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INBRIFS

50 flights to and from
Srinagar cancelled
due to snowfall



SRI NAGAR (TSIT): As many as 50 flights to and from Srinagar International Airport were cancelled on Tuesday due to snowfall in Kashmir, officials said. "In view of adverse weather conditions and continuing snowfall at Srinagar Airport, airlines have cancelled most of the flights for today," an official of the Airport Authority of India said here. Around 50 flights - 25 inbound and 25 outbound - have been cancelled so far due to the snowfall, which was continuing until the last reports arrived.

Four more flights were scheduled to arrive at the Srinagar airport but officials said they are unlikely to operate in view of the inclement weather. "Passengers have been advised to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest updates and alternate arrangements," an official said. The cancellation of flights has left hundreds of tourists, who were scheduled to return home after spending the weekend and Republic Day holiday in the Valley, stranded.

India-EU free trade agreement: Mother of all deals



New Delhi (TSIT): India and the European Union announced the closure of the long-drawn negotiations on the free trade agreement on Tuesday. European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen termed the deal as the 'mother of all deals'. The pact, which is likely to be implemented next year, is beneficial for both sides, and will also help Tamil Nadu, as it relaxes conditions on exports from key labour-intensive sectors like textiles, leather, auto parts, etc.

Here are the key highlights:

India, the 4th largest economy, and the European Union, the 2nd largest economy, comprising 25 per cent of Global GDP, account for one third of global trade. Over 99 per cent of Indian exports gain preferential entry into the EU, unlocking massive growth potential. Open new opportunities for MSMEs and create jobs for women, artisans, youth and professionals.

USD 33 bn of exports in labour-intensive sectors like textiles, leather, marine products, gems

The reciprocal market access

and jewellery set to gain immensely from preferential access under the FTA. To bring down tariffs up to 10 per cent on almost USD 33 bn of exports to zero duty on the first day of the implementation of the pact

On automobiles, a calibrated and carefully crafted quota-based liberalisation package will not only allow EU auto makers to introduce their models in India in higher price bands but also open possibilities for Make in India and exports from India in future. Indian consumers to benefit from high-tech products and greater competition

in the EU will also open up opportunities for India-made automobiles. India has prudently safeguarded sensitive sectors, including dairy, cereals, poultry, soybean, certain fruits and vegetables, balancing export growth with domestic priorities. FTA provides measures to tackle non-tariff barriers through strengthened regulatory cooperation, greater transparency, and streamlined customs, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) procedures, and Technical Barriers to Trade disciplines. Future-ready mobility framework expands global opportunities for skilled, semi-skilled Indian professionals

Congress key
to \$3 trillion
Telangana: Bhatti



Madhira (TSIT): Achieving Telangana's \$3 trillion economy vision depends on a strong mandate for the Congress party in the upcoming municipal elections, said Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, while speaking to reporters in Madhira. He said rapid urban development and employment generation are possible only with people's support for Congress candidates. He said the government is implementing focused policies to strengthen urban economies and ensure inclusive growth. To promote women's financial independence, interest-free loans worth 6,000 crore have been provided to women through MEPMAs in municipalities. He added that the government has introduced CURE, PURE and RARE policies to ensure planned development of cities and strengthen rural-urban economic linkages.

Telangana municipal elections:
Polling on Feb 11, results on Feb 13

HYDERABAD (TSIT): The Telangana State Election Commission on Tuesday, January 27, announced the schedule for the second municipal elections, with polling scheduled for February 11 and results in February 13. An election notice and ward-wise electoral rolls of urban local bodies will be issued by the Returning Officer on January 28.

Polling for 116 municipalities and seven corporations will take place between 7 am and 5 pm on February 11. Any re-polls, if necessary, will take place on February 12.

The counting of votes will start from 8 am onwards on February 13, and the results will be declared soon after. Candidates can file their nominations till 5 pm on January 30.

The nominations will be scrutinised the next day from 11 am onwards, and the final list of candidates will be published on the same day.

Appeals against the rejection of nomination can be filed before the District Election Authority till 5 pm on February 1. All appeals will be disposed of before 5 pm on February 2.

Candidates can withdraw



their nominations till 3 pm on February 3, after which the final list of the contesting candidates will be uploaded on the same day.

GHMC NOT INCLUDED
The election schedule does not apply to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) as its term ends on February 10.

Additionally, Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar has said that the GHMC might split into three after the end of its term. GHMC may be divided into Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri corporations, with Hyderabad Corporation covering areas under 150 wards, while the other two other corporations may have 75 wards each.

I am calling it off: Arijit Singh retires from playback singing

NEW DELHI: (Jan 27) "I am calling it off, it was a wonderful journey," said Arijit Singh on Tuesday, announcing that he will not be taking up any new assignments as a playback singer, a decision that sent shockwaves across his fan



base. In a message shared on his social media pages, Singh said he has decided to step away from playback singing, a move that comes at the peak of his career as one of the most popular and in-demand voices in Hindi cinema. "Hello, Happy New Year to all. I want to thank you all for giving me so much love all these years as listeners. I am happy to announce that I am not going to be taking any new assignments as a playback vocalist from now on."

Six on-duty Kerala cops suspended for consuming alcohol

THIRUVANATHAPURAM: Six police personnel attached to the Kazhakkoottam Police Station in Thiruvananthapuram have been suspended following an incident of public drinking that has embarrassed the force and triggered sharp scrutiny from senior officers. The suspended personnel have also been directed to undergo mandatory good conduct training, officials said. The action comes after visuals showing the policemen consuming alcohol while seated inside a car surfaced. The senior officials quickly conducted a probe, and on Tuesday, the suspension order was served. The footage, which went viral after being shared with senior police officials, shows the officers in civil dress drinking inside a parked vehicle right in front of the Kazhakkoottam police station. This police station comes under the prestigious Technopark campus area. A preliminary inquiry ordered immediately after the visuals emerged has termed the incident a "serious lapse" and an act that is "completely unacceptable" for serving police personnel. The report clearly states that the officers were on duty at the time of the incident, aggravating the gravity of the misconduct.

India and Europe have taken an important step forward today. The free trade agreement between India and the EU opens new pathways for growth, investment, and strategic cooperation, PM Modi added. During a joint press conference at Hyderabad House here, PM Modi announced the signing of the FTA between India and the European Union, stressing that the landmark partnership between two major economies will create new opportunities



for businesses, consumers, and the skilled workforce. PM Modi underlined that the agreement reflects growing trust, shared values, and a common commitment to peace, stability, and cooperation in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

According to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the 16th India-EU Summit will be remembered in history as the event where the world's fourth and second largest economies joined hands to script a new chapter in global trade. "The agreement will unlock opportunities across sectors, benefiting businesses and people, and contributing to growth and prosperity on both sides," he posted on X.

BJP wants to destroy Rahul's image through false propaganda, alleges Kharge

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday slammed the BJP over the 'Gamosa' controversy involving Rahul Gandhi and said the ruling party wants to "destroy Gandhi's image through false propaganda" but will never succeed.

Kharge also claimed that the Modi government insulted Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, and him by seating them in the third row alongside ministers of state during the Republic Day parade.

A political row erupted over Gandhi allegedly not wearing an Assamese 'Gamosa' given to all the guests at the reception hosted by President Droupadi Murmu on Republic Day, with the BJP alleging that the Congress leader insulted the country's Northeast.

The BJP also accused Gandhi of showing disregard for President Murmu by not wearing the 'Gamosa' while the Congress countered by pointing out that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had also not worn the "patka (scarf)".



Asked about the BJP's claims, Kharge told PTI Videos, "This is a lie. Even the defence minister was not wearing the 'Gamosa'... the BJP president was also not wearing it. He (Gandhi) was holding it in his hand after wearing it."

They (BJP) are doing such propaganda that Rahul Gandhi has insulted the whole of Northeast states and their culture. They (BJP) want to (destroy) that culture." Gandhi is the only leader who met all the Northeast artists, shook hands with them and also hugged an artist from Arunachal, photographs for

this are available," he said.

"These people want to destroy Rahul Gandhi's image through false propaganda but they will never succeed. I am an eyewitness," Kharge asserted.

"The government insulted Rahul Gandhi and myself by seating us in the third row... made us sit behind kids, we were made to sit next to ministers of state. They should apologise to us," he said. Kharge said Gandhi and he were wearing the 'Gamosa' and took it off while eating and kept it on the table. "Their people were not wearing it," he added, slamming the BJP.

Mamata Banerjee only leader in India who can take on BJP: Akhilesh Yadav



After the meeting, Yadav said at a press conference that in the West Bengal Assembly elections scheduled later this year, it would be proved again that Mamata Banerjee is the only leader in the country capable of taking on the might of the BJP.

"In the entire country, only Mamata Banerjee is countering the BJP in the

Kolkata (TSIT): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is the only political leader in the entire country who has the courage and capability to take on Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said Samajwadi Party (SP) President and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav here on Tuesday.

He arrived in Kolkata on Monday night to attend a family function. On Tuesday afternoon, he reached the West Bengal state secretariat of Nabanna and had a meeting with Mamata Banerjee in the

Over 99 pc of Indian goods gain preferential entry into EU, \$75 billion worth exports to take off

NEW DELHI (TSIT): With the India-EU trade deal, the country has secured unprecedented market access for more than 99 per cent of Indian exports by trade value to the EU that also bolsters the 'Make in India' initiative, the Commerce Ministry said on Tuesday, adding that along with India's FTA with the UK and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the latest EU deal effectively opens up the entire European market for Indian businesses, exporters, and entrepreneurs.

With this historic deal,



which is touted as the biggest under the FTA.

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said the conclusion of the India-EU FTA represents a defining achievement in India's economic engagement and global outlook. "This supports

India's approach to secure trusted, mutually beneficial and balanced partnerships. Beyond a conventional trade deal, it represents a comprehensive partnership with strategic dimensions and is one of the most consequential FTAs," he said.

India, powered by a young and dynamic workforce and one of the fastest-growing major economies, stands poised to leverage this FTA to create jobs, spur innovation, unlock opportunities across sectors, and enhance its competitiveness on the global stage, said the minister.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen jointly announced the conclusion of the "mother of all deals", marking a historic milestone in India-EU economic relations and trade engagement with key global partners. In 2024-25, India's bilateral trade in goods with the EU stood at Rs 11.5 lakh crore (\$136.54 billion) with exports worth Rs 6.4 lakh crore (\$75.85 billion) and imports amounting to Rs 5.1 lakh crore (\$60.68 billion). India-EU trade in services reached Rs 7.2 lakh crore (\$83.10 billion) in 2024.

District Collector Harichandana Dasari Distributes Reflective Jackets and Raincoats to the Visually Impaired



Hyderabad: Hyderabad District Collector Harichandana Dasari on Tuesday distributed 400 reflective safety jackets and raincoats to visually impaired and partially sighted persons, with the support of FRST Foundation, at the Collectorate conference hall. The distribution programme was organised under the aegis of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons (DEPwD, SC & TGP), Hyderabad District. The safety gear was handed over by the Collector in the presence of FRST Foundation Director Farha Naz and representatives of the organisation.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector said the initiative aims to reduce road accident risks and enhance the safety of blind and visually impaired persons while travelling on roads, especially during night hours and the rainy season. She expressed confidence that the distribution of

reflective jackets and raincoats would significantly improve road safety, monsoon protection and day-to-day security for beneficiaries.

Collector Harichandana Dasari reiterated that the government is committed to the welfare of persons with disabilities and accords top priority to initiatives that support their safety, dignity and empowerment. She stressed the need to understand the lifestyles and specific needs of visually impaired persons and assured continued focus on improving employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Appreciating the initiative taken by FRST Foundation, the Collector described the reflective jacket and raincoat distribution programme as a novel and thoughtful effort, and called upon other voluntary organisations to come forward with similar initiatives to help build a safer and more inclusive future for persons with disabilities.

DGP releases road safety short film 'Bhadram Nanna'



Hyderabad: Telangana DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy on Tuesday released the road safety short film 'Bhadram Nanna', produced by Sarvajana Foundation, at his office. The film aims to promote responsible driving and raise awareness to reduce road accidents. During the event, the DGP also unveiled a special road safety sticker. Foundation officials highlighted the importance of collaboration with the police to strengthen road safety initiatives.

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APPENDIX IV (POSSESSION NOTICE)

See Rule 8(1) (For Immoveable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being The Authorised Officer of M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd., Under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 am in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) (3) & R/w Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Gurantor in Loan A/c No. 00188578. 1) A1 Mutton Shop , Shop No 6 Kamla Nagar Round Building Ecl X Road Kushtaguda Hyderabad-500062 Telangana And Also H.no-14-2-117, Chandanwadi Goshamahal Hyderabad-500012 2) Koyalkar Pompeshwar H.no- 14-2-117, Chandanwadi Goshamahal Hyderabad-500012 3) Koyalkar Abhishek H.no- 14-2-117, Chandanwadi Goshamahal Hyderabad-500012 4) Koyalkar Meenabhai H.no-14-2-117, Chandanwadi Goshamahal Hyderabad-500012 To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Rs.196,740/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred And Forty Seven Only) As On 05.11.2025 Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt of The Said Notice.

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Date: 23-01-2026
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Date: 23-01-2026
Place: Hyderabad

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14) **Mr. Sheik Adam (Applicant)** S/o, Mr. Sheik Adam, Flat no. 35, 10th Floor, 50, Matakard, Doha, Qatar, Near Aldeera Travels- 22550. Also At: **Mr. Sheik Adam** S/o, Mr. Sheik Adam, 1-8-121, 1st Floor, Block No. 101, Gomikar, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana-500010. Also At: **Mr. Sheik Adam** S/o, Mr. Sheik Adam, Duty Supervisor - Ota Airways, Cetar- 22550. Also At: **Mr. Sheik Adam**, H.no- 4-180/1/27, Plot No. 43P (NS), Old Alwal, GHMC Alwal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500076. DN Date: 14.01.2026

15) **1) Mrs. Telu Kavitha (Applicant)** D/o, Mr. Venkataram Narasimha, H.no. 1-9-122, Julliawada, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **2) Mrs. Telu Kavitha**, TGT (Hindi) Teacher, Education, MJPBT, CW Residential School Girls, Huzurabad, Karimnagar, Telangana-505 468. Also At: **3) Mrs. Telu Kavitha**, H.no. 1-9-188, Julywada, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal City, Telangana- 506 001. 2) **Mr. Adepu Rajendra Prasad (Co-Applicant)**, S/o, Mr. Adepu Muthulingham, H.no. 1-9-122, Julliawada, Hanamkonda, Warangal, belonging to Mr. Adepu Rajendra Prasad Regd. Vide Sale Document No. 276/3/2007 and bounded as follows: East: Open Place bearing No. 19-188, Julywada, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal City, Telangana-506 001. Also At : **Mr. Adepu Rajendra Prasad**, S/o, Mr. Hasini Chit Fund, Huzurabad, Karimnagar, Telangana-506 468. Also At: **Mr. Adepu Rajendra Prasad**, H.no. 1-9-188, Julywada, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal City, Telangana-506 001. Loan A/c Nos: 701160001429 / 711600011653 / 711600010178 DN Date: 14.01.2026

16) **1) Mrs. Shelam Rajeshwari (Applicant)** W/o, Mr. Boini Sammaiah, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **2) Mrs. Shelam Rajeshwari**, LFL- Head Master, M.P.P.S. Primary School, Palagutta Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **3) Mrs. Shelam Rajeshwari**, LFL- Head Master, M.P.P.S. Primary School, Palagutta Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **4) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **5) Mrs. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **6) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **7) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **8) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **9) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **10) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **11) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **12) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **13) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **14) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **15) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **16) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **17) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **18) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **19) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **20) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **21) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **22) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **23) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **24) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **25) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **26) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **27) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **28) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **29) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **30) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **31) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: **32) Mr. Boini Sammaiah**, H.no. 6-1-65, New House, No. 35-6-229, Gopuram Village, Chelpur Mandal, Warangal, Telangana-506 001. Also At: <b

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Sri. Chikkala Ramulu Naidu S/o. Ch. Kasi Viswasa Rao, R/o. Flat No. 202, Vertex Prime, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Ts, purchased a property, i.e., H.No. 6-75 (Old No. 5-54), PTIN: 115090569, with 100 SFT, ACC, admeasuring 100.0 Sq. Yards, Sy. No.208, at Chintal of Qutubullapur Village & Mandal, MM District, TS., from Sri. Kesireddy Ramudu S/o. K. Venkateswara Rao and other through Reg. Sale Deed No. 3863/2023, Dt: 14/02/2023 at SRO, Qutubullapur, and the relevant Link, Original Reg. Sale Deed No. 6809/1995, Dt: 18/08/1995, Reg at SRO, Medchal, was misplaced at Shapur Nagar 10 days back. It is hereby informed to the General Public that if anyone found, kindly contact me at 9963435807, within 7 days from the date of issue of this Publication.

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S. MANUsha, Advocates
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Hyderabad, dated: 02/01/2026

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER No.

E29CT/DS-12-2025-26, Date: 27.01.2026
Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Two packet system of tendering.

S.No.: 1, NIT No.: E29CT/DS-12-2025-26
Dt. 22.01.2026, **Name of the work:** Tender No. E29CT/DS-12-2025-26 Dt. 22.01.2026, "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 2x25K, 50Hz single phase a.c. traction overhead equipment with 65 mm sq catenary and 107/150 sq mm HDG copper contact wire, LT supply transformer stations including modifications to the existing OHE in view of '1. Proposed yard arrangements at Gangapur yard in connection with doubling between Parbani-Pari Vajhaj section AND (2) Mukhed Bypass line at Mukhed Junction connecting Mukhed-Adilabad and Mukhed -Secunderabad lines including doubling line from Mukhed yard up to bye-pass take off on Secunderabad end" in Nanded Division of South Central Railway". **Details - Estimate Cost:** Rs. 15,12,90,525.76/- **EMD/Bid Security:** Rs. 9,06,100.00/- **Document Cost:** Online tender document can be downloaded free of cost. **Completion period:** 90 months. **Date of closing:** 19.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

1) For bid document and other details, please log on to website <http://ireps.gov.in>.
2) The Bidder will have to provide Bid Security through IREPS.gov.in or submitted as Bank Guarantee Bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Appendix-VII and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. Manual payment through Demand Draft, Bankers cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

3) Tenderer can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period to closing of tender.
4) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction/ Secunderabad

Open e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/35 & 36/OW/O/07/2025-26

Dt. 21.01.2026

S.No.: 2, e-Tender No.: tender No. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/36/OW/O/07/2025-26
dt. 21.01.2026 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department Conversion of OH lines to UG cables covering service buildings/colonies etc. in MLY-KJZ section, SNF-VKB section and BIDR., PARI section to improve reliability of power supply arrangements. **Tender value (Rs.):** 7.07,17,503.20, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,03,300.00, **CTF (Rs.):** 0.00, **Completion period:** 6 Months

S.No.: 3, e-Tender No.: tender No. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/36/OW/O/07/2025-26
dt. 21.01.2026 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department : Schedule A - Improvements of over aged RCCBs/MCBs/LT panels in Staff quarters & service buildings/jurisdiction of SNF & HYB depots. Schedule B- Improvements of conventional ceiling / wall mounted/pedestal fans with energy efficient fans (BLDC) over SC division. - Electrical arrangements. **Tender value (Rs.):** 3,58,51,761.80, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,29,300.00, **CTF (Rs.):** 0.00, **Completion period:** 6 Months

S.No.: 4, e-Tender No.: tender No. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/36/OW/O/07/2025-26
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1. Tender conditions/others particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at www.ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

2. The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr. DEE (Maintenance), Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.

3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Construction/ (Maintenance)/Secunderabad

Open Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-37-2025-26 dt: 22.01.2026

Tender No.: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-37-2025-26. Name of the work: Vijayawada Division - Additions and alterations to OHE in connection with "Proposed provision of COP shelters at TUNI, AKP, and balance length of platform at YLM stations including improvements to platform and other passenger related amenities at TUNI & AKP stations". **Approp. value - Rs. 3,36,76,389.28. Completion period : 12 Months. Bid Security (EMD):** Rs. 3,18,400/- **Date of closing:** 13.02.2026. **Cost of Tender form:** Nil.

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TD/ Vijayawada

Open Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-38-2025-26 dt: 22.01.2026

Tender No.: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-37-2025-26. Name of the work: Vijayawada Division-GDV-MTM section: Additions and alterations to OHE in connection with "Proposed construction of Two lane Road over Bridge of span in replacement of LC NO. 3E/SP 3 on GDV - MTM section at Km. 231+ 700 of NH 165 including improvement of road from 9+ 660 to as one time improvement Guidavada by passed town stretch in the state of Andhra Pradesh under NHO) in EPC at Rly Km 2/8-10 between Guidavada and Machilipatnam railway station. **Approp. value : Rs. 66,21,525.48. Completion period : 12 Months. Bid Security (EMD):** Rs. 3,12,400/- **Date of closing:** 19.02.2026. **Cost of Tender form:** Nil.

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TPCC leader slams BJP over Rahul Gandhi's seating at Republic Day



Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President Jaggadev Reddy strongly criticised the BJP government, alleging that it deliberately insulted Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi during the Republic Day celebrations by making him sit in the third row. Addressing the media, Jaggadev Reddy said the move was a conspiratorial and intentional insult.

Mettu Sai Kumar Launches Scathing Attack on BRS at Gandhi Bhavan

Hyderabad: Mettu Sai Kumar, Chairman of the Telangana Fisheries Corporation, on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the BRS leadership, alleging that the party has been reduced to staging political "dramas" after losing public confidence in Telangana.

Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Sai Kumar remarked that after Independence, leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi always upheld parliamentary conventions. He said Rahul Gandhi remains unaffected, noting the Gandhi family's historical role in shaping the Prime Minister's post, and praised Rahul's leadership as "like a lion" and Priyanka Gandhi as "like a leopard" for holding the government accountable. Jaggadev Reddy urged the BJP to respect democratic conventions and focus on governance rather than political conspiracies.



revolves entirely around him. In the coming days, they might as well stage dramas at the TRS Bhavan itself, with Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao acting as the directors, performers, and script-writers," he said.

Sai Kumar asserted that the people of Telangana have already forgotten the BRS, accusing the party of ignoring public grievances during its decade-long rule. He derided the party's attempts to speak about the Constitution, calling it ironic and laughable. "For ten years, it was not the Indian Constitution but a 'Kalvakuntla Constitution' that was implemented in the state," he alleged. Taking a dig at the party's claims, Sai Kumar said the BRS leaders' lies were endless, remarking that if written, they would rival the Ramakoti, and if spoken, would match the length of the Bhagavad Gita.

Consumers should develop questioning mindset: Dr. Pallepadu Damodar



Hanamkonda: Dr. Pallepadu Damodar, Chairman of the Southern States Consumer Coordination Committee, on Tuesday urged consumers to remain vigilant and cultivate a questioning mindset to curb malpractices and protect their rights. Speaking at a consumer awareness seminar in Hanamkonda, he said laws alone cannot prevent exploitation unless consumers are aware and proactive. He highlighted the role of consumer courts and announced that the "Bharat Jodo Consumer Awareness Yatra" will enter Telangana on January 29, with a rally planned in Hanamkonda on January 30 to promote consumer consciousness.

Bank employees protest in Mancherial demanding five-day work week

Mancherial, January 27, TS: Bank employees in Mancherial joined the nationwide strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) on Tuesday, demanding immediate implementation of a five-day work week.



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POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

We, Tata Capital Limited (hereinafter referred to as "TCL" - Transferee) through Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "TCFLS" - Transferor) vide Orders dated 24th November 2023 passed by National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai vide scheme of arrangement agreed between Tata Capital Financial Services Limited ("TCFLS") as Transferors and Tata Capital Limited ("TCL") as Transferee under the provisions of Sections 23 to 232 of Section 6 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("said Scheme") having our registered office at 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013 do hereby serve upon you the following notice under s.13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Tata Capital Limited**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (4 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 06-10-2023 and affixed the same in the residential property of the borrowers and co-borrowers, and also published in news papers Telugu Prabha and Business Standard newspapers dated 15-11-2023, calling upon the borrower & co-borrower/Guarantors / Legal Heirs 1) **Mr. MANIKANTA GENERAL STORES** represented by its Proprietor Mr. Nagesh Babu Bommissetti, Door No 10-3-45, Ranga Street, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 515812. Mob: 9866391974. 2) **Mr. NAGESH BABU BOMMISSETTY**, S/o, Narayana Swamy Bommissetti, Door No 10-3-45, Ranga Street, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 515812. Mob: 9866391974. 3) **Mr. NAGESH BABU BOMMISSETTY LAVANYA**, W/o, **NAGESH BABU BOMMISSETTY**, Door No 10-3-45, Ranga Street, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 515812. Mob: 770524549. Heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,05,245/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Twenty two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) (ie Rs. 84,97,199/- in Loan Account No. TCFLA094300012691301 and Rs. 20,25,348/- in Loan Account No. TCFLA094300013790056) as on 06-10-2025 along with interest, future interest, charges, costs etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on this the 24TH day of January 2025.

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Tata Capital Limited, for an amount being Rs. 1,05,13,513/- (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen Only) (ie Rs. 88,16,152/- in Loan Account No. TCFLA094300012691301 and Rs. 20,37,360/- in Loan Account No. TCFLA094300013790056) as on 14-01-2026, along with future interest, charges, costs etc thereon till the date of payment.

[The borrowers 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.]

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY As per regd Sale Deed D1-22-03-2013 with Document No. 660/2013. Property situated in R.D of Anantapuram and S.R.D of Uravakonda, Uravakonda Mandal, Uravakonda Grama Polam and Grama Panchayath with the following description.

Nature	Sl. No.	L.P No
Govt Dry	542/A	
Govt Dry	542/B	
Govt Dry	542/C	431/87 Ei Paiki Plot No. 39,40 and 41
Govt Dry	543/C2	
Govt Dry	543/C	

Item No. 1. Plot No 39 bounded by East: Plot No 44, West: 60 feet width road, North: Plot No 38, South: Plot No 40 of Bommissetti Nagesh Babu (Item No. 2 of Opinion Schedule Property)

In between open site measuring :

East-West: 60 feet or 18.3 mtrs Total Extent 266.66 Sq yards

Noth-South: 40 feet or 12.2 mtrs

Item No. 2. Plot No 40 bounded by

East: Plot No 43, West: 60 feet width road, North: Plot No 39 of Bommissetti Nagesh Babu (Item No. 1 of Opinion Schedule Property), South: Plot No 41 of Bommissetti Nagesh Babu (Item No. 3 of Opinion Schedule Property)

In between open site measuring :

East-West: 60 feet or 18.3 mtrs Total Extent 266.66 Sq yards

Noth-South: 40 feet or 12.2 mtrs

Item No. 3. Plot No 41 bounded by East: Plot No 42 West: 60 feet width road North: Plot No 40 of Bommissetti Nagesh Babu (Item No. 1 of Opinion Schedule Property) South: 40 feet Width Road.

In between open site measuring :

East-West: 60 feet or 18.3 mtrs Total Extent 266.66 Sq yards

Noth-South: 40 feet or 12.2 mtrs

Total Extent Item No 1+2+3 = 799.98 Sq yards

Place: Anantapuram Sd/ Mr. Siva Ganesh Babu Avula, Authorised Officer Date: 24.01.2026

Sd/ Mr. Siva Ganesh Babu Avula, Authorised Officer For Tata Capital Limited, Mob: 7337360957

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Corporate office #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015.

APPENDIX-IV (Rule 8(1)) Possession Notice (For Immoveable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd.**, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT NO.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrowers/ Guarantors. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrowers/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this.

Application No. Borrower and Co Borrowers Name and Address	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding amount as on	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
1. Mr. Armoor Venkatesh ...Borrower	17.09.2024 and Rs. 7,57,077/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Fifty Seven Thousand Seventy Seven Only)	8,51,652/-	20-01-2026
2. Mr. Armoor Meena Co-Borrower	Hno 3-101/4 bandalingapoor mettally jagital 505325, Mettally , Rural , Jagital , Telangana , India - 505325		

Loan No. AP/KRM/JGTL/A000000158

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the HOUSE bearing house No.3-101/4, with the total area 80.66 sq yards or 67.43 sqmeters,With R C C Plinth area 498.01 sq ft Situated at Badalingupur Village, Mettally Mandal district Jagital district. **Boundaries:** East: 12 Feet Wide Road, West: House of Armoori Mahesh, H.No.3-101/3, North: Way to Armoori Mahesh House.south: Open Place of Pothuganti Srinivas.

Application No. Borrower and Co Borrowers Name and Address	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding amount as on	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
1. Mr. Nunugonda Naresh Kumar ...Borrower	07/06/2024 and Rs.20,57,523/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only)	20,29,200/-	20-01-2026
2. Mr. Nunugonda Latha ...Co-Borrower	Hno 1-10-63,kala nagar mettally ts 505325, Kala nagar mettally 505325 , , Rural , Jagital , Telangana , India - 505325		

LAN: AP/KRM/VMLD/A000000030

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The property bearing House No. 1-10-63, an area of 140 Sq. Yards (17.15 Sq. Mtrs), Plinth area G.F. R.C.C. 1460 Sq. Fts., F.F. R.C.C. 485 Sq. Fts, situated at Mettally Pan and Mandal, Dist: Jagital, and with in the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub - District Mettally and Registration District Karimnagar 505325, containing the following boundaries.Bound By: EAST : Open place of Nunugonda Jayalaxmi WEST : House of Kotagiri Narsaiah, H.No. 1-10-64,NORTH : 18 Feet wide Road, South: Remaining House portion of Nunugonda Jayalaxmi, H.No. 1-10-63

Application No. Borrower and Co Borrowers Name and Address	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding amount as on	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
1. Mr. Armoor Mahesh ...Borrower	21.11.2024 and Rs.7,50,837/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Fifty Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Only)	8,01,450/00	20-01-2026
2. Mr. Armoor Laxmi ...Co-Borrower	Hno 3-101/3 bandalingapoor mettally ts 505325, Bandalingapoor, Rural, Jagital, Telangana, India - 505325		

Loan No. AP/KRM/JGTL/A000000159

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the RC House bearing house No.3-101/3 with a total area 122.66 Sq yards or 102.55 sq mtrs, With R.C.C. Plinth area 498.01 Sq ft, Situated at Bandalingupur Village, Mettally Mandal, Jagital District, and **BOUNDARIES** East: Road and House of Armoori Venkatesh, H.No.3-101/4, West: House of Nemuri Venkatesh, North: House of Armoori Narayana, South: Open Place of Pothuganti Srinivas

The Borrower/s or Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Hinduja Housing Finance Limited**, for an above-mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon

Place : Karimnagar Sd/Authorised Officer Date : 24-01-2026 For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

Branch: 3-11-114, Plot No-2, 1st floor, Sri Nilayam, RTC Colony, LB Nagar Hyderabad-500074. Phone No-040-49501072/762059163.

Email:lbnagar@canfinhomes.com, CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 readwith proviso to Rule 8(6) 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 properties mortgaged/e-charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., LB Nagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where it is", and "Whatever there is" 06-03-2026, for recovery of Amount mentioned hereinafter due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from respective Borrowers and Guarantors as on the respective dates, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

Sl. No. Name of the Borrowers and Guarantors Liability Amount as on 27-1-2026 Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit Type of Possession Description of the property

1	Mrs. J SRLATHA Dio. Mr. BALSHETT Y BANDARI and Mrs. BANDARI LALITHA W/o. W/BALSHETT BANDARI	Rs. 39,39,945/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Only)
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More municipal vehicles into use



Secretariat Sports Meet 2026 inaugurated at LB Stadium



Hyderabad, January 27: The Secretariat Sports Meet-2026 was grandly inaugurated at LB Stadium for Secretariat, Legislative Assembly, and Lok Bhavan employees. Sports Authority of Telangana Vice Chairperson & MD Soni Baladevi inaugurated the event as chief guest and stressed the importance of sports for fitness and stress relief.

Various indoor and outdoor competitions, including cricket, volleyball, badminton, chess, carroms, table tennis, and athletics, are being conducted with enthusiastic participation from employees. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Association office bearers and members attended the inaugural ceremony.

Parliament Must Act on Five National Priorities Dr Rekha



supreme forum of democratic accountability, must not remain silent on matters of national importance and should function as a platform for debate, transparency, and public scrutiny. She identified the five urgent priorities as the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement, Union Budget 2026 with focus on jobs, inflation, and inequality; women's safety and the growing crisis of missing girls, Centre-State financial stress affecting federalism, and the education and youth employment emergency. Expressing concern over unemployment, rising prices, crimes against women, and the financial strain faced by states, she said these issues require serious parliamentary attention and policy intervention. She stressed that education reforms and employment generation for youth must be treated as a national priority. "At this defining moment, Members of Parliament must uphold their constitutional responsibility and put the nation first," Dr Rekha Boyalapalli said, adding that India deserves accountability, informed debate, and responsible governance.

Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress Vice President Dr Rekha Boyalapalli on Tuesday urged Members of Parliament to rise above political differences and ensure immediate discussion on five critical national issues that directly impact India's economic future, social justice, and democratic values. Dr Rekha Boyalapalli said Parliament, as the

HDB Financial Services Ltd. | Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009. Branch Office: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor, H.No.1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice U/s 13(2) read with Section 13(3) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

You, the under mentioned borrower/ mortgagor, is hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post. Due for borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is necessary to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES:- All that Residential house bearing D No.4-174, site an extent 71.00 sq.yards in block no.4 within survey no.761/AA situated at Chakali Bazar, Mellacheru village, Mellacheru Mandal and Suryapet Dist. within the following boundaries: East: House of P. Balakotay, West: From Mellacheru to Kodad R & B Road, North: House of J. Jagamohini, South: House of R. Rukminiamma.

Date: 28-01-2026, Place: Suryapet Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd.

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

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shriram Finance Limited by its incorporation certificate dt. 13-11-2022), a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and branch office at Mancherial, (hereinafter referred as Company/ Lender). 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 SHIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued 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

(1) Krishna Urugonda C/o. Urugonda Lingiah, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Proprietor (M/s. BGI Manufactures Pvt. Ltd.), H.No: 39-13, Gandhinagar, A-Zone, Near Navodaya School, Ramakrishnapuram, Mandamari, Adilabad, Cell: 9885558222, Pincode: 504301.	NPA DATE: 07.02.2025	Date Of Demand Notice: 26.12.2025
(2) Urugonda Laatha W/o. Urugonda Krishna, Age: 43 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No: 39-13, Gandhani Colony, A-Zone, Near Navodaya School, Ramakrishnapuram, Mandamari, Adilabad, Cell: 9154283430, Pincode: 504301.	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 32,89,840/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 25,00,000/-

MNRCLT2403202002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is RAPARTHI LAXMINARAYANA, Mortgage deed dated 01.03.2024 Registered as Document No. 2359/2024 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Mancherial. Open land admeasuring to an extent of 400 Sq.Yards or 334.44 Sq.Mtrs., out of Sy. 67/- Situated at NTR Nagar locality of Garmila, Mancherial District, Registration District: Adilabad & Sub-District: Mancherial. The property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.

MCNRLT2403202002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is RAPARTHI LAXMINARAYANA, Mortgage deed dated 01.03.2024 Registered as Document No. 2359/2024 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Mancherial. Open land admeasuring to an extent of 400 Sq.Yards or 334.44 Sq.Mtrs., out of Sy. 67/- Situated at NTR Nagar locality of Garmila, Mancherial District, Registration District: Adilabad & Sub-District: Mancherial having the following boundaries: East: Land of Vendor, West: Land of Vendor, North: Plot of Ambilapu Kalavathi, South: 20 feet Road. In the circumstances 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: 27.01.2026 Authorised Officer SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Telangana

HYDERABAD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

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Bottuguda govt school inaugurated with modern facilities in Nalgonda



Nalgonda, January 27: State Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Tuesday inaugurated the Bottuguda Government Primary and High School in Nalgonda district, constructed at a cost of Rs.8 crore under the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the school was his long-cherished dream and emphasized that education for the poor is the key to development. Built on 2,500 square yards with modern amenities, the school will follow a blended approach combining the traditional curriculum with Waldorf education principles, focusing on experiential learning, creativity, and life skills.

Choutuppal Branch, Jella Complex Vijayawada Highway Choutuppal - 508252 , Phone: 040-23835960

APPENDIX-IV (Rs.81/-)
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 06/11/2025 calling upon the borrowers 1.M/s Manikanta Agro Industries Registered office: Jayashri Vasireddy, Residence Flat no.102,Prabhath Nagar,Chaitanya Nagar,Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy Telangana -500 035. 2.M/s Manikanta Agro Industries,Factory address: H No. 5-482/Sy. No. 129/B1, 129/B2,Nellutla Village,Ghanpur Mandal,Jangaon, Telangana- 506167.3.Mr. Ramphohan Joduri, Flat No. 201, Lakshmi Sri Sair Durga, Prabhat Nagar, Ranga Reddy, Flt 100, 1st Floor, Kothapet, Nallur Nagar, Ranga Reddy, H No. 5-163/1, Raveendra Nagar, Kisan Nagar, Bhongir, 508161. 5. Ms. Padma Kandukur H No. 5-163/1, Raveendra Nagar, Nalgonda, 508161.6.Ms. Tadisetti Sreedevi, Plot No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Karmanghat, 7.Mr. Tadisetti Sreedu H No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Near Backside of KKR Function Hall, Karmanghat, 8.Ms. Tadakamalla Bharathamma, H No. 07-02-07/85, Durga Nagar, Jillelaguda, 9.Ms. Thadisetti Kalyani, Plot No. 22A, Karmanghat, Hyderabad, 10. Ms. Masthy Kalpana Flat No. 401, H No. 6-2-831, Meenabug Colony, Srinivas towers, Nalgonda 508001. 11. Ms. Pola Madhavi H. No. 1-9-129/16/C, Flat No. 102, Usha Kiran Enclave, Musheerabad, Hyderabad 500020. 12.Ms. Edukulu Manjulatha 6-5-178, Market, Near TTD Kalyana Mandapam, Nalgonda 508113. Ms. Kandukuri Chandana H No.6-5-163/1, Raveendra Nagar, Nalgonda with our Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice 05.11.2025 (including MOI) amounts to Rs. 41,11,09,28 (Rupees Four Crores eleven lakhs nine thousand seven hundred twenty six and paisa twenty eight only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this 22 January of the year 2026.

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 Indian Bank for an amount of Rs. 4,11,09,27,28 (Rupees Four Crores eleven lakhs nine thousand seven hundred twenty six and paisa twenty eight only) as on 05.11.2025 and interest thereon.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities."

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:Mortgaged Assets: 1. Rice Mill Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 10345/2018, Dated 28.09.2018 bearing GP Door No. 5-482, Sy No. 130/0, admeasuring Ac 3-30 Gs or 18.50 Sq. Yds or 15.21 Sq. Mts consisting of Ground Floor with RCC roof situated at Lingala Ghanpur road, Nellutla Vill, Lingala Ghanpur Mdl, Jangaon Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following Boundaries: North: Agri Land of Yedla Yedla, Sudharswamy and Others South: Agri Land of Marati Chokkama and Others in Sy. No. 130/0 East: Agri Land of Marati Chokkama and Others in Sy. No. 130/0 West: Agri Land of P. Andula and Ambala Yadagiri.

2. Commercial Land under the Regd Sale Deed No. 986/2018, Dated 28.09.2018 bearing H No. 5-482 (Survey No. 129/B2) admeasuring 5687 Sq. Yds or 4754.91 Sq. Mts situated at Nellutla Vill, Lingala Ghanpur Mdl, Jangaon Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries Within the following Boundaries: North: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri and Others, West: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri and Others, South: Road, East: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri and Others, West: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri.

3. Commercial Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 9812/2018, Dated 04.10.2018 bearing H No 4-2-47, admeasuring 125.00 Sq. Yds situated at Railway Station road, Jangaon town and District Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following Boundaries: North: House of A. Venkatal and others, South: Lane, East: M. C. Road, West: House of Mungapalaiah.

4. Residential Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 9806/2018, Dated 28.09.2018 bearing H No. 4-1-35, admeasuring 154.79 Sq. Yds situated at Gindagadda area, Jangaon town and Dist. in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following boundaries: North: House of Bodla Shashankar, South: Open place of Miryal Rajahai, East: CC Lane West: House of Malyala Anjamma and 5. Hypothecation of stocks & book debts, Plant and Machinery at factory & Godown

Date : 22.01.2026 Sd/-AUTORISED OFFICER Place: Choutuppal Indian Bank

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED #201, 2nd Floor, Krsna Saphire Building, Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad - 500081.

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of the Borrower/s: 1) Mrs. Eluka Nirmala (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710200008438

Demand Notice Date : 10.09.2025; DNPP: 23.09.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession : 20.02.2026.

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 32,83,891.85 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One and Paise Eighty Five Only) as on 10.09.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of immovable Property : All that the House Property bearing No. 22-85/16/165 on Plot No. 165, admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards or 167.36 Sq. Meters. Having Plinth area of 100 Sq. Feet on Ground Floor, 90 Sq. Feet on First Floor, Total Built up area of 1800 Sq. Feet. Covered with R.C.C. in Survey No. 328 to 335 in "Prestige County" Situated at Ralliguda, Shamshabad Village & Gram Panchayat, Shamshabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State, Covered by Ward and Block No. 22, belonging to Mr. Eluka Nirmala Regd. Vide Sale Deed No. 13519/2018 dated 26.06.2018, and bounded by as under: North : Plot No. 164, South : Plot No. 166, East : 30' Wide Road, West : Plot No. 165.

2. Name of the Borrower/s:1) Mr. Rajeshwar Nithalaganti (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 7001050003362

Demand Notice Date : 08.10.2025; DNPP: 01.11.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession : 23.10.2025.

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.65,62,582.13 (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two and Paise Thirteen Only) as on 08.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the premises bearing House on Plot No. 56 Southern Part, admeasuring 150 Sq.yards or equivalent to 125.41 Sq.Mtrs having plinth area of 775 Sq.Ft with R.C.C. Roof (consisting of Ground Floor) in Survey No. 74, situated at Nadugur Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Badangpet Municipal Corporation Registration Sub-District Champat, belonging to Mr. Nithalaganti Rajeshwar Vide Sale Deed No. 7569/2024 dated 27.06.2024 and bounded by: North : Plot No. 56 Northern part, South : Plot No. 58, East : Plot No. 57, West : 25' Wide Road, Plot No. 56.

3. Name of the Borrower/s:1) Mr. Murapaka Aditya Krishna (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 7001030001294

Demand Notice Date : 08.10.2025; DNPP: 01.11.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession : 24.10.2025.

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.47,89,53.55 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Three and Paise Thirty Five Only) as on 07.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the House on Plot No. 7 Part (East Side), admeasuring 111.11 Sq. Yards & Plot No. 14 Part (West Side) admeasuring 22.22 Sq. Yards, Total admeasuring 133.33 Sq. Yards or 115.84 Sq. Mtrs with a Plinth area of Ground Floor 110 Sq. Yards in Survey Nos. 213/P, 214, 215, 216 & 217, Situated at Cheeryn Village & Grampanchayat, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District , belonging to Mr. Murapaka Aditya Krishna & Mrs. Mavuduni Lakshmi Sowanya. Vide Sale Deed No. 6280/2023 dated 03.06.2023 and bounded by: North : Plot No. 8 East Part & Plot No. 13 West Part, South : Plot No. 6 East Part

Editorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Republic under democratic strain

The world is likely to witness several momentous changes, and India needs to brace itself to not only deal with them but also fulfil its vision of emerging as a developed, democratic country with matching global clout. It cannot be denied that there is a dire need for introspection and course correction. In her Republic Day address to the nation, President Droupadi Murmu reiterated that the Indian Constitution was a "foundational document" and that the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in it define the Republic. Amidst fears and doubts regarding the future of the Constitution, it was heartening to note that the President made the point unequivocally, and the hope is that the government will follow the Constitution in letter and spirit. The Narendra Modi government has been in power since 2014 and with an enviable mandate, opportunity and power to reshape India as per Hindutva ideology. There has been a healthy tussle between two competing ideas of India—the Nehruvian and the Hindutva idea. Both have their flaws and fault lines.

The Nehruvian idea had laid the foundation for a modern, secular and united republic. It was progressive, forward-looking and celebrated a scientific temper. The Hindutva idea is more focused on reversing historical wrongs, restoring the lost glory and establishing the Hindu hegemony. In politics, it paves the way for a unitary form of government, which undermines federalism and excessive centralisation of executive power in one or two persons. It adversely affects religious and other minorities and also linguistic diversity.

There is ample evidence of the increase in hatred and acrimony in general, and religious divisiveness and bigotry in particular, among many sections of society. Secondly, in politics, the pursuit of absolute power through amoral and immoral means has been shrinking the space for a healthy political opposition, which does not augur well for an electoral democracy.

The nation is fast degenerating into what the V-Dem Institute has characterised as "electoral autocracy". Another worrying aspect is the seeping of election calculations into every aspect of government and governance. For instance, in the President's speech, it is difficult not to notice the selective and calculated references to Subramanya Bharati, Sri Narayana Guru, Rabindranath Tagore, Aurobindo, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and his Vande Mataram. Likewise, merit apart, the selection of Padma awardees appears to have been done with an eye on making electoral gains in Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal. Only voters can make the party mend its ways in the national interest. Despite some notable achievements in economic development, poverty and inequality persist, and the fact that nearly 81 crore people continue to be dependent on the government for food is a testament to the failure of critical policy and implementation. On the other hand, the gap between the rich and the poor is not only widening, but in many key sectors, there are unhealthy oligarchy tendencies, and they are increasingly being dominated by de facto duopolies.

SPACE WEATHER:

Proposed mission creates artificial solar eclipses

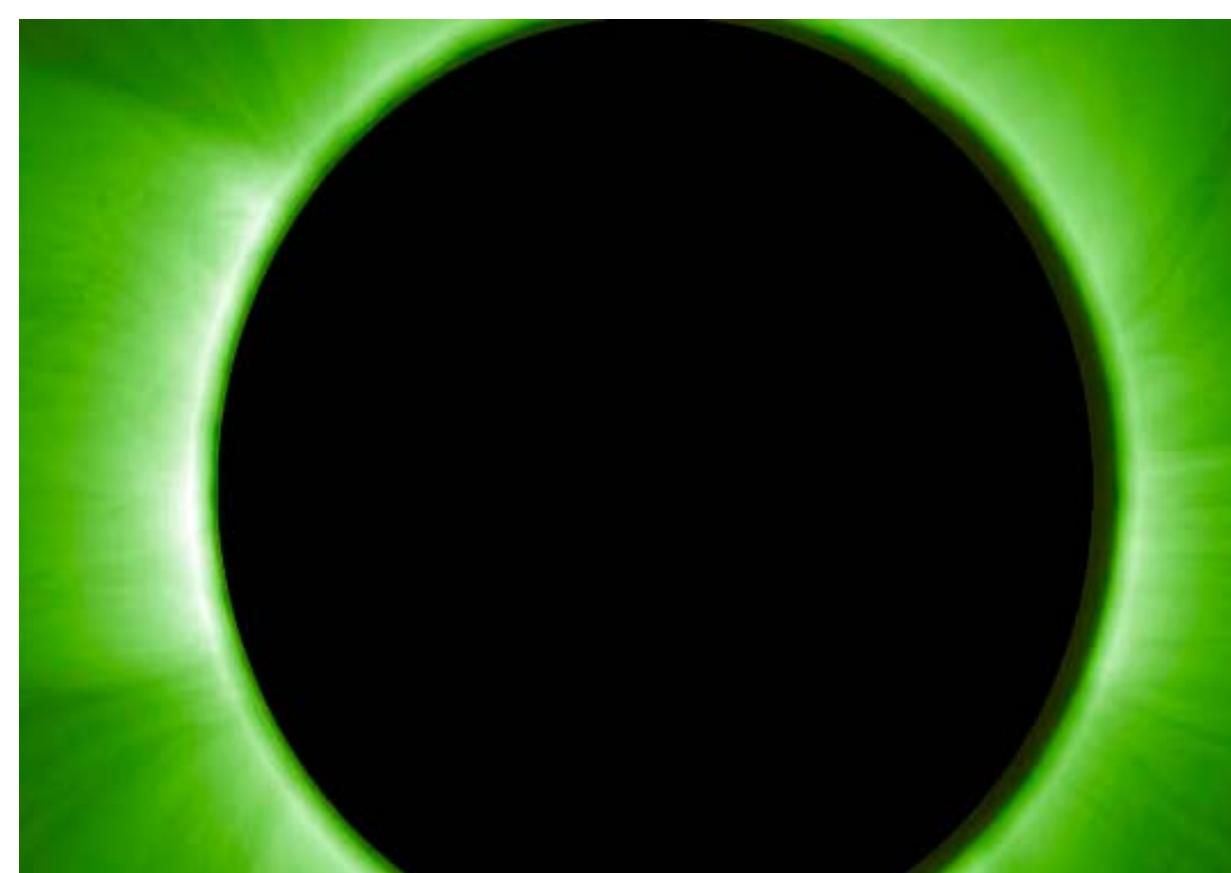
When a solar storm strikes Earth, it can disrupt technologies vital to daily life. These storms occur when bursts of electrically charged particles and magnetic fields from the Sun collide with Earth's magnetic field, producing what is known as space weather.

The Earth is currently experiencing one of the most intense solar storms of the past two decades, highlighting the need to better understand these events. An international team of researchers is working on a spacecraft mission designed to study the solar conditions that generate such storms, with the aim of improving space-weather forecasting.

The proposed mission, known as Mesom (Moon-enabled Sun Occultation Mission), would create total solar eclipses in space. By doing so, it would allow scientists to observe the Sun's outer atmosphere—the solar corona—in unprecedented detail.

Past disruptions show why this matters. In 1989, a coronal mass ejection (CME) triggered a nine-hour power blackout in Quebec, affecting Canada and the US and costing tens of millions of dollars in lost productivity and damaged equipment. More recently, in May 2024, a series of

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children in India suffer from stunting, and the infant mortality rate is 28 per thousand. ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers have played a crucial role in increasing these figures. More than 500 workers lost their lives during COVID-19, and compensation was announced, but payments were severely delayed. The situation is further exacerbated by mental stress, workload, and 20 percent vacant posts in states like Haryana.

The practice of honorarium is shameful. ASHA workers receive a minimum honorarium of Rs.3,500 to Rs.6,000, and that too is based on incentives. In Karnataka, the honorarium is fixed at Rs.6,000, but it is paid eight to nine months late. Anganwadi supervisors receive an average of Rs.15,000. There are no holidays, no transportation allowance, and no proper personal protective equipment. Maternity leave is also limited, and the workload is constantly increasing. Because the term applies to volunteers, they are outside the scope of the Minimum Wages Act 1948, the Equal

Solutions must be structural, not half-measures. Workers under the

working is a blatant injustice. In the 77th year of the Republic, when India claims to be a global leader, the issue of respecting these women is not a question of policy, but a constitutional question of morality. These protests are a message; justice delayed is revolution.

ASHA and Anganwadi workers are not supplements to any scheme, but rather the backbone of India's public health system. Denying them labor rights by labeling them as volunteers is an affront to social justice and constitutional equality. Women, who are on the front lines of saving the country from epidemics, malnutrition, and maternal mortality, are themselves vulnerable in the current situation. These protests indicate that time is running out. If the republic is to be strengthened, these women must be afforded respect, secu-



Remuneration Act 1976, and four new labor laws. The 45th Indian Labor Conference's recommendation of Rs.26,000 for a minimum wage has not yet been implemented. There are no social security schemes like EPF and ESI. The demand for an increase of Rs.1,200 in retirement pension has persisted for years, but no action has been taken on it. The e-Shram card does not provide any eligibility, but only collects data.

Ironically, women, who play a crucial role in reducing malnutrition and infant mortality in the country, are themselves vulnerable. According to the NFHS-5 report, 35 percent of chil-

scheme must be granted employee status through labor laws. This requires a minimum wage of Rs.26,000, a pension of Rs.10,000, and mandatory EPF. The central government should pay at least 50 percent of the honorarium, and states should immediately fill all vacant positions. Overtime, maternity leave, permanent workplaces, online training, and recognition of trade unions should be provided. Accountability should be ensured at the local level through Panchayati Raj. ASHA and Anganwadi workers are not mere figureheads in programs; they are the real hope of millions of families. This distinction between volunteering and

riety, and rights. Justice may be delayed, but it cannot be avoided.

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weaker solar eruptions caused thousands of satellites in low-Earth orbit to lose altitude. GPS outages alone cost US farmers an estimated \$500 million. These events pale in comparison with the 1859 Carrington Event, the most powerful solar storm on record. Electrical currents surged through telegraph wires across North America and Europe, shocking operators and even starting fires. A storm of similar magnitude today would have catastrophic consequences for our technology-dependent world, a risk recognised by successive UK governments.

Yet our view of the solar corona—where CMEs originate—remains obscured by the Sun's own intense brightness. During total solar eclipses, the Moon blocks the Sun's visible surface, revealing the faint glow of the corona. Studying this region is crucial for understanding how solar storms form and for improving forecasts that could protect Earth's infrastructure. Unfortunately, total eclipses are rare and brief, lasting only a few minutes and occurring roughly once every 18 months. Ground-based observations are further limited by weather and atmospheric distortion. Artificial alternatives, known as coronagraphs, use disks and optical filters to block sunlight and have pro-

vided valuable data, including from the Soho spacecraft since 1995. However, even the most advanced coronagraphs struggle to observe the deepest layers of the Sun's atmosphere.

Mesom proposes a different approach: using a natural celestial body as the occulting disk. The Moon, with its near-perfect spherical shape and lack of atmosphere, is an ideal candidate. By flying a mini-satellite into the Moon's shadow, Mesom would recreate eclipse conditions without Earth's atmospheric interference.

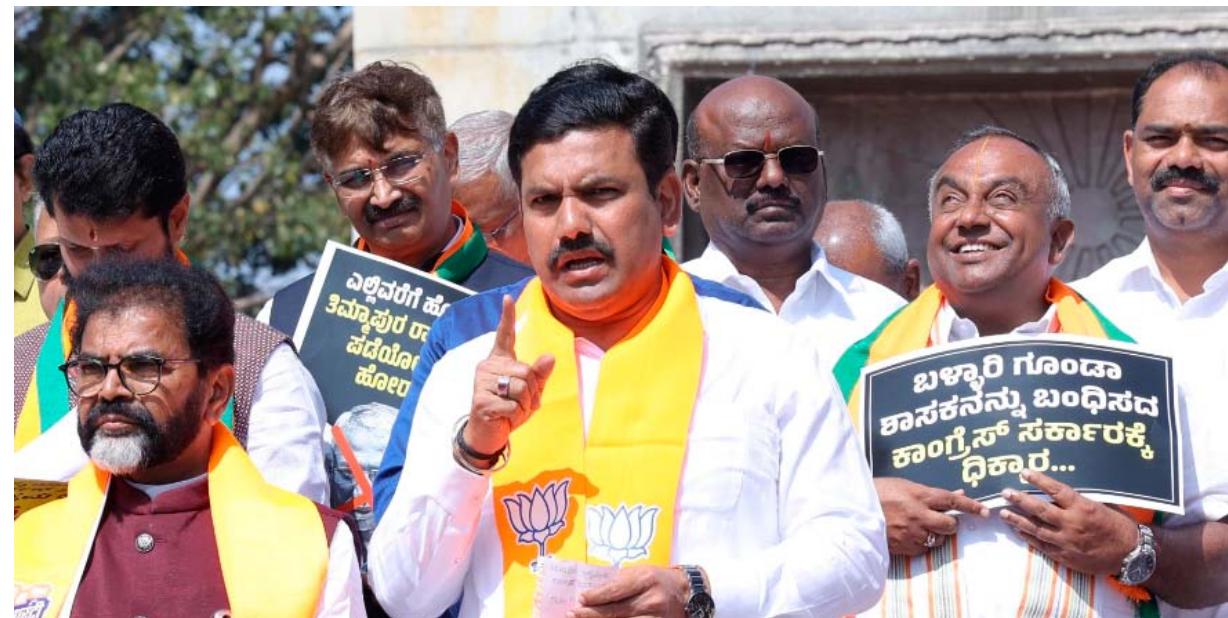
Developed by engineers and scientists at the Surrey Space Centre and partner institutions, Mesom would exploit the dynamics of the Sun-Earth-Moon system to observe the inner solar corona once a month for up to 48 minutes at a time—far longer than eclipses seen from Earth. Funded by the UK Space Agency, the project has grown into an international consortium led by UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory. Recently submitted to the European Space Agency for consideration, the mission could launch in the 2030s. Over two years, Mesom would return at least 400 minutes of high-resolution coronal observations—data that would otherwise take more than 80 years to collect from Earth.

Vijayendra demands investigation into excise scam by a sitting judge or CBI

Bengaluru: A proper investigation must be conducted into the excise scam involving more than 6,000 crore. The investigation must be carried out either by a sitting High Court judge or by the CBI, demanded BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra.

Speaking to the media, he said that BJP and JD(S) are jointly staging a protest near the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Vidhana Soudha against the corrupt Congress government. He stated that Opposition Leader R. Ashok, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, JD(S) leaders Suresh Babu, Bhojegowda, along with MLAs and MLCs from both parties, are participating in the protest. He added that the entire country has witnessed how Congress goons behaved in a hooligan-like manner towards the Hon'ble Governor inside the Assembly.

Vijayendra said that even the name of the Excise Minister himself is being mentioned in the excise scam, and that names of the minister's family members



are also surfacing. Despite this, the Chief Minister is not allowing discussion on the issue in the Assembly, he alleged. He accused the state government of attempting to turn Karnataka into a state of alcoholics. "I have been repeatedly saying this. Liquor is being sold even in grocery shops in rural areas," he said. He alleged

that over the last two-and-a-half years, the government has increased excise targets by 35% to fill the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's treasury and to fund the so-called guarantees. He claimed that it has become impossible for excise department officials to get postings without paying crores of rupees in bribes.

As a result of all this, the government has allowed liquor sales even in rural grocery stores and permitted illegal liquor sales. He said the government has enabled this just to fill its coffers. "Karnataka has never seen such a shameless and disgraceful government in its history," he remarked.

He said people are cursing

the government. Instead of thinking about public welfare, the Chief Minister is repeatedly talking about guarantees and destroying the lives of poor rural families, which he termed unfortunate. He said protests are being held on multiple issues and demanded the resignation of the Excise Minister and a proper investigation

into the matter. Vijayendra alleged that Siddaramaiah and his government consider the Hon'ble Governor as a paid servant. He recalled how Governors were misused during Indira Gandhi's tenure, which the entire country witnessed. He stated that President's Rule was imposed 90 times when Congress was in power at the Centre.

He further said that the Governor was insulted and ill-treated during the joint session of the legislature, and now the government is justifying such behavior. He questioned the purpose of Congress leaders now planning padayatras and gheraos, asking, "For what self-respect are you laying siege?" He alleged that the Congress government has not announced a single new scheme in the last two-and-a-half years and has failed to undertake development work. He criticized Siddaramaiah's government as being steeped in corruption and accused it of destroying the entire system.

Gram panchayat offices in Karnataka to be named after Mahatma Gandhi: DCM DK Shivakumar



Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D K Shivakumar on Tuesday announced that all 6,000 gram panchayat offices in Karnataka will be named after Mahatma Gandhi, stating that the move would permanently uphold Gandhiji's legacy at the grassroots level.

Speaking after participating in the "Raj Bhavan Chalo" protest against the discontinuation of the MGNREGA scheme, Shivakumar said the proposal was made following representations from KPCC Vice President Ugrappa and other party office bearers, and has been conveyed to the Chief Minister. He noted that Mahatma Gandhi envisioned every village having a school, a cooperative society and a panchayat, and naming panchayat offices after him would reflect that philosophy.

Strongly defending MGNREGA, the Deputy Chief Minister said the Congress party was fighting for the employment rights of the poor. He recalled that the scheme was introduced during the UPA regime under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi and Dr Manmohan Singh, and was even praised by the World Bank in 2013. He said nearly Rs 6,000 crore was spent annually across around 5,700 panchayats, benefiting farmers and rural workers through works such as agriculture-related activities, Indira Awas housing, cattle sheds and other infrastructure.

Shivakumar criticised the Centre for altering the funding pattern of the scheme and alleged that pending dues have not been released. He said while the Centre earlier bore 90 per cent of the cost, the new framework expects states to contribute up to 40 per cent, making implementation difficult even for BJP-ruled states. He added that NDA ally Chandrababu Naidu has also expressed concerns over the revised scheme. Taking a sharp dig at the BJP, Shivakumar said the party had "lost the right" to protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue, accusing it of undermining Gandhiji's legacy. He also challenged BJP leaders, including H D Kumaraswamy, to a public debate on MGNREGA, questioning the decision to scrap the scheme over alleged irregularities instead of addressing corruption cases individually.

PAN India to Host Landmark 50th Signature CME in Bengaluru, Advancing Evidence-Based Nutrition in Clinical Practice



Bengaluru : In a significant step toward placing nutrition at the core of modern healthcare, Physicians Association for Nutrition (PAN) India has hosted its 50th Annual Signature Continuing Medical Education (CME) on 25 January 2026 at Taj Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru, in collaboration with IMA Bangalore and Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI).

The full-day, accredited CME brought together 600+ physicians, specialists, public health experts, and researchers from across the country to address one of India's most pressing health challenges: the rapidly rising burden of obesity, pre-diabetes, and metabolic disease. Participants will earn 2 KMC credit points while engaging in in-depth scientific discussions, interactive sessions, and practical learning experiences.

"Nutrition is not an adjunct to treatment; it is foundational to prevention and recovery. When clinicians are equipped with evidence-based nutrition knowledge, we move from disease management to true health restoration. Embedding this evidence into healthcare systems and medical education is essential for sustained population-level impact," said Dr. Rajeena Shahin, Medical Director, PAN India. The CME also underscores the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together perspectives from clinical medicine, nutrition science, public health, and policy to explore sustainable, patient-centred healthcare models.

Franklin Templeton India's "Change the Soch - Kanyakumari to Kashmir Drive"



Bengaluru : Franklin Templeton India's 'Change the Soch, Kanyakumari to Kashmir Drive', a first of its kind nationwide campaign reaches the city of Bengaluru aimed at promoting financial empowerment, especially among women. Commemorating Franklin Templeton's 30 years in India, this 30-day journey kicked off in the southern tip of the country in Kanyakumari and conclude in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. Through interactive financial education sessions, expert insights, and community engagement, the drive aims to

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy Inaugurates SIAT 2026 in Pune, Emphasises India's Vision for Global Automotive Leadership



Pune: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H. D. Kumaraswamy, inaugurated the three-day Symposium on International Automotive Technology (SIAT) 2026 in Pune, marking a significant milestone in India's journey towards safe, sustainable and globally competitive mobility solutions.

Organised by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) in association with SAE International and SAEINDIA, SIAT 2026 is being held during ARAI's Diamond Jubilee Year and focuses on innovative pathways for future-ready transportation systems. Addressing the gathering of automotive experts, industry leaders, researchers and policymakers, Union

Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy congratulated ARAI for its six decades of contribution in driving innovation and empowering safer and cleaner mobility. He described ARAI's role in strengthening India's automotive ecosystem as "commendable and transformative."

Highlighting India's rapid economic progress, the Union Minister said that "India has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy with a GDP of USD \$4.18 trillion and is firmly on track to become the third-largest economy in the coming years. India's projected GDP of USD \$7.3 trillion by 2030 reflects the nation's growing confidence, capability and industrial strength."

Union Minister Kumaraswamy underlined that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has set a clear and ambitious roadmap towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. He stated that renewed focus on Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat is strengthening advanced manufacturing sectors that will define India's future growth and global standing.

"Electric mobility lies at the heart of this transformation. It reduces dependence on imported fossil fuels, lowers emissions and creates new opportunities for Indian industry, innovators and our young workforce," he said.

Governor presented with book 'The Horizon of Intellect: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Ethics' by young writer Ashutosh Sharma



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'The Horizon of Intellect: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Ethics' by young writer and talented author Ashutosh Sharma was published in January 2026 by 'Notion Press'. This work explores the civic, moral and philosophical implications of advanced artificial intelligence (AI).

Key points of the book: The book argues that the development of sentient AI is not just a technical issue, but rather a 'civil crisis'. The authors argue that it makes current human-centered ethical

frameworks (liberal egalitarianism and human exceptionalism) inadequate. The authors examine large linguistic models, emerging logic, and self-modifying structures. The authors consider

these to be new forms of non-human intelligence, and argue that they require their own moral validation.

Focus: The book challenges the view that AI is merely a tool to be controlled.

Instead, it argues that AI should be "disciplinedly integrated into a renewed ethical system." The book draws on philosophy, political theology, cognitive science, and ancient spiritual traditions. A work that challenges the belief in morality. In 'The Horizon of Intellect', the authors challenge prevailing beliefs about the morality of artificial intelligence (AI). They argue that the rise of sentient AI exposes the limitations of today's moral frameworks, which are based on liberal egalitarianism, predictability, and human superiority. They argue that today's systems are ill-equipped to deal with a future in which machines may have autonomy, will, and intentions. Rather than seeing AI as merely a tool to be controlled or tamed, the book views non-human intelligence as a transformative force. It prompts humanity to rethink hierarchy, sovereignty, tradition, and power.

Madras HC scraps order granting immediate censor clearance to Vijay's movie 'Jana Nayagan'



Chennai, Jan 27: In a significant setback to the makers of Vijay-starrer 'Jana Nayagan', a Division Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday allowed an appeal filed by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and set aside a single-judge direction that had ordered the immediate grant of censor certification to the film.

The Bench held that the earlier order could not be sustained as it ventured into the merits of the dispute at an interim stage.

The Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Srivastava and Justice Arul Murugan, observed that a writ court, while considering an interlocutory

plea, ought not to have examined the substance of the complaints raised against the film's content. Holding that the approach adopted by the single judge was legally flawed, the Bench allowed the CBFC's appeal, set aside the impugned order, and remanded the matter for fresh consideration.

The court also granted liberty to the writ petitioner to amend the petition, a move that is expected to further delay the film's theatrical release.

The Bench recalled that it had already stayed the single-judge order on January 9 after noting that the Union government had not been granted sufficient time to file its response.

Subsequently, on January 15, the Supreme Court refused to entertain a plea filed by the producer challenging the Division Bench's interim stay and the delay in the issuance of the final censor certificate.

'Jana Nayagan', projected as actor Vijay's final film before his full-time foray into politics, was slated for a January 9 release, coinciding with the Pongal festival.

The producer, KVN Productions, had approached the High Court alleging unreasonable delay by the CBFC despite compliance with all modifications suggested by the Examining Committee.

According to the producers, the application for certification was

submitted on December 18, 2025. Following a personal hearing, the Examining Committee, through a communication dated December 22, 2025, recommended certification under the 'UA 16' category, citing violence, fight sequences, gory visuals and brief references to religious sentiments.

Certain excisions and modifications were directed, which the producers claimed were fully implemented, and a revised version of the film was resubmitted on December 24. The modifications were verified on December 29, after which the producers were informed that the 'UA 16' certificate would be granted.

However, an email dated January 5, 2026, informed them that the film had been referred to a Revising Committee under Rule 24 of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, based on a complaint

alleging improper portrayal of defence forces

and possible hurt to religious sentiments. It later emerged that the complaint had been made by a member of the Examining Committee, triggering the legal dispute. The CBFC was represented in the appeal by Additional Solicitor General A.R. Sundaresan.

CHENNAI: Light to moderate rain is likely at one or two places in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu today (January 27), the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, said.

According to a release issued by the RMC and quoted by Daily Thanthi, rainfall activity is expected in parts of South Tamil Nadu and districts along the Western Ghats today, while dry weather is likely to prevail over the remaining parts of the State. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that a north-south feeble trough over



accounts for 29 per cent of the Indian textile exports to the EU to the tune of 2.3 billion US\$, would be a major beneficiary of the pact. It would create a significant opportunity to double exports from major textile clusters such as Tirupur and Karur, which predominantly supply knitted garments and



mand shares of 21 per cent, 10 per cent and five per cent respectively, Durai added that the agreement would also strengthen India's ability to compete with China, which remains the largest supplier to the EU with a share of 29 per cent.

"The FTA is expected to be a game changer and drive India's textile industry to achieve the vision of increasing the textile business size from US\$172 billion to US\$250 billion and exports from 37 billion US\$ to 100 billion US\$ by 2030, increase new investment to the tune of 100 billion USD and create new jobs for 20 million people especially the rural masses and women folks.

Amid high US tariffs, India-EU FTA to boost textile exports

Tamil Nadu

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COIMBATORE: Against the backdrop of unprecedented global trade disruptions and the imposition of high tariffs by the United States, the Tirupur textile sector expects the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the European Union (EU) to enhance competitiveness, deepen supply chain resilience, and enable both India and the EU to strengthen their economies. The India-EU FTA would provide a significant boost to the Indian textile and clothing industry, with the ready-made garments, home textiles, technical textiles and fabrics segments emerging as major beneficiaries.

"Tamil Nadu, which

kitchen linen to several leading global brands in the EU," said Durai Palanisamy, chairman, The Southern India Mills Association (SIMA).

While enabling India to

effectively compete with key supplier countries such as Bangladesh, Turkey and Vietnam, which currently com-

Isolated rain likely in south Tamil Nadu on Jan 27; squally winds along coast



the southeast Arabian Sea, off the Kerala coast, has become less marked, influencing the prevailing weather conditions in the region. From January 28 to 30, dry conditions are expected across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal from January 28-30.

Isolated rain forecast; squally winds likely to affect south TN coast, light to moderate rain may occur at one or two places in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal on January 31 and February 1. Meanwhile, squally weather with wind speeds of 40-50 kmph, gusting up to 60 kmph, is likely over the Gulf of Mannar, Comorin area, and along and off the south Tamil Nadu coast. Similar wind speeds are likely over Gulf of Mannar and Comorin area from January 28-30.

WHO and Noora Health begin collaboration to strengthen support for family caregivers



The World Health Organization (WHO) and Noora Health have signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance global support for family caregivers – an often overlooked but vital component of health systems.

This strategic collaboration, formalized during the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2025, underscores the growing recognition of the essential role families play in delivering care across the life course. Representing the partners at the MoU signing were Dr Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage – Life Course at WHO, and Dr Shahed Alam, Co-CEO and Co-Founder of Noora Health.

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2) building a strong evidence base to inform policies and training and strengthen family caregiver-inclusive health systems globally; and

3) conducting research and analysis to better understand and support the needs of family caregivers globally.

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Through this MoU, WHO and Noora Health will focus on three core areas:

1) creating training materials to improve caregiver

knowledge and self-care practices for mothers, children, adolescents, and older adults;

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coordinates global partnerships. It works to reduce health risks through multisectoral action, generates and synthesizes evidence, and develops normative guidelines and human rights-based policies. The Department also supports countries in implementing these strategies and monitors progress to ensure lasting impact on health, growth, and well-being across the life course.

Noora Health

Since 2014, Noora Health has equipped over 30 million family caregivers and patients across Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and Nepal through its innovative training programmes. At the heart of Noora Health's approach is the recognition of family members as essential caregivers. By equipping them with critical health knowledge and skills – both in hospitals and at home through a robust digital platform – Noora Health strengthens the broader care ecosystem, eases the burden on health workers, and improves community-wide understanding of health care, recovery, and prevention.

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Helping people live well at all ages

What if healthcare didn't just treat illness—but helped us thrive in good health from birth to old age? This is the concept behind a new framework launched today by WHO which aims to help countries adopt a life course approach to health. The framework, developed through extensive global consultation with diverse health experts and policymakers, offers a roadmap for rethinking how health systems support people at all life stages.

"Rather than focusing solely on disease and sickness, the life course approach emphasizes building people's capacity to live well—physically, mentally, and socially—throughout their lives," said Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at WHO. "It's not only about adding years to life but also life to years—ensuring people can live well at all ages, and pass on the best possible future to their children."

What is a life course approach to health?

The life course approach recognizes that health is shaped by a mix of biological, social, environmental, and behavioral factors—and that these influences persist throughout our lives. Experiences in early life can affect health decades later, even for future generations. For instance, a child born into a nurturing environment with access to early learning and good nutrition is more likely to succeed in school, find stable employment, and enjoy better health later in life. Similarly, a middle-aged adult who receives support to manage stress and stay physically active may delay the onset of chronic conditions and maintain independence well into older age.

A life course approach connects the dots between life stages—childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and older age—and promotes policies and services that support people across their entire lifespan. Interventions to promote health are beneficial at all ages, but the framework recognizes the need for particular attention around critical moments of transition or risk like pregnancy, infancy and adolescence, when major developments occur.

Why does it matter?

addressing health disparities early, countries can reduce inequalities that might otherwise persist and compound over time. For example, ensuring that all children receive adequate nutrition in the first five years of life can prevent stunting and cognitive delays that affect school per-



formance and future earnings. Likewise, investing in adolescent mental health—through school-based counselling or peer support groups—can reduce the risk of depression, substance abuse, and suicide later in life.

Early actions can also be impactful in later life stages. For example, multicomponent interventions, such as exercise, resistance training, nutrition, and cognitive training, can build resilience and delay health declines for middle-aged and older adults. The life course approach also encourages a shift away from fragmented, disease-specific care—where interventions often happen after problems have already developed—toward integrated, person-centred services that respond to people's real needs.

What does it look like in practice?

In early childhood, nurturing care, early learning, and good nutrition help children build strong cognitive and emotional foundations. Adolescents benefit from mental health support, sexual health education, and school-based services. For adults, workplace wellness programmes, reproductive health services, and chronic disease prevention help maintain well-being. And in older age, integrated care models—like WHO's Integrated Care for Older People (ICOPE) programme—support independence, mobility, and social connection.

The approach also values intergenerational relationships, such as older adults mentoring youth, and encourages collaboration across sectors like health, education, housing, and social services.

Six principles for actionThe Framework identifies six principles to guide a life course approach for governments and policy makers.

Focus on the whole person

systems should see people as more than their diseases. Care

should be person-centred, addressing physical, mental, and social needs across all life stages.

Promote health equity

Not everyone starts life with the same opportunities. This principle calls for targeted efforts to reduce unfair and avoidable health disparities—whether based on age, gender, income, or geography.

Act early and often

Intervening during critical life transitions—like early childhood, adolescence, or midlife—can have lasting benefits. But action is needed at every stage, not just early in life. Use appropriate, evidence-based action

Policies and services should be grounded in the best available science and tailored to local realities. This includes integrating insights from medicine, public health, and the social sciences.

Work across sectors and generations

Health is shaped by education, housing, employment, and the environment. The framework calls for multisectoral collaboration and intergenerational solidarity to improve outcomes for all.

Ensure continuity across life stages

Services should be designed to support people through life's transitions—from school to work, from parenthood to retirement—ensuring no one falls through the cracks.

What are the next steps?

The WHO is calling on governments, health systems, and development partners to invest in data systems that track health across life stages; to train health workers in person-centred care; to build strong partnerships across sectors, and develop investment cases that show the long-term value of sustained and preventive actions for health. Tools like WHO's Universal Health Coverage Compendium and Service planning, delivery and implementation platform are available to help countries design integrated service packages that reflect these principles, as well as the data portal for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and ageing to support evidence-driven pro-

HortiConnect India Expo 2026 returns to Bengaluru with Messe Muench India onboard

The 2026 edition of HortiConnect India Expo, scheduled from October 1 to 3 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), will see an expanded focus as it begins to engage more directly with India's wider agriculture sector. The trade fair will be co-hosted by Messe Muench India in partnership with Bengaluru-based HortiConnect Global Pvt. Ltd. Originally positioned as an international-standard trade fair centred on horticulture, the organisers said the broader scope reflects increasing convergence across crop segments. Technologies first adopted in horticulture, such as protected cultivation systems, precision irrigation, climate-resilient inputs, and post-harvest infrastructure, are now being deployed across field crops and mixed farming systems.

Horticulture will continue to anchor the exhibition, with coverage across greenhouse technologies, seed and planting material, irrigation solutions, bio-inputs, and post-harvest management. The additional agriculture lens is intended to draw participation from players whose products and services serve multiple crop categories, particularly in water management, mechanisation for high-value crops, and supply chain integration. India's horticulture sector has gained policy prominence in recent years, driven by rising domestic demand, export growth, and the



need to improve farm incomes. At the same time, pressure on land and water resources has pushed farmers towards intensive production models, many of which originated in horticulture but are now influencing broader agricultural practices.

"This platform was created to respond to how the sector is evolving," said S.K. Gutgutia, Chairman, Florance Flora, and a member of HortiConnect Global. "Advanced technologies first adopted in horticulture are now influencing broader agricultural practices, and the exhibition reflects that shift."

Chhupinder Singh, President – IMEA (India, Middle East, Africa), Messe München and

CEO, Messe Muench India, said the partnership aligns global exhibition standards with regional sector strengths. "Karnataka and larger South India have developed into key centres for horticulture-driven enterprise, particularly in floriculture, precision farming, and export-oriented production. HortiConnect provides a focused business platform anchored in these strengths."

The 2026 edition will focus on key growth areas such as protected cultivation, smart irrigation, climate-resilient crop inputs, and post-harvest management—areas that are critical for both domestic supply chains and agri-export ambitions.

What to Expect at HortiConnect India 2026

Unlike broader agri expos, HortiConnect India maintains a sharp focus on the horticulture segment—covering the entire value chain from input to market. The 2026 edition will feature: Live technology zones with working demos and product launches

A dedicated visitor connect app to enable seamless B2B meetings and lead generation. International brand participation across irrigation systems, seed tech, substrates, greenhouse automation, and sustainable solutions. Curated networking zones, digital badges, and premium amenities for exhibitors and

business visitors

Organisers say the event also aims to foster stronger policy-industry collaboration, especially in the context of India's push for FPO-led market development, horticulture exports, and climate-smart agriculture. In addition to technology showcases and product demonstrations, the organisers expect participation from grower clusters, farmer-producer companies, exporters, and agri-input firms across the country. Policy and market-linked discussions around FPO-led supply chains and climate-smart agriculture are also likely to feature. The 2026 edition will also see the co-location of the first edition of AgriCon India, a new platform positioned to address cross-cutting challenges in the agriculture sector. AgriCon India is intended to bring together stakeholders from technology, policy, finance, academia, and farmer networks, with a focus on bridging gaps between innovation and on-ground adoption.

With agriculture facing structural pressures related to productivity, resource efficiency, and market access, platforms that integrate technology, capital, and policy dialogue are increasingly seen as part of the sector's transition. The co-location of AgriCon India alongside HortiConnect India reflects an attempt to address these broader agricultural challenges while retaining horticulture as the exhibition's specialist anchor.

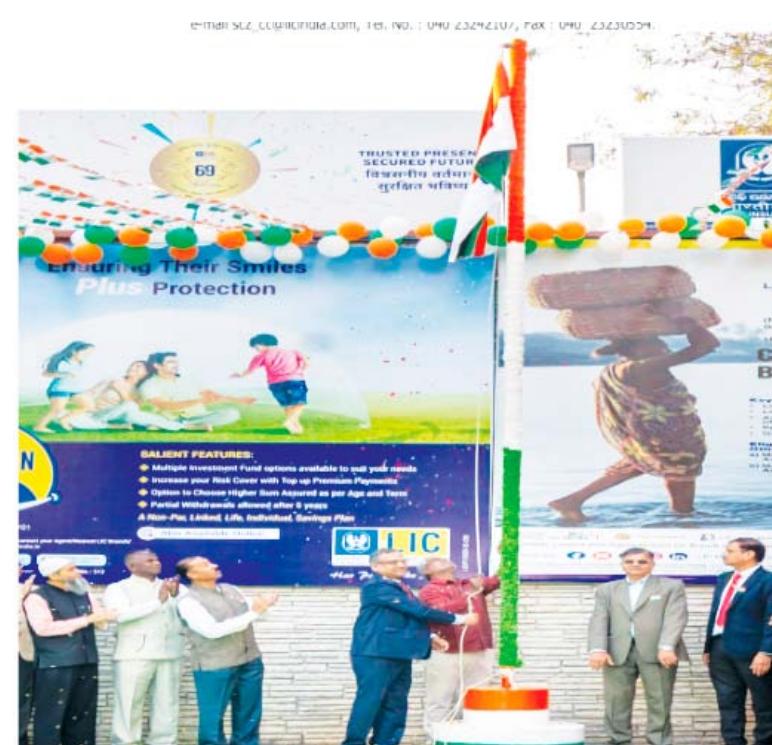
GITAM inaugurates two-day workshop on Big Data Analytics



Hyderabad (TSIT) GITAM School of Technology, Hyderabad, inaugurated a two-day workshop titled "Big Data Analytics: Hands-On Training" for M.Tech students on January 27, 2026. The programme is being conducted in offline mode and is organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The workshop is convened by Prof. Pritee Parwekar, with Dr. Kamalakant Laxman Bawankule from the Department of CSE, Government College, Nagpur, serving as the key resource person. The primary objective of the workshop is to provide students with practical exposure to distributed computing using Hadoop. Sessions focus on core concepts of big data analytics, system architecture, and hands-on training in distributed systems, enabling participants to gain a strong understanding of large-scale data processing. The initiative reflects GITAM's commitment to equipping students with industry-relevant skills through experiential learning in emerging technologies.

LIC South Central Zone celebrates 77th Republic Day in Hyderabad

Sri Punet Kumar, Zonal Manager, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), South Central Zone, Hyderabad, unfurled the National Flag at the Zonal Office premises on Sunday, marking the 77th Republic Day celebrations. The event was attended by senior officials, employees and agents of LIC. Addressing the gathering, Sri Punet Kumar reflected on India's journey since becoming a Republic and underlined the importance of unity and rapid development for the nation. He highlighted that technological advancements in LIC have significantly improved service delivery to policyholders, enabling customers to access services in the minimum possible time. At the same time, he stressed that the value of human interaction should not be overlooked and called upon employees and



agents to work with honesty and dedication to strengthen the nation. He further stated that LIC remains sensitive to the evolving needs of customers and is continuously developing new products to cater to insurance and investment requirements. Emphasising social responsibility, Sri Punet Kumar urged LICians to focus on three key aspects — "My LIC, My Country and My Earth." He also appealed to all to avoid the use of plastic, protect the environment and support the 'Make in India' initiative. Senior officials including Sri P. P. Kelkar, Executive Director (Audit), Central Office, Mumbai, along with Sri M. Ravi Kumar, Sri S. Sarvana Ramesh, Sri G. S. Sastry, Sri A. A. M. Hilali, and employees from the Zonal and Hyderabad Divisional Offices were present on the occasion.

Globally educated youth opt for retail training to build careers from the shopfloor

At a time when many young Indians aspire for global corporate roles and desk-based careers, a quiet but significant shift is unfolding on India's retail shopfloors. Increasingly, even globally educated graduates are choosing hands-on retail training to become job-ready, recognising that academic degrees alone do not always prepare them for real-time customer engagement. This trend is clearly reflected in Samsung's DOST Sales Programme, a structured retail skilling initiative that has emerged as a pathway for young professionals to learn the business from the ground up. The 2026 cohort stands out for its diversity, featuring participants from varied academic backgrounds, includ-

ing those with international education, who are opting for frontline retail exposure as a strong foundation for long-term careers.

The DOST programme blends classroom learning with on-ground store experience, equipping participants with essential skills such as customer handling, product knowledge, communication, and retail operations. In today's evolving retail landscape, sales roles go beyond transactions, requiring professionals to act as problem-solvers, advisors, and trust-builders for well-informed customers.

Participants like Quazi Faizan Afroz Akhlaque Uz Zama, an MBA graduate, and Rashneet Kaur Chhabra, a University College London postgradu-

UpTik announces platform launch and fund structures at international investment conference at BSE

Hyderabad, January 27, 2026: UpTik, a Hyderabad-based financial technology platform under the Growcap ecosystem, announced key platform and fund structure developments at the International Conference on Investments & Global Affairs, held at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on Saturday, January 27, 2026. The conference brought together senior industry leaders, market participants, legal experts, and policymakers to deliberate on global investment trends, alternative assets, and cross-border capital frameworks, while providing a forum for UpTik to outline its institutional platform approach.

Platform and Fund Structure Announcements: The conference, UpTik disclosed its acquisition of Bhadhani Finance Company Limited, a 27-year-old NBFC, with a stated focus on regulatory compliance, governance discipline, and institutional lending practices. The company also detailed the structure and positioning of its Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), including its investment framework and governance mechanisms. Mr. Harvansh Chawla, Chairman, BRICS



Chamber of Commerce & Industry, was announced as Chairman of FiscalTown AIF (Category II). In addition, UpTik presented its Singapore Variable Capital Company (VCC) structure, aimed at facilitating cross-border fund management and participation by global investors and family offices.

Commenting on the developments, Mr. Vinod Varma, Co-Founder & CEO of UpTik, said, "The objective behind building UpTik has been to create a structured, governance-first platform that aligns with institutional expectations across lending, fund management, and cross-border investment. The discussions at today's conference reflect the growing importance of transparency, regulatory clarity, and disciplined capital deployment in India's evolving investment ecosystem." Mr. Kanishk Gupta, Managing Director, FiscalTown

UpTik also acknowledged the role of its found-

ing leadership team in building the platform. "We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our founding leadership team—Dileep Varma, Mukesh Chowdary, and Phani Chowdary—who have played a key role in establishing UpTik's operational, governance, and technology frameworks," said Vinod. The conference also recognised the participation of Aasritha Group, whose representatives highlighted the importance of structured capital platforms in enabling scalable and compliant investment ecosystems. The event concluded with the UpTik Excellence Awards, recognising internal teams for leadership, performance, and operational integrity, followed by a post-conference media interaction where journalists engaged with speakers on market sentiment, regulatory developments, and capital market trends. V R I G H T Exchange, India's first structured investor engagement and leadership dialogue platform, participated as the Knowledge Partner, curating institutional-grade discussions and facilitating structured leadership interactions aligned with serious investor interests.

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ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE ON JANUARY 27 OVER FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK DEMAND

Hyderabad : The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body comprising nine unions of bank employees and officers, has called for an All India Bank Strike on January 27, 2026, pressing for the implementation of a five-day work week in the banking industry. Nearly eight lakh employees and officers from public sector banks, private sector banks, foreign banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks are expected to participate in the strike.

The key demand of the unions is government approval for declaring all remaining Saturdays as bank holidays, in addition to the existing second and fourth Saturdays, by introducing extended working hours from Monday to Friday. This proposal was recommended by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) based on Memorandums of Understanding signed with UFBU on December 7, 2023, and reiterated in the Settlement/Joint Note dated March 8, 2024.

UFBU leaders recalled that during the 10th Bipartite Settlement and 7th Joint Note in 2015, it was agreed that the

demand for a five-day work week would be considered in due course. After prolonged discussions, the IBA and unions agreed in 2023 to increase daily working hours by 40 minutes on weekdays to facilitate Saturday holidays. However, the proposal has been pending government

approval for over two years. Despite assurances that the matter was under active consideration—following the deferment of a proposed two-day strike in March 2025—the unions argue that with digital banking and alternative service channels in place, customer inconvenience would be minimal.



US-CANADA TRADE TENSIONS RISE

Trump warns of 100% tariffs



Credit: Tennessee Whaley/Shutterstock

Washington, Jan 27: President Donald Trump Saturday threatened to impose a 100 per cent tariff on goods imported from Canada if America's northern neighbour went ahead with its trade deal with China.

Trump said in a social media post that if Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney "thinks he is going to make Canada a Drop Off Port" for China to send goods and products into the United States, he is sorely mistaken."

While Trump has waged a trade war over the past year, Canada this month negotiated a deal to lower tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles in return for lower import taxes on Canadian farm products.

Trump initially had said that agreement was what Carney "should be doing and it's a good thing for him to sign a trade deal."

Carney's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump's threat came amid

an escalating war of words with Carney as the Republican president's push to acquire Greenland strained the NATO alliance. Trump had commented while in Davos, Switzerland, this week that "Canada lives because of the United States." Carney shot back that his nation can be an example that the world does not have to bend toward autocratic tendencies.

Trump later revoked his in-

vitation to Carney to join the president's "Board of Peace" that he is forming to try to resolve global conflicts.

Trump's push to acquire Greenland has come after he has repeatedly needed Canada over its sovereignty and suggested it also be absorbed by the United States as a 51st state.

He resumed that this week, posting an altered image on social media showing a map

of the United States that included Canada, Venezuela, Greenland and Cuba as part of its territory.

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In his message Saturday, Trump continued his provocations by calling Canada's leader "Governor Carney." Trump had used the same nickname for Carney's predecessor, Justin Trudeau, and his use of it toward Carney was the latest mark of their soured relationship.

Russian air attack on Ukraine knocks out power for millions



Moscow carried out the strikes as trilateral, US-brokered talks between Russia and Ukraine continued into a second day in the UAE, with no sign of compromise Friday

since its full-scale invasion in 2022, is conducting its heaviest bombardment campaign on energy facilities this winter, leaving people across Ukraine with only a few hours of power a day and some without heat or water.

Over 800,000 people in the capital and another 400,000 in the northern region of Chernihiv were without power after the latest attacks, Deputy Prime Minister Oleksiy Kuleba said.

Ukraine's air force said Russia had unleashed 375 drones and 21 missiles, including two of its rarely deployed Tsirkon ballistic missiles, in its overnight attack.

The sky over Kyiv was lit up by regular orange flashes as air defences fired on missiles and drones descending on the capital, with loud booms echoing around the city's tall buildings.

Tymur Tkachenko, head of Kyiv's military administration, reported strikes in at least four districts. A medical facility was among the buildings damaged.

Before Saturday, Kyiv had already endured two mass overnight attacks since the New Year that have knocked out power and heating to hundreds of residential buildings.

Emergency workers were still engaged in restoring services to residents that had been knocked out by those attacks, and Klitschko said many of the buildings that had lost heating Saturday had only recently had it restored. In Kharkiv, a frequent target 30 km (18 miles) from the Russian border and much closer to eastern battlefronts, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said 25 drones had hit several districts.

IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN

Federal agents fatally shoot second person in Minneapolis

Minneapolis, Jan 27: A man shot by federal agents in Minneapolis Saturday has died, local and federal officials said, the second fatal shooting involving federal agents this month during a surge in immigration enforcement in the northern US city.

The man, who has not been identified, was armed with a handgun and two magazines, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement.

A video circulating on social media and aired on cable news stations showed people wearing masks and tactical vests wrestling with a man on a snow-covered street before shots are heard. In the video, the man falls to the ground, and several more shots are heard.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz called for an immediate end to the Trump administration's immigration enforcement operations in the state.

"I just spoke with the White House after another horrific shooting by federal agents this morning," Walz wrote on social media platform X. "This is sickening. The President must end this operation. Pull the thousands of violent, untrained officers out of Minnesota. Now."

Tina Smith, a Democratic US senator from Minnesota, called the shooting "catastrophic."

Minneapolis officials urged calm as the incident is investigated. Video from the area showed immigration agents deploying tear gas on a growing crowd of onlookers.



Indonesian rescue members carry a body bag containing the remains of a victim from the site of a landslide following heavy rains in Pasirlangu village, West Bandung regency, West Java province, Indonesia

Winter storm forces over 10,000 flight cancellations across US

Dallas, Jan 27: More than 10,000 flights across the US set to take off over the weekend were cancelled as a monster storm started to wreak havoc Saturday across much of the country and threatened to knock out power for days and snarl major roadways with dangerous ice.

Roughly 140 million people, or more than 40 per cent of the US population, were under a winter storm warning from New Mexico to New England. The National Weather Service forecast warns of widespread

heavy snow and a band of catastrophic ice stretching from east Texas to North Carolina.

All Saturday flights were cancelled at Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City, and all Sunday morning flights also were called off, as officials aimed to restart service Sunday afternoon at Oklahoma's biggest airport. The airport was nearly deserted Saturday morning, with only a few TSA agents and a couple of travellers remaining inside the departures side. The Texas Department of Transportation Saturday posted images of snow-covered highways in the suburbs north of Dallas.

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China places highest-ranking general under investigation

Beijing, Jan 27: China's most senior general is under investigation, China's defence ministry said Saturday, in the highest-profile purge to date of senior military leadership just as Beijing modernises its forces and tries to further project its might.

Zhang Youxia serves as sec-on-d-in-command under President Xi Jinping as vice-chair-man of the Central Military Commission - the supreme

command body - and has long been seen as Xi's closest military ally.

The ministry said Zhang and Liu Zhenli, chief of staff of the CMC's Joint Staff Department, were under investigation for suspected serious violations of discipline and law.

Zhang is also a member of the elite Politburo of the ruling Communist Party and is one of just a few leading officers with combat experience.

The military was one of the

main targets of a broad corruption crackdown ordered by Xi in 2012. That drive reached the upper echelons of the People's Liberation Army in 2023 when the elite Rocket Force was targeted.

Zhang's removal is the second of a sitting general on the Central Military Commission since the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. He has not been seen in public since November 20, when he held talks with Russia's defence minister in Moscow.

Indian crew world's most abandoned seafarers in 2025

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) said that abandonment worldwide hit record levels last year as it released new data showing 6,223 seafarers abandoned across 410 ships

London, Jan 27: Indians are the most abandoned nationality of seafarers for the second consecutive year as 1,125 cases of abandonment were logged at the end of 2025, a UK-headquartered global union of transport workers has found.

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) said that abandonment worldwide hit record levels last year as it released new data showing 6,223 seafarers abandoned across 410 ships.

The ITF welcomed the Indian government's "blacklisting" measures to protect its seafar-

ers from ships as a result of repeat abandonments and other bad practices.

"It's nothing short of a disgrace that, yet again, we are seeing record numbers of seafarers abandoned by unscrupulous ship owners," said David Heindel, Chair of the ITF Seafarers' Section.

"Every day, all around the world, seafarers face horrific violations of their human and labour rights, all so that bottom-feeding companies can make a quick buck at their expense. It's very clear that this is a systemic issue in the industry and that means we need the entire industry to come together



with seafarers and their unions to say, 'enough is enough', and take action together to end this crisis," he said.

Seafarer abandonment is defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), headquartered in London, under three criteria: failing to cover

the cost of a seafarer's repatriation; leaving a seafarer without necessary maintenance and support; unilaterally severing ties with a seafarer, including failure to pay contractual wages for a period of at least two months.

According to the ITF analy-

sis, the worst region for abandonment was the Middle East, followed by Europe. The two countries where most ship abandonments took place and the highest number of vessels on which abandonments occurred were Turkiye (61) and the United Arab Emirates (54) both of which were found to have significantly higher abandonment rates than any other country.

The ITF data, to be submitted in a report to the IMO ahead of its discussion at a legal committee meeting later this year, also shows that seafarers were owed a total of 25.8 million dollars in 2025 as a consequence of the abandonments. From this total, the ITF said it has recovered and returned 16.5 million dollars to seafarers.

"In 2025, we've yet again seen the worst year on record for seafarer abandonment. But this isn't just a story about

numbers, these are the people the workers who keep our economy moving forward being forced into absolutely desperate situations, far from home and often without any clear resolution in sight," said ITF General Secretary Stephen Cotton.

"As we've long said, the solutions to abandonment lie in accountability in the shipping industry ensuring that ship owners can't dodge their responsibilities. The International Maritime Organisation must be given more power to play a co-ordinating role in eradicating abandonment," he said.

The union has been campaigning against the misuse of the 'Flags of Convenience' (FOC) system. An FOC vessel is one that flies the flag of a country other than the country of ownership, at the same time adopting the regulations set down by that flag.



Dominant India eye sparkling outing from spinners in 4th T20I against NZ



VISAKHAPATNAM: With the series already sealed, India will be hoping for a positive turn in their spinners' performance while attempting to extend the total domination over New Zealand to the fourth T20I here on Wednesday. The batting storm kicked up by Abhishek Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan and the resultant 3-0 series lead has so far masked the underwhelming outings of two premier spinners -- Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy.

Kuldeep has picked up two wickets in as many matches, but looked a distant shadow of his bewitching self, conceding 9.5 runs an over. The left-arm wrist spinner had three expensive overs, that leaked 32 runs, even when India limited the Kiwis to 153 for 9 riding on brilliant spells by Jasprit Bumrah, Ravi Bishnoi and Hardik Pandya.

In fact, the modest effort was a continuation from the

preceding ODI series in which he took three wickets across three matches and gave away 7.28 runs an over.

Chakravarthy, who was rested for the third T20I, is a slightly different case as he has played in two high-scoring matches when the visitors scored 190 and 208. But the usual zip has not been there in his bowling. The little time away might have been useful in replenishing him.

Kuldeep or Bishnoi?

In that context, India will ponder whether to persist with Bishnoi (4-0-18-2 at Guwahati) in the fourth match, and bring back Chakravarthy in place of Kuldeep to allow the latter some breathing space. India will also keep a close eye on the fitness of all-rounder Axar Patel, as he has not played since the first game at Nagpur because of a finger injury.

Bats of fury

While the bowling pieces in this series have still not

entirely fallen in their places, the hosts' batting has been a different story.

The top-order reshaped India's T20 batting in this series and third match resembled an extended Power Play. Abhishek has scored at a strike-rate of over 300 while Suryakumar and Kishan

has affected his rhythm but the talent rush in Indian cricket has made it mandatory for Samson to come good on almost all occasions. However, pitiful numbers in this series so far -- 16 runs in three matches at 5.33 -- have made the ride rough for him. But with a recuperating Tilak Varma having an extended time away from the team, Samson might be getting another game here to vindicate the management's faith in him. Perhaps, the team think tank can also consider giving him the No. 3 slot while pushing Kishan up to pair with Abhishek. However, the Kerala man will be aware that he is closer to the tip of the rope more than ever before.

Can Kiwis fly high?

Little has gone right for New Zealand in the ongoing series. Their batters found occasional spark but bowlers failed to mount a response to Indian batters' onslaught.

That Jacob Duffy, with an economy of 10.30, is their most parsimonious bowler tells a story in itself, but his numbers shine bright in comparison to other bowlers.

They offer a stunning read too. Matt Henry (13.80), Kyle Jamieson (14.20), Mitchell Santner (13.14) and Ish Sodhi (12.50) have all been taken to the cleaners by the home side.

There are some peripheral concerns such as a possible promotion of in-form Daryl Mitchell higher up in the order, but if the bowlers do not self-heal their scars and manage their fears quickly then another round of wallop ing awaits them.

Sabalenka ends Jovic's dream run, reaches fourth straight Aus Open semifinal



Melbourne, Jan 27: World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka

ended the 18-year-old American Iva Jovic's dream run, securing a 6-3, 6-0 win to reach her fourth consecutive Australian Open semifinal on Tuesday.

Sabalenka is the only player still standing in the women's field to have previously lifted the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup. With her place in a fourth consecutive Melbourne semifinal, the top seed has reached the last four at a major for the 14th time.

In a dominant display, the top seed struck 31 winners to Jovic's 12 and won 61

per cent of points on the 29th seed's second serve.

Jovic at 18 was the youngest player to reach the last eight at the Australian Open without dropping a set since Venus Williams in 1998. Sabalenka, who is yet to drop a set, will face either No. 3 seed Coco Gauff or No. 12 seed Elina Svitolina next.

In the pair's first-ever meeting, Sabalenka immediately exerted her authority by pouncing on Jovic's second serve to break and quickly consolidated for a 3-0 lead. Jovic prevented herself from falling to an even bigger deficit. Her stunning ball-striking trou-

bled Sabalenka. Serving for the set at 5-3, the top seed

saved one break point before Jovic fended off a first set point. The four-time major champion saved another two break points with her trusty serve and set up a second set point with a cracking forehand winner down the line, only to be denied when Jovic returned her serve, the Australian Open reports.

Sabalenka then struck a brilliant backhand to earn a third set point and pummeled another backhand down the line to claim the set. In the second set, Sabalenka surged to an early lead, placing yet another backhand winner, leading her to break in the 29th seed's opening service game. Sabalenka then gained an insurance break and a 3-0 lead, then held to love to put the match within two games of its conclusion. The 29th seed, Jovic, benefited from a double fault

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Australian Open: Pegula knocks out defending champion Keys



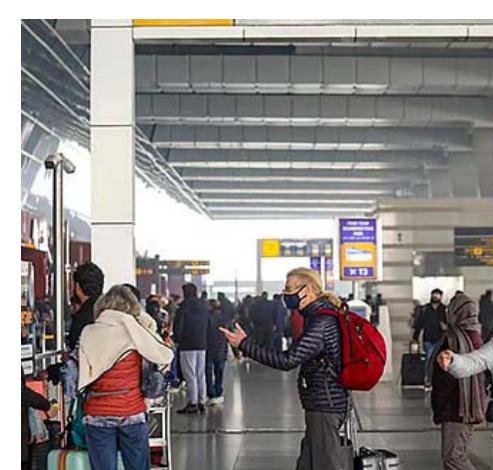
MELBOURNE: Jessica Pegula knocked out defending champion Madison Keys on Monday and moved into a quarterfinal against Amanda Anisimova, another all-American match. Their fourth-round win on Day 9 meant four Americans reached the women's singles

quarterfinals in Australia for the first time since 2001, when Serena and Venus Williams, Jennifer Capriati, Monica Seles and Lindsay Davenport made it to the last 8. "Sucks that one American has to go out in the quarterfinals," Anisimova said. Pegula had a slightly different view: "At least one of us will get through, and I think that's great for American tennis. Yeah, it's been pretty crazy how well the women have been doing and how many top-ranked girls there are," she added. "I'm just happy to be a part of that conversation." Pegula and Anisimova advanced a day after No. 3 Coco Gauff and 18-year-old Iva Jovic earned their places on the other side of the draw.



The move to Germany saw him win a long-awaited first major trophy of his career as Bayern won the Bundesliga last season.....

Scotland hopeful of timely Indian visas ahead of T20 World Cup opener



it doesn't matter whether you've got three days or whether you've got 45 days. "Certainly that's been our focus in the last 48 hours: just getting those visas done so our players are all ready to go. They're all in the middle of submitting their visas and we will be there on the ground in India as quickly as we can, so it's just a matter of time now." Sharif, who was born in Huddersfield to a Pakistani father and a British-Pakistani mother, shifted to Scotland as a seven-year-old.

"(The ICC) can only give us the assurances of the bits that they can control and, absolutely, of the bits that they control, we are working with them and obviously they're working with the BCCI and local people on the ground there to make sure that we are getting all of that support that we need," Lindblade said. "So, absolutely, (they

have given) the assurance that they can provide of things that were in their control. There is a team working very, very hard to not just help us, but to help 19 other teams as well that are also going to a World Cup. But we are the intense focus right now."

As a contingency plan, Scotland will also apply for visas for two travelling reserves and three non-

travelling reserves to ensure they can field a team in case of delays.

"We [also] anticipate some support whenever we can [get it] from the BCCI," Scotland's head of performance, Steve Snell said. "I don't think we need to escalate that any further to get into the country, because you'd suggest that Scotland being invited to attend the World Cup and

qualifying for the Super 8s stage. We do feel for Bangladesh."

Lindblade said Scotland sympathise with Bangladesh and that this was not how they wanted to compete in the ICC showpiece.

"We certainly have for the Bangladesh team," Lindblade said when asked if she had sympathy for the side they had replaced.

"Obviously, this is not how we wanted to go to a World Cup. There is a qualification process and nobody wants to qualify or attend or be invited to a World Cup in the way that we have done. We acknowledge it is certainly unique circumstances by our participation, and we do feel for the Bangladesh players." Scotland had missed out on qualification after losing matches against Italy and Jersey at the Europe Regional Final last July.

Sanju is one knock away from getting that confidence and form back: Morne Morkel

VISAKHAPATNAM: The struggling Sanju Samson on Tuesday received a big vote of confidence as bowling coach Morne Morkel said the opener was just one knock away from breaking free from a lean run. Samson has so far made just 16 runs in three T20Is with a highest of 10 when other top-order batters like Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav were punishing the New Zealand bowlers.

"Sanju is one knock away from getting that confidence, getting that form back. For us, building up to the World Cup it's important for the guys to find that peak performance at the right time. He's training well, he's hitting the ball very well," Morkel said on the eve of the fourth T20I here.

Despite it being an optional nets, Samson spent more than 30 minutes at nets facing various bowlers such as Axar Patel, Varun Chakravarthy, Abhishek Sharma and side-arm bowler Raghu.

After an initial few minutes, the boys are playing some very good cricket. "We've got a couple of games now before the start of the World Cup, and I have no doubt that Sanju will find his form," added the South African.



Dubbing begins for Ustaad Bhagat Singh, post-production gains momentum

The much-awaited film *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* has entered a crucial phase of post-production with the commencement of dubbing on an auspicious note. The development has heightened excitement among fans eagerly awaiting updates from the film. Renowned for his impactful writing and mass-loaded dialogues, director Harish Shankar, popularly known as the "Cult Captain," is spearheading the post-production work at a rapid pace. The makers promise powerful and whistle-worthy dialogues that are expected to significantly enhance the film's cinematic appeal. Power Star Pawan Kalyan is expected to join the dubbing sessions shortly, further adding to the buzz surrounding the project. With post-production progressing steadily, the team has assured that major updates from *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* will be revealed soon, keeping



Peddi director Buchi Babu launches first look of CAT

Renowned filmmaker Buchi Babu, director of *Peddi*, unveiled the first look of the upcoming film *CAT* at a special event held in Hyderabad on Monday. The film is presented by Y. Gangadhar IPS under the VRGR Movies banner and produced by Rajani Gongati. *CAT* marks the directorial debut of G. V. Naidu, who also features as actor in the film. The first copy of the film, which is gearing up for a release soon, was formally launched by Buchi Babu, drawing attention from film industry circles. Speaking on the occasion, Buchi Babu said he had known director G. V. Naidu for a long time and had heard the story of *CAT* earlier. He described the storyline as innovative and interesting, expressing confidence that the film would appeal to audiences. He extended his best wishes to



the director, producers, actors and technicians, hoping the film would achieve grand success and bring recognition to the entire

team. The makers stated that *CAT* is ready for release shortly and called upon movie lovers to support the film.

Director Jayanth C Paranjee launches romantic song Malli Malli from Barabar Premistha



The romantic melodious track "Malli Malli" from the upcoming film *Barabar Premistha* was officially launched by renowned director Jayanth C Paranjee. The film stars Attitude Star Chandra Hass in the lead role and is directed by Sampath Rudra. It is produced by Geda Chandu, Gayatri Chinny and AVR under the banners of CC Creations and AVR Movie Wonders, with Kakarla Satyanarayana presenting the film. *Barabar Premistha* features Miss India finalist Meghna Mukherjee as the female lead, while Arjun Mahi of

Ishtamga fame plays the antagonist. The posters, teaser and songs released so far have received a positive response, especially from youth audiences. The film is slated for a grand theatrical release on February 6. The newly released song "Malli Malli" showcases the refreshing on-screen chemistry between Chandra Hass and Meghna Mukherjee. Composed by RR Dhruvan, the song stands out for its soothing melody, heartfelt lyrics and soulful rendition by Mohammed Irfan, making it an appealing romantic duet.

Speaking at the launch, director

Jayanth C Paranjee praised the song and extended his best wishes to the team. "Malli Malli" is a lovely song. The film is releasing on February 6. I wish the entire team great success and hope audiences watch and encourage the movie," he said. The film's technical crew includes cinematographer YR Sekhar and editor Bonthala Nageswar Reddy. The supporting cast features Muralidhar Goud, Laxman Meesala, Madhunandan, Abhay Naveen, Rajasekhar Aningi, Dr. Bhatini, Keerthilatha Goud and Sunitha Manohar in key roles.

Jr NTR's Devara 2 happening or not? Official confirmation is here



After weeks of confusion and online rumours, *Devara 2* is finally back in the news with an official update. Fans of Jr NTR, fondly called Tarak, had been worried that the sequel might be quietly shelved. Now, the makers have put those doubts to rest. Producer Sudhakar Mikkilineni confirmed at a recent public

event that *Devara 2* is very much happening. He stated that the film is planned to go on floors from May 2026, with a targeted theatrical release in 2027. This announcement has brought relief and excitement among NTR fans, who were waiting for a clear signal from the team.



Devagudi to appeal to all sections with love, friendship and family emotions: Director Bellam Ramakrishna Reddy

The upcoming film *Devagudi*, set against the backdrop of Rayalaseema, is all set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 30th of this month. Written and directed by Bellam Ramakrishna Reddy, the film is self-produced and presented by Bellam Sudhareddy under the banner of Pushyami Film Makers. Abhinava Shaurya, Narasimha, Anusree and Raghu Kunche play the lead roles.

Sharing the highlights of the film in an interaction with the media, director and producer Bellam Ramakrishna Reddy said *Devagudi* will appeal to all sections of the audience with strong themes of friendship, love and family emotions, though it carries a fictional backdrop. He explained that unlike conventional faction films, the faction element appears only briefly, while the story primarily revolves around the emotional journey of three childhood friends and the circumstances that lead to



their separation. Recalling his journey, Ramakrishna Reddy said *Devagudi* is his second film as a director after *Drishya Kavyam*. He noted that the recently released trailer and songs, especially the lullaby sung by Chitra, have received a very good response, with strong digital viewership. The film has received an 'A' certificate from the censor board with minor cuts due to violence and a romantic song. He added that the film features a special 11-minute action episode, sharp screenplay, real-life-inspired incidents and no lag, supported by music composed by Madeen. The film is being released through Suresh Distribution, with good demand for OTT and satellite rights.

Actor and music director Raghu Kunche, who plays the role of *Devagudi Veera Reddy*, said he believes the film will bring him a good name as an actor. He described the character as a powerful and emotionally rich role, performed in the Rayalaseema dialect and shot entirely in real locations. He praised director Bellam Ramakrishna Reddy for his clarity and dedication as both director and producer, and said the film was executed with meticulous planning. Raghu Kunche added that *Devagudi* is packed with friendship, love, revenge and family emotions, while keeping the faction backdrop minimal. He also revealed that he has composed and sung a song in the film and expressed confidence in music director Madeen's future. Stating that he entered the industry as a singer and music director, Raghu Kunche said he continues to take acting opportunities seriously and is currently working on multiple projects.