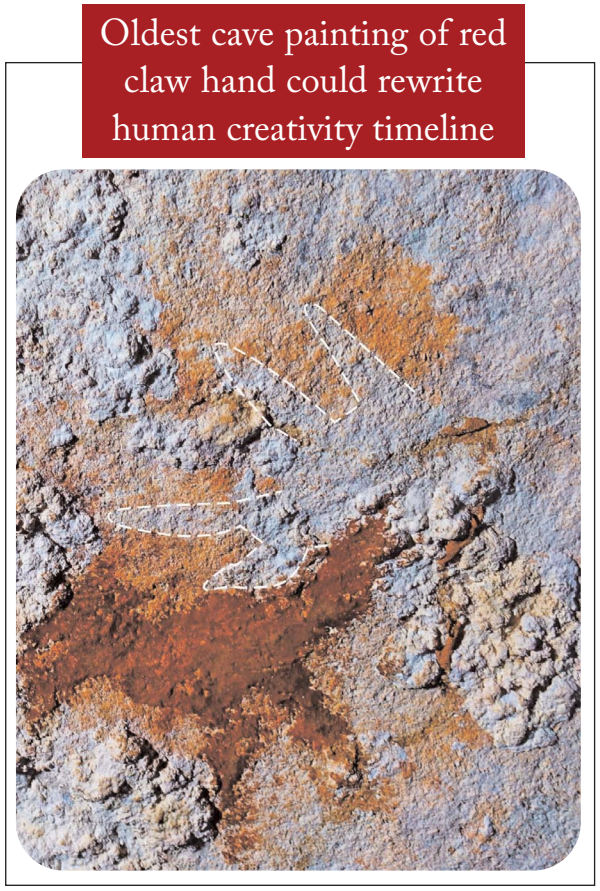
that the incident was a suspected domestic violence attack. Andrew Holland, NSW police assistant commissioner, declined to comment on the relationship between the gunman and the victims. The public has been urged to remain indoors and multiple crime scenes have been established, he told reporters. "Any death in a small country town is confronting, but again, a scene where you have people shot by firearms is obviously going to make people very, very tense and very concerned," said Holland.

Japan suspends world's largest nuclear plant hours after restart



Japan has suspended operations at the world's largest nuclear power plant, hours after its restart, its operator has said. An alarm sounded "during reactor-start-up procedures" at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa in Tokyo but the reactor remained "stable", Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco) spokesperson Takashi Kobayashi said. Reactor number six restarted on Wednesday a day later than planned due to an alarm malfunction - the first at the plant to be turned on since the 2011 Fukushima disaster. Japan shut down all of its 54 reactors after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake triggered a meltdown at its Fukushima plant 15 years ago, causing one of the worst nuclear disasters in history. At the time, radiation leakage from the plant forced more than 150,000 people to evacuate their homes. Many have not returned despite assurances it is now safe. Following the suspension of reactor number six on Thursday,

Kobayashi said it was "stable and there is no radioactive impact outside". The reactor was initially set to start on Tuesday, but was pushed back due to a technical issue. It is due to begin operating commercially next month. Kobayashi said Tepco was "currently investigating the cause" of the incident and did not say when operations would resume. The seventh reactor at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa is not expected to be turned back on until 2030, while the other five could be decommissioned. This would leave the plant with far less capacity than it once had when all seven reactors were operational. Reactor number six was given the green light to restart despite safety concerns from local residents. A small crowd of people gathered outside Tepco's headquarters to protest last week, while hundreds gathered outside the Niigata prefectural assembly in December.



TWO DEAD AND SEVERAL MISSING IN NEW ZEALAND LANDSLIDES

Two people have died and several are feared buried after landslides in New Zealand's North Island. The deaths were reported at Welcome Bay, while rescue workers are still searching through rubble at a different site in a popular campground on Mount Maunganui. There are no "signs of life", authorities said, adding that they have a "rough idea" of how many people are missing but are waiting for an exact figure. They provided no other details except that the group includes "at least one young girl". The landslides were triggered by heavy rains over the last few days, which led to flooding and power outages across North Island. One minister said



the east coast resembled "a war zone". New Zealand is "heavy with grief" after the "profound tragedy" caused by recent weather, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said on X. Footage from the campsite on Mount Maunganui, an extinct volcano, shows a huge slip near the base of the volcanic dome, as res-

cuers and sniffer dogs comb through crushed caravans and flattened tents. Authorities said that the search would continue through the night. "This is a complex and high-risk environment, and our teams are working to achieve the best possible outcome while keeping everyone safe," said Megan Stiffler, the

deputy national commander for the Urban Search and Rescue team. The extinct volcano is a sacred Maori site and one of the most popular campgrounds in New Zealand, with a local holiday website describing it as a "slice of paradise". But it has been repeatedly hit by landslides in recent years. "I heard this huge tree crack and all this dirt come off, and then I looked behind me and there's this huge landslide coming down," Australian tourist Sonny Worrall told local broadcaster TVNZ. "I'm still shaking from it now... I turned around and had to jump out of my seat and just run," he added. He saw it happen while swimming in a hot pool.

UK HOLDS OFF JOINING TRUMP'S BOARD OF PEACE OVER PUTIN CONCERNS

Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper has said the UK will not yet be signing up to US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace over concerns about Russian leader Vladimir Putin's possible participation. Cooper told the BBC the UK had been invited to join the board but "won't be one of the signatories today" at a ceremony at the World Economic Forum in Davos. The board, which gives Trump wide decision-making powers as chairman, is being billed by the US as a new international organisation for resolving conflicts. Cooper described the board as a "legal treaty that raises much broader issues" than the initiative's



initial focus on ending the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. The charter proposed by the White House does not mention the Palestinian territory and critics say the board appears to be designed to replace some functions of the United Nations. Some of the US's

traditional allies have not agreed to join the board and notably, none of the other permanent members of the UN Security Council - China, France, Russia, and the UK - have committed to participation so far. The UN Security Council has been the main international plat-

form for global diplomacy and conflict resolution since the end of World War Two. But launching the board at a signing ceremony alongside world leaders in Davos, Trump said he did not intend it as a replacement for the UN and expressed his belief that it would help forge an "everlasting" peace in the Middle East. Trump said the board had the chance to be "one of the most consequential bodies ever created". "We're committed to ensuring Gaza is demilitarised, properly governed and beautifully rebuilt," Trump said. "It's going to be a great plan and this is where the board of peace started."

EU SUSPENDS APPROVAL OF US TRADE DEAL



The European Parliament has suspended the approval of a key US trade deal agreed in July in protest against Donald Trump's demand to take over Greenland. The suspension was announced in Strasbourg, France, on Wednesday, as the US president addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos. The move followed renewed trade tensions between the US and Europe sparked by Trump's bid to acquire Greenland, which had rattled financial markets, reviving talk of a trade war and the possibility of retaliation against the US. Hours later, Trump said on social media he had reached a "framework" deal on Greenland's future and would not carry out threats to put new tariffs on eight Nato members. Trade tensions between the US and Europe had eased since the two sides struck a deal at Trump's Turnberry golf course in Scotland in July. That agreement set US levies on most European goods at 15%, down from the 30% Trump had initially threatened as part of his "Liberation Day" wave of tariffs in April. In exchange, Europe had agreed to invest

in the US and make changes on the continent expected to boost US exports. The deal would have still required approval from the European Parliament to become official. But on Wednesday, days after Trump threatened fresh US tariffs over Greenland, Bernd Lange, chair of the European Parliament's International Trade Committee, said it was "left with no alternative but to suspend work on the two Turnberry legislative proposals". He said work to implement the trade plans would be on hold "until the US decides to re-engage on a path of cooperation rather than confrontation, and before any further steps are taken". The move renewed the possibility that the EU might move forward with tariffs on a possible 93bn (\$109bn, £81bn) worth of American goods it announced last year in response to Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs. It had put those plans on hold while the trade deal was being finalised but those levies would now come into force on 7 February unless the bloc moves to extend the pause or approves the new deal.

TRUMP TO MEET ZELENSKY AS US ENVOY SAYS ENDING WAR WITH RUSSIA DOWN TO ONE ISSUE

US President Donald Trump will meet Volodymyr Zelensky at Davos on Thursday, after his envoy Steve Witkoff expressed optimism about finalising a deal to end the war in Ukraine. "I think we've got it down to one issue and we have discussed iterations of that issue, and that means it's solvable," Witkoff said ahead of his trip to Moscow for talks with Russia's Vladimir Putin. Witkoff did not specify the single issue but recent talks have focused on the future status of Ukraine's industrial heartland in Donbas, with a proposal for a demilitarised and free economic zone in exchange for security guarantees for Kyiv. "If both

sides want to solve this we're going to get it solved," Witkoff said. Ahead of Witkoff's visit to Moscow with Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, the US president said on Wednesday that he thought both Putin and Zelensky were at a point where they could come together and get a deal done: "If they don't, they're stupid." Last week, Trump said he thought Putin was "ready to make a deal" but that Zelensky was "less ready". The Ukrainian president travelled through the night to get to Davos on Thursday. He had initially called off his trip to deal with the aftermath of Russian strikes on Kyiv's power infrastructure which have left large areas



of the capital without heating, water or power during the harshest winter so far in almost four years of Russia's full-scale war. Thousands of apartment blocks remain without heating. There has been concern in Kyiv that Trump's spat with his European Nato allies over the future of Greenland has

deflected him from the war in Ukraine. Zelensky said after talks with Trump in Miami late last month that a 20-point US plan to end the war was 90% ready and that Ukraine's position on Donbas, in eastern Ukraine, was different to Russia's. Specifically, Zelensky has offered to withdraw troops

from the 25% of Donetsk region that Ukraine still controls by up to 40km (25 miles), to create an economic zone, if Russia does the same. Russian forces have advanced slowly in the east in the past year and Putin is known to covet control of the entire region. The other big sticking point that Zelensky highlighted last month was future control of Ukraine's enormous Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, seized by Russia in March 2022. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Thursday that discussion with the American envoys would continue "on the Ukrainian issue and other related topics" and refused to say whether he shared

Witkoff's optimism on achieving a deal. Putin has also not yet decided whether to join Trump's Board of Peace on Gaza. Ukraine's president had hoped to sign two key documents with Trump at Davos covering future security guarantees as well as economic prosperity, but said there was "one mile left to finalise these documents". It is not yet clear if any signings will take place during their meeting at the World Economic Forum. However, the head of Ukraine's national security and defence council, Rustem Umerov, said on Wednesday night that his team in Davos had discussed the issues of economic development.

Why is F1 testing so early this year?

Formula 1 pre-season testing will be run differently this year, starting in January instead of February. There will be three tests before the season begins in Australia. The main reason for the earlier testing is because of the technical rule changes to the chassis and engines in 2026, resulting in the biggest shake-up to the sport in more than a decade. The chassis and engine rules have never been changed simultaneously to this extent - cars will be smaller, nimbler and more environmentally friendly. More test sessions will therefore be needed, as many aspects of the driving will now be unfamiliar to the drivers and teams. Due to these major changes, the first test will be held in private, allowing drivers to run their newly-designed cars on the track for the first time and adjust to the new changes and set-up, without added external pressure. The test will there-



fore be held behind closed doors with no TV or media coverage. Each team will be able to use a maximum of three consecutive days to gain vital data, between Monday, 26 to Friday, 30 January at

the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. The next official tests will be on 11-13 and 18-20 February at the Bahrain International Circuit. These tests will give us the first look at the 2026 cars and a gener-

al idea of what performance will be like over the season. It will be one last chance for teams to make changes to the cars before the 24-race season begins. Teams will launch their cars throughout January

and February, with the final launch taking place on Monday, 9 February for McLaren. In a typical season, there is one test which takes place over three days, just weeks before the season begins.

ESPORTS DEMANDS THE DISCIPLINE OF SPORT

As esports continues its integration into India's mainstream sports and digital ecosystem, a first-ever national survey by YouGov, commissioned by JetSynthesys, offers a dated insight into how serious Indian esports athletes are viewing the ecosystem, as a career and a long-term opportunity in the area of sport. The study captures how confidence, ambition and expectations among Indian esports players are evolving at a time when the sector has gained clearer regulatory recognition following the enactment of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, in August last year, marking a shift from speculation to structure in India's esports journey. Esports moves from passion to profession The findings point to a clear shift in mindset. Esports is increasingly being viewed not just as a passion or pastime, but as a serious professional pursuit. 83% of Indian esports players believe there is financial viability in pursu-



ing esports as a career, with 49% describing it as an extremely viable career option. This confidence is translating into intent, with three out of four Indian esports players saying they have considered pursuing a career in esports. Careers are expanding beyond the main stage The survey also highlights that ambition today is no longer limited to competitive play alone. 81% of Indian esports players express interest in becoming full time competitive players or stream-

ers/content creators, while 56% are keen on roles such as coaches, analysts, team managers or event organisers. This reflects a growing understanding of esports as a broad, multi-layered career ecosystem, one that spans performance, content creation, strategy and team operations. Esports streaming and monetisation signal real momentum Across the esports ecosystem, streaming platforms and monetisation currently stand out as the most established areas of support.

Shubman Gill Fails On Ranji Trophy Return, Dismissed For Two-Ball Duck For Punjab

Indian Test captain Shubman Gill was dismissed for a two-ball duck during the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy clash between Punjab and Saurashtra on Thursday. The 26-year-old came to the crease with Punjab struggling at 73/3; however, his stay lasted just two deliveries as he was trapped LBW by Saurashtra's left-arm spinner, Parth Bhut. Earlier, Punjab had bowled Saurashtra out for 172 in their first innings. Gill has recently come under significant fire for his disappointing run of form and, following India's ODI series loss against New Zealand, his captaincy has also been heavily criticised. Meanwhile, former Indian cricketer Manoj Tiwary believes that



Shubman Gill should be sacked as the ODI captain and that the BCCI should reappoint Rohit Sharma. Gill replaced Rohit as the team's skipper in October 2025, but he has lost both the ODI series he has played so far as captain. He made his captaincy debut in Australia, where India suffered a series loss.

After missing the home series against South Africa, India once again suffered a series loss against New Zealand under his leadership. Gill's captaincy came under heavy fire during the recently concluded ODI series against New Zealand, and during a recent interaction with InsideSport,

Tiwary said the BCCI should 'course correct' and start preparing for the 2027 World Cup. "Yes, absolutely. That's what I'm suggesting because there's still time to course correct. It's about the World Cup. It's not just about a bilateral series or a random tournament we are going to play," Tiwary said. Tiwary added that if Rohit had been the captain during the series against New Zealand, things would likely have been different. India lost two matches in a row to suffer their first-ever home ODI series loss against New Zealand. He went on to say that Rohit is a 'lot better' than Gill and he believes that India will have a better chance of winning the World Cup under Rohit's captaincy.

Pakistan Provokes India With New Series Promo Featuring A Dig At 'Handshake' Row

Pakistan has taken fresh aim at India with a new promotional video for their upcoming T20I series against Australia, featuring a dig at the 'handshake' row. Following the Pahalgam terror attacks, Indian cricketers refused to shake hands with their Pakistani counterparts in various global competitions. It all started during the Asia Cup 2025, when the teams met thrice, but skipper Suryakumar Yadav did not shake hands with Salman Ali Agha-both after the toss and at the conclusion of the matches. The promo portrays Pakistan as a welcoming host for Australian fans, with Agha even making a brief appearance to discuss hospitality.



However, the final moments of the promo sparked controversy as a tourist is shown exiting a car without shaking the driver's hand. The Australian tourist is reminded: "Handshake bhool gaye

aap, lagta hai padosiyon ke paas bhi ruke thay" (You forgot the handshake; it looks like you had an encounter with our neighbours). It was a clear reference to the handshake controversy that saw Pakistan

threaten to leave the Asia Cup midway after a stand-off with the ICC over match referee Andy Pycroft. Australia will play three T20 Internationals in Lahore prior to the ICC T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. Australia will play day-night matches at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on 29 and 31 January and 1 February, before both teams leave for the mega event. While Australia are playing their World Cup group games in India, Pakistan will be based in Sri Lanka for their matches. This is the first time since April 2022 that Australia will tour Pakistan for a T20 series, as they last visited the country to play a Test series and a white-ball rubber that year.

Babar Azam Leaves Big Bash League Midway Amid Severe Criticism



Pakistan star batter Babar Azam's Big Bash League (BBL) 2025-26 campaign has come to an early end, as he has been recalled to join Pakistan's national camp, his franchise Sydney Sixers confirmed on Thursday. Babar endured a miserable BBL season, managing just 202 runs in 11 innings at an underwhelming strike-rate of 103. His struggles on the field have been coupled with moments of friction with Sixers teammate and Australia star Steve Smith. Babar's abrupt exit from the ongoing BBL comes amid severe criticism from former Australia cricketer Mark Waugh, who stated that he should be dropped from the Sixers' playing XI. "Thank you, Babar. Babar Azam has been recalled to join Pakistan's national camp ahead of upcoming international fixtures. He will be unavailable for the remainder of the BBL15 Finals Series," posted Sydney Sixers on their official social media accounts. This means that Babar will miss the Sixers' remaining playoff match-

es. Sydney Sixers will take on Hobart Hurricanes on Friday, in a contest that will see the winner progress to the final. This is what Mark Waugh had advised the Sydney Sixers regarding Babar's form: "I think a bit of tough love, they need to rejiggle their batting, because at the moment, almost totally relying on Steve Smith. Unfortunately, I'm going to have to drop Babar Azam." "I don't think he's done enough at the top of the order. I know he's world class, but the thing about winning this tournament and so far he just hasn't done it." Interestingly, Pakistan's next international commitment is still a week away, as they take on Australia in a three-match T20I series from January 29, ahead of the T20 World Cup 2026. This means that several of Australia's T20I stars like captain Mitchell Marsh, Marcus Stoinis and Josh Inglis are set to rejoin the Australia team only after the conclusion of the entire BBL 2025-26 season, but still in time for the first match.

WORK FOR 2026 SEASON 'UNPRECEDENTED' FOR MCLAREN

McLaren team principal Andrea Stella says the world champions have faced an "unprecedented" amount of work to prepare for the new rules in Formula 1 this season. Teams are facing what is widely regarded as the biggest regulation change in history, with new cars, engines, fuel and tyres. Stella said: "There's been so much work behind the design, the realisation, the build of the 2026 cars that, for what I can remember is almost unprecedented, because never before has there been such a huge and simultaneous change of chassis, power unit and tyres. "But even the sheer volume of redesigning that went through the last 20



months at McLaren has been probably the biggest design, or in general, dealing with a new car project that I was a part of. "This all makes it extremely interesting to see how the cars will perform, how the competitiveness order will be somehow mixed up. "We are champions, but we don't

carry being champions into 2026. Everyone will start from the starting blocks - everyone will start from zero." Stella said McLaren would not be ready to run their new car on the first day of the first pre-season test in Spain next week because they wanted to give themselves as much time as

possible to design their car, to maximise performance. The test runs behind closed doors, with no access for independent media, from 26-30 January at Barcelona's Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, where teams are permitted to run on three of the five days. The new Cadillac and Audi teams and Racing Bulls have already given their cars 'shakedown' tests, while Mercedes are due to run at Silverstone on Thursday. Others, including Aston Martin, are known to be following McLaren's route of not running until well into the Barcelona test. "We plan to start testing either in day two or day three, so we will not be testing in day one," Stella said.

SLOT PRAISES SALAH RETURN ON IMPORTANT NIGHT FOR BOTH

Arne Slot has good memories in Marseille. It was here in 2022 when his Feyenoord side held on to secure a place in the Europa Conference League final. On the eve of this week's game in the bowels of the Stade Velodrome, he was asked about those memories. He was also bizarrely and rudely asked about Xabi Alonso's links to the Liverpool job. Any noise surrounding the future of the Liverpool boss was quietened by a trademark European away performance from his side, who added Marseille to Eintracht Frankfurt and Inter Milan as the teams they have beaten on their travels this season. Their unbeaten run of 13 matches (W7 D6) in all competitions may have been unin-



spiring for the large part but it is the longest ongoing streak of any team from Europe's big five leagues. In itself, credit must be due for that. Liverpool last lost a game in November. Crucially for Slot, it was a first win in a game that Mohamed Salah started for Liverpool since November 4, when they beat Real Madrid

in the Champions League. It now looks like a line has been firmly drawn after Salah's interview at Leeds and both player and manager can move on for the betterment of the football club. The reality is that both need each other. Pre-match, Slot told TNT Sports: "The moments when I didn't play him, I was trying some-

thing different. We have missed goals from all the ball possession. If there's one player in the history of Liverpool that can score goals, it's Mo Salah." It was a night where Salah did not add to his club record of 46 Champions League goals for Liverpool, even though he really should have when he fired wide in the second half, but the assurance with which Liverpool played in a 4-2-2-2 setup will leave Slot delighted and may well give him food for thought for the coming weeks. "It says a lot about how big a professional he [Salah] is that he can be away for more than a month with a different team and be so fit to play 90 minutes for us after one day of training," said Slot.

WAWRINKA, 40, JOINS DJOKOVIC & CILIC IN THIRD ROUND



To look at the Australian Open men's singles draw, you could be forgiven for thinking you had travelled back in time. But your eyes are not deceiving you. Seventeen years after they first appeared in the third round together in Melbourne, Stan Wawrinka, Novak Djokovic and Marin Cilic are still going strong. While Djokovic, 38, and Cilic, 37, breezed through in straight sets against Francesco Maestrelli and 21st seed Denis Shapovalov respectively, 40-year-old Wawrinka battled through a four-and-a-half-hour, five-set marathon to overcome French qualifier Arthur Gea. "I think it's great," said Wawrinka, who is the first player to reach the third round of the men's singles at a Grand Slam after his 40th birthday since Ken Rosewall at the 1978 Australian Open. "I saw Cilic winning. He had an injury last year [so] it's good to see him at the right level. "Novak is in a different league. We never compare ourselves to him. He's always going to be there as long as he's playing." There has been an air of celebra-

tion around Wawrinka's matches. The 2014 champion, who will retire at the end of 2026, is enjoying partisan support from the crowd, conducting them to make more noise after each point he wins and has even included red, white, and grey checked detailing on his shirt in a nod to his 2015 French Open-winning shorts. But this is more than a farewell tour for the three-time Grand Slam champion, who reiterated his determination to "leave everything on the court" following his second consecutive comeback win. Facing a player who turned 21 earlier this month, Wawrinka twice fought back from a set behind to force a fifth set before completing a resounding 10-3 victory in the tie-break with Gea struggling with cramp, triumphing 4-6 6-3 3-6 7-5 7-6 (10-3). "Not only did I have fun, but the crowd gave me so much energy. I'm not young any more. I need extra energy from you," said Wawrinka, who previously came from a set down to beat Laslo Djere in round one. "I'm always going to fight and leave everything on the court."



MEGASTAR CHIRANJEEVI JOINS CM REVANTH REDDY AT WEF 2026 SUMMIT

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2026 held in Davos, Switzerland. During his visit, the Chief Minister came to know that Megastar Chiranjeevi was in Zurich, and extended a warm invitation to attend the summit. Accepting the invitation with respect, Chiranjeevi garu attended the forum alongside the Chief Minister and witnessed the unveiling and presentation of the “Telangana Rising 2047” Vision Document at the global platform. The moment stood as a proud representation of Telangana’s progressive vision and cultural prominence on an international stage.Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also received Megastar Chiranjeevi garu in a gracious and cordial manner. During their interaction, the Chief Minister shared that he had watched “Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu” along with his entire family, including his grandchildren, and thoroughly enjoyed the film. He appreciated the film’s entertainment value and shared his admiration personally with the Megastar. The meeting between the Chief Minister and Chiranjeevi garu in Switzerland was an unexpected and pleasant one, where both spent quality time together at the 2026 summit, exchanging warm conversations and mutual respect. It is understood that Chiranjeevi garu had travelled to Switzerland on a personal vacation to spend quality time with his family, during which this memorable interaction and participation at the global forum took place.

Vijay Deverakonda Unveils Telugu Promo of Happy Raj, Wins Enthusiastic Response

Rowdy Star Vijay Deverakonda unveiled the Telugu promo of Happy Raj, starring GV Prakash Kumar and Sri Gouri Priya, and the promo has been receiving an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences across platforms. Following the much-discussed title announcement, the release of the official promo has further heightened expectations for the film. Produced by Jayavardhan under the Beyond Pictures banner as Production No.1, Happy Raj is envisioned as a wholesome entertainer catering to all age groups. Directed by Maria Elanchezian, the promo beautifully captures the film’s vibrant tone, optimism and feel-good energy, staying true to its cheerful title.The promo stands out for its refreshing narration, lively visuals and GV Prakash Kumar’s joyful screen presence in the titular role. Viewers have particularly appreciated the light-

hearted vibe and the promise of a positive cinematic experience, with social media buzzing with praise for its relatable and uplifting mood.Apart from GV Prakash Kumar and Sri Gouri Priya, the film also marks the much-awaited return of evergreen actor Abbas to Tamil cinema, adding to the excitement. The supporting cast includes George Mariyam, Prarthna, Adhirchi Arun, Madurai Muthu, Sofa Boy Rasool and others in key roles.Written and directed by Maria Elanchezian and co-produced by Jaikanth Suresh, Happy Raj features cinematography by Madhan Christopher, music by Justin Prabhakaran, editing by RK Selva, art direction by Kumar Gangappa and costumes by Praveen Raja. With the promo generating strong buzz, Happy Raj is shaping up to be a heartwarming entertainer filled with laughter, positivity and joy.



Athreyapuram Brothers Launched Grandly, Concept Poster Unveiled

Times have changed, and so have trends. Along with them, audience sensibilities and tastes have evolved. Keeping this shift in mind, filmmakers are now planning movies with fresh, relatable stories that today’s audiences can truly connect with. Director Rajesh Jagannadham is bringing one such distinctive story to the screen with Athreyapuram Brothers, a film crafted with all the elements the new-generation audience looks for.

The film is being produced under the banners of S2S Cinemas and The Fervent Indie Productions by VSK Sanjeev, Vangapalli Sandeep, Vangapalli Sankeerth, Praveen Gadde, Rajesh Gadde, and Rakesh Gadde. The movie features Rajeev Kanakala, Gavireddy, Sunny Patsa, Raghu Babu, Geeth Sayini, Neha Pathan, and Siddharth Gollapudi in key roles.The film’s puja ceremony was held grandly at Annapurna Studios in Hyderabad. Director Vassishtha, director Anudeep,

director Aditya Hassan and director Praveen Kandregula attended the event as chief guests. For the auspicious first shot, Vassishtha gave the clap, while Vijay Kanakamedala switched on the camera. Praveen Kandregula and Aditya Hassan handed over the script, and director Anudeep provided honorary direction for the opening scene. The concept poster released on this occasion has caught everyone’s attention. Designed with the tagline “A Sweet Rivalry,” the

poster depicts two individuals engaged in a test of strength. At first glance, it hints at the film’s uniqueness and suggests that Athreyapuram Brothers will stand apart from conventional narratives, offering something refreshingly different from recent films.The film’s technical crew includes Ramiz Naveeth as Director of Photography, Santhu Omkar as Music Director, and Anil Pasala as Editor. More details about the project will be announced soon.

Chiranjeevi’s Mana Shankara Vara Prasa Garu Emerges as Mega Blockbuster

Megastar Chiranjeevi garu has once again proved his enduring popularity with the Mega Blockbuster success of Mana Shankara Vara Prasa Garu. Hearty congratulations have poured in for the Megastar and the entire film team for delivering a film that has strongly connected with audiences.For more than four decades, Chiranjeevi garu has remained close to the hearts of people, consistently entertaining generations with his unmatched passion, energy, acting excellence, comedy timing and dance. Mana Shankara Vara Prasa Garu stands as yet another successful addition to his remarkable filmography. Director Anil Ravipudi garu has been spe-

cially appreciated for delivering another Sankranti blockbuster. Audiences were particularly delighted to watch Megastar Chiranjeevi garu share the screen with Victory Venkatesh garu, making their combination a major highlight of the film.Music director Bheema Ceciroleo garu received praise for composing energetic and engaging music that added strength and vibrancy to the film’s narrative. Special congratulations were also extended to producers Sahu Garapati garu and Sushmita garu for backing a project that resonated strongly with viewers.Best wishes were conveyed to Nayanthara, Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainment for being part of this successful cinematic journey.



Chandra Hass’ Barabar Premistha to Release on February 6

Attitude Star Chandra Hass is gearing up to entertain audiences with his upcoming film Barabar Premistha, which is scheduled for a theatrical release on February 6. The release date was officially announced amid high enthusiasm and frenzy among college students at a special event held at Brilliant Group of Colleges in Hyderabad. Directed by Sampath Rudra, the film is produced by Geda Chandu, Gayatri Chinny and AVR under the banners of CC Creations and AVR Movie Wonders, with Kakarla Satyanarayana presenting it. Miss India finalist Meghna Mukherjee plays the female lead, while Arjun Mahi of Ishtanga fame appears as the antagonist. The posters, teasers and songs released so far have received a strong response, particularly from the youth. At the announcement event, Chandra Hass and Meghna Mukherjee delighted students with energetic dance performances before revealing the release date, creating a lively atmosphere. Speaking on the occasion,



Chandra Hass said he was confident of scoring a success with Barabar Premistha and urged students to watch and enjoy the film in theatres. Meghna Mukherjee also expressed confidence that audiences would love the film. Director Sampath Rudra shared that the story revolves around constant clashes between a boy and a girl from the same village and is set against an authentic Telangana back-

drop, promising full-on entertainment. The film’s technical crew includes cinematographer Y.R. Sekhar and editor Bonthala Nageswar Reddy. The cast features Chandra Hass, Meghna Mukherjee, Arjun Mahi, Muralidhar Goud, Laxman Meesala, Madhumandan, Abhay Naveen, Rajasekhara Aningi, Dr. Bhatini, Keerthilatha Goud and Sunitha Manohar in key roles.

“Golla Ramavva” to Premiere on ETV Win from Jan 25



Golla Ramavva”, a powerful cinematic tribute to the historic Telangana Armed Struggle, is set to stream on ETV Win from January 25. The film is based on a compelling story written by late former Prime Minister of India and Bharat Ratna awardee P. V. Narasimha Rao and promises to leave a deep emotional impact on Telugu audiences. Featuring Talluri Rameshwari in the title role, the film is directed by Mullaipudi Vara and jointly produced by Ram Vishwas Hanurkar and Raghavendra Varma (Bujji) under the banners of Suchetha Dream Works Productions and Varma Dream Creations. Young talent Azhar Shaikh served as Executive Producer and also penned the lyrics, contributing significantly to the project. The trailer of “Golla Ramavva” was launched at a grand event attended by eminent personalities, including P. V. Prabhakar Rao, son of P. V. Narasimha

Rao, and his daughter, MLC Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi. Lyricists Kasarla Shyam and Maunarsi Mallik, actor Rajeev Kanakala, Razakar director Yata Satyanarayana, and senior director Uday Bhaskar were also present and lauded the makers. Addressing the gathering, Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi expressed happiness that one of her father’s most powerful stories has been faithfully adapted for the screen. The film team said they felt honored to be associated with such a historically significant subject. The makers earlier produced “Maunane Nee Bhaasha” for ETV Win, which received an encouraging response, and expressed confidence that “Golla Ramavva” would also earn a special place in the hearts of Telugu viewers. With its strong narrative, emotional depth and historical relevance, “Golla Ramavva” is expected to stand as a landmark film celebrating courage, sacrifice and the spirit of Telangana.

MM Keeravani Sings ‘Velledaarilo’ Song from Sri Chidambaram

Legendary music director MM Keeravani has lent his soulful voice to a special song titled “Velledaarilo” from the upcoming film Sri Chidambaram. The song, which was recently released, has been receiving an encouraging response from listeners for its melodious tune and emotional depth. Presented by Smt. Chinta Varalakshmi, Sri Chidambaram is produced by Chinta Vineesh Reddy and Chinta Gopala Krishna Reddy under the Sri Chakras Entertainment banner, with Chinta Rajasekhara Reddy serving as co-producer. The film is written and directed by Vinay Rathnam and stars Vamsi Tummala and Sandhya Vashishta in the lead roles. The film’s teaser, released earlier, created strong buzz and drew an overwhelming response. Building on that momentum, the makers unveiled the lyrical song “Velledaarilo”, sung by MM Keeravani, who also conveyed his best wishes to the team on the occasion. Music for the film is composed by Chandu Ravi, while

the lyrics are penned by Chandrasekhara. Keeravani’s distinctive voice has added profound emotion and appeal to the song. Expressing their happiness, the producers said that Keeravani’s rendition elevated the song to a new level. They described Sri Chidambaram as a refreshing love story set in a vintage village backdrop, blending simplicity with heartfelt storytelling. The film is also expected to unravel intriguing elements, including why the hero is known as “Chidambaram” in the village and the significance behind his constant use of spectacles.

