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

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

5.3 intensity earthquake with epicentre in Tajikistan jolts J&K



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

ED RAIDS ON I-PAC:

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

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



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

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

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



Telangana wants water, not disputes: CM Revanth

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

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

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

Concerned for our community in US: India on Minneapolis shooting

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Trump signals control of Venezuelan oil reserves, drawing global attention

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



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

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

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

Vijay or Stalin, NDA or not: OPS at crossroads

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



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

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

EXTREMELY SADDENING:

PM Modi, other leaders express grief over Himachal bus tragedy

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



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

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

Hydroponic ganja valued at Rs 14 crore seized at Hyderabad Airport

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

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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: S&T/01/2026 DATED 09.01.2026
For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (Maintenance) South Central Railway Guntakal invites e-tenders (Open) for the following work up to 15.00 hrs of 02.02.2026.

Tender No.: 01-SNT-01-2026
Description of the work (Signal and Telecom work): South Central Railway - Guntakal division - EDD (incl) - DHNE - BEY (incl) section (Total - 8 stations & 4 LCs) - Provision of Remote Diagnostic and Predictive Maintenance System (RDPMS) as per RDSO/SPN/257/2025, Version No. 2.0 dated 31.12.2025 and Provision of Analytics for Assets Maintenance & Management - 4-Rd station: Edduladoddi, Rangapuram, Bethamcherla, Bugganipalle 5-Rd station: Pendekallu, Malliyala, Malkapuram 6-Rd station: Dhone Mid sec LC gates: LC Nos. 141,149, 161, 162
Advised Tender Value of the work (₹): 7,11,97,538.70
Earnest Money Deposit (₹): 5,06,000.00
Completion Period: 12 Months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be declared holiday at later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time. Validity of the offer should be 60 days from the date of opening. Corrigendum will be issued for the above tender notice if necessary through online only. For further tender conditions /details and for downloading of tender document, please visit website www.irops.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/M/Guntakal

NO:B-SG-P-E-09/CJM-TSR-25-26 DT:08.01.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work:

S.No.: 01 Name of the work: B-SG-P-E - 09 - C J M - T S R - 2 5 - 2 6
Dated:08.01.2025 of work "Comprehensive Signalling and Telecommunication Works for Provision of Automatic Block Signalling System in Chinnaganjam (CJM) - Tsunduru (TSR) Section of Vijayawada Division in South Central Railway".
Tender value (₹): 134,29,48,845.35/-
Bid Security (₹): 67,15,000.00/-
CTB: Nil
Completion Period: 480 Days

S.No.: 01 Description: Date of closing and timing Time: 15:00 hrs. Date: 18.02.2026

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of the name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria, etc. are available in the Tender documents published on the website at "www.irops.gov.in".

2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website "www.irops.gov.in" before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.

3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.

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

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/P/Vijayawada

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: GNT/E.23/24/24/2025-26

E-Tenders from the Contractors for the following works are invited by the undersigned up to 15.30 hrs on 02.02.2026.

S.No.: 01 Tender Ref No.: GNT/E.23/2025-26, Dt: 08-01-2026
Tender Title: GNT Division - Improvement of reliability for OHE PSI infrastructure in division Approx. value in (₹): 2,40,27,761.21/- (Incl. GST) Earnest money deposit in (₹): 2,70,200/-
Cost of tender form (non-refundable) in (₹): NIL

S.No.: 02 Tender Ref No.: GNT/E.24/2025-26, Dt: 08-01-2026
Tender Title: GNT Division: CTR(P), Through Rail Renewal(P), TFR, TBR (ML) works - Electrical TRD arrangements Approx. value in (₹): 17,11,828/-
Earnest money deposit in (₹): 34,300/-
Cost of tender form (non-refundable) in (₹): NIL

Last date and time for online submission of E-bids 02-02-2026 up to 15.30 hours.

If the due date of tender opening is declared as holiday at a later date the tenders will be opened on the next working day.

For any detailed information log on to website www.irops.gov.in or after 08-01-2026 up to 15-30 hrs on 02-02-2026. Any further Communication/Corrigendum shall only be initiated through E-portal www.irops.gov.in.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/Guntur

Development Needs
Congress Support: Deputy
CM Bhatti Vikramarka



Madhira: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Friday asserted that sustainable development and welfare could be ensured only under the Congress government. Addressing a special meeting of senior Congress leaders in Madhira municipality, he highlighted the State government's commitment to people-centric governance through the implementation of key welfare schemes.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the Congress government had introduced several initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of citizens, including the issuance of ration cards, distribution of fine rice, expanded Aarogya health care coverage, free power supply up to 200 units, and free RTC bus travel for women.

Referring specifically to Madhira, Bhatti Vikramarka noted that the town had witnessed substantial development in recent years. Major works undertaken include underground drainage systems, underground power lines, renovation and development of irrigation tanks, construction of buildings for educational institutions, and the strengthening of technical institutes.

He expressed confidence that upon completion of the ongoing underground drainage project, Madhira would transform into a clean and green town. The Deputy Chief Minister called upon Congress leaders and cadre to actively engage with the public and seek their support to ensure continuity of the development momentum under the Congress government.

Husband sentenced to life imprisonment for wife's murder

Mancherla, January 9, TSIT: A Mancherla court on Friday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murdering his wife in 2023. According to police, the accused, S.K. Imran of Mancherla, was convicted of killing his wife Jyothi following a domestic dispute. Imran had married Jyothi, a resident of Warangal's Shivanagar, about ten years ago after a love affair. The couple had two sons. However, frequent quarrels under the influence of alcohol led to strained relations between them. On February 28, 2023, during yet another altercation at the staircase of the Mancherla overbridge,



Imran allegedly assaulted Jyothi, inflicting severe head injuries. She succumbed to her injuries during treatment. Acting on a complaint filed by Jyothi's relative, Gurra Sailu, the police registered a murder case the next day. Sub-Inspector M. Dahaseen Uddin conducted the preliminary investigation, which was later handed over to Inspector M. Raju.

Based on the evidence collected, the police filed a charge sheet before the court. After examining witnesses presented by Public Prosecutor Satya Srilatha, Principal District and Sessions Judge A. Veeraiah found the accused guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment and a fine of 1,000. Deputy Commissioner of Police A. Bhaskar, ACP R. Prakash, CI S. Pramod Rao, and other police personnel, including Court Head Constable S. Rajanna and liaison constables Ch. Venkateshwar and N. Govinda Rao, played an active role in the investigation and trial process.

Serilingampally MLA Launch
New Year Diaries and Calendars

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: New Year diaries and calendars of Serilingampally's senior Congress leaders and Sai Harsha Builders chief Balram Yadav were formally inaugurated by Honorable Serilingampally MLA (PAC) Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from several local leaders and party workers, highlighting the community's spirit as the new year begins. Prominent attendees included Nagaraju Yadav, Ramesh



Yadav, Krishna Yadav, Yadireddy, Avadhesh, Narayan, Hanumantha Reddy, Mallesh Yadav, T. Venkatesh, Anjanulu, Repalle Ashok, Jaipal Reddy, Narasimha Reddy, Sandeep, Pundarikam, Sunny Yadav, Veeranna, Shiva, Satyanarayana, and others.

Jal Jeevan Mission Turns into "Jal Zehar Mission"
Under BJP Rule Dr.Rekha Boyalapalli

Hyderabad: Vice President of Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress, Dr.Rekha Boyalapalli, has strongly condemned the Bharatiya Janata Party governments at the Centre and in Madhya Pradesh for what she described as a grave and life-threatening drinking water crisis under the much-touted "double-engine" governance model.

Dr. Rekha pointed out that the BJP has been in power in Madhya Pradesh for the last 22 years, while the Narendra Modi-led BJP government has ruled the country for 12 years, yet the state today is facing a situation where even drinking water has become unsafe and dangerous to life.

Vasavi Club Expands Services Worldwide.



Mancherla TSIT :Vasavi Club, which began with a spirit of service, has today expanded its activities globally and stands as one of the few Indian service organizations with an international presence, said Mr. Irukula Ramakrishna, former International President and Chairman of the Permanent Projects and Disciplinary Committee of Vasavi Club International. He was speaking as the chief guest at the installation ceremony of the District V-107A Cabinet held at Srinivasa Gardens in Mancherla on Thursday.

Mr. Ramakrishna said the club's hallmark lies in its inclusive approach, extending support to all sections of society through initiatives such as interest-free business loans, the 'Mahaprasthanam' scheme which provides 25,000 assistance to families of deceased members, and distribution of books and scholarships to students. Highlighting the organization's social commitment, he said Vasavi Club has implemented many permanent service projects across India, transcending caste and religious boundaries, and earned national recognition in the field of community service.



gerous to life.

Citing the Jal Jeevan Mission report released on January 4, 2026, Dr. Rekha stated that 36.7 per cent of rural drinking water sources in Madhya Pradesh have been declared unfit for human consumption, being contaminated with bacteria, harmful chemicals, and toxic substances.

She warned that the consequences of this failure are already visible on the ground. Water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea and fluorosis are increasing, children are suffering from stunted physical growth, and avoidable deaths are being reported from several regions of the state. "These are not natural disasters. They are the direct result of prolonged administrative negligence and policy failure," she asserted.

Dr. Rekha said the crisis cannot be brushed aside as mere mismanagement. "This reflects criminal governance and a complete abdication of constitutional responsibility. Providing safe

drinking water is not a favour but a fundamental duty of the government," she said.

Criticising the flagship Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr. Rekha remarked that a programme launched in the name of providing 'life through water' has instead become a threat to lives. "Under BJP rule, the Jal Jeevan Mission has effectively turned into a 'Jal Zehar Mission'," she said.

Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli demanded immediate corrective action, full transparency, and strict accountability from both the state and central governments. "The health and lives of citizens cannot be compromised under any circumstances.

Everyone must protect children's rights: Dr. Anitha Reddy

Balasamudram, January 9 (TSIT):Chairman of Anurag Helping Society, Kakatiya University Governing Body Member and former CWC Chairman Dr. Anitha Reddy said that protecting the rights of children is everyone's responsibility.



Dr. Anitha Reddy visited the Juvenile Home (Boys Observation Home) at Warangal Autonagar on

the occasion of New Year and Sankranti celebrations. As part of the celebrations, a cake was cut and sweets and snacks were distributed among the children. Addressing the children, she said that every child deserves a beautiful and safe childhood.

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

Mancherla (TSIT): District Collector Kumar Deepak has stressed the need to promote sports alongside women's economic empowerment to achieve overall physical fitness and social development. He called upon all sections of society to actively contribute towards strengthening women's financial independence. On Friday, the Collector, along with Deputy Commissioner of Police A. Bhaskar, Assistant Commissioner of Police Prakash, and Youth and Sports Officer Hanumantha Reddy, flagged off a torch rally at IB Chowrasta as part of the CM Cup Sports-2025. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Deepak said that participation in sports plays a vital



role in improving physical endurance, mental well-being, concentration, and self-confidence. He advised educational institutions to allocate dedicated time for sports activities to ensure holistic development of students. Later, at the Integrated District Office Complex, the Collector chaired a review meeting on women's economic development, the progress of the Srinidhi loan scheme, and recovery performance.

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

Branch: 3-11-114, Plot No-2, 1st floor, Sri Nilayam, RTC Colony, LB Nagar Hyderabad-500074. Phone No-040-4950107/7625079163 Email:lb Nagar@canfinhomes.com CIN No. L8510KA1987PLC006699

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., LB Nagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30-01-2026, for recovery of Rs.21,50,464/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. WEBSTER SAVIO VINCENT S/o. Mr.G.A.VINCENT and Mrs. MALA PURNIMA GABRIEL W/o.Mr.WEBSTER SAVIO VINCENT as on 09-01-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 16,50,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.1,65,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Only) Schedule Of The Mortgaged Property: All that the Flat no 302 in Third Floor, of Sri Sai Residency with Plinth area of 840 Sq.ft. (including common areas) together with undivided share of land admeasuring 28 Sq. Yards or 23.4 Sq. Mtrs., out of total land admeasuring 375 Sq. yards or 313.5 Sq. Mtrs., constructed on Plot No 4 in Sy No 6, situated at Miyapur Village, Boduppal Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal Malkajigiri District, Telangana, under SRO Narapally. Boundaries of Land: East: Plot No.5, West: Neighbours Land, North: Plot No.1, South: 60 Feet Wide Road, Boundaries of Flat: East: Flat No-301, West: Open to Sky, North: 6 Feet Wide Corridor & Staircase, South: Open to Sky

Encumbrances is NIL
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankauctionwizard.com

Date: 09.01.2026
Place: LB Nagar (Hyderabad)

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd

AXIS BANK LIMITED # 5-2-183/184, Modi Square, III rd Floor, R.P.Road, Secunderabad - 500 003

APPENDIX-IV [Rule -8(1)]POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, The Authorized Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.), having its Registered Office: "TRISHUL", Opposite Samaratheswar Temple, Near Law, Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad- 380006, among other places its Branch office atAxis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, D.No.5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, R.P. Road, Secunderabad Branch, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act on calling upon the borrower/ guarantors / Mortgagors:

S/No	Name of the applicant / co-applicant guarantors and address	Liability in Rs	Properties Offered Equitable Mortgage
1.	1. Ms. Faster Infrastructure And Engineering Services Pvt Ltd (applicant), By Its Director: Mr. Y. Venkata Rama Raju, 3rd Floor Road 48-1-241/131, Bhavani Nagar Colony, ECIL Post, Kapra, Medchal, Malkajigiri, Hyderabad-500062. 2. Mr. Yenuagadhathi Venkata Rama Raju (guarantor), S/o. Yenuagadhathi Venkata Appalaraju, 3rd Floor Road 48-1-241/131, Bhavani Nagar Colony, ECIL Post, Kapra, Medchal, Malkajigiri, Hyderabad, Telangana -500062. Also At: Mrs. Yenuagadhathi Venkata Rama Raju, S/o. Yenuagadhathi Venkata Appalaraju, Flat No. 205, Kailash Building, Shyam Tower, Saket, Kapra, Beside Heritage Fresh, Kapra, Medchal, Telangana - 500062. 3. Mrs. Yenuagadhathi Sudha Kumar (guarantor), W/o. V. Bala Prabhakara Raju, 3rd Floor Road 48-1-241/131, Bhavani Nagar Colony, ECIL Post, Kapra, Medchal, Malkajigiri, Hyderabad, Telangana-500062. Also At: Mrs. Yenuagadhathi Sudha Kumar, W/o. V. Bala Prabhakara Raju, Plot No.505, 5th Floor, 52-1/9-4, Surya Towers, Nr Colony Road No.1, NTR Health University, Gundala, Vijayawada, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh-520008.	Rs. 38,10,655.99/- due under Loan A/c No. 92303002972570, as on 05-08-2025 (this amount includes interest applied till 05-08-2025) and Rs. 1,71,03,102/- due under Loan A/c No. 92303001983521, as on 05-08-2025 (this amount includes interest applied till 05-08-2025) together with future interest, costs and other consequences, damages etc. including the expenses	SCHEDULE IMMOVABLE ASSETS: PROPERTY-1: All that the part and parcel of the Flat No. 201, in Second Floor At the AVANTIKAS ROHINI, having built-up area of 1540 Square feet (including common area) and car parking 100 Sft., along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 59.25 Square yards (Out of total admeasuring 801 Sq. yards) to Ac-1-243 Gs. totally admeasuring 59.25 Square yards (Out of total admeasuring 801 Sq. yards), in Survey Nos. 85 & 86 (part), Situated at SERILINGAMPALLY VILLAGE, Serilingampally Mandal & Municipality, Rangareddy District, Telangana State and bounded by: NORTH: Open to Sky, SOUTH: Open to Sky, EAST: Corridor, Lift and Open to Sky, WEST: Open to Sky. PROPERTY 2: All that the part and parcel of the Flat No. 203, in Second Floor of "AVANTIKAS ROHINI", having built-up area of 1540 Square feet (including common area) and car parking 100 Sft., along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 59.25 Square yards (Out of total admeasuring 801 Sq. yards), constructed on Plot Nos. 87, 106 and 107, in Survey Nos. 85 & 86 (part), Situated at SERILINGAMPALLY VILLAGE, Serilingampally Mandal & Municipality, Rangareddy District, Telangana State and bounded by: NORTH: Open to Sky, SOUTH: Open to Sky, EAST: Open to Sky, West: Corridor & Staircase. PROPERTY 3- SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: (As described in the Sale Deed); All that land admeasuring Ac. 7.36 Gs and 7832.52 Sq. Yd. equivalent to Ac-1-243 Gs. totally admeasuring 9-20.73 Gs equivalent to 40608.52 Sq. Yds, in Survey Nos. 177AA, 177E, 210A, 210AA, 211, 213, 213E & 213E(P) of Nallagonda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District, and bounded as follows: Neighbouring to its old No. 177 Part & Village Settlement, SOUTH: Road and Survey No. 212, EAST: Land in Survey No. 180, 208 & 209, WEST : Land in Survey No. 213 Part, Weaker section Plots & Village settlement. SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY: (As described in the Notice, linked to Schedule-A) All that Part and Parcel of semi-finished Apartment No. 703, in Floor No. 6th, in Block No. D with Built up area of 1705 Square Feet including common areas together with two Car Parking slots, in project named as "Apama Cyber Commune", along with undivided share of land admeasuring 65 Square Yards out of Schedule-A Property, and bounded as follows: North : Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Corridor & Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky.
2.	1. Ms. S.H Traders (applicant), Rep. By Its Proprietor: Mr. Mohammed Ilyas, D. No. 19-4-284/4a, Opp State Weight Bridge, Mil Alam Tank Road, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500084. 2. Mr. Mohammed Ilyas (guarantor), S/o. Mohammed Yusuf, D. No. 19-4-284/4a, Opp State Weight Bridge, Mir Alam Tank Road, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500084. Also At: Mr. Mohammed Ilyas, S/o. Mohammed Yusuf, 19-2-194, Prince Colony, Near Zoo Park, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500084. Loan Number: 92303002972570 Demand Notice Dt: 16-10-2025 Date of Possession: 08-01-2026	Rs. 1,21,90,594.23/- due under Loan A/c No. 924030012267787, as on 05-08-2025 (this amount includes interest applied till date required) together with future interest, costs and other consequences, damages etc. including the expenses	All that the part and parcel of the Property House No. 19-4-280/C/28/A, admeasuring 270.00 Square Yards equivalent to 225.74 Square Meters, situated at NEAR MIR ALAM TANK, TABDUN, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA STATE, standing in the name of the MOHAMMED ILYAS S/o. Mohammed Yusuf vide Doc No. 18/12-2024 and bounded by as follows: BOUNDARIES: North: Lane, South: Lane, East: Neighbour's House, West: Lane.
3.	1) Mr. Syed Azizuddin (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Syed Utubuddin R/o. H.No.5-3-273, Vijayanagar Colony, Kamareddy, Telangana-503111 2) Mr. Khatoun Rafia,(Co-Applicant) Di Mr. Khatoun Noruddin, R/o. H.No.5-3-273, Vijayanagar Colony, Kamareddy, Telangana-503111. Property Address: Mr. Syed Azizuddin (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Syed Utubuddin, Municipal No.5-4-46 and 5-4-46/1, corresponding to its old No.5-6-12, NGO's Colony, Kamareddy Town, Nizamabad-503111. Loan Number: LTR02206541212, LTR02209866244, LPR02203553505. Demand Notice Dt: 19-08-2025 Date of Possession: 09-01-2026	Rs. 50,20,633/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Three Only being the amount due as on 18-08-2025 this amount includes interest till 18-08-2025 together with further interest thereon from 19-08-2025 for Loan No. LTR02206541212, Rs. 36,88,861.87/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One and Eighty One Paise Only) being the amount due as on 18-08-2025 this amount includes interest till 18-08-2025 together with further interest thereon from 19-08-2025 for Loan No. LPR02203553505 costs and other consequences, damages etc.	All that the Part and parcel of the Existing RCC Roofed building with open place bearing Municipal No.5-4-46/1 a n d 5 - 6 - 4 4 6 / 1 2, in ward No.5, Block No. 6, admeasuring (355.43) Sq.Yds, situated at NGO's Colony, Kamareddy Town of Kamareddy Mandal & Dist within the limits of MC & MP Kamareddy Regn, sub Division Kamareddy and Regn Dist Nizamabad, Total Area admeasuring 270.00 Square Feet, RCC Roofed Ground Floor, Plinth Area (581.25) Sft, RCC Roofed First Floor Plinth Area (581.25 Sft) bounded by: BOUNDARIES: OF Mr.Figged A s s e t : North: Road, South Plot of D Shivraj; East: House of Neighbors; West House of Neighbors;

Date:09-01-2026
Authorised officer
Axis Bank Ltd

Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu conducts aerial survey of ONGC well blowout

Amaravati, Jan 9 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday conducted aerial survey of the ONGC well at Irusumanda village in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district where the blowout continued to rage for the fifth day.

The Chief Minister later held a review meeting on the blowout with the officials of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Konaseema District Collector Mahesh Kumar, MP Harish Balayogi, and MLA Varaprasad at Rayavaram in Mandapeta



constituency. The Chief Minister enquired about the measures being taken to control the blowout. He also directed that steps be taken to provide compensation

for the coconut trees damaged by the flames. Meanwhile, ONGC has said that it is continuing its focused efforts to subdue and cap well Mori 5, operat-

ed by PEC contractor Deep Industries Ltd., in line with the approved blowout control plan.

The Crisis Management Team has successfully cleared a majority of the debris from the wellsite, enabling access to the well-head area, the ONGC said in a statement.

The state-owned oil and gas company said that key structural obstructions, including portions of the mast and associated equipment, have been removed, allowing operations to progress towards capping of the well.

Students threaten to intensify protest over Telangana's move to take back land from varsity

Hyderabad, Jan 9 : Students of Moulanazad National Urdu University on Friday warned that they will intensify their protest if the Telangana government does not drop its move to take back 50 acres from the university.

A group of students from the university on Friday called on Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao to discuss their plan of action over the show-cause notice issued to the university authorities by the State government.

Revenue authorities recently sent a show-cause



notice to MANUU Registrar Ishtiaq Ahmad seeking an explanation as to why vacant land within the campus in Manikonda village, Gandipet mandal, should not be resumed, as it has not been used for the

purpose for which it was allotted.

The students voiced concern over the State government's move and told the BRS leader that it posed a threat to the future of the university.

Talking to reporters, a student leader claimed that he received threatening calls after he announced that they would launch a protest over the notice. He said that they see "no difference between the policies of the BJP government at the Centre and the Congress government in Telangana".

Stating that 60,000 students from across the country are studying at MANNU, he warned that if any attempt was made to harm the interests of the university, the image of the Congress party would be tarnished all over India.

Euphoria 2026 at Kiran International School showcased talent and celebrated excellence



Hyderabad, 9 Jan 2026 — Kiran International School's annual day, "Euphoria 2026", closed here on Friday evening after a two-hour production that guests hailed as "Broadway-level school

theatre".

Chief guest Dr D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-IICT, recalled his own school-days in a village government school before outlining how IICT's 750-odd patents

power everything from cheaper drugs to greener fuels. "Dream big, fail fast, iterate faster," he told the 1,400-strong audience that included parents and student performers. Actor-trainer Ashrita Vemuganti Nanduri praised the "rare maturity and expressive depth" of the cast, while chairman Shri Kewalchand and principal Mrs T. Kasturi Reddy accepted a standing ovation for the student troupe.

The evening moved from a Sanskrit shloka set to live tabla to a shadow-play on women scientists, ending with a neon-dance medley that drew the loudest cheers. Directors Ritesh and Roopesh Bhuriwale said every segment was conceived, scripted and stage-managed by pupils from Grade VI onward.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Atmakuri Rama Rao School celebrates Sankranti Sambaralu in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, 9 Jan 2026 — Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Atmakuri Rama Rao School turned into a mini-village on Friday as students, parents and teachers celebrated "Sankranti Sambaralu" on the campus. Senior journalist Dr Revathi, the chief guest, joined Principal Smt Srilatha Nair to light the traditional lamp and release a fleet of colourful kites. Primary-grade boys dressed as Haridasu paraded with a decorat-

ed Gangireddu while girls in parrot-green paavadas competed in rangoli and kite-flying contests.

Stalls run by Class-9 entrepreneurs sold sakinu, rava laddu, ariselu and sugar-cane juice; the savoury aroma drew long queues before the first bell. "Harvest festivals teach gratitude and teamwork better than any textbook chapter," Dr Revathi told the gathering, distributing prizes to the best rangoli and highest-flying kite.

7.83 lakh devotees have Srivari darshan in 10 days; hundi collects Rs.41.14 crore

Tirumala, 9 Jan 2026 — The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Friday announced that a record 7.83 lakh pilgrims had darshan through the Vaikuntha Dwara during the 10-day window that ended on 8 January, one-lakh more than last year's figure. Hundi offerings touched 41.14 crore, while 44 lakh Srivari laddus were sold—an extra 10 lakh over the previous festival—said Chairman Sri B. R. Naidu at a media briefing in Annamayya Bhavan.

The Integrated Command Control Centre used AI-enabled cameras to monitor crowd density in real time, allowing 164 of the 182 available darshan hours to be given to common devotees without tokens. Peak days broke old records: 83,000 on Friday, 2 January and almost 89,000 the following



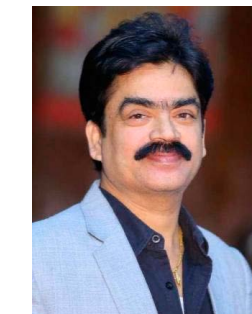
Saturday. Overall satisfaction, measured through exit-kiosk feedback, stood at 93 %, Naidu claimed.

Security was handled by 2,400 police personnel and 1,150 TTD vigilance staff, while 4,000 Srivari Sevaks served food, cleaned premises and guided queues. Annappasadam was provided to 33-lakh devotees—9.3-lakh more than last year—with hot badam milk distributed round the

clock. Gardens department used 50 tonnes of traditional flowers to create a "Vaikuntha-like" walkway near the main temple.

TTD EO Sri Anil Kumar Singhal said Vaikuntha Ekadasi day alone drew 12-lakh devotees across all TTD temples nationwide, up from 7-lakh last year, attributing the surge to recent infra upgrades and word-of-mouth appreciation.

A District in the Name of P. V. Narasimha Rao: A Long-Overdue Tribute to a Visionary Son of Telangana



BY DR. JITHENDER RAO THANUGULA
SENIOR JOURNALIST

Telangana owes an enduring and undeniable debt to Bharat Ratna Pamulaparathi Venkata Narasimha Rao, one of India's most profound statesmen and the only Prime Minister the Telugu-speaking people have given to the nation. Naming a district after P. V. Narasimha Rao is no longer a symbolic gesture—it is a historic obligation and a matter of justice. That district must be Huzurabad.

P. V. Narasimha Rao was the chief architect of India's economic liberalisation, a reform process that fundamentally altered the country's destiny. When India stood at the edge of a severe economic crisis in the early 1990s, it was Rao's intellectual courage, strategic restraint, and decisive leadership that dismantled outdated economic barriers and opened the nation to global opportunities. The India that today speaks of global leadership, economic resilience, and strategic autonomy stands firmly on the foundation laid by him.

Yet, despite such transformative contri-

butions, P. V. Narasimha Rao remained a victim of systematic political neglect for decades. His role was deliberately downplayed, his legacy ignored, and his contributions inadequately acknowledged. The conferment of the Bharat Ratna came late—though welcome—but recognition delayed is justice denied. True honour must go beyond awards and statues; it must find a permanent place in the administrative and cultural geography of the state.

Telangana, his native land, must lead this historic correction.

Born on Telangana soil and deeply rooted in its language, culture, and traditions, Rao's political and intellectual journey is inseparable from the region. From a freedom fighter to the Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, and later as the Prime Minister of India, his life reflects the strength, scholarship, and statesmanship that Telangana has given to the nation. Denying him a district in his own homeland is to erase Telangana's towering contribution to national leadership.

In this context, Huzurabad district is the most appropriate and rightful choice to be named after Bharat Ratna P. V. Narasimha Rao. Huzurabad holds historical, political, and cultural significance in Telangana's public life. Renaming it in honour of Rao would not only correct a historical injustice but also permanently link the district with values of intellect, reform, national service, and statesmanship that

Rao represented throughout his life.

Across India, districts and cities bear the names of leaders whose impact does not match Rao's global and historical significance. If such honours are extended generously elsewhere, why should Telangana hesitate in honouring its greatest son—especially through Huzurabad district?

Naming Huzurabad as P. V. Narasimha Rao District would:

- Institutionalise his legacy for generations to come
- Educate youth about Telangana's decisive role in shaping modern India
- Correct decades of historical and political injustice
- Reinforce the principle that vision and national service transcend party politics

This demand is not partisan. It rises above ideology and political convenience. It is about acknowledging intellect over populism, reform over rhetoric, and quiet strength over loud symbolism.

The Telangana government must rise above political calculations and act with historical responsibility. Civil society, journalists, intellectuals, youth organisations, and democratic voices must collectively demand what is rightfully due. Huzurabad district named after P. V. Narasimha Rao is not a concession—it is a long-overdue tribute.

HISTORY WILL NOT FORGIVE CONTINUED SILENCE. TELANGANA MUST ACT NOW. HUZURABAD MUST BECOME P. V. NARASIMHA RAO DISTRICT.

Golden Oak Schools celebrates annual day with “Nari Shakti” and “Retro Revival” themes

Hanamkonda, 9 Jan 2026 — Golden Oak Schools brought the curtains down on the 2025-26 academic year with a twin-themed annual day at Kaloji Kalakshetra Auditorium on Thursday evening.

Chairman Ganta Ravikumar declared the gala open after a guard of honour by the school band. The first half, “Nari Shakti: Celebrating Women's Empowerment”, saw girls and boys enact the lives of Rani Rudrama, Savitribai Phule and Kalpana Chawla, followed by a self-defence drill by Class-IX students. A Telugu street-play on gender pay gaps drew a standing ovation from over 1,200 parents.

Post-interval, “Retro Revival: A Blast from



the Past” switched the mood to polka dots and disco balls. Students grooved to retro tracks spanning the 1950s to the 1990s—complete with vinyl records, bell-bottoms and a live jam on a juke-box replica.

Chief guest Sandra Sudheep Kumar, child psychologist and parenting coach, urged

parents to “praise effort, not marks” and demonstrated a three-minute mindfulness routine that the audience practised on the spot. Prizes for scholastic and co-curricular champions were distributed before the national anthem brought the three-hour spectacle to a close.

MGU enters into MoU with Department of Heritage

Nalgonda, Jan 9 (TSIT): Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) has formalized a partnership with the Department of Heritage, Telangana by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU was officially signed on Friday by MGU Registrar Prof. Aluvula Ravi and Director of the Department of Heritage of Telangana Prof. Arjun Rao Kutadi. During the signing ceremony, Prof. Ravi emphasized that the MoU is set to enhance research efforts and archaeological excavations at historical sites, along with



promoting heritage research, educational programs, seminars, tourist guide training, training camps, and academic collaboration. Speaking on the occasion, Director of the Department of Heritage Prof. K. Arjun Rao expressed that the MoU would greatly bene-

fit the research scholars and students in the University's Department of History and Tourism. Faculty members Dr. Panasa Ramakrishna, Dr. Mohammed Sharif, DD Dr. P. Nagaraju, AD Mallu Naik and Superintendent Raju were present.

Congress Brings New Look to Dilapidated Roads: Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar

RANGAREDDY: Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar on Friday said roads neglected during the previous government's tenure are now being transformed under the Congress. He inaugurated the construction of a two-lane road from Shadnagar to Chegur with an outlay of 19.40 crore.

The project connects Farooqnagar's Manchi Buggoni Guda, Chandrayanagutta and Mamidipalli. The MLA alleged that the earlier government had ignored road infrastructure, stating that people can clearly see the difference between past neglect and present development.

He said several development works have been taken



up in the last two years and assured faster progress in the coming three years. Stressing the importance of transport for agriculture-based villages like Veerlapalli, Chegur and Appareddyguda, he said the project was launched to meet local needs.

Only Supreme Court can rein in ED: Sibal wafter raids on I-PAC

NEW DELHI: A day after the ED conducted searches at the office of political consultancy firm I-PAC and the residence of its director Pratik Jain in Kolkata, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Friday said federalism is at ED's mercy and asserted that only the Supreme Court can rein in the probe agency.

Sibal's remarks came after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) action in West Bengal ignited high drama, with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee unexpectedly storming into the sites during raids, alleging that the central agency was trying to seize



the TMC's sensitive data ahead of the high-stakes state polls.

The ED, which maintained that the searches were part of a money laundering probe into an alleged multi-crore rupee coal pilferage scam,

accused Banerjee of obstructing a lawful investigation and claimed that she and the state police forcibly removed "key evidence" during the raids.

In a post on X, Sibal said, "Only Supreme Court can rein in ED. Every opposi-

tion state, every significant opposition leader is targeted. What is happening in West Bengal is truly disturbing! That too in the midst of an impending election."

"Federalism is at ED's mercy!" the Independent Rajya Sabha MP said.

The confrontation, which unfolded at a politically combustible moment, added sharp electoral overtones ahead of the elections to the 294-member West Bengal Assembly, to be held in less than three months, as both the Trinamool Congress and the BJP were locked in an aggressive battle for nar-

rative control.

The standoff also soon took a legal turn, with the ED moving the Calcutta High Court, seeking permission to file a petition, alleging interference in its investigation. The I-PAC also approached the HC, opposing the searches and questioning its legality.

According to the ED, the I-PAC's office in Salt Lake Sector V and Jain's residence on Loudon Street were among about 10 premises, including four in Delhi, that were raided by the federal probe agency in the presence of central paramilitary teams from 7 am, Thursday.

South Central Railway wins Uttkrishtha Gunavatta Shield; seven SCR staff bag Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025

New Delhi: South Central Railway (SCR) added two trophies to its cabinet at the annual Railway Board awards on Friday. Its Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati, shared the coveted Uttkrishtha Gunavatta Shield (formerly Best Production Unit Shield) with Motibagh Workshop, Nagpur (South East Central Railway). General Manager Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava received the rolling trophy from Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw at a function held at Rail Bhavan.

In the individual category, seven SCR employees were conferred the "Ati



Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar-2025": Anurag Wadhwa – Sr. Divl. Personnel Officer Nelli Bhanu Surya Prakash – Dy. Chief Engineer Ramesh Kamulla – Divl. S&T Engineer Visharl Arjun R G – Divl. Commercial Manager S. Thirumalai Kumar –

Chief Commercial-cum-Reservation Supervisor Ch Mahesh Babu – Mail/Express Train Manager G. R. A. Sravanthi – Junior Engineer (Workshop) The minister praised SCR for exceeding wag-on-turn targets and achieving the lowest scrap-to-production ratio among all zones.

Yashoda Hospitals Malakpet saves Khammam woman with emergency brain-aneurysm stenting



Hyderabad: Doctors at Yashoda Hospitals, Malakpet, have discharged a 46-year-old Khammam woman who was brought in on 7 November 2025 with a thunder-clap headache, vomiting and blurred vision caused by a ruptured 3-mm aneurysm on the left anterior cerebral artery. An MRI confirmed sub-arachnoid haemor-

rhage and cerebral angiography showed the blister-like sac pointing dangerously downward with early vasospasm. Because the patient also had uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension, open surgery was judged too risky.

On 9 November the neuro-interventional team led by Dr Hari Kishore Kamepalli threaded a

micro-catheter through the groin and deployed a 3 × 25 mm "Leo Baby" braided stent from the A-1 to A-2 segment, scaffolding the vessel wall. When immediate in-stent thrombus formed, intra-arterial Tirofiban dissolved the clot within minutes and final pictures showed brisk distal flow with the aneurysm flattened.

The patient spent five days on ventilator support in the neuro-ICU while receiving dual antiplatelets, statins, anti-epileptics and tight glycaemic control. She walked out of hospital on 16 November and is now back to household work, doctors Suriseti Bharathi Kumar and Kamepalli told reporters at the Khammam Press Club.

Sabarimala gold loss case: SIT arrests chief priest

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Sabarimala gold loss case arrested chief priest of the Lord Ayyappa temple, Kandararu Rajeevaru here on Friday, sources said.

Rajeevaru was questioned at an undisclosed location in the morning and later shifted to the SIT office in the afternoon, where his arrest was formally recorded, sources said. According to officials, the arrest was made based on statements given by prime accused Unnikrishnan Potty and former Travancore Devaswom Board president Padmakumar.

The SIT found that Rajeevaru had close associations with Potty and had recommended the replating of the Dwarapalaka (guardian deity) plates and the Sreekovil (sanctum sanctorum) doorframe plates at the temple.

Later, when the Travancore Devaswom Board sought his permission for the replating, Rajeevaru had granted his approval, officials said.

SIT officials said Rajeevaru had been questioned earlier as part of the investigation. He is the 11th person to be arrested in the case after the Kerala High Court constituted the SIT to probe the gold loss incident.

PFRDA urges Telangana banks to push Atal Pension Yojana in last quarter

Hyderabad: Chief General Manager Praveesh Kumar on Friday asked banks and Lead District Managers (LDMs) to "treat every unorganised-sector pay-cheque as a potential APY account" while reviewing scheme progress at Union Bank's Staff Training Centre, Gachibowli.

Kumar said India has already added a record one crore new subscribers in 2025-26, taking the national tally to 8.59 crore. Telangana has clocked 61 % of its annual target, enrolling 2.98 lakh people up to 31 December 2025. "With three months left, the State can easily cross the finish line if rural branches and urban CSPs move from awareness camps to on-the-spot account opening," he



added. SBI's Priyabrata Mishra, convenor of the State-Level Bankers' Committee, said lenders are using 820 Financial Literacy Centres, 3,400 branches and 5,100 BC points to advertise the pension product.

NABARD, RBI and Union Bank representatives underlined that APY remains the only small-ticket retirement plan backed by a sovereign guarantee and fixed pension of Rs.1,000-1,000 a month.

KIMS Kondapur cures rare inoperable jaundice

Hyderabad: KIMS Hospitals, Kondapur, has successfully treated a rare and highly complex case of chronic jaundice that was deemed inoperable even at leading international centres, offering a patient permanent relief after eight years of suffering. Sharing the details, Dr. Ravula Phani Krishna, Senior Consultant Surgical Gastroenterologist and Liver-Pancreas Specialist at KIMS Kondapur, said the patient had exhausted all possible treatment options in India and abroad before approaching KIMS as a last resort.

The patient, a 30-year-old software professional from Hyderabad, was diagnosed eight years ago with a rare, slow-growing pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour. Over time, the tumour compressed the bile duct, leading to persistent obstructive jaundice. He suffered from recurrent vomiting, severe indigestion, intense itching, frequent infections, and repeated hospitalisations, significantly affecting his quality of life. The case was further complicated as the tumour encased the portal vein, the main blood vessel supplying blood to the intestines. This led to severe portal hypertension and the formation of multiple fragile collateral blood vessels. Due to the extremely high risk of catastrophic bleeding, several hospitals declared the condition inoperable.

For nearly seven years, the patient depended on metallic biliary stenting to temporarily relieve jaundice. Since these stents last only five to six months, he had to undergo more than 24 ERCP procedures, with-



out any lasting benefit. Despite spending several lakhs of rupees on repeated treatments, his condition continued to deteriorate. In search of a permanent solution, the patient travelled to Heidelberg, Germany, a global centre for pancreatic surgery, where a high-risk surgery costing approximately 1.5 crore, with a 20% mortality risk, was suggested. Unable to proceed, he returned to India and approached KIMS Kondapur in a critical condition, with bilirubin levels of 28 mg% and persistent fever.

After detailed evaluation, Dr. Phani Krishna and his multidisciplinary team devised a two-stage surgical strategy. Initially, the patient underwent Percutaneous Transhepatic Biliary Drainage (PTBD) to temporarily control jaundice and stabilise his condition. In the first stage, the team performed an extremely complex shunt surgery, diverting intestinal blood flow to a renal vein. This successfully reduced portal hypertension and caused the dangerously

dilated collateral vessels to shrink, making definitive surgery possible.

In the second stage, a marathon surgery lasting nearly 10 hours was performed to permanently relieve both the bile duct and intestinal obstructions. Remarkably, the procedure was completed without significant blood loss, a rare achievement in such advanced cases and a major milestone in hepatopancreatobiliary surgery.

The patient made an uneventful recovery with no post-operative complications. Within six months, he resumed his IT job and has since been leading a normal life, completely free from jaundice after eight long years.

"This case demonstrates how complex conditions considered untreatable can be successfully managed in India with advanced planning, multidisciplinary expertise, and perseverance," Dr. Phani Krishna said, adding that such outcomes reaffirm KIMS Kondapur's commitment to delivering world-class care for the most challenging cases.

Guest lecture and wellness workshop at GITAM Hyderabad

Hyderabad (TSIT) The Department of Physics, School of Science, GITAM (Deemed to be University) Hyderabad, hosted Prof. Achant Venugopal, Director, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, for a lecture on "Quantum Metrology and Metrology for Quantum Technologies" on 9 January 2026. Prof. Venugopal explained how ultra-precise measurements underpin quantum computers, sensors and communications, and showcased NPL's Cs-fountain clock, acoustic gas thermometry and single-photon calibration facilities. He urged students to seize India's growing quantum ecosystem and pursue research in nanophotonics, laser interferometry and primary standards for voltage, current and resistance. Earlier, Prof. B.V.R. Tata intro-



duced the speaker; Dr M. Reza, Principal, School of Science, and Prof. T. Vishwam, Head,

Department of Physics, felicitated Prof. Venugopal. Faculty, research scholars and post-graduate stu-

VCare opens Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad, debuts India's first 'single-day facial architecture'

Hyderabad (TDIT) Actor-model Nivetha Pethuraj on Friday inaugurated VCare's Centre of Excellence (COE) at Jubilee Hills, the aesthetic-care chain's third flagship after Chennai and ahead of Bengaluru. Founder & MD E. Carolin Praba—India's first woman trichologist—and CEO Mukundan Satyanarayanan said the 4,000-sq-ft clinic will marry Korean 3-D skin science with FDA/CE-approved tech to deliver "glass-skin results before bedtime".

The hero protocol, trademarked "Single-Day Facial Architecture", combines AI-based diagnostics with same-session laser resurfacing, RF tightening and HIFU lifting. Devices include the ISEMECO 3D D9 AI Skin Analyzer—claimed to be India's first 3-D skin imager—the Triton subdermal contouring platform, Alma Harmony XL PRO for acne scars, Hollywood Spectra Q-switched toning laser and Ultravel Q+ HIFU for non-surgical lifts. A NASA-grade



Dermoscan DSM-4 colorimeter tracks colour change in real time, while EnerJet uses high-pressure oxygen to push hyaluronic acid into the dermis without needles.

Satyanarayanan said the COE

will also serve as a training hub for VCare's 80-plus centres nationwide. Consultations are priced Rs.1,500; the single-day architecture package starts at Rs.28,000. Appointments: 95519 33333.

CBSE rolls out 24/7 counselling support for Board examinees

CHENNAI: To help Class 10 and 12 CBSE students tackle examination-related stress and emotional challenges, the tele-counselling began from Tuesday (January 6), preparing them for the upcoming theory examinations. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched the first phase of its annual free psycho-social counselling for Class 10 and 12 examinees on January 6, 2026, which will continue until June 1. The Board stated that the initiative focuses on the emotional well-being of the students by addressing the stress associated with examinations, thereby preparing them for forthcoming theory exams slated to begin on February 17, by boosting their confidence and ensuring mental clarity.

EDITORIAL

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

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

India Needs Imagination

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

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THE SOUL OF DEMOCRACY LIES IN DIALOGUE



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

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



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

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

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

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



PRIYANKA SAURABH

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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

Kumaraswamy said the plant dovetails with Prime

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

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

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

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

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



cies dance to the BJP's tune?” he asked. The Congress leader pointed out that it was the UPA that introduced Direct Benefit Transfers to cut leakages, and accused the Modi government of now “re-branding our reforms as their own.” He

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

Dr Kumar warned that the new wage-material ratio and 60:40 cost-shar- ing formula in the recent- ly amended Act will push poorer states into debt. “By shifting 40 % of the financial burden on states, the Centre is sabo- taging federalism and try- ing to kill the world's larg- est rights-based employ- ment programme by stealth,” he alleged, announcing a nationwide “Save MGNREGA Movement” to begin next week with Dalit and labour organisations.

CMR University Celebrates Youth and Creativity at Ranvita 2026



Bengaluru: CMR University celebrated Ranvita 2026, its annual cultural festival, on 9 and 10 January 2026 at the Lakeside Campus, bring- ing together students for two days of cultural expres- sion and festivity.

The two-day cultural extravaganza was inau- gurated by renowned actor Niranjan Sudhindra, in the august presence of Dr. K. C. Ramamurthy, IPS (Retd.), Chairman of the CMR Group of Institutions and CMR University, and for-

mer Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. In his inau- gural address, Niranjan Sudhindra encouraged the younger generation to make the best use of the oppor- tunities available to them and strive for success through passion and perseverance.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. K. C. Ramamurthy urged students to fully uti- lise the world-class facilities provided by CMR University and actively participate in all academic and co-curricu- lar activities.

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

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

“Nature protects life by circulating water; we must copy that loop,” Dr Manohar told apart- ment representatives. “Cauvery water, groundwater, treat- ed sewage and rain have to be planned as one system



if Brand Bengaluru is to remain globally competi- tive.”

BWSSB currently treats 2,348 MLD of the 2,800 MLD generated and re- uses 825 MLD for irri- gation and lake revival; the

K.C. Valley and H.N. Valley projects alone return nearly 400 MLD to the suburbs. The chair- man wants the share dou- bled within three years by mandating that IT parks, data centres and bulk con-

struction users buy cer- tified recycled water instead of sinking new borewells. Decentralised apart- ment-level plants will be central to the switch, he added, provided operators are trained and plants regularly audited. “Compliance must become confidence,” he said, urging resident asso- ciations to partner with the board on quality cer- tification.

Union minister alleges Shivakumar encroached on home portfolio

Bengaluru: Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday accused Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar of “illegally occupying” the state Home portfolio, formally held by cabinet colleague Dr G. Parameshwara. The charge follows Shivakumar's unilat- eral convening of a senior police review in Ballari ear- lier this week. “A law-and- order meeting can be chaired only by the Home Minister or the Chief Minister. Your presence there violates every rule in the book,” Kumaraswamy told reporters in New Delhi. The Janata Dal (Secular) leader mocked Shivakumar's claim of superior political experience, listing his own stints as chief minister, lead- er of the opposition and now Union minister.

Our responsibility is to introduce our tradition and culture to the next generation: Tirumala Srikanth

Bengaluru: Tirumala Srikanth, founder of Meru Painting School, said that it is our responsibility to introduce the glory of our tradition and culture to the next generation. Therefore, the paintings created by the students of Meru Painting School have been organized for a three-day public exhibi- tion at the Devaraj Urus Gallery of the Chitrakala Parishad. She spoke after inaugurating the Meru Painting Program orga- nized at the Chitrakala Parishad.

Addressing the pro- gram, actress Anuprabhakkar shared her feelings that she too had an interest in becoming a painter in her childhood. Singer Shamita Malnad spoke and said that she used to draw mountains,



hills and trees. Now, look- ing at these paintings, she expressed her desire to learn and draw such paint- ings. Mysore paintings and Thanjavur paintings drawn by students of Meru Art School were put on dis- play. Playback singer

Shamita Malnad, actress Anu Prabhakar, film artist Neelapanch, film artist Dr. Dundaraj, columnist Srikantha Balaganchi and film director K. Ramanarayan were pres- ent as the chief guests for the program.

Rotary gives rural schools digital boost at MP Manjunath's request



Bengaluru: Responding to the request of the Padma Shri Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Member of Parliament, computers and essential accessories were officially distributed at the MP's resi- dence-cum-office.

This was carried out with the cooperation of the Rotary organization for various government schools and institutions located within the Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha constituency, including the taluks of Kanakapura, Magadi, Channappatna, and

Ramanagara. It was widely expressed that this initia- tive by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, aimed at building a strong future through education, will open new opportunities for students in rural areas.

This significant initiative was undertaken with the objective of promoting digi- talization in the education sector and enhancing the quality of education for rural children. Under this program, the following gov- ernment schools and orga- nizations benefited:

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

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

Chairing a review meeting with senior officials at BESCOM's Belaku Bhavana today, the Minister assessed the department's prepared- ness for summer and emphasized the need to ensure adequate power gen- eration and procurement to main- tain a balance between demand and supply.

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



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

Seven Hours of Daytime Power for Agriculture

“In several parts of the state, under the KUSUM-C scheme, agricultural pump sets are already being provid- ed with 7 hours of continuous day-

time power supply through feeder solarisation. Since solar power gen- eration is currently high, a similar 7-hour continuous daytime power supply should be extended to agricul- tural pump sets in other regions as well,” the Energy Minister directed.

PKL officials informed that during the current financial year, a record power demand of 17,220 MW was recorded in December and was adequately met.

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

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

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

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

“If there was corruption in the scheme, let them conduct a CBI inquiry id they have the courage. No

one in a responsible position can make such state- ment, did he really say this?,” he said.

Asked about the 2-day special session to discuss MGNREGA, he said, “We will discuss this compre- hensively during the spe- cial session. BJP is try- ing to campaign for VB G RAM G legislation. Let them defend their bill and we will highlight the disad- vantages of it.”

Asked about the Malayalam Language Bill introduced by Kerala gov- ernment, he said he did not have full information about it yet. Replying to Kumaraswamy's tweet, he said, “Good for him, if it makes him happy.” Asked about Kumaraswamy's taunt that the DCM doesn't have horns, he said.

Karnataka MLCs urge Centre to release Rs.2,100 cr gram-panchayat grant

Bengaluru : Members of Legislative Council have requested the Central Government to urgently release the pending 15th Finance Commission grant of Rs. 2,100 crores to the Gram Panchayats of Karnataka.

MLC Dinesh Gooligowda, Saleem Ahmed, Manjunath Bhandari, S. Ravi, Anil Kumar, Channaraj Hattiholi, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Sharanagouda Bayyapura, Bhemarao Patil, Sunil Gowda Patil, Rajendra Rajanna have written a let- ter to Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister and urged that, The very concept of 'Gram Swaraj' is being eroded due to the non-release of the 15th Finance Commission grant to the Gram Panchayats, which are the lifeblood of rural development. This not only makes development work a mirage, but also weakens the rural system.

This will cause setbacks in the development work in the rural areas. The Central Government has already released grants to some states of the country. However, only our state of Karnataka has not yet released any grants. In this context, we would like to bring the following serious points to your attention and request you to write a letter to the Central Government immediately and request you to appeal in this regard.

Pending grants:

In the current financial year, the state's gram panchayats are due a grant of Rs 2,100 crore from the 15th Finance Commission. Out of this, the first installment of Rs 1,092 crore has not been released till date. Although money has been released to states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, it has not been released to our state. The fact that Karnataka, which has fulfilled all

the conditions of the Central Government, has not received the grant is a setback for the develop- ment of the rural areas.

Distress of gram panchayats:

If everything had gone as planned, each gram panchayat would have received a grant of Rs 30 to 60 lakhs under the 15th Financial Plan. However, development works have come to a standstill without the grant. Gram panchayats, which do not have their own sources of income and rely solely on government grants, are in financial distress. A difficult situation has also arisen for drinking water supply.

Term Expiration Concern:

The term of the elected representa- tives of the Gram Panchayats will end in February, 2026. There is only one and a half months left before the term ends, and if the funds are not released within this time, the neces- sary works will not be completed.

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

Bengaluru: Chief Secretary Shalini Rajaneesh visited B A N G A L O R E International airport to sort out the problems being faced by the passengers on account of the new parking and registration system introduced by the airport, Authority.

During her visit The BIAL explained that

Four pick up with three lanes each totally 12 lanes in front of T 1 arrival have a capacity of 30 cars mov- ing every 90 seconds. The actual situation was that about hundred cars would enter this space and take up to 10 minutes to move on with the passengers leading to huge chaos and artificial congestion at arrival gate There was no



system where the entry of Pvt and commercial cars could be regulated .

There was 100% surge of complaints from the pas- sengers on account of these delays through the feed- back mechanism of BIAL . All National and interna- tional Airports provide free access to the white-

board holding cars or vehi- cles for pick ups.

However, there is a regu- lation for the yellow board commercial vehicles and they are given a dedicated space or zone allocated by the airport Authority right from the beginning and they have to pay additional car aggregator fee per ride

to the airport As per BCAS guidelines up to hundred metres, there is no parking facility to be provided at arrival gate This place should be notified as no honking zone by the police DEPT.

Those violating rules should be taken to task immediately by the police department. A thousand car parking facility is made available by BIAL for registered app based service providers TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES.

For inter terminal shut- tle buses, every minute five minutes and six cars for senior citizens with wheelchair service with hydraulic facility has been provided by BIAL at present.

Unite to save Tamil Nadu from foes: CM Stalin

Stalin's call for unity highlights his campaign narrative of safeguarding regional pride while pushing for development.

CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday took to the social media platform X to release a video message urging people of the state to unite and win together, in the backdrop of the Tiruparankundram deepathoon row setback.

In his message, he emphasised protecting Tamil Nadu's land, language and honour, and called on citizens to come together irrespective of challenges posed by political adversaries.

In the post, Stalin said, "Tamils, on



the path of development, let's win together. No matter how many forces come against us, we will protect the soil, language and dignity of Tamil Nadu and win as one," reinforcing his appeal for collective effort toward the State's progress and identity. The message comes at a time of heightened political activity in Tamil Nadu, with parties gearing up for the 2026 Assembly elections. Stalin's call for unity highlights his campaign narrative of safeguarding regional pride while pushing for development.

Mumps cases silently go north in southern states

CHENNAI: A childhood viral infection, long regarded as a routine, is quietly resurfacing in Tamil Nadu, reappearing in schools and communities with little public attention. A peer-reviewed study published in the Indian Journal of Public Health has reported renewed circulation of the mumps virus across South India, with Tamil Nadu



among the affected states, raising concerns over immunisation gaps, delayed diagnosis and the tendency to dismiss the disease as mild.The study,

conducted between January and March 2024, analysed samples from patients presenting with basic mumps symptoms in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana. Of the 200 clinically suspected cases tested using molecular methods, 26 (approximately 13 per cent) were laboratory-confirmed. Children accounted for nearly 89 per cent of

Tirunelveli girl's death turns out to be murder

COIMBATORE: The mysterious death of a 22-year-old girl in Salem has turned out to be a suspected case of murder by her father.The deceased, Varshini, daughter of Varadarajan (52) and Usha (43), from Tirunelveli, was pursuing her final year in Homoeopathy in Salem, and stayed in a rented house with another student.

3 residential buildings used for commercial purposes sealed in Ooty

COIMBATORE: Three residential buildings, which were converted into a home stay for commercial purposes in violation of town planning norms, were sealed by the Ooty municipal administration on Thursday.

The violations were discovered during an inspection by officials from the Town Planning Department. "One structure on Chetan Road, which was approved as a residence, had nine rooms, while two other buildings in Pudmand comprised a total of 16

rooms. All three buildings were sealed for violation," said an official. The action follows a recent Madras High Court order to address such violations in the Nilgiris, an ecologically sensitive region prone to landslides and soil erosion. "Inspections over the past month have resulted in 12 buildings being sealed in the hill district. Further intensive checks were planned in the coming months," the official added.

Philanthropy in the past: Tondaiman-era land donation document found in Pudukkottai

TIRUCHY: A historical inscription documenting a land donation by the Tondaiman kings has been discovered at Senayakudi village in Pudukkottai's Kulathur taluk during a recent field study by the Pudukkottai Archaeological Research Forum.

According to A Manikandan, founder of the forum, the inscription was discovered in a private field at Periya Vayalakkadu, on the border of Senayakudi village. The stone slab bears a bas-relief of

Vamana, an avatar of Lord Vishnu, on one side - a traditional symbol indicating land grants made for charitable purposes. The reverse side carries an inscription dedicating the land "to the Thirumalai Raya Puram Anna Chathiram", a food rest-house.

Manikandan noted that the area now known as Chinnaiya Chathiram was originally called Thirumalai Raya Puram.

During the reign of Ragunatha Raya Tondaiman, such cha-



thirams provided free food and shelter to travellers and pilgrims. While Brahmins were served cooked meals,



others were given raw materials and provisions for cooking.The newly discovered inscription confirms

that the ValayanKulam pond and surrounding agricultural lands in Senayakudi were donated to meet the expenses and food requirements of the Thirumalai Raya Puram Chathiram.

Manikandan said local farmers continue to cultivate and protect these lands in keeping with tradition.

He added that the Tondaiman rulers established an extensive network of chathirams over the past 300 years, including Ayipatti Chathiram (1779), Onangudi Chathiram

(1783) and Vadavalam West Chathiram. Records show these centres served porridge (Kadalai Koozh) and buttermilk daily, with special feasts held on every Dwadasi. He further said that these 300-year-old structures were vital hubs for weary travellers, providing water, food, and facilitating rest for both humans and cattle.

The Ocean has finally entered the global climate debate

In global climate policy, the ocean was long treated as an afterthought, too vast to manage effectively and too resilient to be degraded. Instead, the focus was almost exclusively on reducing greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions and preserving forests. That era is now over.

At the most recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém, the ocean moved from the margins to the mainstream of climate governance. It featured prominently in national climate plans, adaptation frameworks, the follow-up to the first "global stocktake" under the Paris climate agreement, and even the evolving architecture of climate finance.

This shift in the global agenda was likely inevitable, as the ocean increasingly suffers the effects of absorbing over 90% of the excess heat trapped by GHGs and about one-quarter of annual carbon dioxide emissions. The consequences include warming, acidification, deoxygenation, collapsing fisheries, and coastal erosion. But small island developing states (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs), many of which are extremely vulnerable to sea-level rise, accelerated the shift by framing ocean governance as a matter not just of environmental management, but of survival and justice.

Consider, for example, COP30's headline political declaration, the Global Mutirão, which frames climate change, biodiversity loss, and land and ocean degradation as interconnected crises demanding shared solutions and collective action. It explicitly recognizes the role of marine ecosystems in climate stability and sustainable development, giving governments the political cover to integrate ocean and coastal issues into their national climate strategies, development plans, and funding proposals. A new baseline has been established. For the first time in the UN



climate process, the official synthesis of national climate plans contains a section dedicated to the ocean. Roughly three-quarters of these national plans include marine references, such as blue carbon, offshore renewables, fisheries resilience, and maritime decarbonization. The next step is to move toward quantified ocean-based targets, measurable blue-carbon accounting, and concrete investment pledges for coastal communities. At COP30, governments also adopted the Belém Adaptation Indicators to track action and progress under the Global Goal on Adaptation. While these indicators are sector-neutral, they are still highly relevant to the health of coastal ecosystems, the resilience of fisheries, the vulnerability of coastal infrastructure and livelihoods, and early-warning coverage. Crucially, climate funds – including the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, and the Adaptation Fund – have been encouraged to align their support with these indicators. This could give rise to a new generation of bankable ocean-adaptation projects.

Moreover, ocean-based solutions are attracting more resources. The One Ocean Partnership, which launched at COP30, aims to mobilize \$20 billion for coastal resilience,

blue-carbon ecosystems, and ocean protection; create 20 million blue jobs worldwide; and restore 20 million hectares of marine ecosystems by 2030. More consequential was the UN Standing Committee on Finance's announcement that its 2026 forum will focus on financing climate action in water systems and the ocean – a formal push for blue investment that would have been unthinkable a decade ago.

But treaties and conferences are no longer the only means for creating climate obligations. International law has started to converge with climate science. In 2024, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ruled that GHG emissions constitute marine pollution under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. In 2025, the International Court of Justice affirmed that states have a binding legal duty to prevent foreseeable climate harm.

This legal evolution will be important for disputes over state conduct at sea, particularly as the world confronts the next frontier of climate intervention: marine CO2 removal. Techniques such as alkalinity enhancement and large-scale algal cultivation may eventually contribute to net-zero strategies, but they could pose ecological risks and currently exist in a fragmented

regulatory landscape. In the absence of coordinated ocean governance, unilateral experimentation could trigger transboundary effects and conflict. As influence continues to shift away from traditional power centers (a trend on display at COP30), and as SIDS and LDCs increasingly shape global climate norms, ocean and coastal resilience will continue to gain prominence in policy debates. Even advanced economies have begun to realize the importance of a sustainable approach to marine resources and ocean management, with the G20 establishing Oceans 20, a group focused on this goal, under Brazil's presidency in 2024.

The design of COP31 points toward a new geopolitical landscape: Australia and Turkey will co-lead the conference, while a pre-COP gathering will be held on a Pacific island state with Australian support. This has raised hopes that it could be the first truly "blue" COP. In that case, ocean-based targets and action will become even more important in national climate strategies, global stocktake metrics, climate-finance rules, and technology-transfer systems over the next few years.

In fact, the maritime century may be upon us. The ocean is the planet's largest carbon sink, the backbone of global trade, a critical source of food and energy, and the frontline of climate vulnerability. It is also becoming a site of strategic competition for data, technology, resources, and legal leverage.

The climate's fate depends on what happens to the ocean, and fragmented mandates, outdated treaties, and siloed financing are no longer sufficient to ensure its health. The question is whether institutions can evolve quickly enough to establish the durable, equitable, and effective governance structures required for safeguarding this critical planetary system.

The line between terrorism & protest

The Supreme Court's verdict on bail pleas by the accused in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case, booked and arrested under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), is likely to have implications that could go beyond the present case. The bench granted bail to five persons, but declined to two others, JNU scholars and activists Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, in an order that is more in sync with the prosecution's arguments relating to security, broadening the ambit of what constitutes a terror act.

To begin with, the then UPA government included a chapter on punishing terrorist activities by amending the old UAPA, following the repeal of two anti-terror laws (the infamous Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 ("TADA") and Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002 ("POTA"), due to legal challenges and criticism of widespread abuse and human rights concerns.

In its new avatar, the UAPA was as bad, if not worse, as the repealed laws. At that time, the nation faced some serious national security threats in the form of the 2008 Mumbai attacks, the 2001 Parliament attack, and the conflict in Kashmir and the Maoist movement. There was always an apprehension that anti-terror laws could be and often were abused to repress legitimate protest or dissent against the establishment.

According to legal experts, in the way the Supreme Court chose to interpret and apply the legal provisions, it leaned more towards strengthening the State and limiting the rights and legal options of the accused. Thus, the court appears to have prioritised national security over individual liberty. This is evident in the manner in which it dealt with the defence argument relating to the grant of



bail due to the inordinate delay in starting the trial. The court rejected it, saying that delay does not operate as a "trump card" resulting in bail. The court, however, said that the accused could seek bail after the examination of protected witnesses or after one year, whichever is earlier. The process, therefore, becomes punishment only because of the law. And the normalising of prolonged imprisonment without conviction could be misused against political opponents and other individuals deemed inconvenient to the regime.

Secondly, the apex court created a hierarchy between the "architects" or leaders and the foot soldiers. Those in the former grouping are on a "qualitatively different footing" due to their alleged role in "planning, mobilisation and strategic direction" of the riots, a distinction that the court cited to decline bail to Khalid and Imam while granting bail to five others.

There is a growing perception that the UAPA, like TADA and POTA, is being used more to suppress legitimate dissent than against "real" acts of terror. The present case relates to the February 2020 riots in northeast Delhi, which happened in the backdrop of spirited protests against CAA-NRC in which the accused were active. Bringing dissent within the scope of a draconian Act does not augur well for a democracy. The literal or pro-State interpretation of UAPA, even unwittingly, would go against the right to dissent.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

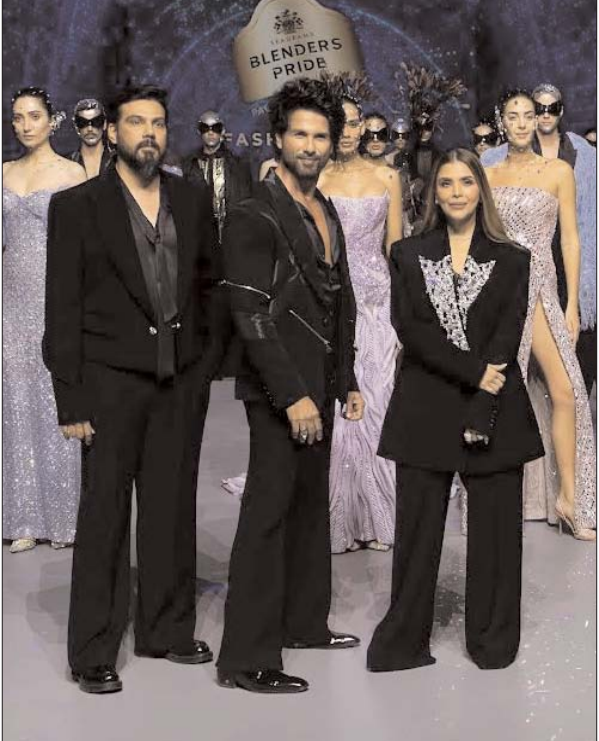


comes, FDA approvals, and CE certifications. "We believe that aesthetic care should not be about trends but about tangible, measurable results," said Dr. Ram Gautham, Medical Director of VeCura ReSculpt. "Our protocols are designed to offer a complete 360-degree approach to body sculpting—addressing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

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

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

09 January , 2026: Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025 concluded its spectacular edition, setting a new benchmark for fashion experiences across Gurugram, Jaipur, and Kolkata. Creating "The One and Only" stage that set the tone for what's next in fashion, the tour presented three groundbreaking narratives that pushed the boundaries of how fashion is experienced, celebrated, and imagined. Each city witnessed how Blenders Pride Fashion Tour made fashion move—Gurugram thrust fashion into the futureverse where technology and couture collided in real-time, Jaipur accelerated fashion onto the fast lane with high-octane motor-sport aesthetics, and Kolkata challenged traditional notions of craft, transforming them into a bold, modern form. The tour distinguished itself by setting a new benchmark for immersive, multi-sensory fashion experiences. Gurugram's "The Futureverse of Fashion" by designers Falguni and Shane Peacock merged



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

US job creation in 2025 slows to weakest since Covid

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

One dead, dozens trapped after giant landfill collapses in Philippines



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

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

COLOMBIA SEES 'REAL THREAT' OF US MILITARY ACTION



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

US SEIZES ANOTHER OIL TANKER LINKED TO VENEZUELA, OFFICIALS SAY

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

RUSSIA HITS UKRAINE WITH RARELY USED ORESHNIK MISSILE IN FRESH STRIKES

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

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



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

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

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

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

KHELO INDIA BEACH GAMES 2026:

HARYANA WOMEN, DELHI MEN
CLINCH SEPAKTAKRAW GOLD

Diu, January 9: Haryana women and Delhi men put paid to Bihar's hopes of winning a gold medal in Sepaktakraw as they registered contrasting victories in the finals at the Khelo India Beach Games 2026 at the Ghoghla Beach here on Thursday. The Khelo India Beach Games 2026, organised by the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, is being held under the technical supervision of the Sports Authority of India and national sports federations. The second edition of Khelo India Beach Games 2026 is witnessing over 1100 participants compete in eight different sports – volleyball, soccer, sepaktakraw, kabaddi, pencak silat, Open water swimming, mallakhamb and tug-of-war. The first six will be medal sports and 32 gold medals are up for grabs. In the women's sepaktakraw final, Haryana came back strong after losing the opening regu



to beat Bihar 2-1 in a match that lasted an hour and 15 minutes while Delhi men inflicted a straight 2-0 defeat on Bihar. In Beach Soccer, defending champions Odisha registered a dominating 7-0 win over debutants Himachal Pradesh to reach the women's final. Srijana Tamang, Satyabati Khadia and Khundongbam Ambalika

scored two goals each for the winners. In the second women's semi-final, Gujarat's rousing start that saw them score four goals in the first quarter was enough for them to register a 6-3 win over Arunachal Pradesh. Skipper Giani Ramching Mara scored one goal each in all the three quarters for the losing side but did not get much support

from the others in front of the Gujarat goal. In Beach Volleyball, Tamil Nadu will have a chance to win both the men and women gold medal. TN's women's team of Deepika and Pavithra came from a set down to beat teammates Swathi and Dharshini 19-21, 21-12, 15-6 in the first semi-final and will now face Pondicherry's Revathi and

Swetha in the gold medal match. The men's final will be played between Tamil Nadu's Bharat and Rajesh and Goa's Sawan and Gauns. **TODAY'S RESULTS** Beach Soccer (semifinals) Women: Gujarat bt Arunachal Pradesh 6-3; Odisha bt Himachal Pradesh 7-0 Beach Sepaktakraw Women: Gold – Haryana; Silver – Bihar; Bronze – Uttar Pradesh, Manipur Men: Gold – Delhi; Silver – Bihar; Bronze – Manipur, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Beach Volleyball (semifinals) (Women): Deepika/Pavithra (TN) bt Swathi/Dharshini (TN) 19-21, 21-12, 15-6; Revathi/Swetha (Pdy) bt Manasa/Mounika (AP) 21-10, 21-18 (Men): Sawan/Gauns (Goa) bt Poonthamizhan/Abhithan (TN) 21-18, 16-21, 15-12; Bharat/Rajesh (TN) bt R a m a k r i s h n a Dawaskar/Nithin Sawant (Goa) 21-13, 19-21, 15-8.

Meg Lanning Era Kicks Off As UP
Warriorz Gear Up For WPL 2026 Opener

UP Warriorz begin their WPL 2026 campaign with their season opener against Gujarat Giants on January 10 at 3:30 PM at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, looking to start strong under newly appointed captain Meg Lanning and head coach Abhishek Nayar. The upcoming season marks a new chapter for the Warriorz with Lanning at the helm, alongside a refreshed squad blend of international experience and emerging domestic talent. The group features proven match-winners including Deepti Sharma, Sophie Ecclestone, Harleen Deol, and Deandra Dottin, supported by exciting young players who add depth and versatility across departments. Captain Meg Lanning spoke about her first season with the Warriorz and building on the foundation already created by the franchise. "I'm really excited to lead UP Warriorz this season. There's been a lot of hard work over the last few years, and we want to build on that. We've got a balanced squad with experience and young talent, and now it's about going out



there, playing our brand of cricket and enjoying it." Head coach Abhishek Nayar underlined the intent and clarity within the squad heading into the opener: "We wanted the best leader for this group, and Meg brings exactly that. This format is a captain's format and having her allows the team to play with freedom. Our focus is on creating an environment where players express themselves, enjoy their cricket, and build a legacy for this franchise." All-rounder Deepti Sharma will be central to the Warriorz plans following a strong year interna-

tionally, with both bat and ball expected to play a decisive role throughout the season. Sophie Ecclestone continues as a key pillar of the bowling attack, while additions like Harleen Deol strengthen the batting core and fielding unit. Abhishek Nayar also emphasised the team's competitive mindset ahead of the first game: "It's a fresh start for us this year. We have assembled a strong squad with contrasting skill sets that complement each other. The aim is simple, play fearless cricket, stay consistent, and compete deep into the tournament."

SA20: Aiden Markram's Durban's Super Giants
Ready For Showdown With Leaders Sunrisers

Aiden Markram is set to face off against his former team Sunrisers Eastern Cape for the first time when Durban's Super Giants host the log-leaders at Kingsmead in Game No 18 of Betway SA20 Season 4 on Friday. Markram was an integral part of Sunrisers' success in the first three seasons, leading the Eastern Cape side to back-to-back championship titles and runners-up position last season. However, the Proteas T20 captain has now embarked on a new challenge at Kingsmead after being picked up at the auction by Super Giants. "New colours, new kit. It's always exciting to start something new, especially it being the start of a new cycle of the three years," Markram said. Markram had particularly forged a close



bond with Sunrisers coach Adrian Birrell, but he is now forming a similar relationship with Super Giants coach Lance Klusener as they look to replicate the success with the Kingsmead franchise. "We didn't know each other that well, but we were together at IPL for a bit, which was cool," Markram said. "The first time I worked with him,

it's a guy you looked up to when you were growing up. You remember all the videos of the World Cups and stuff. "He was always the guy in the middle getting the job done. It's been nice to mingle with a guy like him. He has a lot of value to add on and off the field for us, which is exciting." The Super Giants are currently in fifth place on the

table with just one win from six matches, which includes two washed out clashes, which leaves Markram and his men with an uphill battle to reach the playoffs. But coach Klusener is confident that with Markram's inspirational leadership his charges can get there, starting with a victory over the Sunrisers on Friday. "(Sunrisers) Good team as well. Top of the log. So yeah, we're going to have to play well. But again, if we have any dreams of winning this competition, we're going to have to beat the best teams in the league," Klusener said. "There's still a little bit of wriggle room. Not much anymore, but we've got a little bit of wriggle room. And we're just going to have to find a way of getting on the right side of the result now."

"COUSINS THOUGHT I DIED":

Women's World Cup 2025 Hero Jemimah
Rodrigues Reveals Near-Death Experience

Star India women's cricket team batter and Women's World Cup 2025-winner Jemimah Rodrigues recently revealed a scary incident from her childhood, during which she had a near-death experience. The incident occurred to Jemimah when she was only eight or ten years old, and caused significant shock to her family members. A devout Christian, Jemimah faced the accident during a visit to an auditorium for a church programme. As narrated by her, she fell from the first floor of the auditorium, and was lucky to escape without any major injuries. In a recent interview, Jemimah shared



she'd been playing a game of 'chappal' (slipper) fight with her cousins and friends, when things went south. "Once, we were at an auditorium and there was a church programme. All the kids were outside. We were playing chappal fight over there. I was

eight or ten at that time," Jemimah narrated, speaking on 'Breakfast with Champions'. "My cousin Rachel threw her crocs, and it went over to a wooden thing, and you had to jump and get it. "I, (like a) full hero, said 'wait guys, I will go'. There

was a box there. I put my leg on it, and fell down from there. I fell from the first floor," she recalled. However, a moment of fortune meant that the fall did not end up hurting Jemimah much. "Luckily, there was someone downstairs sitting and eating food, and I fell on her head. My cousins thought I died, because I fell down, and you couldn't see anything," Jemimah said. Now 25, Jemimah shot to superstardom with a sensational knock of 127 against Australia in the Women's World Cup 2025 semi-final in October, helping India script the highest-successful run chase in the history of women's cricket.

MACCLESFIELD'S 'MASSIVE OCCASION'
TINGED WITH SADNESS



It is the stuff of dreams for the lowest-ranked team left in the FA Cup to take on the holders in the third round. When Macclesfield host Crystal Palace on Saturday it will be one of the biggest days in their recent history, but one also tinged with sadness. On 16 December, Silkmen forward Ethan McLeod died in a car accident while travelling back from Macclesfield's National League North match at Bedford Town. Rather than travel on the team bus back to Cheshire, McLeod was driving himself back to the Midlands after the 2-1 victory in which he was an unused substitute. The rest of the squad were held up in gridlocked traffic after the crash on the M1, but it wasn't until the next day they learned their teammate was involved. Macclesfield's first game after McLeod's death was postponed, but the club have played three league

matches since. Saturday's FA Cup tie is a huge occasion for a club that reformed in 2020 after Macclesfield Town were wound up in the high court. But manager John Rooney said recent events have put things into perspective. Rooney took it upon himself to contact every member of the squad when the news was confirmed. "Nothing can prepare you for that," Rooney told BBC Sport. "When you have to ring every player individually and tell them, I can't explain what it felt like. "I wanted to take that on. I didn't want people ringing different players. I wanted to be the one to tell that news. I thought that was the right thing to do at the time. "I don't think many managers will ever have to speak to the lads and let them know what happened with their friend. It is the hardest thing I have ever done and will ever have to do."

SA20: Faf Du Plessis And James Vince Shine
Before Lightning Strikes At The Bullring

Du Plessis and his new opening partner James Vince struck a sweet note from the outset as they followed up their rapid 32-run stand against MI Cape Town with a more substantial 73 from only 7.3 overs. Despite not quite middling the ball, Du Plessis still managed to hack his way to 39 off only 24 balls (6x4, 1x6) as he taught Royals teenage seamer Ngobani Mokoena a few harsh lessons on his Bullring debut. Du Plessis took two boundaries off Mokoena's first over before really putting his foot down in the second with three boundaries and a six in the follow up over. With Vince also taking care of left-arm spinner Bjorn Fortuin through a six and four in the third over, the Super Kings



raced to 64 without loss when the Powerplay drew to a close. Faf du Plessis, James Vince, Sikandar Raza and Matthew de Villiers all made an impression at Wanderers before inclement weather intervened. But the Royals tossed their ball to their golden arm Sikander Raza in the seventh over and the Zimbabwe T20 captain

made an immediate impact with his very first ball of his spell when he clean bowled Du Plessis with a gorgeous off-spinner that drifted in the air before gripping and turning through the gate to crash into the stumps. The dismissal did not stem JSK's momentum though with Matthew de Villiers and Vince adding a further 56

from 39 deliveries for the second wicket. De Villiers upstaged his senior partner, who had settled into the anchor role after reaching his maiden SA20 50 off 33 balls, with a rapid 30 off 22 balls. At this stage JSK were targeting a total in the region of 200 before Raza (2/26) intervened again, having De Villiers caught on the long-off boundary, to pick up his ninth wicket of the competition in just three matches. The JSK innings fell away a bit from hereon, especially after Wiaan Mulder, Vince and Shubham Ranjane all fell in quick succession before a floodlight failure further halted their momentum with Donovan Ferreira also perishing immediately after the resumption.

Littler signs sponsorship
deal worth
reported £20m

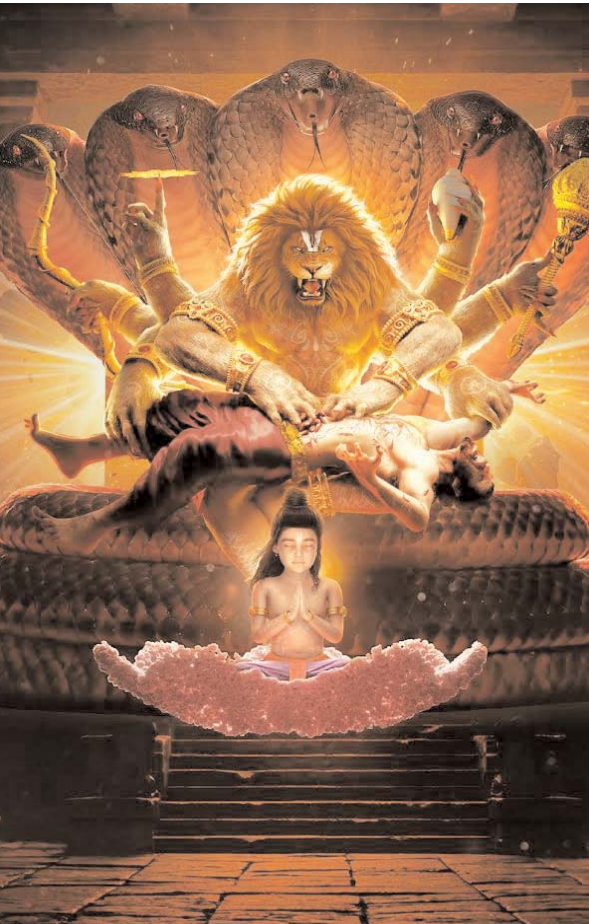


World number one Luke Littler has signed a record sponsorship deal for a darts player worth a reported £20m. The 18-year-old, who claimed the £1m prize for winning the World Championship earlier this month, has signed a 10-year agreement with Target Darts. Target has described the deal as "the largest agreement in darts history between a brand and a player" and PA Media reports that it is worth up to £20m with potential bonuses and add-ons. BBC Sport has contacted Littler's representatives and Target Darts for comment. Littler has won two world titles and already has 10 major titles to his name. "Target has believed in me from day one," said Littler, who is also managed by the company. "From my

playing career to my product range, we've built everything together and I'm really excited to commit to our partnership long-term and see where we can take this next." Littler burst on to the scene at the 2024 World Championship, reaching the final but coming up short against Luke Humphries. He won the Premier League title in 2024 and went on to lift his first world title in January 2025 before retaining his crown. Only Phil Taylor, with 14, and Michael van Gerwen, on three, have won more PDC world titles than Littler, who is also just the fourth player to triumph in successive years. Target chairman Garry Plummer said: "I met Luke at the BDO Youth World Championship Qualifier when he was 12.

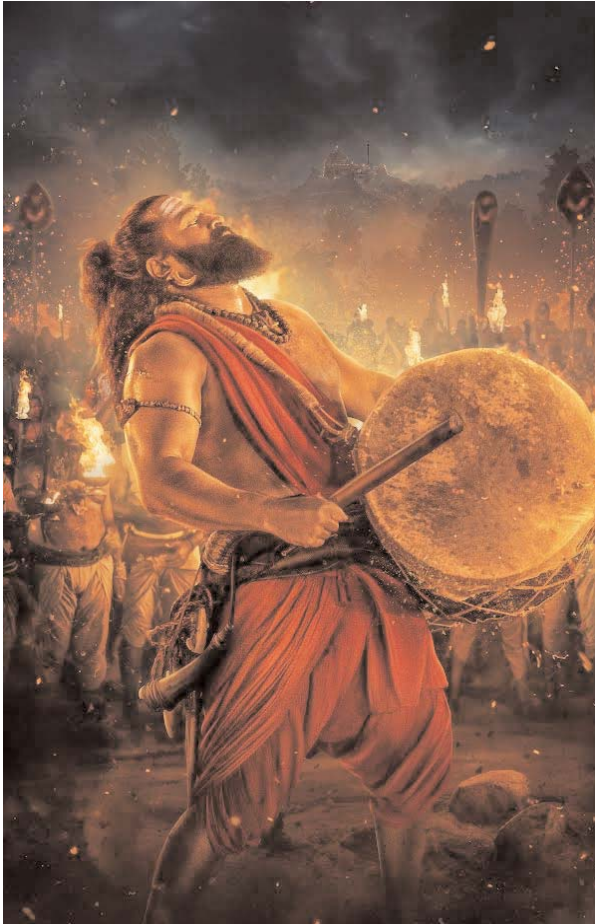
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Hombale Films creates history with two films on the Oscar general entry list



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Farah Khan says her watchman's house is 'worth Rs 15 crore'



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

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

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

Another Historic Feat by Veteran Producer Thummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana



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

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

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