

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

05-01-2026

Total pilgrims: 82,650

Tonsures: 23,331

Hundi kanukalu: 4.08Cr

Waiting Situation at 6am on 06-01-26: Compartments: 31

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens)-13Hr

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMAD SULTAN, S/o. MOHAMMAD WASI, R/o. 24-5-379/b, Afzal Nagar, Kazipet Jaagir, Hanamkonda, Telangana. That I have changed my name from MOHAMMAD SULTAN (Old Name) to MOHAMMAD SULTAN (New Name) for all purposes.

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Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in
Tender No. GTL-EM-69-2025-26 Dt.02.01.2026
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Maintenance/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No GTL-EM-69-2025-26 Name of the Work Proposed
Construction of Extension of DTTC/ GTL School-Electrical Arrangements
Approximate Value Rs. 61.41,738/-

Closing date and time:
26-01-2026 at 15.00hrs

For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.irops.gov.in>. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from <http://www.irops.gov.in> by the tenderers free of cost.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal

No./G/E/29/Tr/Tenders/2025-26 Dt.02.01.2026

Tender Notice No./G/E/29/Tr/Tender Notice/39/2025-26
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. GTL-TRD-29-e-TN-69-2025-26 Name of Work
Strengthening of OHE through stone pitching, soil filling in connection with safety in GDR-TPTY-KPD and HX-RU sections. **Approximate Value:** Rs. 1,84,00,500/- **EMD: Rs. 2,40,700/-**

Tender Closing date & time:
27.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs

Note: 1. Tender Document may be downloaded from www.irops.gov.in by tenderers free of cost.

For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.irops.gov.in>. Corrigendum if any will be issued online only.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <http://irops.gov.in>)

C/E/29/TRD/SC/58/2025-26
Date: 02.01.2026

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Single packet system of tendering.

Sno 1 NIT No. C/E/29/TRD/SC/58/2025-26 Name of the work
Tender No. C/E/29/TRD/ SC/58/2025-26 Dt. 02.01.2026 SC Division: WD-SC & SC-KJZ sections: Hyderabad: Slewing of Point no 41, Road no 5 and 6 CSR enhancement at Hyderabad. **Details-Estimate Cost:** Rs. 1,64,24,866.48 **Completion period:** 120 days **Date of closing:** 29.01.2026 at 15:00 hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://irops.gov.in> 2) Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered. 3) Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at irops.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any. 4) All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only. 5) The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr. DEE/TRD, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days. 6) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto. 7) All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit alongwith their offers. 8) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Sr. DEE/TRD,Secunderabad

No./GUD/70/Tender Notice/AUX MOTORS/2/2025
Date:18/12/2025

GYDLSL/5B/2025/AUXMOTORS
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Diesel/Gooty acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work

Description of work Overhauling and Re-winding of Auxiliary Motors of Electric Locom for a period of 2 years **Approx. Value In Rs. Rs. 46,91,862.82 (Rupees Forty-Six Lakh Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and Eighty-Two Paise only) including GST Earnest money Deposit Rs. 93,80,000 (Rupees Ninety-Three Thousand Eight Hundred only)**

Closing date & Time :
12/01/2026 at 12:00 hrs

For Bid document and other details login to <http://www.irops.gov.in>, any corrigenda will be issued online only. **Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer Diesel Loco Shed, Gooty**

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of The President of India, Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through E-procurement of the Tenders
Sr. No 1 Tender No. & Date
SG. No. 685 Dt:03/01/2026 **Closing date:** 24/01/2026 **Name of the work** Attention of repairs and deficiencies of Signalling & Telecommunication assets in Vikarabad-Parli (VKB-PRLI) **assets in Vikarabad-Parli (VKB-PRLI) assets in Vikarabad-Parli (VKB-PRLI) assets in Vikarabad-Parli (VKB-PRLI)** **Approx Value (Rs.)** 1,95,73,542.29 **Estimated EMD (Rs.)** 2,47,900/- **Allocation REVENUE**

For further details visit the website www.irops.gov.in. Bid security/EMD to be paid as per GCC 2022. *As per IRSGCC-2022, e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Ref:IRGCC-2022 part-1, Clause-3. Tender Notice No. already been uploaded in the website. **Sr.DSTE/Co-ord/Secunderabad**

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT:
9948480279,
7330778889

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAMMETI ASHOK KUMAR, S/o. NARSAIAH, R/o. 11-1-131, Labour Colony, Warangal, Telangana. That I have changed my name from KAMMETI ASHOK KUMAR (Old Name) to SAMMETI ASHOK KUMAR (New Name) for all purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients 1) Nakiranti Rammurthy, S/o. Ananthiah, R/o. H.No: 11-27-54, Vasavi Colony, Kothawada, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 2) Nambori Vishveshwar Rao, S/o. Simannarayana, R/o. H.No: 11-27-53, Vasavi Colony, Kothawada, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 3) Shivnagar, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 4) Pulluri Suresh, S/o. Bhadrarai, R/o. H.No: 3-7-180, Kumarguppi, Hanamkonda, 5) Bandari Kumaraswamy, S/o. Narsiah, R/o. H.No: 3-10-47, Reddy Colony, Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda Dist., 6) Mamidala Pushpa, W/o. Veeralingam, R/o. H.No: 5-2-101, Deepak Tower, Kakaji Colony, Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda Dist., 7) Adepu Pradeep, S/o. Bhaskar, R/o. H.No: 16-4-1221, Shivnagar, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 8) Thammishetti Sree Vidya, W/o. Sridhar, R/o. H.No: 11-27-53, Vasavi Colony, Kothawada, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 9) Thammishetti Sridhar, S/o. Venkataiah, R/o. H.No: 11-27-53, Vasavi Colony, Kothawada, Warangal, Warangal Dist., 10) hereby informing that my clients are absolute owners and possessors of the Agriculture Dry Land in Sy.No. 704/B, and 721 admeasuring Ac. 2-00 gnts. situated at Padipally village, Hanamkonda Mandal & District, which has purchased through Regd. Sale Deed 4323/2006, 22-11-2006 from 1) Anchuri Pushpavathi, W/o. Late Ravinder, 2) Palli Ravinder Reddy, S/o. Aga Reddy infavour of 1) Nakiranti Rammurthy, S/o. Ananthiah, 2) Nambori Vishveshwar Rao, S/o. Simannarayana, 3) Appani Aruna, W/o. Venkateshwari, 4) Pulluri Suresh, S/o. Bhadrarai, 5) Bandari Kumaraswamy, S/o. Narsiah, 6) Mamidala Pushpa, W/o. Veeralingam, 7) Adepu Pradeep, S/o. Bhaskar, 8) Thammishetti Sree Vidya, W/o. Sridhar, 9) Thammishetti Sridhar, S/o. Venkataiah, registered before the joint sub-registrar, Warangal and Original Registered Link Documents No. 731/2006 executed by Kothapalli Rajamouli S/o. Malahiah infavour of Palli Ravinder Reddy, S/o. Aga Reddy infavour of Pinninti Veera Reddy, S/o. Narsiah Reddy and Original Registered Link Document No. 731/2006 executed by Kothapalli Rajamouli S/o. Malahiah infavour of Palli Ravinder Reddy, in case if anybody found the aforesaid Original Registered document no.4323/06 and Registered link documents No. 4296/06 and 731/2006 mentioned above of my clients and the same may be handover to the below mentioned address. Instead of handovering of the same, if anybody misused the aforesaid documents, then my client shall have to initiate the appropriate civil and criminal proceedings against such persons. My clients herewith calling upon you that if anybody is having any objections with regards to the aforesaid Original Registered Document and Registered Link Documents ie 4323/2006, 4296/2006 and 731/2006, you may submit your objections with documentary evidence within Seven (7) days of this publication.

CHAKILAM UPENDER, B.Com., B.L. Advocate
H.No.8-7-106, Govindaraja Gutta, WARANGAL - 506 002.

E-Tender Notice No. 01-2026 Dt: 02-01-2026
Senior Divisional Engineer/ Coordination/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works

Closing date & Time:
30/01/2026 at 15:00 hrs

S.No 1 Tender No. Engg-GTL-Central -2001 Description of work: Gooty Creation and improvement of facilities for Locomotive maintenance at Diesel Loco Shed, Gooty. (Provision of 4 Rooms of size (10x10m each)). **Advised Value in Rs 1,58,99,785.68ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 2,29,50,00ps**

S.No 2 Tender No. Engg-GTL-Central -2002 Description of work: GTL Division: Proposed improvements to drainage arrangements at Br.No. 13-A at km 354/7-8 between GTL-MKR in GTL-DHNE section. **Advised Value in Rs 3,24,60,152.74ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 3,12,30,00ps**

S.No 3 Tender No. Engg-GTL-South-2003 Description of work: Guntakal Division: Proposed improvements to drainage arrangements at Br.No.63A(RUB) (LC23) at km.53/29-31 **Advised Value in Rs 5,40,97,105.57ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 4,20,500.00ps**

S.No 4 Tender No. Engg-GTL-South-2040 Description of work: SW I: GDR-RU section: Proposed improvements to drainage arrangements at Br.No.85A(RUB) (LC 29) at km.63/5-7 in GDR-RU section. **Advised Value in Rs 8,94,14,819.61ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 5,97,100.00ps**

S.No 5 Tender No. Engg-GTL-South-2005 Description of work: SW I: GDR-RU section: Proposed improvements to drainage arrangements at Br.No.28A1 (RUB) (LC 09) at km.28/29-31 in GDR-RU section. **Advised Value in Rs 7,48,67,936.86ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 5,24,300.00ps**

S.No 6 Tender No. Engg-GTL-Central -2006 Description of work: Dhone Proposed construction of 24 bedded capacity TTE's Rest house along with facilities for Kitchen, Dining and Recreation facilities. **Advised Value in Rs 1,98,99,582.60ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 2,49,500.00ps**

S.No 7 Tender No. Engg-GTL-West-2007 Description of work: Dharmavaram - Proposed construction of 30 bedded capacity TTE's Rest house along with facilities for Kitchen, Dining and Recreation etc. **Advised Value in Rs 1,82,06,467.41ps Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 2,41,000.00ps**

Any corrigenda will be issued online only.
No. G/W/496/TC/E-Notice-01-2026 Dt.02-01-2026

Divisional Railway Manager/ Works/Guntakal

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.irops.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

VBYLD—2026 State Winners Meet Telangana Governor

Hyderabad : Governor of Telangana Jishnu Dev Varma on Tuesday interacted with a delegation of 68 youth representatives from the State who have been selected to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leader Dialogue (VBYLD)-2026, to be held in New Delhi from January 9 to 12.

The interaction-cum-sent-off programme was



held at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, where the Governor congratulated the young leaders for emerging as State-level winners

through a rigorous selection process and wished them success at the national-level dialogue. During the interaction, the youth representa-

tives shared their innovative ideas, leadership experiences, and vision for nation-building. Discussions focused on youth participation in governance, innovation, social responsibility, and the role of young leaders in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. Appreciating the enthusiasm and forward-looking approach of the participants, the Governor said platforms

like VBYLD play a vital role in nurturing future leaders of the country and encouraged the youth to continue contributing meaningfully to society and public life. Senior officials, Sports MD Dr.Soni Bala Devi, Director of Youth Services, and K Venugopal Rao, Managing Director, SETWIN, along with other officials from the Youth Services Department, were present.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the bank of Baroda, Nacharam branch, sanctioned loan to M/s. Sreeni LABS(P) Ltd. They gave the schedule property as security by depositing their Original Regd. Sale Deed bearing No.9085/2015, Dt.23.09.2015, registered at SRO Uppal. This is for information
Schedule: District:Ranga reddy Mandal:Uppal, Village:Nacharam Municipality:TSIHC-IALA, Nacharam Survey No.:124 (Part)Plot No.24, 25 & 26, measuring 3000.00 Sq. ft. or (3588.00 Sq. ds), situated at Industrial Park, Nacharam,Hyderabad.Bounded by: North:Plot Nos.19, 20 & 21, South: Existing 12.20M Wide Road, East:Plot Nos.27 & 8 West: Plo No.23.

Mannava Sravan Kumar, Mannava Aparajita, Mannava Madalasa, Advocates, Vegetables Market Road, Nallakunta, Hyderabad. Cells: 94402 60814, 78750 58983

Congress Flag Must Fly High in Sangareddy and Sadasivpet Municipalities Jagga Reddy

Hyderabad (TSIT): Senior Congress leader TPCC Working President T Jagga Reddy on Tuesday asserted that the Congress party must secure victory in the upcoming municipal elections in Sangareddy and Sadasivpet. Addressing a preparatory meeting of party leaders and workers, he issued clear directions on candidate selection, campaign strategy, and party discipline.

Jagga Reddy said the Congress would remain in power for the next three years and that TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy were working with a long-term vision to bring the party back to power for another five years. He urged party cadres to take full responsibility for ensuring



Congress victories in both municipalities.

He instructed local leaders to decide ward-level candidates themselves in accordance with reservation norms and stressed that those who contested and either won or lost in the previous municipal elections must shoulder responsibility for the party's success this time as well. Priority, he said, would be given to loyal

party workers who stood with the Congress during the last ten years when the party was out of power, while those who joined just before Assembly or Parliamentary elections would be given secondary preference.

Making it clear that money power would not be allowed to influence ticket distribution, Jagga Reddy said candidates would not be chosen merely because of their financial strength. He also warned that any attempt to sabotage officially nominated Congress candidates would invite immediate suspension, irrespective of the election season.

Announcing in-charges for the municipalities, he said Sadasivpet municipality would be overseen

by Ram Reddy as CDC Chairman, with Anjaneyulu and Wasim Bhai as in-charges, while Sangareddy municipality would have Topaji Ananth Kishan, Chidrapa Raghu, George, and Bongula Ravi as in-charges.

Jagga Reddy further announced that Koon Santosh would be the Congress candidate for Sangareddy Municipal Chairman, irrespective of whether the post is BC, B2 Woman, or General category, while Shafi Hafeez would be the Vice-Chairman candidate. For Sadasivpet, he said Chiru would be the chairman candidate if the post is reserved for SC.

Invitation Extended for Medaram Sammakka Sarakka Jatara

Hyderabad:Telangana Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash met Mahesh Kumar Goud, President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), at the Legislative Council and formally invited him to attend the world-famous Medaram Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara.

The invitation was extended on behalf of State Minister Danasari Anasuya

Seethakka.Speaking on the occasion, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara is a symbol of Telangana's rich culture and the self-respect of tribal communities. He appreciated the efforts of the State government and the administrative machinery for making extensive arrangements to ensure the successful conduct of the mega tribal festival.



Repeated Paroles for Ram Rahim Undermine Rule of Law Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli



Hyderabad: Vice President of the Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress, Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli, has strongly condemned the repeated granting of parole to Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, stating that such actions severely undermine the rule of law and constitute a grave injustice to survivors of sexual violence.

Ram Rahim, who was convicted of rape in 2017 and murder in 2019 and is serving a life sentence, has been granted parole on multiple occasions.

Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli pointed out that these paroles have frequently coincided with election periods, raising serious concerns about political considerations overriding legal and moral responsibility. She asserted that there can be no compassion or leniency for convicted sexual offenders and that using parole as a tool of electoral conve-

nience sends a dangerous message to society. "Such actions weaken public faith in the justice system and deeply hurt survivors who look to the law for protection and dignity," she said.

Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli also criticised the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue, stating that it stands in stark contrast to repeated assurances made on women's safety and empowerment. Silence in the face of such injustice, she remarked, reflects a serious failure of moral leadership.

Emphasising the need for equal justice, she said, "Justice cannot be selective, conditional, or negotiated.

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APPENDIX -IV Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub -section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. AVULAMANDA NANI R/O H NO 29, P NO 42, 1 ST LANE, R K NAGAR, MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana, India, Hyderabad - 500047Borrower	15/10/2025 Rs.4856724/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four Only)	02-01-2026
2. Mrs. BHOOTHARAJU VENKATA SUNANDA R/O H NO 29, P NO 42, 1ST LANE, R K NAGAR, MALKAJIGIRI , Telangana, India, Hyderabad - 500047Co-Borrower	Loan Account Nos. AP/KPL/KMPL/A000000048 & AP/CP/CP/CP/A000000362.	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the Residential Flat bearing No 402, in Third Floor of RAM S FORTUNE having super built up area 950 Sq feet, including common area and Car parking along with undivided share of land admeasuring 33.33 Sq yards or 27.86 Sq mtrs, out of admeasuring area 266.66 Sq yards or 222.92 Sq mtrs On Premises Plot bearing No 86, Demolished House bearing No 27-64/7/286 PTIN No 1280769469 , Old No 27-256/86, in Survey Nos 116, 117 and 123, Situated at BLOCK NO 27, OLD NEREDMETI, MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana, India - 500056 and bounded by **Boundaries of Flat:North :** Open To Sky, South : Open To Sky,**East :** Open To Sky, **West :** Corridor, Lift And Staircase **Boundaries of Property :** North: Neighbours House On Plot No.85, South: Neighbours House On Plot No.87, East: Plot No.74, West: 250 Fts Wide Road. **NOTE:** Through this notice, all the previous notices issued in this LAN is hereby recalled"

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. AROKIYASWAMY SHOWRI RAJAN MARIE R/O House NO: 5-10-48, Rajan Park, Bandlines Near Nownath Pahad Opp L B Stadium, Kairathabad, HYD, Telangana, India -500004Borrower	10/09/2025 Rs. 22,69,512/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twelve only)	05-01-2026
2. Mrs. SUNITHA MARY/R/O House NO: 5-10-48, Ground Floor, Bandlines Near Nownath Pahad, Opp L B Stadium, Kairathabad, HYD, Telangana, India - 500004Co-Borrower	Loan Account Nos. AP/HDB/LBNG/A000000280 & CO/CP/CP/CP/A000000006	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the Part And Parcel Of Flat No.201, Bearing Municipal No.10-1-834/201 (PTIN No.1071015386), on 2nd Floor, Rose House' Total Admeasuring 777 Sq.Fts Including Common Area, Together With Undivided Share Of Land 30 Sq.Yds Out Of 464 Sq.Yds, Situated At A.C. Guards, Chinnah Basthi, Hyd, Telangana, India and bounded by North: Open to Sky, South: Staircase And Corridor, East: Corridor And Flat No.202, West: Open to Sky. **NOTE:** Through this notice, all the previous notices issued in this LAN is hereby recalled"

Place : Hyderabad, Date :06-01-2026 Sd/-Authorized Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Flat 201, 2nd Floor, Krishi Sapphire Building, Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad - 500081.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)

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

1.Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Srinivasu Nelli (Primary Applicant) A/C Nos: 710200009408 / 710300013507 / 7001030002259. Demand Notice Date : 14.10.2025 : DNPP Date : 01.11.2025 : Date of Symbolic Possession : 01.01.2026.Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.43,72,136.04 (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Six and Paise Four Only) as on 14.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs. Description of immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Residential House on Plot No. 19, in Survey No. 73/B/2 (As per Pass Book in Survey No. 73/B/es) admeasuring 131 Sq.Yds or 109.5 Sq.Mtrs with Plinth area of 744 Sq. ft. with R.C.C. Situated at Kachivani Singaram Village and Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri District, under S.R.O. Narayapalli, belonging to Mr. Nelli Srinivasu & Mrs. Nelli Venkata Lakshmi. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 7769/2019 dated 23.07.2019 and bounded by North : 25' Wide Road, South : Neighbour's Land, East : Plot No. 18, West : Plot No. 20

2.Name of the Borrower(s) : 1) Mr. Kadagode Suresh Kalyani (Primar Applicant) A/C Nos. 701030002607 / 7001030002969.Demand Notice Date : 27.05.2025 : DNPP Date: 01.11.2025 Date of Symbolic Possession : 02.01.2026.Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 86,81,667.07 (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Seven and Paise Seven Only) as on 27.05.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs. Description of immovable Property : All that the House on Plot No. 27 Northern Part, admeasuring 146.67 Sq. Yds, or 122.63 Sq. Mtrs, having Plinth area of Ground Floor 815 Sft. in Sy. Nos. 13 & 14 Part, Situated at 'Venkata Ramana Puram Layout', Parvatpally Village, under Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri District, belonging to Mr. Kadagode Suresh Kalyani D/o. Gounthahla Sreenivas Sharma Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 11034/2021 dated 18.10.2021, and bounded by North : Plot No. 28, South : Plot No. 27 Southern Part, East : 30'-0" Wide Road, West : Plot No. 24.

3.Name of the Borrower(s) : 1) Mr. Induri Sudhakar Reddy (Primar Applicant) A/C Nos. 712800001331 / 712300003154.Demand Notice Date : 10.10.2025 : DNPP Date: 01.11.2025 Date of Symbolic Possession : 02.01.2026.Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 59,57,518.77 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and Paise Fifty Seven Only) as on 12.08.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs. Description of immovable Property : All that the Flat No. 501 (in Fifth Floor), with built up area of 1065.0 Sq. Feet, (including Common area) and 80.0 Sq. Feet Car Parking area, together with an undivided share of Land admeasuring 38.88 Sq. Yards, or Equivalent to 32.50 Sq. Mtrs. (out of Total Land of 777.77 Sq. Yards) in the

RWA cooperation key for effective wet and dry waste management: Baldia Commissioner

WARANGAL, January 6, TSIT : Baldia Commissioner Chahat Bajpai said that Residential Welfare Associations should cooperate in providing wet and dry garbage. Distribution of wet and dry garbage in Surendrapuri Colony area of 56 Division, Hammakonda range on Tuesday the commissioner participated in the awareness programme organized and gave suitable



suggestions for effective management. On this occasion, the Commissioner said that officials and staff should separate the wet and dry waste and pro-

vide them with awareness along with the local residential welfare associations. Apartment dwellers should see that wet and dry waste must be separated from each house. Apart from that, hazardous waste should be handed over separately. According to the needs of residents

in Surendra Puri Colony in Gopalpur 60 feet road area. The Commissioner ordered the officials to prepare proposals for the establishment of drains. In this programme, Corporator Sirangi Sunil Kumar, MHO Dr Rajesh, DE Ravi Kiran, Sanitary Supervisor Narendar, TPS Satish, Sanitary Inspector Bhasha Naik, ASCII representative Dr Raj Mohan and others participated.

Lulu Mega Sale in Hyderabad: Flat 50% off on Over 25,000 Products

Hyderabad, January 2026: Lulu Mall and Lulu Hypermarket have launched a four-day 'Lulu On Sale' mega sale from January 8 to 11, offering flat 50% discounts on more than 25,000 products across categories like groceries, fashion, electronics, home appliances, and more. Over 200 brands are participating, with discounts extending to the food court, retail stores, and even Games Zone (excluding vending and bowling). Customers shopping for 1,999 or more can enter a lucky draw to win a car. Lulu Happiness members get early access from January 7, with a chance to win a couple's trip to Bali. The hypermarket will remain open from 9:00 AM to midnight during the sale period. Officials have assured smooth arrangements for a comfortable shopping experience ahead of Sankranti celebrations.



FORM VII (See Sub-Rule(1) of rule-25 and Section-19(1) of the Act-30/2013) Government of Telangana Revenue (LA) Department or Collector / Joint Collector / Special Collector (LA) / SDC (LA) DECLARATION													
Gazette No. GHMC-53 No. B/464/2024										Dated: 19-12-2025 Dated: 19-12-2025			
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Special Collector, LA & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad that a total of 8225.99 Sq. Yds of land is required in Shaikpet Village and Shaikpet Mandal, Hyderabad District for Proposed 100'-00" & 120'-0" wide Road from Road No.12, Banjara Hills Junction 1 & 2, (Vinchri Hospital) to Jubilee Hills Check Post Via KBR Park.													
Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Shaikpet Village and Shaikpet Mandal, Hyderabad District, land measuring more or less 8225.99 Sq. Yds. of Standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition:-													
Sl. No.	TS. No.	Ward	Block	Type of Title	Extent in Sq. Yds.	Name & Address of person interested	Boundaries			Trees		Structures	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	North	South	East	West	Variety	NU	Plinth area
1	1/5	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	227.11	Doraswami 8-2-293/82/J/II/565/D	Road	Owners land	Plot No.565	Plot No.565	Plot No.565/A	-	Shed
2	1/6	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	133.77	Sharath Babu Kancharla Plot No.560/A	Road	Owners land	Plot No.560	Plot No.560	Plot No.560/A	-	Open land
3	1/7	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	227.88	GHMC Monolith Park	Road	Owners land	Plot No.568	Plot No.568	Plot No.568/A	-	Park
4	1/8	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	193.11	Vamsi Plot No.567	Road	Owners land	Plot No.567	Plot No.567	Plot No.567/A	-	Open land
5	1/9	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	168.11	Dinesh Surana Plot No.568	Road	Owners land	Plot No.568	Plot No.568	Plot No.568/A	-	Open land
6	1/10	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	193.22	V. Sharmila Plot No.569	Road	Owners land	Plot No.569	Plot No.569	Plot No.569/A	-	Open land and shed
7	1/11	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	184.66	Prashanth Reddy Plot No.570	Road	Owners land	Plot No.570	Plot No.570	Plot No.570/A	-	Open land
8	1/12	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	194.33	Nishanth Raj Plot No.571	Road	Owners land	Plot No.571	Plot No.571	Plot No.571/A	-	Open land
9	1/13	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	183.22	V. Gopal Plot No.572	Road	Owners land	Plot No.572	Plot No.572	Plot No.572/A	-	Open land
10	1/14	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	154.92	Bal Reddy 8-2-293/82/J/8/1	Road	Owners land	Plot No.573	Plot No.573	Plot No.573/A	-	Open land
11	1/15	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	89.94	Prashanth 8-2-293/82/J/8/8	Road	Owners land	Plot No.574	Plot No.574	Plot No.574/A	-	Open land
12	1/16	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	119.55	Vinay 8-2-293/82/J/8/8/1	Road	Owners land	Plot No.575	Plot No.575	Plot No.575/A	-	Open land
13	1/17	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	261.33	Venu Vinod 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/1	Road	Owners land	Plot No.576	Plot No.576	Plot No.576/A	-	Open land
14	1/18	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	124.44	Anil Kumar 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/2	Road	Owners land	Plot No.577	Plot No.577	Plot No.577/A	-	Open land
15	1/19	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	132.22	Dinesh 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/3	Road	Owners land	Plot No.578	Plot No.578	Plot No.578/A	-	Open land
16	1/20	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	149.11	Anuradha 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/4	Road	Owners land	Plot No.579	Plot No.579	Plot No.579/A	-	Open land
17	1/21	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	163.22	M. Shivanand 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/5	Road	Owners land	Plot No.580	Plot No.580	Plot No.580/A	-	Open land
18	1/22	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	177.33	P. Ananda Valli 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/7	Road	Owners land	Plot No.581	Plot No.581	Plot No.581/A	-	Open land
19	1/23	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	162.00	V. Aruna, W/o. Vidyananda Shastri 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/8	Road	Owners land	Plot No.582	Plot No.582	Plot No.582/A	-	Open land
20	1/24	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	95.5	Anand 8-2-293/82/J/8/2/9	Road	Owners land	Plot No.583	Plot No.583	Plot No.583/A	-	Open land
21	1/25	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	348.11	Raghuveer Prakash 8-2-293/82/J/8/30	Road	Owners land	Plot No.584	Plot No.584	Plot No.584/A	-	Open land
22	1/26	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	233.00	Ganul Project India LLP 8-2-293/82/J/8/31	Road	Owners land	Plot No.585	Plot No.585	Plot No.585/A	-	Open land
23	1/27	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	247.55	C M Ramesh 8-2-293/82/J/8/32 & 22/1	Road	Owners land	Plot No.586	Plot No.586	Plot No.586/A	-	Open land
24	1/28	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	213.11	Laxmi 8-2-293/82/J/8/33	Road	Owners land	Plot No.587	Plot No.587	Plot No.587/A	-	Structure
25	1/29	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	341.33	Aditya 8-2-293/82/J/8/34	Road	Owners land	Plot No.588	Plot No.588	Plot No.588/A	-	Structure
26	1/30	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	479.22	Chalasani Venkateshwar Rao 8-2-293/82/J/8/35	Road	Owners land	Plot No.589	Plot No.589	Plot No.589/A	-	Open land
27	1/31	G	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	463.44	V. Dhruvapatil and V.V. Rajendra Prasad 8-2-293/82/J/8/36	Road	Owners land	Plot No.590	Plot No.590	Plot No.590/A	-	Open land
28	1/2	F	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	382.33	M.S. Phoneix 8-2-293/82/J/1/73/A	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.591	Plot No.591	Plot No.591/A	-	Open land
29	1/3	F	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	32.33	Manjera 8-2-293/82/J/1/73/B	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.592	Plot No.592	Plot No.592/A	-	Open land
30	9/2	D	Govt	G. Canal	9.66	Alivelamma 8-2-293/3/A/75/D	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.593	Plot No.593	Plot No.593/A	-	Open land
31	9/3	D	Govt	G. Canal	78.22	Kurmaiah 8-2-293/82/J/1/74/I	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.594	Plot No.594	Plot No.594/A	-	Open land
32	9/4	D	Govt	G. Canal	65.55	Kurmaiah 8-2-293/82/J/1/74/I	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.595	Plot No.595	Plot No.595/A	-	Shed
33	9/5	D	Govt	G. Canal	67.55	Kurmaiah & Others 8-2-293/82/J/1/74/B	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.596	Plot No.596	Plot No.596/A	-	Open land
34	9/6	D	Govt	G. Canal	192.31	Shankarlal Agarwal and Mohd Rashied 8-2-293/82/J/1/74/C	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.597	Plot No.597	Plot No.597/A	-	Open land
35	9/7	D	Govt	G. Canal	157.33	Nandagiri Co-Housing Society Ltd Plot No.1A	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.598	Plot No.598	Plot No.598/A	-	Open land
36	2/2	C	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	787.22	Anantha Laxmi Plot No.1355/A	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.599	Plot No.599	Plot No.599/A	-	Structures
37	2/3	C	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	387.66	N. Balakrishna Plot No.1355	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.600	Plot No.600	Plot No.600/A	-	Structures
38	2/4	C	Govt	Banjara Hills Gutta	274.55	A. Sudhakar Plot No.1354	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.601	Plot No.601	Plot No.601/A	-	Open land
39	10/2	H	Pvt	Mohammed Abbar Adegade	130.55	Hitesh Plot No.23	Road	Neighbors land	Plot No.602	Plot No.602	Plot No.602/A	-	Open and Structures
TOTAL					8225.99								
This Declaration is made after hearing of objections of persons interested and due enquiry as provided U/s 15 of the Act No. 30/2013. The number of families likely be resettled due to Land Acquisition is Nil .													
Mines of coal, iron-stone, slate or other minerals lying under the said land or any particular portion of the said land, except such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during the construction phase of the project for the purpose of which the land is being acquired, are not needed.													
A plan of the said land may be inspected in the Office of the Special Deputy Collector (LA), GHMC, at 6 th Floor, GHMC, Tankbund Road, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours.													
Note: Though the classification is Government land, the Government have allotted the Government land in terms of following GO's.													
i) As per GO MS No.-147, Revenue Department, dated: 31-01-1964, an extent of 1195 acres of land Sy No.403 of Shaikpet Village, and an extent of 203 acres in Sy No. 102 of Hakimpet Village is allotted to Jubilee Hills Co-operative House Building Society on payment of market value at Rs.200/- per acre.													
ii) Subsequently, as per GO RT No.-41, Housing, Municipal and Urban Development Department, dated: 9-3-1979, Government has advised to transfer the surplus land of Jubilee Hills Co-operative housing society to various organizations, i.e. 1) Journalist Society : 25 Acres 2) Co-operative Housing Society of legislatures: 100 acres 3) Film Nagar Co-operative Housing Society : 100 acres.													
Further transfer of properties is done by the society and allotted in favour of the above parties.													
Sd/- Special Deputy Collector, LA, GHMC, Hyderabad.							Sd/- Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad.						
DIPR No.392/LA/PP/ADVT/AGENCY/2025-26													

Axis Bank Limited, # 5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, Modi Square Rangiraj, Secunderabad-500003.	
DEMAND NOTICE	
(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) All of you the below mentioned Borrowers are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Demand Notices on the dates mentioned below u/s 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack due have been received bank undelivered. All of you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against all of you by exercising its right under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with immediate effect to the extent the notice is addressed to all of you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. As security for the repayment of interest and costs. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, it is of the said loan to Axis Bank Ltd., all of you executed Loan Agreement, and also created, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the property detailed herein below: We draw your attention to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured assets.	
Sd/-1:Ref No. 03/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAY/2025-26 Date: 17-12-2025 1) Mr. Anil Gopinathan Nair(Applciant), C/o. Mr. KP Gopinathan Pillai, R/o. E-401 Ramky Towers, Gachibowli, Rolley Hills, Serilingampally,Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mr. Anil Gopinathan Nair(Applciant), C/o. Mr. Gopinathan Pillai, Delivery Head at Posdex Westwin, Block-III, White House, Kundanabagh, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016. 2) Ms. Thara Nair (Co-Applciant), C/o. Mr. Velappan Nair, R/o. E-401 Ramky Towers, Gachibowli, Rolley Hills, Serilingampally,Hyderabad, Telangana-500032. Also At: Ms. Thara Nair (Co-Applciant), C/o. Mr. Velappan Nair, R/o. H.No.87 SKRM Market Road, Sreeranjyam, Thiruvannapuram, Kerala-895017. Demand Notice Date : 17-12-2025. Loan Account No. 919030016970315. NPA Date : 04-12-2025. Amount Outstanding : Rs. 23,14,047.71/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Forty Seven and Seventy One only)	
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY	
Schedule-A - All that the land measuring 25.13 acres in Survey No.s 11/1,11/2, 12,13,14,16,17,18,19/1,19/2,19/3,21,22,23,25/1,25/3,26,27/1,27/2,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,39,40,41,42,43 situated at peeramcheru village & Gram Panchayat, Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District and bounded by Boundaries: North : Peeramcheru Village Boundary, South : Peeram Chervu Lake and Shadan Medical College; East : Giridhar Constructions & Peeramcheru Village; West : Jnnm Housing Colony and Village Boundary. Schedule-B - All that the total land measuring 12.15 acres bearing survey No.s 16,17,18,19/1,19/2,19/3,25/1,25/3,26,27/1,27/2,28 & 30 situated at Peeramcheru Village & Gram Panchayat Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District and bounded by Boundaries: North : PBEL City Company Land; East : Land belonging to PBEL city and peeramcheru village; West : Jnnm Housing Colony. Schedule-C - All that the total land measuring 12.15 acres bearing survey No.s 16,17,18,19/1,19/2,19/3,25/1,25/3,26,27/1,27/2,28 & 30 situated at Peeramcheru Village & Gram Panchayat Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District and bounded by Boundaries: North : PBEL City Company Land; East : Land belonging to PBEL city and peeramcheru village; West : Jnnm Housing Colony. Schedule-D - All that the total land measuring 12.15 acres bearing survey No.s 16,17,18,19/1,19/2,19/3,25/1,25/3,26,27/1,27/2,28 & 30 situated at Peeramcheru Village & Gram Panchayat Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District and bounded by Boundaries: North : Open to Sky; South : Open to Sky; East : Open to Sky; West : Corridor.	
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY	
Sd/-1:Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/OCT/2025 Date: 20-12-2025 1) Mr. J Puroshotham Reddy (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Mulyam Reddy Jitta, R/o.H.No.178/B, Sambashiva Colony, Boduppal, Near CMB Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. 2) Mrs. J pushpamma (Applciant), W/o. Mr. Mulyam Reddy Jitta, R/o.H.No.178/B, Sambashiva Colony, Boduppal, Near CMB Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Property Address: Mr. J Puroshotham Reddy (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Mulyam Reddy Jitta, Plot No.3/A & 4/A, in survey No.92, Boduppal Village, Boduppal Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangareddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana-500092. Demand Notice Date : 20-12-2025. Loan Account No. PH080100167920. NPA Date : 31-03-2014. Amount Outstanding : Rs. 31,95,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Only)	
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY	
All that the part and parcel of House(Consisting ground + First Floor) on part of plot No.3/A & 4/A, in survey No.92, measuring area 206.00 Square yards, equivalent to 172.21 Square metres, situated at Boduppal Village, Boduppal Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangareddy District, Within the jurisdiction of the sub-registrar, uppal and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES OF MORTGAGED ASSET: Plot No.4/A/Part, Survey: Plot No.3/A/Part,East:25' Wide Road, West:Neighbors Land.	
Sd/-3:Ref No. 03/SARFAESI/13(2)/JAN/2025-26 Date: 17-12-2025	
1) Mr. Joseph Indira Rajan (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Joseph Gabriel, R/o. 20-74/4, Flat No.301, III Floor,SUR Enclave, Goutham Nagar,Malkajigiri,Hyderabad, Telangana-500002. Also At: Mr. Joseph Indira Rajan (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Joseph Gabriel, 30-178, Sahinagar, Old Safilguda, Malkajigiri, Near Mercy Model School, Hyderabad-500004. Also At: Mr. Joseph Indira Rajan (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Joseph Gabriel, Delivery Manager, System Technology Service Ltd. Cyber Gateway, Level-3, Wing-1, Block-C, Madhapur, Hitech City, Hyderabad-500081. 2) Ms. Priscilla (Co-Applciant), C/o. Mr. Kukatapally Prabhakar, R/o. 20-74/4, Flat No.301, III Floor, SUR Enclave, Goutham Nagar, Malkajigiri,Hyderabad, Telangana-500002. Also At: Ms. Priscilla (Co-Applciant), C/o. Mr. Kukatapally Prabhakar, 30-178, Sahinagar, Old Safilguda, Malkajigiri, Near Mercy Model School, Hyderabad-500004. Property Details: Mr. Joseph Indira Rajan (Applciant), S/o. Mr. Joseph Gabriel, Flat No.501, "MADHU SAI RAM RESIDENCY-BLOCK NO-II", Anand bagh, Malkajigiri Circle, Hyderabad, Telangana-500072. DEMAND NOTICE Date : 17-12-2025. Loan Account No. PHR00802372729. NPA Date : 04-12-2024. Amount Outstanding : Rs. 29,35,030/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only)	
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY	
All that the part and parcel of Flat No.501 in fifth Floor measuring 1190.00 SftSuper built up area including common area and car parking in the building known as "MADHU SAI RAM RESIDENCY-BLOCK NO-II" together with proportionate undivided share of land measuring 44.34 Sq Yrds or 37.06 Sq.Mtrs, out of 883.13 Sq.Yrds or 738.29 Sq.Mtrs is constructed in premises bearing house No.1-24-136/64, measuring 883.13 Sq Yrds or 738.29 Sq.Mtrs in survey No.s 19,20, & 28 situated at Anand bagh under greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Malkajigiri Circle, North Zone, Under Malkajigiri Mandal, Medchal- Malkajigiri District and bounded by Boundaries of Flat: North : Open to Sky; South : Residential Flat No.502; East : Open to Sky; West : 7'-6" Wide Corridor. Boundaries of Land: North : Neighbors House & 30' Wide Road; South : Part of House No.1-24-136/64 belongs to Vendor 2; East : 30' Feet Wide Road; West: Neighbors House.	

ONGC finalises plan to control blowout at Andhra well

AMARAVATI (TSIT): The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) said on Tuesday that a comprehensive blow-out control plan has been finalised at well Mori-5 in Andhra Pradesh's Dr B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema district, where the blaze continued for the second day.

Senior management of ONGC, including Director (Technology & Field Services) Vikram Saxena from Delhi, along with Crisis Management Team (CMT) experts, has assumed operational control of the well located at Irusumanda village in the Malkipuram mandal.

"Excavation work has been completed for the cre-



ation of a temporary canal from a nearby irrigation source to facilitate deployment of high-capacity fire-water pumps. Fire pumps have reached the wellsite, and placement activities are in progress. A compre-

hensive blowout control plan has been finalised," the ONGC said in a statement.

The state-owned oil and gas company said that a gradual reduction in the flame intensity and size is

Andhra Pradesh Government Releases PPT on Rayalaseema Projects

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday released a comprehensive status report on the irrigation sector, offering a stark comparison between the alleged neglect during the previous regime (2019-2024) and the current administration's restoration efforts in the drought-prone Rayalaseema region.

In a detailed presentation, the government highlighted that the foundations for critical projects like Telugu Ganga, Handri-Neeva, and Galeru-Nagari were laid during the tenures of N.T. Rama Rao and N. Chandrababu Naidu with the vision of drought-proofing the region using Krishna river waters. The report underscored that systematic negligence over the preceding five years had compromised this vision, leading to infrastructure decay and financial waste.

According to the latest data released



by the government, the water availability in Rayalaseema has seen a

significant boost. As of January 5, 2026, the 17 major reservoirs in the region hold 288.32 TMC of water against a total capacity of 335.03 TMC, marking an 86% storage level. When including medium and minor irrigation tanks, the region currently holds 366.09 TMC (79% of the total 464.65 TMC capacity), ensuring substantial water security for the agricultural season. The report cited the Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS) project as a prime example of administrative apathy during the 2019-2024 period. Despite the existence of pump houses with a 3,850-cusec capacity, the previous government allegedly failed to complete crucial works, rendering the infrastructure useless. The report noted that between 2019 and 2024, merely Rs.514 crore was spent on the project, while electricity dues were allowed to accumulate.

Online current booking facility of SRIVANI Tickets from Jan 09 on a trial-basis: TTD

Tirumala: Keeping in view the convenience of devotees, the TTD has taken a significant step introducing online current booking system for SRIVANI Trust tickets on a trial basis which will come into effect from 9th January 2026 onwards.

Highlights:

- Conversion of Offline Tickets to Online Mode:
- The 800 SRIVANI Trust Break Darshan tickets currently issued at Tirumala counters will now be made available

through online current booking.

- This is in addition to the existing online quota of 500 tickets which were released three months prior.
- Daily Online Release Schedule:
- Tickets will be released online every day at 9 A.M.
- Bookings will remain open until 2 P.M.
- Devotees must report at 4PM for same-day darshan at Tirumala.
- Trial-run
- This initiative will undergo a one-month trial run.
- Based on the

outcome, a final decision will be taken regarding the overall SRIVANI darshan timings.

Appeal to Devotees

TTD requests all its devotees to kindly take note of this change and make use of the online current booking facility avoiding long waiting for tickets. By booking tickets online from 9AM onwards, devotees can conveniently avail darshan of Sri Venkateswara Swamy by reporting at 4 PM on the same day.

'Gopuja Mahotsavam' at SV Gosala on January 16

Tirupati: The Tirupati Sri Venkateswara Gosamrakshanasala will organize Gopuja Mahotsavam in a grand manner on January 16, on the occasion of Kanuma festival. On this occasion, Abhishekam, puja and harati to Sri Venugopala Swamy will be performed from 5 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. followed by Gopuja from 10.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

Subsequently, from 11.15 a.m., bhajans and kolatams by artists of the Dasa Sahitya Project, followed by Sankeertana programmes by artists of the Annamacharya Project, will be held.

From 12noon onwards, devotees will be allowed for the darshan of Sri Venugopala Swamy, followed by distribution of prasadam. On the day of Gopuja Mahotsavam, TTD is providing an opportunity for devotees to personally offer jaggery, rice and fodder to the cows. Devotees are requested to make use of this sacred opportunity and seek the blessings of Gomata and the Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Rs.10 Lakh Donation to TTD



Tirumala: A devotee from Nizamabad, Sri Katakam Srinivas donated Rs.10 lakh to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Annadanam Trust on Tuesday morning. On this occasion the donor handed over the donation DD to TTD Chairman Sri B. R. Naidu at the TTD Chairman's Camp Office in Tirumala.

Vasavi Clubs International donates Rs.25 Lakh to Telangana Sainik Welfare Fund



Hyderabad, Jan 6 (TSIT): Vasavi Clubs International, Secunderabad, donated Rs.25,00,000/ to the Sainik Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, for the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families. The cheque was presented to Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, at Lok Bhavan Tuesday by Erukulla Rama Krishna, International President, Vasavi Clubs

The Governor appreciated the contribution and handed over the cheque to Captain R. Srinivasulu, Director, Sainik Welfare, Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said: "This generous gesture by Vasavi Clubs International reflects a deep commitment to social responsibility. Collective efforts like these honour our ex-servicemen and strengthen societal welfare."

Avakai: Amaravati Festival of Cinema, Culture and Literature to Transform Vijayawada's Riverfront with a Landmark Cultural Celebration, 8th to 10th January 2026

Vijayawada: 06th January, 2026: The Government of Andhra Pradesh presents Avakai: Amaravati Festival of Cinema, Culture and Literature, a three-day public cultural celebration to be held from 8th to 10th January 2026 at Punnami Ghat and Bhavani Island, Vijayawada. Conceived as an open, inclusive riverfront festival, Avakai brings cinema, literature and the performing arts into public spaces, creating direct engagement between artists and audiences, while transforming the banks of the River Krishna into a vibrant site of cultural exchange and creative dialogue.



Anchored in the cultural geography of Amaravati-Vijayawada, Avakai foregrounds Telugu cinema and literature, while presenting a multidisciplinary programme spanning music, dance, theatre, poetry, storytelling, workshops and cultural conversations. Envisioned under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, organised by the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, powered by KIA and produced by Teamwork Arts, the festival introduces a format new to the state, combining artistic excellence with public participation and immersive riverfront experiences. The festival is free and open to the public, and audiences are encouraged to register online at www.avakaifestival.com.

The festival opens on Thursday, 8th January 2026 at Punnami Ghat with a vibrant Opening Procession featuring giant puppets, Teen Maar drummers and bagpipers, followed by evening music by Jammers, Aarti by the Ghat & Inauguration of the House Boat followed by the Sacred Opening with Shankh, Nagada & Drums ensemble.

The ceremonial Prambh tsavam will be graced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Pawan Kalyan, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Family Welfare & Medical Education - Shri Satya Kumar Yadav Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture, Shri Kandula Durgesh, Ambassador of the European Union, H.E. Hervé

Delphin, Managing Director - Teamwork Arts, Mr. Sanjoy K. Roy. Opening performances include Her Frames, Her Fire by Omaggio Performing Company, followed by Love Story - A Musical, created especially for Avakai. On Friday, 9th January 2026, the daytime programme at Bhavani Island features conversations and workshops, including Pure Evil: Anti-Heroes of Cinema with S. Hussain Zaidi, Yandamuri Veerendranath and Sudhir Mishra in conversation with Balaji Vittal, followed by a discussion on Evolving Storytelling: The Journey of Indian Mythology, BNIM, Kasturi Muralikrishna, Sanjeev Pasricha and Anuradha Mothali in conversation. The programme also features another performative act, Katha Kalakshepam: Timeless Tales through Music and Word by StoryHour UK; Engaging with storytelling across screen and text, Cinema in the Age of OTT reflects on how streaming platforms have reshaped filmmaking, distribution and audience engagement, with Leena Yadav (Director-Producer), Sunil Chainani (Applause Entertainment), Shibasish Sarkar (Reliance Entertainment; Producers Guild of India), Saugata Mukherjee (SonyLIV), Shreerupa Mitra, and Supriya Yarlagadda (Annapurna Studios) in conversation, followed by Abhilasha: From Novel to Screen, which traces the journey of a beloved literary work

to cinema, with Yandamuri Veerendranath and A. Kodandaram Reddy in conversation with Valli Padmanjali. Parallel hands-on workshops include Martial Arts with Tuhon Aditya Roy, Nagada with Nathoo Lal Solanki, Puppet-making with Shameem, and Dance with French choreographer Gilles Chuyen. As twilight descends on the sacred banks of the Krishna at Punnami Ghat, the evenings unfold into a rich celebration of music, movement and poetic expression. The programme features Carnatic Music by Chandana Bala Kalyan, followed by Dramatic Tales- Rasa United, a powerful Kuchipudi dance-theatre presentation by Vanashree Rao, and The Sound of Stories: Music & Poetry in Cinema, with Shekhar Ravjiani, Priya Saraiya and Kasarla Shyam in conversation with Rakhshanda Jalil, exploring the lyrical soul of Indian cinema. The night further deepens with Mehfil-e-Sukhan: A Mushaira Experience, featuring Aditya Singh 'Aadi', Azhar Iqbal, Iqbal Ashhar, Khushbir Singh Shaad, Dr Nusrat Mehdi, Payala Murali Krishna, Popular Meeruthi, Saif Nizami and Sardar Saleem, followed by Aaj Rang Hai—a transcendent collaboration between the Anirudh Varma Collective and Nizami Bandhu, blending contemporary classical with the timeless spirit of Qawwali.

On Saturday, 10th January 2026, the Bhavani Island day programme includes Words on Water, Katha Itranagalalu: Art of Telugu Storytelling, Friday Release: Cinema & Journalism, Sundaramaina Telugu: Glory of Telugu Literature & Cinema, and The Art of Translation: Words Without Borders, alongside continued workshops. The closing evening at Punnami Ghat features Chowraasta Live, Natasarvabhowma NTR - Homage to the Vishwaroopam of Acting, Love Story - A Musical, the Festival Closing Ceremony, and a grand finale concert by Javed Ali. Beyond performances and conversations, Avakai offers immersive festival experiences including interactive installations and curated culinary experiences, inviting audiences to engage deeply with the region's cultural and artistic heritage.

Decentralising Cancer Care: A Humane Leap in Telangana's Public Health System.



RAMESH PAKA

Cancer is not merely a disease; it is a prolonged battle that tests the physical endurance, emotional strength, and financial stability of patients and their families. In a country like India, where access to specialised healthcare often remains uneven, the burden of cancer treatment falls disproportionately on the poor and middle class. Timely diagnosis, continuous chemotherapy, and supportive care are critical to survival, yet these are often accompanied by immense hardship due to travel, accommodation, and loss of daily wages.

For decades, Telangana's cancer care ecosystem revolved largely around the MNJ Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre, Hyderabad. Though MNJ Hospital has rendered yeoman service in screening and chemotherapy, it remained the primary destination for cancer patients from every corner of the state. MGM Hospital, Warangal, offered limited services, but not in a fully fledged manner. As a result, patients from remote districts were compelled to travel to Hyderabad, often spending four full days for screening, chemotherapy, and related procedures.

This journey was not merely medical, it was economic and emotional. Patients had to be accompanied by attendants, lead-

ing to loss of wages, travel expenses, food costs, and accommodation charges. For many families, the cost of reaching treatment exceeded the cost of treatment itself. This was the stark reality of cancer care in Telangana until recently. In a transformative and compassionate move, the Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Sri Damodar Rajanarsimha, has initiated a landmark reform by decentralising chemotherapy services across the state in all (33) districts. Recognising that healthcare must reach the patient rather than force the patient to chase healthcare, the Minister took a bold policy decision to expand chemotherapy facilities to Government General Hospitals in every district. Under this initiative, doctors, nurses, laboratory techni-

in Hyderabad for four days has been eliminated. Travel expenses, food and lodging costs, and loss of wages have been minimised. Patients can now return home the same day after chemotherapy, significantly improving their quality of life and treatment compliance. According to reliable information, nearly 11,000 chemotherapy registrations were earlier being handled in a year at MNJ Hospital alone. With the redistribution of cases to district hospitals, the load on MNJ has been eased, allowing tertiary care centres to focus on complex and advanced cases. Simultaneously, district hospitals have been empowered, benefiting both doctors and patients through improved efficiency and accessibility.



cians, and paramedical staff were systematically trained. Essential equipment, medicines, and protocols were extended from MNJ Hospital, Hyderabad, ensuring uniform standards of care. As a result, cancer patients can now undergo chemotherapy in their own districts, close to their homes and families.

This reform has dramatically reduced the burden on patients and attendants. The need to stay

This decentralised model reflects a deeper understanding of public health where infrastructure, human resources, and policy converge to serve the most vulnerable. Cancer care is not only about advanced technology; it is about empathy, accessibility, and continuity. Telangana's approach demonstrates how a strong public healthcare system can reduce inequalities and restore dignity to patients battling life-threatening illnesses.

The chemotherapy decentralisation initiative is only one among many progressive reforms being undertaken by the Health Department to ensure that the people of Telangana receive the best possible healthcare without financial ruin. Such people-centric governance stands as a model for other states to emulate.

By bringing cancer care closer to home, Telangana has not only saved time and money, it has given patients hope, strength, and the assurance that the government stands firmly by their side in their fight against cancer.

EDITORIAL

Nature of religion: Service or selfishness?

For centuries, India has been considered a land of religion, faith, and spirituality. Here, religion has not been limited to worship or rituals, but has been a guiding force in every aspect of life. Faith has provided strength to individuals in difficult situations, keeping them connected to morality and humanity. However, with changing times, it is becoming clear that the very nature of faith is gradually becoming distorted. Religion, once a means of spiritual peace, is in many places becoming a tool of fear, superstition, and commerce. Today's reality is that a large part of religious traditions has deviated from their original purpose. Rituals that were meant to provide spiritual balance to humans have now become associated with financial transactions and ostentation. Pilgrimage sites, once centers of penance, sacrifice, and meditation, have often become mere commercial activities. The financial situation of the devotee is increasingly prioritized over his or her feelings. The foundation of faith is belief—in God, in life, and in oneself. This belief stems not from fear or greed, but from inner satisfaction. When faith becomes based on fear, it degenerates into hypocrisy. Unfortunately, many religious activities today are driven by this fear. People are led to believe that if they do not follow a particular tradition or donate a certain amount, disaster will occur. Thus, religion, which used to be reassuring, is becoming a source of fear. Traditions are the hallmark of any society. They evolve through experience and knowledge passed down from generation to generation. However, traditions are only useful as long as they are in keeping with the times, wisdom, and humanity. Accepting traditions as set in stone hinders social progress. Today, there is a need to reconsider traditions—to understand their purpose and their relevance in the present. Service has been an important aspect of religion. Service means selflessly helping others. However, when a price is attached to that service, its nature changes. Charity is only considered charitable when it is given voluntarily. When it is given out of pressure, fear, or social prestige, it loses its sanctity. Unfortunately, today, charity is being levied as a compulsory fee in many places. This situation affects ordinary and emotional people the most. In times of grief, sorrow, or crisis, a person is mentally vulnerable. Exploiting their faith during such times is not only immoral but also inhumane. The purpose of religion is to protect humanity from breakdown, not to burden it further. The greatest danger of hypocrisy is that it gradually breeds distrust of religion. When people are repeatedly deceived and their emotions exploited, they either turn away from religion or begin to view every tradition with suspicion. This situation is detrimental to society, as a healthy form of religion plays a vital role in maintaining social balance. In today's educated and aware society, it is expected that individuals should test everything through logic and reason. Faith and reason are not in conflict. True faith is that which is in harmony with reason. If a tradition goes against humanity, morality, and compassion, changing it should be considered a righteous step. The role of religious institutions and those involved in religion is also crucial. They must understand that their responsibility extends beyond simply performing rituals, but also guiding society in the right direction. If religious leadership itself is driven by greed and self-interest, it is futile to expect morality from the public. The need of the hour is to transform religion into a medium of service, not a business. Society's responsibility is no less. Hypocrisy will never end until people become self-aware. Asking questions isn't unrighteous. Understanding and reflecting on the purpose of every tradition is a sign of intellectual maturity. Blindly accepting everything is neither faith nor religion. The role of the media and educational institutions is also crucial in this context. A balanced, rational, and sensitive discussion of religious issues will increase social awareness.

SURESH KALMADI: THE MAN BEHIND THE LEGENDARY 5-STAR DINNER THAT UNNERVED EVEN SONIA GANDHI

Suresh Kalmadi treated loyalty not just as a virtue, but as a business model. He died as he had lived: complicated, controversial, and utterly irreplaceable. In over four decades of political journalism, few figures have generated as much fascination as Kalmadi. Here was a man who wore several hats: sports organiser, event manager, party animal, media baron, and politician - sometimes, in the same evening. We can't talk about Kalmadi without talking about Sharad Pawar. Their relationship is perfectly captured in a joke Pawar once told at a Pune rally, "What happened when Suresh Kalmadi tried to hang himself from the ceiling? The ceiling came down!" Even when they were feuding, there was an undeniable fondness between them - the kind reserved for family, who know too much about each other to ever truly part ways.

A Lot Happened Over Coffee

Their story began at the Pune Coffee House in 1974. Kalmadi, fresh from his stint as an Indian Air Force pilot, had bought a stake in the establishment and would man the cash counter. It was amidst the aroma of filter coffee and the chatter of Pune's emerging elite that he first encountered Pawar, then rising as Yashwantrao Chavan's heir apparent in western Maharashtra. What followed was a masterclass in political symbiosis. When Pawar helped appoint Kalmadi as Pune's Youth Congress president in 1977, it was the beginning of a partnership that would reshape Delhi's treacherous corridors of power. Kalmadi understood something that many regional politicians didn't: Delhi required a different skill set. "Kalmadi spoke English fluently, had good social networking skills and, above all, was a smart lobbyist," the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Prakash Javadekar once



observed. But it was after Rajiv Gandhi's assassination in 1991 that Kalmadi truly came into his own. As the Congress scrambled to find a new leader among PV Narasimha Rao, Sharad Pawar, Arjun Singh, and Shankar Dayal Sharma, Kalmadi took it upon himself to "manage Delhi" for his Maratha strongman. Delhi witnessed the transformation of Maharashtra Sadan into Pawar's campaign headquarters, with Kalmadi orchestrating operations with military precision. He ordered food from the nearby Taj Mansingh, ensuring a steady supply of grilled chicken and paneer tikka even at odd hours. The proximity to Pandara Road market meant those preferring 'liquid embellishments' were thoroughly entertained, whereas Intelligence Bureau officials trying to update their masters wrote rather exaggerated notes while braving the heat and their hunger.

When Narasimha Rao Kept The Guest List

The centrepiece was a legendary dinner at a five-star hotel. Kalmadi invited 64 newly-elected Congress MPs and Rajya Sabha members, offering them the best wine and food money could buy. The event sent shockwaves through the party, even unnerving Sonia Gandhi at 10, Janpath. Narasimha Rao was so shaken that for the rest of his tenure, he kept a copy of the guest list just to ensure that none of them got any position of influence. Kalmadi's relationship with Rajiv Gandhi was equally telling. Rajiv, always in a hurry and constantly scouting for talent, appreciated Kalmadi's out-of-the-box thinking. When Kalmadi suggested a Pune Marathon to create awareness for sports way back in 1982, Rajiv was impressed enough to induct him into the Rajya Sabha. The irony of Kalmadi's career was that managing rela-

tionships was both his greatest strength and his greatest weakness. His relationship with Pawar embodied this complexity perfectly. In 2001, when Sonia Gandhi decided to inaugurate Ganesh Utsav celebrations in Pune - a move orchestrated by Kalmadi and Govindrao Adik to snub Pawar on his home turf - it was political theatre. Yet, by 2009, Pawar was doing six-day campaigns for Kalmadi's Pune Lok Sabha bid, making emotional appeals to his supporters.

The CWG Saga

The Commonwealth Games saga revealed another facet of Kalmadi's character. As corruption allegations mounted, Pawar maintained a safe distance. But even in those dark days, there was something oddly admirable about Kalmadi's resilience and optimism. When sports minister Margaret Alva wondered why she got constant bad press while Kalmadi didn't, an official replied that it was due to "high spirits", capturing Kalmadi's approach to both life and politics.

The recent image of an ailing Kalmadi in a Pune hospital being visited by Pawar was both poignant and fitting. Two old warriors, who had travelled impossible distances together, fell apart, reconciled, and ultimately understood that some bonds transcend political convenience.

In an era where political relationships are increasingly transactional, Kalmadi represented a bygone world where personal chemistry mattered as much as ideology. He proved that in Indian politics, the man who controls the guest list often controls more than those whose names appear on it. Suresh Kalmadi didn't just manage Delhi. He understood it. And in understanding it, he helped others navigate its labyrinthine ways. That, perhaps, is the most fitting epitaph for a man who made a career out of making things possible for others.

ROAD ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND THE CONSTITUTION: THE SEARCH FOR HUMAN DIGNITY BEYOND INCOME

-Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Road accident compensation is not limited to a technical system; it is deeply intertwined with the fundamental philosophy of the Indian Constitution—equality, dignity, and a welfare state. Millions of road accidents occur in India every year, resulting in the loss of life or permanent disability of thousands of people. In such circumstances, compensation is not merely financial relief, but also an attempt by the state to recognize the value of life and restore dignity to the victim. The current compensation system under the Motor Vehicles Act is primarily income-based, which may seem logical at first glance, but upon closer examination, it raises serious questions about constitutional values. The "multiplier method" adopted in the Motor Vehicles Act determines compensation based on the victim's income, age, and number of dependents. Its objective is to restore a family's pre-accident financial situation, as much as possible. However, the biggest problem with this method is that it ties a person's life to their marketability. The death or disability of a highly paid individual is met with compensation of lakhs or crores of rupees, while the amount for a daily wage laborer, rickshaw puller, or worker in

the unorganized sector is meager. Thus, the law inadvertently conveys that a person's life is more or less valuable in proportion to their income. This approach directly challenges the principle of "equality before the law" enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution. Article 14 not only calls for equal treatment, but also prohibits arbitrary and inconsistent classifications. When two citizens are victims of road accidents under similar circumstances, but their lives are valued differently based solely on their income, it creates a constitutional contradiction. On the one hand, the state treats all citizens as equal, while on the other hand, it discriminates between them based on their economic status in the level of compensation. This system has the most severe impact on those whose income is not formally recorded or who are not considered 'earners' at all. Housewives, children, the elderly, and students often receive compensation based on 'notional income.' This notional income does not reflect their actual social contribution. A homemaker's labor remains invisible within the home, but she plays a central role in maintaining the economic structure of the family and society. The Supreme Court has clarified in cases such as Kirti v.

Oriental Insurance (2021) that a homemaker's work has not only emotional but also economic value. Despite this, in practice, this contribution is still not adequately reflected in compensation calculations. Another constitutional dimension of the income-based compensation system relates to Article 21, which guarantees the "right to life and personal liberty." The Supreme Court has time and again clarified that life does not mean mere physical existence, but a life with dignity. When the value of a person's life, after death or disability, is reduced to mathematical formulas and income slabs, it appears to undermine their inherent dignity. Viewing life solely through the lens of economic loss ignores the profound suffering, mental trauma, and social insecurity that the victim's family faces. In this context, it is also noteworthy that the concept of "just compensation" has been interpreted broadly by the Supreme Court itself. The Court has recognized that compensation should not only compensate for loss of income, but also for emotional damage, mental anguish, and uncertainty about the future. However, the current legal framework does not adequately address these intangible aspects. As a result, the compensa-

tion process often becomes a mechanical calculation, lacking human sensitivity. This disparity becomes even more pronounced when compared to other transport laws. The Railway Act and aviation laws provide for uniform, fixed compensation in case of an accident, regardless of the victim's income or social status. For example, a fixed amount is paid for death in railway accidents. This system recognizes that the right to safety and the value of life are equal for all citizens. The lack of such uniformity in the road transport sector raises the question of whether the 'right to safety' in India varies depending on the mode of transport. In a welfare state, the state's role should not be limited to resolving disputes through courts, but should actively ensure that every citizen receives a minimum degree of protection in life and death. In this regard, reform of the road accident compensation system is the need of the hour. First, a high and mandatory minimum compensation amount should be established, based on the principle of no-fault liability. This will ensure that every affected family, regardless of income, receives a respectable basic level of support. Additionally, the contributions of non-earning groups must be realistically assessed.

China's "Core Interests": What It Means, And Why Arunachal Is Now A Part Of It

The US Department of War's annual report to the Congress, which notes that China's conceptualisation of 'core interests' has expanded to now include Arunachal Pradesh, should be a matter of concern for India. The formulation of 'core interests' is said to have entered Chinese diplomatese around the 2000s. In 2003, the then Chinese Foreign Minister, Tang Jiaquan, had told his US counterpart that Taiwan was China's core interest and that it was important to handle this since it would have implications for the broader Sino-US relations. Later, reacting to a decision by the US to sell a radar system to Taiwan in 2004, the Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said that China would not tolerate actions of foreign powers that would damage its core interests. It also evoked the tenet of 'core interest' after then French President Nicolas Sarkozy met the Dalai Lama in 2008, asserting that Tibet concerned Chinese sovereignty and territorial integrity. In the 2010s, Japanese media outlets interpreted China as expanding its ambit of 'core interests' to include the Diaoyu-Senkaku islands.

An Old Controversy

The Chinese began to up the ante on Arunachal in the mid-2000s. The then Chinese envoy to India asserted that the entire state belonged to China. A bureaucrat serving in Arunachal was denied a visa in 2006, and following this, the practice of granting travel approvals issued on a piece of paper stapled to the passport began. In 2009, China even opposed a loan by the Asian Development Bank for a water project in Arunachal, questioning India's sovereignty



over the state.

The issue of Arunachal has also increasingly been in focus since China's military standoff against India began in 2020. In 2021, Beijing had raised objections to then-President Venkaiah Naidu's visit to the state. A year later, in December 2022, things came to a head after China tried to militarily change the status quo in the Yangtse area in Arunachal's Tawang sector. The Chinese have also started using the term 'Xizang' for Tibet, and consequently refer to Arunachal Pradesh as 'Zangnan', meaning south Tibet. Over the last couple of years, they have resorted to a series of renaming of places in Arunachal Pradesh, and giving them Chinese names. Official Chinese maps, too, show China as subsuming large parts of Arunachal.

Delegitimising Indian Nationality

In November last year, when an Arunachal woman living in the UK was harassed and detained at Shanghai airport during her transit, the officials

reportedly told her that her Indian passport was not valid and asked her to obtain a Chinese travel document. Surprisingly, the woman had had a smooth run during her travel to China in October 2024. On this issue, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asserted that Zangnan (Arunachal) belongs to China, and that it has never recognised the "so-called Arunachal Pradesh". The Chinese ambassador to India, too, has backed this stance, saying that it was important to address the issue of the contentious Line of Actual Control (LAC). In another case that received less media attention, an Indian-born Tibetan who was visiting China for tourism was meted out similar treatment again at Shanghai airport in December 2025. During his detention, he was repeatedly quizzed about how he obtained Indian citizenship and if he had any relatives in China. Officials went through his personal belongings, social-media accounts and even his cellphone. The tourist also claimed the Chinese

authorities took photographs of his family members. He then booked himself a plane ticket to Bangkok and was escorted by Chinese law enforcement officials on the flight. New Delhi has been firm with its position that Arunachal Pradesh is an inalienable part of India and that its residents are within their rights to travel on Indian passports. This assertion has been followed by the government seeking reassurances from the Chinese authorities that Indian nationals, regardless of their place of birth, will not be selectively targeted as they travel or transit through China. The government has also cautioned Indian nationals to exercise "discretion" whenever travelling through China, although a formal travel advisory has not been issued. The expansion of Chinese core interests to include Arunachal does not augur well for India, since tying it to sovereignty and territorial integrity will make the resolution of the LAC issue even more protracted and complicated.

Ride on AI, rise to greater heights, CM Stalin tells youth

CHENNAI: Urging students and youth to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) positively, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday said the rapidly growing technology would help them reach greater heights in life. Launching the laptop distribution scheme for students under the title 'Ulagam Ungal Kaiyil' at a function here, he said Tamil Nadu's growth is closely linked to the confidence and capabilities of its youth. "The laptop scheme is neither an expenditure nor a free gift. It is a tool placed in your hands to rule the world through knowledge. We have created every opportunity for students to excel in their studies," the Chief Minister said. Backing the use of AI, he clarified that technology cannot replace the human brain but can significantly



enhance efficiency and workflow. Those who fear AI and restrain themselves from making use of its advantages were treading a path of foolishness," he said. "With the support of AI, we are reaching new heights," he added. Addressing students, particularly college-goers, the Chief

Minister said the Dravidian model government has always accorded priority to science and technology. Recalling earlier initiatives, he said late Chief Minister M Karunanidhi had implemented the TIDEL Park project and introduced a separate Information Technology policy 25

years ago, laying the foundation for Tamil Nadu's growth in the technology sector. In a veiled reference to future electoral success, Stalin said the government would continue to uphold its values and work hard to secure a dignified future for the State. Advising beneficiaries of the laptop scheme, the Chief Minister urged students not to use the devices merely for entertainment. "Do not restrict it to games or movies. Use it as a launchpad for your future. Victory is waiting for you," he said. Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, Ministers Thangam Thennarasu, Govi Chezhiaa, and Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, former ISRO chairman Mayilsamy Annadurai, and Chief Secretary N Muruganandam were present at the event.

Madras High Court's Deepathoon ruling a rebuke to DMK government: BJP's Nainar Nagenthran



CHENNAI: BJP state president Nainar Nagenthran on Tuesday mounted a sharp attack on the ruling DMK government, hailing the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court for permitting the lighting of the deepam at the Deepathoon in Tirupparankundram hill and accusing the State of repeatedly acting against Hindu religious practices. In a statement, Nainar

Nagenthran said the High Court, by dismissing the DMK government's appeal seeking to block lighting of lamp, had once again stood firmly on the side of justice and constitutional values. He said the verdict had brought immense relief to devotees and reaffirmed that the deepathoon rightfully belongs to the Tirupparankundram Subramania Swamy Temple. "The court has delivered a clear

rebuke to the State government for misusing the bogey of law and order to suit its political convenience," he said, adding that projecting routine religious practices as potential flashpoints was both misleading and unacceptable. The BJP leader said the ruling had categorically rejected the DMK's claims and exposed what he termed its manufactured narrative around public order. Nagenthran alleged that despite facing repeated judicial setbacks, the DMK government continued to pursue what he described as a persistent anti-Hindu agenda, ignoring court directions and reviving the same arguments through appeals. "Even after being pulled up multiple times by the judiciary, the government shows no inclination to correct itself," he said. Striking a strong political note, the BJP state president asserted that the DMK's arrogance of power and continued hostility towards Hindu beliefs would ultimately lead to its political downfall. "A government that repeatedly disrespects faith and constitutional propriety will be decisively shown the door by the people," he said. The verdict, he added, was not merely a legal win but a reaffirmation of religious rights and judicial balance in the State.

Woman faints at Pongal event; senior BJP leader Tamilisai assists in Tiruchy



CHENNAI: A woman participating in the Namma Ooru Modi Pongal Vizha fainted due to dehydration at the venue here on Monday and was administered first aid by medical personnel, with BJP leader Tamilisai Soundararajan also rushing to assist. The woman, identified as Nagajothi (30) of Vayalur in Tiruchy, collapsed while preparing Pongal in the morning. She was immediately shifted to the on-site first-aid centre, where she was treated and later

advised to rest, organisers said. According to sources, participants had been asked to reach the venue by 8 am and Pongal preparation began around 9 am, following the distribution of utensils and ingredients. But BJP leader Amit Shah arrived at the venue around 12 noon.

CBI summons TVK president and actor Vijay in Karur stampede case

NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has summoned popular actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay to appear before its investigation team in Delhi on January 12, in connection with the deadly Karur stampede that claimed 41 lives last year. The tragic incident occurred during a roadshow on 27 September 2025, organised as part of Vijay's political outreach in Karur district. A massive crowd



had gathered for the event, which was seen as a significant public mobilisation for the newly floated TVK ahead of the upcoming elections. Chaos ensued, leading to a fatal stampede that also left dozens injured, drawing national outrage and immediate political repercussions. The CBI, which took over the probe from Tamil Nadu Police, is investigating potential lapses in crowd management, safety protocol violations, and roles of the event organisers. The summon to Vijay, as the leader of the party that organised the rally, marks a critical escalation in the investigation. It seeks his direct examination to ascertain the planning, permissions, and on-ground execution of the fateful event. While party sources have confirmed receiving the summons, they have remained conspicuously non-committal on whether the high-profile leader will personally appear before the central agency in Delhi.

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TN signs MoU with UN Women to create technical support for gender equality

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Employees' Federation (AITUC) general secretary R Arumugam on Sunday urged the State government to extend the Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS), announced for government employees, to workers of State transport corporations as well. In a statement, Arumugam said transport workers had a long history of struggle to secure pension benefits. He recalled that when transport undertakings functioned as a

government department, workers who completed 10 years of service were covered under the Madras Liberalised Pension scheme. However, after the formation of transport corporations, the pension scheme was withdrawn and replaced with a contributory provident fund system. He said workers deputed from government departments to transport corporations were also denied pension, forcing AITUC to wage an 18-year-long struggle on the streets, in courts and in the Assembly.

Scientists Sequence Arabica Genome, Opening Doors to Climate-Resilient Coffee

The work makes it possible to tell the story of the fusion of genomes that gave rise to the world's most consumed species, as well as identifying genes responsible for resistance to rust and other diseases. Coffee is one of the world's most traded commodities, and Coffea arabica is the most widely consumed of the 130 or so species that exist. It is the result of the fusion of two other species: Coffea canephora (known in Brazil as Conilon or Robusta coffee) and Coffea eugenioides. In the last decade, almost every major commodity in the world has had a reference genome sequenced, but coffee has only recently joined the list. The reference genome is essential for developing varieties that are better adapted to climate change and resistant to disease. By sequencing the reference genome of Arabica coffee in an unprecedented endeavor, a consortium of scientists was able to select genes that may be responsible (candidate genes) for coffee's resistance to rust and other diseases. At the same time, they identified the expression of some genes related to the aroma of Arabica. The Power of Genomic Knowledge "With the knowledge of the genome, it is possible to obtain information that allows us to go in two directions: the development of varieties by directing crossbreeding, in other words, as a reference to guide us in future crossbreeding that produces new varieties; and more direct interventions, such as modifying a gene specifically," summarizes Douglas Domingues, currently a researcher at the Plant Genomics and Transcriptomics Group of the Luiz de Queiroz School of Agriculture at the University of São Paulo (ESALQ-USP), in Brazil, and one of the authors of the paper (developed when he was still working at the Rio Claro campus of the São Paulo State University). According to him, there was a bit of a race to sequence the genome. "The price of sequencing has come down a lot, and coffee was one of the few commodities that hadn't had its reference genome sequenced. There were other groups trying, and there was a paper published just before ours. But most of them used the standard strategy: choosing an interesting plant for cultivation and sequencing its genome," he reports. Unique Approach to Sequencing The group to which Domingues belongs has sequenced a plant that is not interesting



from an agronomic point of view but has a lot to offer from a genetic point of view. "The advantage of our reference genome is that it's derived from a 'dihaploid' individual. This results in a homogeneous reference genome that will be a superior standard for future research," explains Patrick Descombes, coordinator of the work and senior expert in genomics at the Nestlé Institute of Food Safety & Analytical Sciences. He explains that Arabica coffee is a tetraploid: it has two genomes in one because it is the fusion of two other species. By sequencing a dihaploid derived from Arabica coffee compared to a common tetraploid variety, scientists get a clearer and more simplified view of the genome. This makes it possible to identify variations between similar genes with greater precision, facilitating the use of molecular information for improvement studies. In this study, the group was able to determine more precisely when this fusion took place: no more than 600,000 years ago, C. canephora and C. eugenioides fused to form this tetraploid hybrid, which continued its evolutionary path. "We came to this conclusion using DNA information from Arabica, Robusta and Eugenioides: we were able to make a more accurate inference because previously this interval was dated at between 50,000 and 1 million years. We reduced that window to 350,000 to 600,000 years," reports Domingues. The article, published recently in Nature Genetics, was the result of a consortium of scientists from more than ten countries,

including Brazil, which participated with more than one institution. In Domingues' case, his participation was partially funded by FAPESP through a Young Researcher project and a postdoctoral fellowship awarded to Suzana Tiemi Iwamoto-Suzuki, also an author of the article. "We used the reference sequence to understand the diversity that exists in wild Arabica coffees, from the African region of origin, and compare this with the Arabica coffees that are cultivated today," says the ESALQ-USP scientist, explaining that the group resequenced Arabica coffee varieties planted in different parts of the world, as well as wild specimens collected in the forests of Ethiopia, and managed to understand the difference between the wild and cultivated ones. Tracing Arabica's Evolutionary History To gain a genomic perspective on the evolutionary history of Arabica, the consortium sequenced 46 accessions, including three Robusta, two Eugenioides and 41 Arabica. The latter included an 18th-century type specimen (the physical specimen designated by the author of the taxon at the time of the description as the material on which it was based), 12 cultivars with different breeding histories, the Timor hybrid (a spontaneous cross of Arabica with the pest-resistant C. canephora Robusta variety) and five of its backcrosses with Arabica and 17 wild accessions plus three wild/cultivated ones collected from the east and west sides of the Great Rift Valley in Ethiopia. "We used the latest genomic technologies, i.e. long reads from the high-fidelity PacBio system [for

gene sequencing] and proximity ligation with short reads from Illumina [an integrated system for analyzing genetic variation and biological function], to generate the chromosome assembly. This combination resulted in a chromosome-level assembly of the highest quality and integrity," says Descombes. According to the ESALQ-USP professor, among the cultivated species, something very important for breeding was the introduction of genes for resistance to coffee leaf rust. "In the 1930s, Brazil played an important role in this regard. And the IAC [Agronomic Institute of Campinas, also in the state of São Paulo] is a pioneering center for studies and breeding. IAC researchers provided us with plants that predate the institution's breeding program, which dates back to the 1930s. Disease-oriented breeding emerged between the 1960s and 1970s, and the main work was to cross a rust-resistant Arabica plant, the so-called Timor hybrid, with plants grown in various countries so that the new varieties would be resistant. But it wasn't known which genes were responsible for the resistance." Discovered in the fields of Timor Island in the 1920s, the Timor hybrid is naturally resistant to rust and other diseases. "In addition to rust, coffee berry disease, coffee berry borer and coffee stem borer are three other major pests affecting production in many regions of the world. Climate change is also a key concern in the control of pests and diseases, as it allows them to spread to new regions. The trade of green coffee beans between different regions is another factor that can facilitate the spread of certain pests and diseases to new areas," reveals Maud Lepelley, manager of the Plant Genetics and Chemistry group at the Nestlé Institute of Agricultural Sciences. In the paper now published, the group has managed to find sets of genes already linked in the literature to disease resistance that are only present in post-improvement varieties. "Somehow the Timor hybrid managed to get these resistance genes, and now we know which ones. There are dozens of them, but we've narrowed the search. Arabica coffee has 69,000 genes; we've narrowed it down to just under 30 genes. Being able to identify these candidate resistance genes.

A Lunar Orbit That's Just Right for Humanity's First Space Station Around the Moon

A unique halo orbit is the road less traveled around the Moon. As NASA prepares for humanity's long-term return to the lunar surface through the Artemis missions, the agency is introducing novel concepts – backed up by science and decades of experience in human spaceflight – to blaze new trails on and around the Moon. An international collaboration, Gateway is a human-tended, small station that will orbit the Moon. The lunar outpost is specially designed to enable deep space exploration with many capabilities for maintaining a sustained presence in space and conducting research in a deep space environment. Features like a human habitat, multiple docking ports for a variety of spacecraft, including Orion, and the ability to host experiments that will study space weather will all help contribute to future exploration efforts. Similarly, Gateway's unique near-rectilinear halo orbit, or NRHO, was specifically chosen to help ensure the success of future Artemis missions. There is no shortage of options for how a spacecraft could orbit the Moon, but two in particular – low lunar orbit and distant retrograde orbit – are helpful for understanding why NRHO is the right fit for Gateway. A spacecraft in low lunar orbit follows a circular or elliptical path very close to the lunar surface, completing an orbit every two hours. Transit between Gateway and the lunar surface would be quite simple in a low lunar orbit given their proximity, but because of the Moon's gravity, more propellant is required to maintain the orbit. Therefore, low lunar orbit is not very efficient for Gateway's planned long-term presence at the Moon – at least 15 years. Meanwhile, a distant retrograde orbit provides a large, circular, and stable (or more fuel-efficient) orbit that circles the Moon



every two weeks. However, what Gateway would gain in a stable orbit, it would lose in easy access to the Moon: the distant orbit would make it harder to get to the lunar surface. A third option, NRHO, is just right for Gateway, marrying the upsides of low lunar orbit (surface access) with the benefits of distant retrograde orbit (fuel efficiency). Hanging almost like a necklace from the Moon, NRHO is a one-week orbit that is balanced between the Earth's and Moon's gravity. This orbit will periodically bring Gateway close enough to the lunar surface to provide simple access to the Moon's South Pole where astronauts will test capabilities for living on other planetary bodies, including Mars. NRHO can also provide astronauts and their spacecraft with access to other landing sites around the Moon in addition to the South Pole. The benefits of NRHO don't end with surface access and fuel efficiency. NRHO will allow scientists to take advantage of the deep space environment for a new era of radiation experiments that will inspire a greater understanding of potential impacts of space weather on people and instruments. NRHO will also give Gateway a continuous line of sight, or "view," of Earth, translating to uninterrupted communication between Earth and the Moon.

Instamart and Young India Skills University (YISU) Team Up to Create over 5,000 Opportunities in Quick Commerce for Telangana Youth

Hyderabad, January 06, 2026: With quick commerce reshaping the Indian retail landscape and how consumers shop for everyday essentials, the demand for skilled talent in supply chain, logistics and retail operations has surged. Today, Instamart and Young India Skills University (YISU), established under the Young India Skills University Telangana Act 2024 by the Government of Telangana to boost industry- aligned skill development, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch a skill-based academic programme for youth to build careers in the growing quick commerce industry. The multi-year collaboration is expected to train over 5,000 youth in Telangana, preparing them for meaningful career opportunities in the sector. The MoU was signed in the presence of Mr V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao, Vice Chancellor of Young India Skills University (YISU), Telangana, and Girish Menon, Chief Human Resources Officer at Swiggy Ltd. As part of this collaboration, Scootsy, a wholly owned subsidiary of Swiggy and its logistics arm, and YISU will introduce a three-month learning programme designed to build job-relevant operational and managerial skills for the quick commerce sector, with a strong focus on dark store operations. The programme responds to the growing need for standardised operational and managerial capabilities in high-velocity



retail environments, covering areas such as quick commerce operating models, dark store and supply chain execution, customer promise and SLA-driven service delivery, and emerging trends in retail logistics. Delivered through a combination of classroom instruction and structured field exposure, this collaborative programme between YISU and Instamart will equip participants with a practical, systems-level understanding of store execution, last-mile coordination, and the performance metrics required to operate quick com-

merce at scale. Successful completion of the course and internship will fast-track students into roles as Store Manager Trainees, preparing them for leadership responsibilities in quick commerce fulfilment and operations. Instamart, India's pioneering quick commerce platform, serves consumers across the country from its growing network of over 1000 dark stores and megapods across India. Through the platform, merchants offer tens of thousands of products, ranging from everyday essentials to electronics and home living items, supported by a strong

supply chain and technology-driven operations. Speaking about partnership, Mr V.L.V.S.S Subba Rao, Vice Chancellor of Young India Skills University (YISU), Telangana, said "We are proud to partner with Instamart, one of India's leading quick commerce platforms, to address the evolving needs of the sector and equip young talent with job-relevant skills. This programme is a testament to YISU's commitment to industry-aligned skilling and to Instamart's leadership in shaping the future of quick commerce through meaningful workforce development in Telangana state." Sharing his thoughts on the collaboration, Girish Menon, Chief Human Resources Officer at Swiggy Ltd, said, "India's demographic advantage is both an opportunity and a responsibility for the industry to invest in building job-ready capabilities at scale. As quick commerce evolves from a convenience-led model into a core part of India's retail and supply chain ecosystem, the demand for skilled operations and management talent is growing rapidly. Our collaboration with Young India Skills University focuses on creating practical industry-aligned learning pathways that prepare graduates for real-world roles in supply chain and quick commerce operations. This is a long-term investment in India's skilling ecosystem, not a short-term hiring initiative."

Galaxy Book6 Brings AI-Powered Productivity and Advanced Performance in a Sleek New Form



Featuring Intel's Core Ultra Series 3 processors built on Intel 18A, long-lasting battery life and an ultra-slim profile, Samsung's Galaxy Book6 series elevates what users can expect from a PC. Samsung Electronics today introduced Galaxy Book6 Ultra, Galaxy Book6 Pro and Galaxy Book6 during CES 2026. The most advanced Galaxy Book series yet, these devices feature robust performance that elevates AI-powered productivity through precise engineering in a perfectly balanced slim profile. "At Samsung, we believe true innovation starts with getting the fundamentals right," said Won-Joon Choi, President,

Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Head of the R&D Office, Mobile eXperience (MX) Business at Samsung Electronics. "Performance defines the PC experience. With the Galaxy Book6 series, we combine unparalleled speed and power with dependable AI to deliver the exceptional productivity and creativity capabilities users expect from Samsung." Engineered for Unmatched Performance Pairing cutting-edge hardware with immersive visuals and audio in a slim and portable design, the Galaxy Book6 series delivers Samsung's most advanced PC performance yet. Powered by Intel® Core™ Ultra Series 3

processors — the first client system-on-chips (SoCs) built on Intel 18A — Galaxy Book6 delivers efficient, high-speed CPU, GPU and ddiia NPU1 performance, enabling lightning-fast processing, seamless multitasking and more responsive AI. With the latest NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 5070/5060 Laptop GPU, Galaxy Book6 Ultra unlocks next-level creativity and entertainment experiences with high-speed AI image generation, super-smooth video playback and editing and deeply immersive gaming. To maximize performance, powerful hardware must be supported by an equally advanced thermal system.

Car giant Hyundai to use human-like robots in factories

Hyundai Motor Group says it will roll out human-like robots in its factories from 2028, as major companies race to use the new technology. The South Korean firm showed off Atlas, a humanoid robot developed by Boston Dynamics, at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on Monday. Hyundai says it "plans to integrate Atlas across its global network", including a plant in the US state of Georgia that was involved in a massive immigration raid in 2025. Other firms that have said they will use humanoid robots in their operations include Amazon, Tesla and Chinese car making giant BYD. The Atlas robots will gradually take on more tasks, said Hyundai. The firm owns a majority stake in Boston Dynamics, the technology company famous for Spot the robot dog. Atlas, which is designed for general industrial use, is being developed to work alongside people and autonomously manage machines.



Hyundai said the robots will help ease physical strain on human workers, handle potentially dangerous tasks and pave the way for wider use of the technology. The firm did not say how many robots it would initially deploy or how much the project will cost. Speaking at CES, Hyundai's vice chair, Jaehoon Chang, acknowledged concerns that human workers could lose their jobs to robots. But he said people will still be needed to train the robots,

among other roles, the news agency Reuters reported. Monday's announcement came after Hyundai said in 2025 that it would invest more than \$20bn (£15.5bn) in the US, supporting President Donald Trump's plans to boost manufacturing in the country. The firm said it would expand car production in the US and invest in autonomous driving technology and artificial intelligence (AI). Elon Musk's electric carmaker Tesla has also invested heavily

in its humanoid robot, Optimus. Hyundai's battery plant in Georgia, which it operates in partnership with electronics giant LG, is one of its key facilities in the US. In September 2025, US immigration officers raided the plant and arrested hundreds of workers, including at least 300 South Korean citizens. The workers had their legs shackled in scenes that sparked outrage in South Korea. President Lee Jae Myung and Hyundai's chief executive José Muñoz warned that the raid could deter foreign investment in the US. Later that month, Washington and Seoul reached an agreement to release the detained workers. Trump said he opposed the raid and that the US had an "understanding" with the world on the need to bring in experts to set up specialised facilities and train local workers. Muñoz said in November that the White House had phoned him personally to apologise for the raid.

Nvidia unveils self-driving car tech as it seeks to power more products with AI

Nvidia has unveiled a new tech platform for self-driving cars as the world's leading chip-maker seeks more physical products to embed AI into. Speaking at the annual CES technology conference in Las Vegas, boss Jensen Huan said the system - called Alpamayo - would bring "reasoning" to autonomous vehicles. That would allow cars to "think through rare scenarios, drive safely in complex environments, and explain their driving decisions," Huang claimed. He said Nvidia was working with Mercedes to produce a driverless car powered by the tech, which would be released in the US in the coming months before being rolled out in Europe and Asia. Nvidia's chips have helped power the AI revolution, though so far attention has mostly been focussed on the software it powers, such as ChatGPT. However, leading tech firms are now increasingly looking for hardware - meaning physical products such as cars - that AI could be used in. Physical AI's 'ChatGPT



moment' Wearing his trademark black leather jacket, Huang told an audience of hundreds that the project has taught Nvidia "an enormous amount" about how to help partners build robotic systems. "The ChatGPT moment for physical AI is almost here," Huang said. "NVIDIA's pivot toward AI at scale and AI systems as differentiators will help keep it way ahead of rivals," said Paolo Pescatore, analyst at PP Foresight, from Las Vegas. "Alpamayo represents a profound shift for NVIDIA, moving from being primarily a compute to a

platform provider for physical AI ecosystems." Shares of the AI chip designer rose slightly in after-hours trading following Huang's presentation. It featured a video demonstration of the AI-powered Mercedes-Benz driving through San Francisco while a passenger, sat behind the steering wheel, kept their hands in their lap. "It drives so naturally because it learned directly from human demonstrators," Huang said, "but in every single scenario... it tells you what it's going to do, and it reasons about what it's

about to do." Alpamayo is an open-source AI model, with the underlying code now available on machine learning platform Hugging Face, where autonomous vehicle researchers can access it for free and retrain the model, Huang said. "Our vision is that someday, every single car, every single truck, will be autonomous," he told the audience. The project could pose a threat to companies like Elon Musk's Tesla, which offers driver assistance software called Autopilot. "Well that's just exactly what Tesla is doing," Musk posted on social media following the Alpamayo announcement. "What they will find is that it's easy to get to 99% and then super hard to solve the long tail of the distribution." Like Tesla, Nvidia also has plans to launch a robotaxi service by next year in collaboration with a partner, but has declined to name the partner or say where it will be. Nvidia is the world's most valuable publicly traded company, with a market cap of more than \$4.5tn (£3.3tn).

Government demands Musk's X deals with 'appalling' Grok AI deepfakes

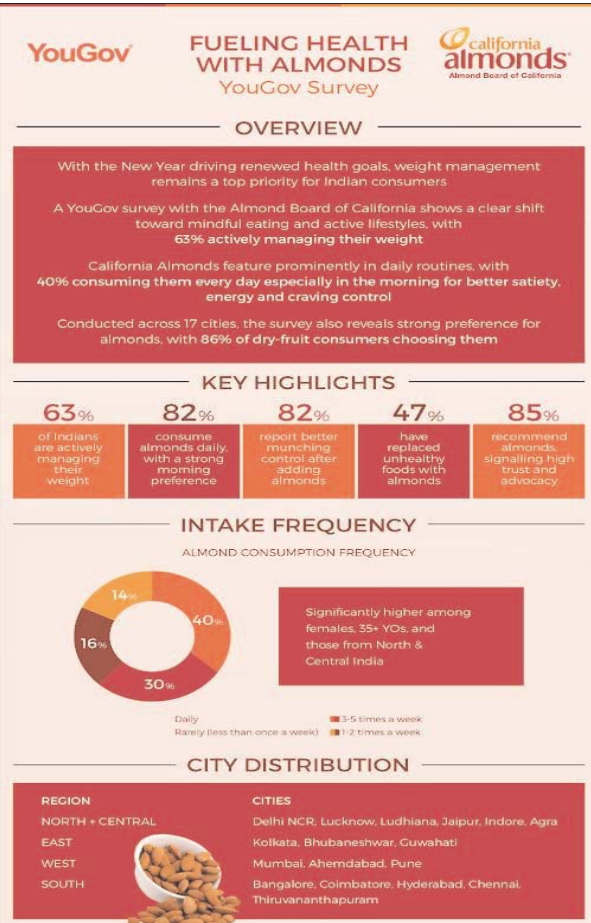


Technology Secretary Liz Kendall has called on Elon Musk's X to urgently deal with its artificial intelligence chatbot Grok being used to create non-consensual sexualised deepfake images of women and girls. The BBC has seen several examples on X of people asking the bot to digitally undress people to make them appear in bikinis

without their consent, as well as putting them in sexual situations. Kendall said the situation was "absolutely appalling", adding "we cannot and will not allow the proliferation of these degrading images." "It is absolutely right that Ofcom is looking into this as a matter of urgency and it has my full backing to take any enforcement action it

deems necessary." On Monday, regulator Ofcom said it had made "urgent contact" with Elon Musk's company xAI and was investigating concerns Grok has been producing "undressed images" of people. The BBC has approached X for comment. On Sunday, the platform issued a warning to users not to use Grok to generate illegal content including child sexual abuse material. In her statement Kendall said: "Services and operators have a clear obligation to act appropriately. This is not about restricting freedom of speech but upholding the law. "We have made intimate image abuse and cyber-flashing priority offences under the Online Safety Act - including where images are AI-generated. This means platforms must prevent such content from appearing online and act swiftly to remove it if it does."

New Year, New Habits: 7 in 10 Indians Say California Almonds Support Weight Management, Finds YouGov Survey



6 January, 2026: With the New Year underway and health goals taking centre stage, weight management often tops resolution lists. As people reset their routines and look for sustainable ways to feel fitter and more energised, mindful eating and balanced nutrition take on renewed importance. Reflecting this shift, a new YouGov survey conducted in association with the Almond Board of California reveals that Indian consumers are increasingly embracing healthier choices, from exercising regularly to choosing nutrient-dense foods that support everyday wellness. Among these, California Almonds continue to feature prominently in morning routines and breakfast habits, with many associating them with improved satiety, better control over cravings, and sustained energy through the day. The survey, conducted across 16 cities in India, also highlights a broader shift toward holistic, health-focused living. A vast majority (92%) show strong interest in health and

nutrition, with 51% reporting adoption of an active lifestyle with daily exercise. Additionally, 63% of respondents say they are trying to manage their weight - often through consistent practices like daily workouts, drinking more water, and reducing sugar consumption. This emphasis on mindful eating is reflected in almond consumption habits across India. Nearly 40% of respondents say they consume almonds daily, with about 30% eating them first thing in the morning and 22% including them with breakfast. Purchase frequency also remains strong as 43% purchase almonds monthly, while another 44% do so weekly or bi-weekly. Preferences vary, with 30% opting for soaked or soaked-and-peeled almonds and 25% consuming them raw. Among dry-fruit consumers, a remarkable 86% choose almonds, reinforcing their widespread popularity. The motivations behind almond consumption reflect a strong awareness of their nutritional benefits. More than half of

respondents (52%) associate almonds with overall health and wellness, while 41% link them to immunity, and 39% consume them to maintain protein intake. A significant 75% say almonds are part of their daily routine for essential nutrients, while 84% agree they are a healthy option. Nearly 40% even track calories or macros when consuming almonds, reflecting heightened nutrition awareness. This positive perception is grounded in almonds' natural nutrient density. California Almonds offer 15 essential nutrients, including healthy fats, dietary fibre, protein, magnesium, potassium, and zinc, making them a minimally processed, wholesome addition to daily diets. Weight management emerges as a key driver of almond consumption. 70% of respondents believe almonds support healthy weight goals, and 82% report improvement control over munching and weight after incorporating them regularly into their diets.

Security forces patrol Venezuelan streets as opposition calls for release of political prisoners

We've been speaking to people about what it's like in Venezuela since the US operation. Earlier we reported on the experiences of Wilmer* in Caracas and Angela* in Guayana City. Pedro*, in the north-western coastal city of Maracaibo, has been able to go outside and buy bread, but says already there is a price increase of about 30%. "It wasn't normal shopping," he told the BBC. "Initially people were happy, but now people are scared of what might happen, and nobody is talking about what happened." Agreeing with what Pedro said, Wilmer and Angela both said that, because of guards' presence in many places, people are not discussing what's going on. "We smile, you know; that's all we can do," says Wilmer. And Angela says that "people in the super-market that I went to were quiet because everyone is scared to talk about what happened, and guards are



outside." *Names have been changed due to fears of a backlash from authorities. Donald Trump might keep insisting that the US is "in charge" of Venezuela, but in reality, the Venezuelan government is still very much in power. Delcy Rodriguez is the acting president, many of Nicolás Maduro's ministers are still in post, and the pow-

erful military is, so far, staying loyal to her. Trump has issued serious threats to Rodríguez - that if she doesn't do "the right thing" (i.e. what the US wants) she could face the same fate as Maduro, or worse. Many expected Trump to back the opposition to take charge, but in some ways the current set-up is more convenient for

him. The Venezuelan government will now undoubtedly be nervous about what could happen to them if they don't at least somewhat comply. Trump isn't in charge, but he does have a lot of influence. Tensions remain high in the capital, Caracas, where gunshots were reported overnight near the presiden-

tial palace. Yesterday Delcy Rodríguez was sworn in as Venezuela's interim president, but the security situation still remains unclear after the US seized President Nicolás Maduro and said it would run the country. Several videos posted on social media overnight show armed men on the streets as apparent gunshots are heard ringing out. We've verified one video filmed near Miraflores Palace in which you can hear gunshots, but it's not immediately clear what they were in response to. We've located another video to a plaza about 650m from the palace, in which you can hear someone ask in Spanish, "What happened?" A man who appears to be a security official replies: "Drones, drones". This suggests that the gunshots may have been in response to a drone sighting, although we can't independently confirm this was the case. The US

military intervention in Venezuela has resurfaced the issue of Greenland's future. Trump has repeatedly said the US "needs" the whole island for national security reasons (the US already has a military base there), while Greenland's leaders have repeated that it is not for sale. Earlier today BBC's Europe Editor Katya Adler described how European leaders are facing an increasingly "awkward" and "intense" atmosphere as they try to "manage rather than confront" Trump. After top Trump aid, Stephen Miller told CNN that "nobody's going to fight the US over the future of Greenland", European leaders issued a strongly-worded joint statement saying only Greenland and Denmark can decide its future. "Greenland belongs to its people. It is for Denmark and Greenland, and them only, to decide on matters concerning Denmark and Greenland.

Selfies and smiles: South Korea seeks 'new phase' in ties with China



South Korea's President Lee Jae Myung has called for a "new phase" in ties with China as he met its leader Xi Jinping in Beijing on Monday. Regional security and lifting Beijing's unofficial ban on Korean pop culture is high on Lee's agenda, as he continues his four-day trip in China. He is set to meet China's Premier Li Qiang and the chairman of parliament, Zhao Leji on Tuesday. It

marks the first visit by a South Korean leader since 2019. Bilateral ties had soured under Lee's predecessor, impeached ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol, who was very critical of China. Xi, meanwhile, has appeared keen to shore up ties with South Korea amid a diplomatic row between China and Japan. South Korea is a US security ally - like Japan - but also relies on China for trade.

Zelensky replaces Ukraine's powerful security service chief



President Volodymyr Zelensky has reshuffled the leadership of Ukraine's Security Service (SBU), replacing influential Vasyl Malyuk and nominating Maj-Gen Yevhenii Khmara as acting head. The SBU is primarily concerned with internal security and counter-intelligence and, since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, it has also played a prominent role in assassinations and sabotage attacks deep inside Russia. Malyuk, who had run the SBU since 2022, gained a reputation for overseeing successful operations against Russia and for purging the SBU from alleged Russian double agents. The latest reshuffles are the latest in a long series made by Zelensky since the start of the war. Malyuk's name is known across Ukraine. After all, last June he co-ordinated the daring "Spider Web" attack, which saw more than 100

Ukrainian drones struck air bases deep inside Russian territory. Khmara, his replacement, was also involved in the preparation of that operation. So it did not come as a surprise that Malyuk's dismissal earlier this week was widely criticised within Ukraine, including by several high-profile military commanders. The impression that the decision made by President Zelensky was short-sighted was cemented by reports that Malyuk had initially refused to step down voluntarily. Although he has been dismissed from the position of SBU chief, he has been asked to continue leading special operations against Russia. Ukraine needed more "asymmetric operations against Russian forces", Zelensky said, adding that Malyuk was "best at this". Khmara's appointment has gone some way in quelling fears about the SBU's future effectiveness.

Self-proclaimed hypnotherapist on trial in France for drugging and raping women



A man is on trial in southern France accused of drugging and sexually abusing women, as well as filming some of the assaults. Dance teacher and self-taught hypnotherapist Cyril Zattara is charged with raping 14 women over a decade, as well as allegedly secretly filming around 20 other women. Zattara, who has been held in detention awaiting trial since 2021, has admitted 10 rape charges.

The trial is being held behind closed doors in the city of Aix-en-Provence at the request of one of the alleged victims, and is due to last at least two weeks. Others had sought open proceedings, saying they wanted their voices to be heard by as many people as possible. Zattara would allegedly slip sleeping pills into women's drinks before sexually assaulting them, a police investigation found.

IRAN ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTS SPREAD TO MAJORITY OF PROVINCES

Protests have broken out in at least 17 of Iran's 31 provinces, presenting the largest challenge to the country's clerical establishment since 2022, a BBC Verify and BBC Persian analysis has found. The BBC's analysis of protests includes only those for which we have verified video footage - the true number is almost certainly far higher. There are reports of protests in a further 11 provinces. The wave of protests has spread rapidly across Iran since 28 December, when anger initially broke out in the capital Tehran following a fresh and sharp devaluation of the country's currency against the dollar and other major foreign currencies. Verified footage from the last 10 days shows evidence



of anti-government demonstrations and gatherings in more than 50 towns and cities across the country, including in several regions previously perceived as being highly loyal to the state. More than 100 videos which we geolocated and checked for publication date paint a picture of the scale of the unrest, with people taking to the streets in many major cities in Iran

and presenting the largest challenge to the state since the Women, Life and Freedom protests in 2022. Footage has also shown protests in Qom in central Iran and Mashhad in the north-east, both of which have traditionally hosted populations extremely loyal to the Islamic Republic. Prof Sina Azodi, Director of Middle East Studies Program at George

Washington University, said that unrest in those cities was "very telling" and amounted to evidence that the government's "base of support is also suffering under the economic hardship". Authorities have traditionally used violence to crush unrest. During the 2022 protests - sparked by the death in custody of Mahsa Amini, a young woman who had been detained in Tehran for wearing "improper hijab" - more than 550 people were allegedly killed by security forces, according to human rights groups. While the latest response by police and security forces initially appeared to be more restrained, verified footage has shown officers ramping up the use of force since Saturday.

NESTLE ISSUES GLOBAL RECALL OF SOME BABY FORMULA PRODUCTS OVER TOXIN FEARS

Nestle has issued a global recall of some baby formula products over concerns they contain a toxin which can cause food poisoning. The food and drink giant said specific batches of its SMA infant formula and follow-on formula were not safe to be fed to babies. The batches were sold across the world, Nestle said, and they potentially contain cereulide, which can trigger nausea and vomiting when consumed. The company said there had been no confirmed reports of illness associated with the products, but was recalling them "out of an abundance of caution". "The safety and wellbeing of babies is our absolute priori-



ty," Nestle said. "We sincerely apologise for any concern or inconvenience caused to parents, caregivers, and customers." The company confirmed to the BBC that the recall was global. Affected products were sold in several European countries, including France, Germany,

Austria, Denmark, Italy and Sweden. It stressed that all other Nestle products and batches of the same products that have not been recalled are safe to consume. Nestle promised refunds for customers and said the problem was caused by an ingredient provided by one of its suppli-

ers. Nestle France said it was carrying out a "preventive and voluntary recall" of certain batches of its Guigoz and Nidal infant formulas. In Germany, the formula products are called Beba and Alfamino. Batch numbers of the affected products in the UK can be found on Nestle's UK website, or through food.gov.uk. Customers are advised to look for the corresponding code on the base of the tin or box for powdered formulas or the base of the outer box and on the side or top of the container for ready-to-feed formulas. Cereulide is a toxin produced by some strains of the *Bacillus cereus* bacteria that can cause food poisoning symptoms.

Swiss ski bar not inspected for five years before deadly fire, mayor says



The Swiss bar that was the scene of a fire which killed 40 people and injured 116 had not undergone safety checks for five years, authorities have said. The mayor of Crans-Montana, Nicolas Feraud, told a Tuesday news conference that he could not explain why Le Constellation bar had not been checked in so long, but that the council was "profoundly sorry". The venues should have been checked annually. "We regret that - we owe it to the families and we will accept the responsibility," he said. He added that sparklers - which are believed to have caused the fire when they were raised too close to the ceiling - will be banned in local venues. Local authorities will now bring in an external contractor to inspect and audit all 128 venues in the area. Feraud conceded there was a team of five people inspecting more than 10,000 buildings in Crans-Montana and could not explain why the bar had

not been inspected since 2019. Taking repeated questions on why the bar had not been checked in so long, Feraud said: "I have no answer for you today." "We're profoundly sorry about that and I know how hard that will be for the families." "I'm not resigning, no, and I don't want to," he later added. Feraud said it would be "down to the judges" to decide whether members of the local authority would be included in a criminal investigation that has been opened by Swiss prosecutors. When the fire occurred on New Year's Day, the bar seemed to have many more people in it than legally permitted, which Feraud said was the responsibility of the managers of Le Constellation to regulate. Swiss prosecutors have placed the two bar managers under criminal investigation, which local media have named as French couple, Jacques and Jessica Moretti.

Donald Trump claims US oil firms could be 'up and running' in Venezuela within 18 months

President Donald Trump says the US oil industry could be "up and running" with increased operations in Venezuela within 18 months, after a surprise military operation removed President Nicolás Maduro from power. Trump told NBC News that "a tremendous amount of money will have to be spent, and the oil companies will spend it, and the oil companies will spend it, and then they'll get reimbursed by us or through revenue". Representatives from major US petroleum companies planned to meet the Trump administration later this week, BBC's partner CBS News reported. Analysts previously told the BBC it could take tens of bil-

lions of dollars, and potentially a decade, to restore Venezuela's former output. Trump's remarks came days after he said the US would "run" Venezuela after the ousting of Maduro - who has now been brought to the US to face criminal charges. Speaking to NBC about his 18-month timeframe, Trump speculated that oil production could ramp up "in less time than that, but it'll be a lot of money". He has been explicit about his ambitions for American petroleum companies to scale up their operations in the country. "Having a Venezuela that's an oil producer is good for the United States because it keeps the price of oil down," Trump added. The analysts



who previously spoke to the BBC were sceptical that Trump's plans would have a major impact on the global supply - and therefore price - of oil. They suggested that firms would look for reassurance that a stable government was in place, and even when they did invest, their projects would not deliver

for years. Trump has claimed in recent days that American oil companies can fix Venezuela's oil infrastructure. The country has an estimated 303bn barrels, the world's largest proven reserve - but its oil production has been in decline since the early 2000s. The Trump administration sees signifi-

cant potential for its own energy prospects in Venezuela's reserves. Increasing the country's production of oil would be expensive for US firms. Additionally, Venezuelan oil is heavy and more difficult to refine. There is only one US firm, Chevron, currently working in the country. Asked for comment about Trump's plans for US oil production in Venezuela, Chevron spokesman Bill Turenne said the company "remains focused on the safety and wellbeing of our employees, as well as the integrity of our assets". "We continue to operate in full compliance with all relevant laws and regulations," Turenne added.

ConocoPhillips, a major US oil company that no longer has a presence in Venezuela, "is monitoring developments in Venezuela and their potential implications for global energy supply and stability", said spokesman Dennis Nuss. "It would be premature to speculate on any future business activities or investments," Nuss said. A third company, Exxon did not immediately respond to requests for comment. While justifying the seizure of Maduro from Caracas, Trump also claimed that Venezuela "unilaterally seized and stole American oil". Vice President JD Vance echoed those claims on X after Maduro was take.

Khelo India Beach Games have expanded horizon of Indian sports, created new pathways for talent development: PM

The second edition of Khelo India Beach Games got off to a colourful start here at the Ghoghla Beach on Monday with a special message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The Games, featuring over 2100 participants from across the nation, will conclude on January 10. Diu is wearing a festive look with the Khelo India Beach Games mascot 'Pearl' – the happy and energetic dolphin – welcoming athletes, support staff, volunteers and all stake holders associated with KIBG 2026. The Khelo India Beach Games, 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. More than 1,100 athletes will compete in eight different sports – volleyball, soccer, sepak takraw, kabaddi, pencak silat, Open water swimming, mallakhamb and tug-of-war. The first six will be medal sports and 32 gold medals will be up for grabs. While wishing good luck to the athletes and congratulating the Union Territory for



hosting KIBG 2026, PM Modi said: "The Khelo India Beach Games occupy a special place in India's sporting landscape. Beach and coastal sports demand physical endurance, mental strength and the ability to perform under constantly changing conditions. By bringing emerging disciplines to the forefront, these Games expand the horizons of Indian sport and create new pathways for talent to be discovered, recognised and nurtured." PM Modi lauded the UT organisers for choosing Ghoghla Beach as a venue. "The choice of Ghoghla Beach, a Blue Flag certified

beach, as the venue is particularly noteworthy. Sport, when hosted in harmony with nature, becomes a powerful medium for both athletic achievements and environmental awareness. This setting reminds us that excellence and sustainability progress together." The Khelo India Beach Games 2026 were declared open by the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha after the parade of athletes and the ceremonial torch relay by four athletes who have excelled in beach sports – Don Remedios (beach football), Payal Parmar (beach

volleyball), Ajish Patel and Jalpa Solanki (both tug-of-war). The torch was officially placed by Shri Sinha and the Hon'ble administrator of DNH & DD and Lakshadweep, Shri Praful Patel. Shri Sinha highlighted how Jammu and Kashmir has found its prominence through the Khelo India Beach Games. Shri Sinha said: It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that the first Khelo India Beach Games 2025, held at this very beach, witnessed an exceptional performance by the players from Jammu and Kashmir. Competing in pen-

cak silat, our athletes brought great pride by securing a total of nine medals." "Since 2014, the Union Territory Administration has undertaken remarkable development initiatives in Diu. These include the redevelopment of the INS Khukri Memorial, the achievement of Blue Flag certification for Ghoghla Beach, and significant progress in strengthening both urban and rural infrastructure. These efforts reflect the administration's strong commitment to sustainable development and tourism promotion," Shri Sinha said. PM Modi once again reiterated the transformative power of sports. "Today, India is witnessing a deep transformation of its sporting culture. Across the country a renewed emphasis on institutional outreach, grassroots participation and cultural change is reshaping how sporting talent is identified and supported. Modern infrastructure, scientific training methods and transparent competition platforms are increasingly accessible to young athletes, irrespective of background or geography."

Virat Kohli Quit Instead Of Fixing His Flaws, Chose To Play 'Easiest Format': Sanjay Manjrekar

A sharp critic over the years, former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar revisited Virat Kohli's decision to hang up his boots in Test cricket, after seeing England star Joe Root smash his 41st hundred in the format. Together with Root, Steve Smith and Kane Williamson, Virat Kohli formed the 'Fab 4' in the longest format. But Kohli is the only player from the quartet to have quit Test cricket. Manjrekar, in a video on his Instagram account, questioned Kohli's decision to quit Tests instead of fixing his flaws, while continuing to play the 'easiest format' ODIs. "Well, as Joe Root attains new heights in Test cricket, my mind goes to Virat Kohli. He's walked away from Tests, and it's unfortunate that in the five years that he struggled before retiring, he didn't quite put his heart and soul into finding out the problems as to why he was averaging 31 for five years in Tests. That is for another time as to what he could



have done. But I just feel sad that people like Joe Root and Steve Smith, Kane Williamson are really making a name for themselves in 'Test Cricket,' Manjrekar said on his Instagram handle. Explaining his stance, Manjrekar said that he had no problem if Kohli had quit all three forms of the game. But the fact that he chose to stick with the 'easiest format' ODIs but refused to fix the mistakes he was making in red-ball cricket baffled him. "It was okay, Virat Kohli just walked away from cricket,

retired from all cricket. But that he's chosen to play one-day cricket actually disappoints me more, because this is a format which, for a top-order batter, I've said before as well, is the easiest format." "The format that really tests you is first, obviously, Test Cricket, and T20 cricket has its different challenges. The other thing is because he's so fit, supremely fit, you feel even more that he could have maybe continued his fight, you know, to get back into form, even if he was left out of a series.

Mustafizur Rahman's Reaction To IPL Row Revealed: "Person Of Different Level"

It has been an eventful few days for Bangladesh cricket team fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman. He was excluded from the Kolkata Knight Riders squad ahead of the IPL 2026 on the advice of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The decision led to a massive controversy and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) decided to request the International Cricket Council (ICC) to shift their T20 World Cup 2026 games from India to Sri Lanka. While the topic has been dominating headlines, Mustafizur was in action for Rangpur Riders in the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League (BPL). He had a tough start to the season but played a big role in guiding the Riders to victory over Dhaka Capitals. Mohammad



Ashraful, who is guiding Riders as assistant coach in the ongoing BPL, revealed that Mustafizur has been 'completely chill' despite the ongoing controversy. "He (Mustafizur) is completely chill. He is not worried at all about all the off-field talk - whether it's BCB, India, BPL or ICC," Ashraful was quoted as saying by Cricbuzz. "Right

now he is focused on playing for Rangpur Riders and after this whatever assignment comes next, he will focus on that. He is a person of a different level," he added. Ashraful will also be working with Mustafizur in the national set-up as he is currently the batting coach of Bangladesh. "If you talk about Mustafizur in the first two matches his

performances were a bit below par but especially the way we won the last match against Dhaka was an outstanding victory. And the way Mustafizur bowled those last two overs - I think he is a world champion for this format, that's how important he is," he said. Mustafizur's national side teammate Mohammad Saifuddin also echoed similar sentiments by Ashraful. "We had our last match against Rangpur Riders and after the game we were having dinner together and I called him to sit with me. We thought he would be disappointed but that is hardly the case," Saifuddin told reporters following a practice session. "He was hearing music and seemed to be relaxed like the way he always does."

BANGLADESH RECEIVE 'T20 WORLD CUP REVENUE' WARNING AMID ONGOING CONTROVERSY

Former Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) general secretary Syed Ashraful Haque, who also served as CEO of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), weighed in on Bangladesh's decision to not travel to India for the upcoming T20 World Cup 2026. Bangladesh cited 'security concerns' as they requested the International Cricket Council (ICC) to shift their matches from India to Sri Lanka. The request came just after IPL side Kolkata Knight Riders released Bangladesh fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman following the request from BCCI. Haque explained that Indian government can assure 'head-of-state' level security for the Bangladesh cricketers and in that case, the ball will once again be in Bangladesh's



court. He added that if Bangladesh stick to their stance of not travelling to India and decided to opt out of the World Cup, they will miss out on the revenue share and may also get into a conflict with BCCI. "In this case, I believe the Indian government will say that they will provide 'head-of-state' level security for Bangladesh.

Then the ball will come again to our court. Then we will decide whether we will travel or not," Ashraful told The Daily Star. "Based on my experience, with only one month remaining before the tournament, relocating venues is an extremely uphill task. Moreover, if Bangladesh does not play - or if the ICC refuses relocation

and Bangladesh opt out - the board is unlikely to receive its share of World Cup revenue. This could also lead to direct conflict with the BCCI," he explained. Meanwhile, Bangladesh banned the broadcast of IPL's upcoming season to protest pacer Mustafizur Rahman's ouster from the world's biggest T20 league on BCCI instructions amid a steady deterioration of the country's diplomatic ties with India. A statement from the information and broadcast ministry of Muhammad Yunus' interim government here stated that no "logical reason" was given by the BCCI while instructing IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders to release Rahman from its 2026 roster.

MI Cape Town Seek Revival Against In-form Joburg Super Kings



Game 15 of SA20 Season 4 will see two titans collide when MI Cape Town and Joburg Super Kings meet in the "El Clasico" at Newlands on Tuesday. The form of the two respective teams heading into this much-anticipated showdown could not be more contrasting. MI Cape Town's championship defence is hanging on by the barest of margins with Robin Peterson's team yet to claim a victory in five attempts thus far this season. In stark contrast, Joburg Super Kings have enjoyed a fairytale start to their season. Stephen Fleming's team have surged up the table, winning three matches on the bounce, with the sole blip being a rain-affected game last Saturday at the Wanderers. Their confidence is buoyed further by a thrilling Super Over victory against the Durban Super Giants. MI Cape Town captain Rashid Khan

has certainly not given up hope of his team reaching the playoffs and believes they still have time to get their campaign back on track, starting against the high-flying JSK. "We still have an opportunity to qualify," said Rashid Khan. "In T20, you can't think about the past. Individually everyone is experienced and they know how to manage themselves. We have to come with the right mindset and need to forget where on the table we are. I feel like if we can lose four games in a row then we can win four in a row too." This season has seen the emergence of new heroes in the JSK camp, notably US international Shubham Ranjane, who has been nothing short of a revelation. With a remarkable average of 82.0 to his name and a maiden Betway SA20 half-century, Ranjane has quickly made a name for himself in South African cricket.

'Ajit Agarkar Should Be Given 10/10': Harbhajan Singh's Stunning 'T20 World Cup' Take

Former Indian cricket team spinner Harbhajan Singh praised BCCI chief selector Ajit Agarkar for the decisions taken regarding the T20 World Cup 2026 squad. The BCCI selection panel stunned everyone with a number of controversial decisions including the call to exclude Shubman Gill. Wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan was also rewarded for his form in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy as he was included alongside Sanju Samson. Harbhajan said that he felt a bit bad for Gill before adding that Agarkar should be given full marks for picking a good side for the competition. "The team is really good. I had told that Ajit should be given 10/10 for the team. I felt a little bad for Shubman, but he will get more chances soon. All the players are match winners in their own right. Hope we can



win back-to-back World Cups because we have that team," Harbhajan Singh told ANI. The ex-India star also backed skipper Suryakumar Yadav to perform at the top level despite not enjoying a good run of form lately. He also weighed in on the performance on certain players and said that Abhishek Sharma, Hardik Pandya and Jasprit Bumrah can win matches on

their own. "Suryakumar has not made many runs, but when the WC comes, we will need big players to fire. He will shine bright in that big match. Abhishek (Sharma) can win you matches on your own. The form Hardik (Pandya) is in, he is a key player. We also have Arshdeep (Singh) and (Jasprit) Bumrah in pace." Harbhajan Singh opined on the split coaching in India fol-

lowing their poor performances in Test cricket under head coach Gautam Gambhir. India suffered two whitewashes at home in the last two years. The Asian Giants suffered a humiliating 0-3 loss to New Zealand in 2024, followed by a 0-2 thrashing at home by South Africa in 2025, under head coach Gautam Gambhir. New Zealand's 3-0 whitewash also marked the end of India's great Test empire, which had been well guarded by leaders like MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma for over a decade. The NZ whitewash cost a once well-settled India a place in the ICC World Test Championship 2025 final, and the latest setback to the Proteas could also end up costing them a berth in the marquee one-off Test championship clash, depending on how further results go.

"Never Seen That In My Life": England Great Stumped By Steve Smith's Bizarre Request To Brydon Carse In 5th Test

Steve Smith showed his class on Day 3 of the fifth Ashes Test in Sydney, remaining unbeaten on 129 as Australia stretched their first innings lead to 134 runs. However, it wasn't entirely smooth-sailing for the Australian stalwart. In a bizarre incident during the day, Smith was seemingly distracted by the sunlight deflecting off Brydon Carse's sunglasses and entering his eyes. This led to Smith asking Carse to turn his sunglasses around and wear them over the back of his head, a request which the latter accepted. "Carse! Can you just turn your glasses around? On the back," said Smith, as could be heard over the stump



mic. Former England captain Michael Vaughan expressed his surprise at Carse obliging to Smith's request. "That's very nice of Brydon to do so. Don't think there's any regulation for the way you put on your glasses? I've never seen that before in my life. Brydon

Carse should just put them on. I can't believe he's actually said, 'Ok, no problem,'" Vaughan said, speaking on commentary. Smith, who was batting on 51 at that point, went on to pile further misery on the England bowling attack. The 36-year-old slammed 15 boundaries

and a six, reaching 129 off 205 balls at Stumps on Day 3. Travis Head hit a swash-buckling 163. It was the destructive opener third ton of the series, to go with the phenomenal match-winning 123 he made in Perth and 170 at Adelaide. Australia lead the series 3-1 and have already retained the Ashes, with England desperate for another morale-boosting win after victory at the previous Test in Melbourne. "Nice batting wicket out there. Nice to start my innings on the back of a great innings from Travis Head," Smith told Fox Sports. "When you're out there with him they forget about you and I was able to get into my work."

Battle of the Sexes 'brought eyes on tennis'



Aryna Sabalenka defended her 'Battle of the Sexes' match against Nick Kyrgios after she opened her 2026 season with a 47-minute victory against Cristina Bucsa. Women's world number one Sabalenka lost 6-3 6-3 to Kyrgios in a much-publicised exhibition match in Dubai last month. Belarusian Sabalenka, a four-time major winner, said it helped her fitness after she swept aside Spain's Bucsa, ranked 28th in the world, 6-0 6-1 in the second round of the Brisbane International. "When you play against a guy, the intensity is completely different," Sabalenka said. "Especially when there is Nick, who is drop-shotting every other shot, you move a lot, so there was a great fitness for me." The match was widely criticised, with Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek saying this week that it did not have "anything to do with social change", following the original 'Battle of the Sexes' between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs in

1973. But Sabalenka said the match "brought so many eyes on tennis." "It wasn't about proving something to anyone. It was able to show that tennis can be really huge," she said. "That exhibition, it was fun. It was a great challenge." Sabalenka, who received a first-round bye in Brisbane, will face Romania's Sorana Cirstea in round three. The Australian Open starts on 18 January. GB's Boulter and Kartal win in Auckland British number four Katie Boulter started her season with victory over Ukraine's Yulia Starodubtseva at the ASB Classic in Auckland. Playing her first match since October - and her first under new coach Michael Joyce - Boulter triumphed 6-3 6-3 in the first round. Given a main draw wildcard for the WTA 250 tournament, she will face top seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine next. Boulter missed out on a place in the main draw of the Australian Open after falling out of the world's top 100.

A Complete Sankranti Family Entertainer with Vintage Chiranjeevi

We will see the vintage megastar in 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu'. This is a clean, full family fun film. Everyone will enjoy it with children and family: Producers Sahu Garapati, Sushmita Konidela Megastar Chiranjeevi and hit machine Anil Ravipudi are going to entertain the audience with the wholesome family entertainment 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu'. Adding to the excitement, Victory Venkatesh is playing a key role. Produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela under the banners of Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainments, the film stars Nayanthara as the female lead, while Smt. Archana is presenting the film. The film's promotions are going on wonderfully. The trailer and songs have greatly increased the expectations on the film. 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu' will be released grandly worldwide on January 12 as a Sankranti gift. On this occasion, producers Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela shared the film's features in a press conference.

The censoring took place yesterday, didn't it? How is the report?

-A very good report was received. The movie was enjoyed a lot. Clean film. Full family fun. They said it was a movie that everyone can watch with their children and family.

It's a film made by two big stars together.. What kind of response is being received from fans after the trailer was released?

-Both fans are enjoying it. There is also a wonderful response from social media. Both Chiranjeevi and Venkatesh worked together very happily.

Sushmita garu. This is a very big project.. How did you enjoy this process?

-This is a milestone project. We feel very honored to do this project. Doing it in my father's core genre and Anil's taking on that genre is superb. The journey with Sahu garu is beautiful. This is a milestone project that I enjoyed a lot. I wish this combination continues again. With this movie, it seems like



Nanna has opened a new talent box. Fans say that it is like what they saw in the movie Rowdy Alludu. His performance in this movie is very fresh, reminiscent of vintage charm.-My father

focused on losing weight and fitness. He looked very charming. This made it easy for us to design costumes for him. Also, Anil wanted to show him in a certain style. He also gave a lot of input. We

all worked with the same vision.

Sahu garu.. There are many movies for Sankranti.. I hear that there will be trouble in theaters?

- We have running distributors. Our film has been in the pipeline since before Sankranti. However, when so many films are coming out, it is natural that one or two theaters will decrease. Otherwise, there has not been much of a problem with theaters until our film.

Sushmita garu.. What is Venkatesh garu's role going to be like?

-Venkatesh will be seen in a big impactful character. The fun will increase even more after his arrival. A very important character. A rich character with a lot of entertainment.

Sahu garu.. What will Chiranjeevi's role be like?

-The trailer has shown shades related to Chiranjeevi's character. His character has fun, action, emotion, and all the commercial elements. There are many wonderful comedy scenes between Venkatesh and Chiranjeevi.

HONORING A LEGEND - REMEMBERING BA RAJU ON HIS 66TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Today, January 7th, marks the 66th birth anniversary of BA Raju, a man who was truly the well wisher of the Telugu film industry. For 40 years, he was not just a person working in cinema, he was an institution in himself. Whether acting as a journalist, a Public Relations Officer (PRO), a publisher, or a producer, he remained at the top of his game. What made him truly special was his nature. In an industry that can be very competitive, he was a friend to everyone. From top stars and directors to newcomers, he treated everyone with equal respect and love, often acting as a mentor to help shape the careers of many heroes and heroines. BA Raju's professional journey was nothing short of amazing. He began his career looking after publicity for Superstar Krishna and eventually became the publicity in charge for over 1,500 films, playing a massive role in their success. His legacy in journalism is equally impressive. After working for several daily papers, he launched his own magazine, Super Hit Weekly, in 1994 with his wife, B. Jaya. His dedication was so immense that he ran the magazine for 27 years without ever missing a single issue until his last breath. In 2001, he expanded his horizons by establishing the Superhit Friends and RJ Cinemas banners with his wife. Together, they moved their operations to Hyderabad and produced successful, lovely movies such as Premalo Pavan Kalyan, Chantigadu, Lovely, and Vaisakham. Beyond production, he was known as the "Knowledge Bank" of the industry. He did not need a computer to find facts, he had release dates, theater runs, and box office collections right at his fingertips. As a leader, BA Raju served as the president of the



Film Critics Association, where he was always there to protect and help fellow journalists. If anyone faced financial trouble or needed emotional support, he was the first to offer a helping hand. While he maintained close relationships with everyone, he shared a very special bond with Evergreen Superstar Krishna and Superstar Mahesh Babu. Although BA Raju is no longer with us, his work continues to thrive. He established the popular web portal IndustryHit.com, and his famous X (Twitter) account continues to provide updates to nearly 7 lakh followers. His son, Shiva Kumar B, is now carrying the torch forward and is revamping the Superhit Friends and RJ Cinemas banner to announce new films with popular stars soon.

Audience Acceptance in Strong Roles Is My Biggest Success: Deepshikha Chandra

Deepshikha Chandran, who starred as the heroine in the blockbuster Mark, has become the talk of the town. Deepshikha, who impressed everyone with her excellent performance and impressive screen presence, has become everyone's favorite. She recently shared the highlights of the film in a press conference. Your performance in the movie 'Mark' is getting a super response. How does it feel to be recognized as a mass heroine at the beginning of your career?

achievement in my career. I want to move forward by choosing roles that challenge me.

A film with Kiccha Sudeep is a big opportunity. How was it working with him?

-I feel really honored. Working with Kichcha Sudeep garu is like a learning school. His discipline, focus, and the respect he gives to his co-artists are amazing. His presence on the set is very motivating. Being such a big star, he gets along with everyone. He encourages me a lot when it comes to acting. Even though you have a Chennai background, you are working in Tamil, Kannada and Telugu films. Don't you feel any difficulty in terms of languages?

-It felt a bit challenging in the beginning. But language is



Shikhar

Who is Sophie Shine? Shikhar Dhawan's soon-to-be wife

Dhawan, the former Indian cricketer, is set to marry his long-time girlfriend, Sophie Shine, in February 2026. The wedding will take place in the third week of February in the Delhi-NCR region. The event is expected to be a grand celebration with many famous people from the cricket and film industries attending. Although most of the wedding details are being kept private, sources say that Dhawan is personally involved in the planning process.

● **Who is Sophie Shine?**

Sophie Shine was born in 1990 in Ireland. She has a strong academic background, having earned a degree in Marketing and Management from the Limerick Institute of Technology. Sophie previous-

ly worked as a product consultant and also held the position of second vice president at Northern Trust Corporation in Abu Dhabi. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Shikhar Dhawan Foundation, the charitable arm of Dhawan's company, Da One Sports.

● **How Dhawan and Sophie Met**

Shikhar Dhawan and Sophie Shine first met a few years ago at a restaurant in Dubai. They became friends, and their relationship grew over time. They started sharing their love story with the public during the 2024 IPL season when Sophie accompanied Dhawan to the stadium. The couple has

been living together for over a year now and is committed to building a future together. They made their relationship official on social media in 2025, sharing photos and videos with their fans.

● **Dhawan's Previous Marriage**

Before Sophie, Shikhar Dhawan was married to Ayesha Mukherjee, an Australia-based kickboxer. Dhawan and Ayesha were married in 2012 and have a son, Zoravar, born in 2014. However, the couple separated in 2021 and got divorced in 2023. Dhawan has spoken about his past relationship, calling it a learning experience and saying he is now ready for a fresh start with Sophie.

Charming Star Sharwa, Sakshi Vaidya's Lovely Number Bhalle Bhalle From Nari Nari Naduma Murari Unveiled

Charming Star Sharwa's upcoming wholesome family entertainer Nari Nari Naduma Murari, directed by Ram Abbaraju, will be gracing the theatres in 8 more days on January 14th, and the promotional activities are already in full swing. Produced by Ramabrahmam Sunkara under the AK Entertainments banner in association with Adventures International Pvt. Ltd., the film stars Samyuktha and Sakshi Vaidya as the female leads. The makers begin the musical promotions. The first single, Bhalle Bhalle, composed by Vishal Chandrashekhhar, is out now, and it instantly captures the joyful essence of young love. Sung by Haricharan and penned by Ramajogayya Sastry, the track blends playful lyrics with a soulful melody, perfectly reflecting the chemistry between Sharwa's charming, verbose hero and Sakshi's traditional, heart-warming character. Visually, the song is a treat. Set against the lush landscapes of Kerala, the vibrant frames highlight the couple's blossoming romance, with every gesture and smile amplifying the festive,



chooda-muchataina vibe of the track. The combination of rich visuals, melodic instrumentation, and expressive vocals makes Bhalle Bhalle a memorable musical moment. As the first glimpse of the film's soundtrack, this song sets a high bar. King Of Entertainment Sree Vishnu played a special role in the movie co-starring Satya, Sunil, and Sudarshan in important roles. Coming to

the technical crew- cinematography is handled by Gnanasekhar VS and Yuvaraj, while Vishal Chandra Shekar scores the music. Bhanu Bogavarapu provided the story, with Nandu Savirigana contributing dialogues. Art direction is managed by Brahma Kadali. Ajay Sunkara takes on the role of co-producer, and Kishore Garikipati is the executive producer.

Ram Charan wishes A.R. Rahman on his birthday

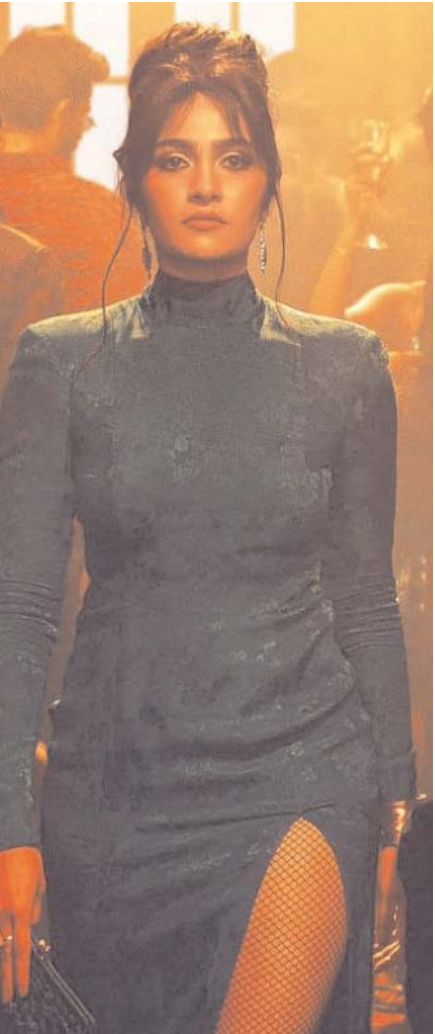


Mumbai: Actor Ram Charan extended warm birthday wishes to music maestro A.R. Rahman, expressing gratitude for the musical magic the composer has brought to his upcoming film Peddi. Ram took to Instagram, where he shared a picture with Rahman, who turned 59 on Tuesday. Ram Charan shared a heartfelt note for the Oscar-winning composer, wishing him good health, happiness and "endless music". "Wishing @arrahman sir a very Happy Birthday. May this year bring you great health, happiness and endless music. #ChikiriChikiri was just the beginning. Can't thank you enough sir...for the magic you've woven for #Peddi," he wrote. Talking about "Peddi", the film is directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Filmed under the working title of RC16, it was officially announced as "Peddi" in March 2025. Ram Charan in

the titular role is paired with Janhvi Kapoor in an ensemble cast featuring Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu and Divyenndu. The original score and soundtrack album are composed by A. R. Rahman. The film is scheduled to release on 27 March 2026. Meanwhile, Rahman, who is nicknamed "Isai Puyal" and "Mozart of Madras", is a recipient of six National Film Awards, two Academy Awards, two Grammy Awards, a BAFTA Award, a Golden Globe Award and the Padma Bhushan. With his in-house studio Panchathan Record Inn, Rahman's film-scoring career began during the early 1990s with the Tamil film Roja. Following that, he went on to score several songs for Tamil language films, including Mani Ratnam's politically charged Bombay, the urban Kaadhalan, Thiruda Thiruda, and S. Shankar's debut film Gentleman.

Rukmini Vasanth unveiled as the Mellisa from Yash's Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups

Yash's Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups continues to establish itself as an evolving extravaganza that grows darker, deeper, and more daring. The saga of its intrigue takes an exciting turn as the big ticket action drama unveils Rukmini Vasanth as the graceful, commanding and unflinching Mellisa. This film marks her striking collaboration with Yash under the distinctive cinematic gaze of Geetu Mohandas. Known for her intelligence-driven performances and emotional depth, Rukmini's introduction signals a performance that finds space within Geetu's layered, atmospheric storytelling, and Yash's ambition to make an Indian film that matches global standards in scale and offers a universal resonance in its storytelling. Following the unveiling of the arresting first looks of Kiara Advani as Nadia, Huma Qureshi as Elizabeth, Nayanthara as Ganga, and Tara Sutaria as Rebecca, Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups deepens its immersive realm with the introduction of Rukmini Vasanth as Mellisa. Set against the backdrop of a vibrant, hazy party in the late 1960s, Mellisa moves with an air of absolute self-assurance. Her expression is focused—a sharp, determined gaze that pierces through the surrounding festive chaos. While the world around her is fluid and drifting, she is focused, navigating the room with a stride that commands the floor. With each reveal, the film sharpens its edge, expanding its emotional terrain and cinematic scale, cementing Toxic one of the most anticipated Indian films of 2026. Geetu Mohandas says, "What I admire most about Rukmini is her intelligence as an actor. She doesn't just perform, she processes. She asks questions, not out of doubt but out of curiosity. It pushes me to think deeper and sometimes even my



own choices as a director. Watching her work reminds me that intelligence on screen often lies in what is left unsaid. Between shots, I often see her quietly writing in her journal, capturing thoughts, small anecdotes from the set.