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07-01-2026

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ED raids in six states in govt jobs scam case

**NEW DELHI (TSIT):** The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday undertook searches at 15 locations in six states as part of a money laundering probe into a scam under which fraudulent joining letters for government jobs were sent, officials said. An organised gang is under the scanner of the agency. The Patna office of the ED is conducting searches in Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, the officials said. They said the scam was initially detected in the name of Railways but an in-depth investigation found that it covers over 40 other government organisations and departments including Forests, RRB (railway recruitment board), India Post, Income Tax Department, some high courts, PWD, Bihar government, Delhi Development Authority, Rajasthan secretariat and others.

SIR summons to Sen, Shami routine: CEO

**KOLKATA (TSIT):** The office of the West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer has clarified that SIR hearing summonses to Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, cricketer Mohammed Shami and Bengali actor-turned-TMC MP Dev were part of a routine electoral verification process, and not targeted actions. Notices issued to these well-known personalities had sparked a controversy. According to the clarification issued by the CEO on Wednesday, scrutiny of the enumeration forms revealed that the mandatory linkage columns had been left blank by the electors concerned. Such cases automatically call for a hearing, and the individuals were summoned along with several other similarly placed electors, as per the Election Commission's notifications. "The Enumeration Form clearly shows that the linkage columns have been left blank by the elector," the state CEO's office said in a post on X. Addressing the case of economist Amartya Sen, it said that his enumeration form, submitted as an overseas elector, was received by a family member, Shantabhanu Sen, who linked him with his mother, Amita Sen.

# Telangana to introduce new education policy soon: Revanth

**Hyderabad (TSIT):** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the Telangana government is preparing a unique Telangana Education Policy on the lines of the National Education Policy by constituting a committee of education experts. He said the proposed policy aims to bring comprehensive and inclusive reforms in the education sector.

The Chief Minister shared these details during a meeting with Himachal Pradesh Education Minister Rohit Kumar, who called on him at the Secretariat on Thursday. During the interaction, CM Revanth Reddy briefed the visiting minister on the wide-ranging reforms being introduced by the Telangana government, including the concept of Young India Integrated Residential Schools.

Explaining the initiative, the Chief Minister said each integrated residential school is being constructed on 25



Telangana is set to introduce a unique Education Policy with integrated residential schools where students from all communities study together, promoting inclusive and equal education.

acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore. Students from all communities—including SC, ST, BC, minorities, and others—will study together on a single campus,

promoting social harmony and equal opportunities.

He further stated that the government plans to introduce pre-primary education in government schools and strengthen them to compete with private institutions. As part of this initiative, free transportation facilities for pre-primary children in rural areas are also being considered.

The Chief Minister also discussed the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into

Advanced Training Centres (ATCs) and the proposal to establish ATCs in every Assembly constituency. He suggested that the Himachal Pradesh Education Minister visit the Malleshwaram ATC to better understand the model being implemented in Telangana.

Impressed by the integrated residential school concept, Himachal Pradesh Education Minister Rohit Kumar expressed keen interest and sought a detailed report on the initiative. He praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for introducing what he described as revolutionary reforms to strengthen the government education system.

Education Department Commissioner Yogita Rana, Director of School Education Naveen Nicholas, CM's Special Secretary Ajit Reddy, and senior officials from the Himachal Pradesh government were present at the meeting.

# ED counters CM Mamata's claims on I-PAC raids, moves Calcutta HC

**Kolkata (TSIT) :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday approached a single-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court, accusing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of misusing her constitutional position by allegedly creating hindrances to the official duties of central agency officials during raid and search operations conducted earlier in the day.

The ED alleged that while its teams were carrying out searches at the office of the India Political Action Committee (I-PAC) in the northern outskirts of Kolkata and at the residence of I-PAC co-founder Pratik Jain at Loudon Street, the Chief Minister arrived at both locations accompanied by senior officials of the West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police and alleged-



edly removed files and electronic materials from the premises.

At the same time, the ED issued a statement refuting the Chief Minister's claim that the agency had stolen documents belonging to the Trinamool Congress in the name of conducting search operations at the two premises.

It is learnt that the single-judge bench of Justice Suvra Ghosh admitted the ED's petition, and the matter is scheduled to come up for hearing on

Friday.

Earlier in the day, two teams of ED officials were conducting simultaneous raids and search operations at I-PAC's office and Pratik Jain's residence when the Chief Minister visited both locations in quick succession. After leaving the premises, she made allegations against the ED officials. A few hours later, the ED clarified that search operations were being conducted at 10 locations – six in West Bengal and four in Delhi – under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with an alleged coal smuggling syndicate led by Anup Majee.

The agency also asserted that the searches were in no way related to I-PAC's association with any political party, countering the Chief Minister's claims.

# Indian AI startups should work towards global leadership: PM Modi

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the world's trust in India is its biggest strength and emphasised the need to ensure that Indian Artificial Intelligence (AI) models are ethical, unbiased, transparent, and based on data privacy principles. He also said that the startups should work towards global leadership from this country, and noted that India can promote affordable AI, inclusive AI, and frugal innovation globally.

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said. The prime minister said startups and artificial intelligence entrepreneurs are the co-architects of the country's future.

As many as 12 Indian AI start-ups that have qualified for the 'AI for ALL: Global Impact Challenge' summit to be held next month attended the roundtable and presented their ideas and work. During the meeting, Modi highlighted the importance of artificial intelligence in bringing about transformation in society.

He noted that India will host the India AI Impact summit next month, through which the country will play a major role in the technology sector. The prime minister highlighted that India is making efforts to bring about a transformation by leveraging AI. He emphasised that startups and AI entrepreneurs are the co-architects of India's future and said the country has immense capacity for both innovation and large-scale implementation.

India should present a unique AI model to the world that reflects the spirit of 'Made in India, Made for the World', Modi said.

These start-ups are working in a diverse set of areas, including Indian language foundation models, multilingual LLMs, speech-to-text, text-to-audio and text-to-video; 3D content using generative AI for e-commerce, marketing, and personalised content creation; engineering simulations, material research and advanced analytics for data-driven decision-making across industries; healthcare diagnostics and medical research, among others. The AI start-ups commended India's strong commitment to advancing the artificial intelligence ecosystem in the country.

# KTR alleges Revanth stalled Palamuru project

**Hyderabad (TSIT):** Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday alleged that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy deliberately stalled the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project to satisfy his "former political boss" and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, pushing lakhs of farmers in the region



into distress. Addressing a party meeting at Telangana Bhavan here, Rama Rao said the Congress government's handling of the project reflected a mix of political insecurity and administrative incompetence, which, he claimed, was directly affecting the people of the Palamuru region in Mahabubnagar district. KTR, as the BRS leader is popularly known, said that nearly 90 per cent of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project was completed during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Reddy (KCR).

# South India Times 2026 calendar inaugurated by IPR Commissioner Ch. Priyanka



**Hyderabad (TSIT):** The SOUTH India Times 2026 calendar was formally inaugurated by Information and Public Relations (IPR) Commissioner Ch. Priyanka on Thursday. The calendar launch ceremony was held in a cordial and dignified atmosphere.

Speaking on the occasion, the IPR Commissioner appreciated the role of the media in strengthening democratic values and ensuring effective communication between the government and the public. She extended her best wishes to the SOUTH India Times team for continued journalistic excellence and responsible reporting.

SOUTH India Times Chief General Manager

(CGM) K.Vijay Dheeraj and General Manager Ravi were present during the inauguration. They briefed the Commissioner about the publication's vision, editorial commitment, and its efforts to provide credible and people-centric news coverage across South India.

Management thanked the IPR Commissioner for inaugurating the calendar and expressed confidence that the 2026 calendar would further strengthen the bond between the media fraternity and the public information system. The event concluded with an exchange of greetings and a group photograph to mark the occasion.

# Telangana Congress to launch protests to demand restoration of MGNREGS

**Hyderabad (TSIT):** Telangana's ruling Congress on Thursday decided to organise a series of protests across the state for 45 days, demanding restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The state Congress unit, at its meeting at party headquarters, Gandhi Bhavan, decided to fight against Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act (VB G RAM G), which was



recently passed by the Parliament to replace the MGNREGS. The meeting, presided over by state Congress unit chief Mahesh

Kumar Goud and attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, AICC in-charge, Meenakshi Natrajan and other senior

leaders chalked out the action plan to organise the protests.

The leaders termed VB G RAM G a "death sentence" for rural poor and vowed to highlight during the campaign the provisions of the new legislation which are against the interests of poor and farm labourers. The party will organise Gram Sabhas in all 12,000-plus Gram Panchayats from January 20 to January 30 to pass resolutions demanding the restoration of MGNREGS.

# Trump withdraws US from India-led nternational Solar Alliance

**New York (TSIT):** President Donald Trump has ordered the US out of the Gurugram-headquartered International Solar Alliance (ISA) that promotes solar energy to combat climate change and is led by India. The ISA was among the 66 international entities that he withdrew the US from in an order on Wednesday, January 7, alleging that they worked "contrary to US national interests," the White House said.

Trump, who has called climate change a "hoax", swung the axe hard against entities – United Nations (UN) and non-UN – with climate and environment mandates, including the ISA. Secretary



of State Marco Rubio said that one of the reasons for the US action was "climate orthodoxy" that was working against "our nation's sovereignty, freedoms and general prosperity." The ISA was founded in 2015 jointly by India and France and has 124 signatories, of whom about 100 are full members.

Its primary goal is to raise

investments of \$1 trillion for solar energy, besides encouraging related technologies by 2030. It is headed by Director-General Ashish Khanna. Between 2022 and 2025, Washington's contributions to the ISA were \$2.1 million, according to a US government database, which said the funds were "to support the US-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership through ISA programmes to accelerate the deployment of solar in developing and emerging countries."

The United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change, through which the Paris Climate

Agreement was reached, was foremost among the 31 UN-linked organisations that Trump targeted.


Others included UN entities dealing with water, oceans and energy, and the UN Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries. The 35 non-UN organisations included nine working in the climate change and environment areas. Among them was the International Panel on Climate Change that was headed by India's Rajendra Pachauri when it won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.



## Jagga Reddy Participates in Erdanur Chowdamma Jathara

Hyderabad (TSIT): TPC Working President Jagga Reddy participated in the Chowdamma Thalli Jathara held at Erdanur village in Kandi mandal. He offered special prayers after darshan of Goddess Chowdamma and sought her blessings for the well-being of the people.

On the occasion, Jagga Reddy listened with keen interest to the devotional songs rendered by Ogu folk artists, who narrated the history and significance of Goddess Chowdamma through their traditional performances. He also visited and offered prayers at the hilltop shrine, where various deities are worshipped. Praying for the blessings of Goddess Chowdamma, Jagga Reddy expressed his wish that people should lead happy, healthy, and prosperous lives. Several Congress leaders and party representatives participated in the programme, including Sangareddy Constituency In-charge Julakanti Anjaneyulu, Block Congress President Raghugoud, Erdanur Sarpanch Pamballa Jyothi Durgaprasad, Congress leader Madhu, and others.



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

**DEMAND NOTICE**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.


NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 31.08.2018
1) Shoba Gada, W/o: Gada Venkataramana, D/o: Chandranna, Age:44years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/o: H.No: 1-3-77/227, Sunkulamma Mettu, Gadowal(m), Jugalamba Gadowal(d), 509125, O/o: Jurala Project Office At Gadowal, 9951975706.2	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 22.12.2025
2) Gada Srinivasulu, S/o: Gada Balanna, Age: 58years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o H.No: 1-3-77/1/a, Sunkulamma Mettu Gadowal(m), Jugalamba Gadowal(d), 509125, B/o: Kiranam Shop At Gadowal, 8309820239.3	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs. 5883445/-
Gada Venkateshwara Rao, S/o: Gada Balanna @ Gada Balanaganna, Age: 45years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/o: H.No: 1-3-77/26, Sunkulamma Mettu, Gadowal(rural), Jugalamba Gadowal(d), 509125, O/o: Govt Employee At Bramhana Kolkur, 9985800517. ....Borrowers/co-borrower /guarantors/legal heirs	LOAN AMOUNT Rs. 1300000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: GADWLTF1705050001. -Description Of The Immovable Property. Schedule "A"-Property On The Name Of Gada Shobha, All That The Plot No.10.in Syno.29.total Extent Of 88.8 Sq.yards..situated At Jammichedu Village.gadowal Mandal,Jugalamba Gadowal District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 20 Feet Wide Road, Towards West: Plot No.3., Towards North: Plot No.9., Towards South: Plot No.11.

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

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

Dated: 08.01.2026, Place: GADWAL Sd/-Authorized Officer, SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD.



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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 30.04.2020	Date Of Demand Notice: 22.12.2025
(1) Nayomi G, W/o: Bandaru Naga Mahendhar @ Bandaru Naga Mahendara, Age: 38 years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: Address-1: H.No: 4-137/1A, Near X Road, leelja (M), Gadowal (D), Address-2: H.No: 25-8-1, Vidhya Nagar, leelja (M), Gadowal (D), 509127, Ph No: 9985370724. (2) Bandaru Naga Mahendhar @ Bandaru Naga Mahendara, S/o: Bandaru Naga Anandam, Age: 46 years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/o: H.No: 4-137/1A, Near X Road, leelja (M), Gadowal (D), Pin Code: 509127, O/o: Police Constable At Gadowal, Ph No: 9985370724. (3) Nakka Ramulu, S/o: Nakka Krishnaiah, Age: 40 years, Occ: Govt. Employee, R/o: H.No: 4-125, Rajanagar, Mahaboobnagar (D), Pin Code: 509103, O/o: Police Constable At leelja, Ph No: 9488991817. ....Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 24,56,030/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 10,00,000/-

GADWLTF1802280010 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule "A": Property on the name of **Bandaru Naga Mahendara**, All that the House No. 6-24-85/1 (old No. 24-85/1) total extent of 194.22 square yards situated at Church area, leelja Town and Mandal, Jugalamba Gadowal District and bounded as follows: Towards East: House of Rathnamma, Towards West: House of Karunamayudu, Towards North: Mitta Rameshwara Temple Compound Wall, Towards South: Harijanawada Main Road.

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

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Dated: 08.01.2026 Authorized Officer SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Place: GADWAL, MAHABOONAGAR

**BARTRONICS INDIA LIMITED**  
Reg office address: Trendz Atria House Plot No.196, 4th Floor, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana –500081  
CIN: L62099TG1990LC011721

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 and Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the 'Act') read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time ('Management Rules') read with the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 05, 2022, Circular No. 10/2022 and 11/2022 each dated December 28, 2022, Circular No. 9/2023 dated September 25, 2023, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time, ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), Secretarial Standards–2 on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and other applicable provisions of the Act, rules, circulars and notifications issued thereunder (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment hereof to the extent in force and as amended from time to time), Bartronics India Limited (the 'Company') is seeking the consent of its Members/Shareholders by way of Ordinary Resolutions for the matters more specifically provided in the appended resolutions proposed to be passed through Postal Ballot by way of remote e-voting.

In compliance with Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the 'LODR Regulations') and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 of the Act read with the rules framed thereunder, the manner of voting on the proposed resolution is restricted only to e-voting i.e., by casting votes electronically. In compliance with the MCA Circulars, the postal ballot notice and instructions for e-voting are being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/depository participant(s). The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') for the purpose of providing remote e-voting facility to its Members. The postal ballot notice along with explanatory statements is placed on the website of the company at [www.bartronics.com](http://www.bartronics.com) and on the website of BSE at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), NSE at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and NSDL [www.nsdl.evoting.com](http://www.nsdl.evoting.com).

The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') for the purpose of providing remote e-voting facility to its Members. The instructions for remote e-voting are appended to this Notice.

In compliance with the relevant circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') from time to time, the Notice of Postal Ballot is being sent by electronic mode only to those Members whose names appear in the Register of Members / List of Beneficial Owners and whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent/Depositories as on the 'Cut-off Date' i.e. Friday, November 14, 2025.

The remote e-voting facility will be available during the following waiting period.

Voting Start Date & Time	Voting End Date & Time
Saturday, January 10, 2026 At 9:00 AM	Sunday, February 08, 2026 At 5:00 PM

The Board has appointed M/s. SI and Associates, (Membership No. FCS 76421) (CP No. 24877) Practicing Company Secretaries, as the scrutinizer ("Scrutinizer") for conducting the postal ballot through e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman of the Company or any other person duly authorized by him, after completion of the e-voting. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of votes cast will be final. The results shall be declared on or before February 10, 2026, and communicated to the Stock Exchanges, Depositories and RTA. The results will also be displayed on the Company's website [www.bartronics.com](http://www.bartronics.com).

Helpdesk for Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL,

Login type	Helpdesk details
Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Email: <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> or Call at toll free no. 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	Email: <a href="mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdsindia.com">helpdesk.evoting@cdsindia.com</a> or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

By order of Board  
For Bartronics India Limited

Sd/-  
Diksha Omer  
Company Secretary & Compliance officer

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: 08.01.2026

## Slogans Don't Run Diplomacy India Paying the Price for Modi's Foreign Policy

Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress Vice President Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli has criticised the Union government's foreign policy, stating that India is facing growing diplomatic pressure due to what she termed the hollowness of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's much-publicised external engagement.



In a statement issued on Thursday, Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli said that as the United States prepares to impose sanctions on countries continuing to purchase Russian oil, India has been placed in a difficult diplomatic position. She alleged that the Modi government relied more on slogans, photo-op diplomacy and personality-driven narratives than on strengthening institutional and principle-based foreign relations. Recalling the Prime Minister's earlier slogan "Ab ki baar Trump Sarkar," she said the assumption that personal rapport with global leaders could substitute for consistent diplomacy has proven to be misplaced. Foreign policy, she said, cannot be sustained on rhetoric or selective nationalism, but must be built on credibility, predictability and trust.

She further stated that domestic political polarisation and ideological posturing have weakened India's global standing at a time when the international community expects the country to act as a responsible and balancing power. Concluding her remarks, Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli said that global leadership is earned through statesmanship and foresight, not proclaimed through slogans, and warned that India is now paying the cost of confusing rhetoric with effective diplomacy.

## DOCUMENT LOSS

Notice is hereby given that the Rectification Deed in the name of Umesh Trivedi S/o Vipul Trivedi, relating to Plot Nos. 334 & 335, Survey No.170 (Part), Dhoolapally Village, registered as Doc No :1616/2008 dated 26-03-2008 at Medchal SRO, has been lost. Objections, if any, within 15 days.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client CHEKKA BHAGYA LAXMI, W/o. Late CHEKKA RAJESH, R/o. H.No. 3-4-420/2, New Raipura, Hanumkonda District, do hereby inform that the information of my client CHEKKA BHAGYA LAXMI is the absolute owner and possessor of the House with Open Place bearing H.No. 3-4-420/2, to an extent of 119.00 Sq.Yards, or 99.48 Sq.Mtrs. Situated at New Raipura, Hanamkonda, Hanumkonda District, which has acquired through Regd. Release deed vide document 18796/2025, dt : 18-10-2025, executed by: CHEKKA SATHISH and CHEKKA SRAVAN. My client has lost her original link registered document i.e. Sale Deed vide Doc No. 14229/2016, dt : 29-09-2016, before the Sub-Registrar, Warangal Fort, which has Jointly Purchased by my Husband i.e LATE CHEKKA RAJESH and his Brother i.e CHEKKA SATHISH and CHEKKA SRAVAN from Chekka Pramila and Pendyala Thirupathi Reddy. Pertaining to the aforesaid property of my client, in case if anybody find out the above said original document of my client's property, handover the same to the address mentioned below. Instead of handing over the above mentioned original registered link documents of my client's property, if anybody has misused, then my client shall have to initiate the civil and criminal proceedings against such persons. Apart from if anybody is having any objection against my client's property or against the aforesaid Sale deed, you may submit your objections along with concerned documents within 7 days otherwise, it may be treated that no one is having any objections against my client's property mentioned above or against the aforesaid document.

**Aerram Nitish Kumar, B.Sc., LLB Advocate**  
H.No. 16-8-302, Abbanikunta, Warangal, Cell : 90325 19080

## Wishwaguru vs Reality Check India Confronts Cost of Slogan-Driven Diplomacy

Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress Vice President Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli on Thursday criticised the Union government's foreign policy, stating that India is facing renewed diplomatic pressure due to what she described as slogan-driven and optics-centric diplomacy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a statement Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli said that as the United States moves forward with a sanctions bill proposing punitive tariffs of up to 500 per cent on countries


## Sankranti Cyber Scams on the Rise Citizens Must Stay Alert- Shikha Goel

Hyderabad: Director of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCBSB), Shikha Goel has cautioned citizens to remain highly vigilant against cyber frauds and online scams during the upcoming Sankranti festival season, noting a significant rise in cyber-crime during festive periods.

In a press note issued on Thursday, Shikha Goel stated that cybercriminals are exploiting increased digital transactions and online activity by circulating fake Sankranti offers, discounts, and cashback links through WhatsApp, SMS, and social media platforms. She said the Bureau has observed multiple instances of fraud involving bogus festival greetings, prize money claims, lucky draws, fake shopping deals at unusually low prices, and fraudulent travel and ticket booking links.

She warned that such fraudulent links often redirect victims to fake websites or prompt them to download malicious APK files. Once clicked or installed, these enable fraudsters to steal OTPs, banking details, personal data, and in some cases misuse compromised accounts to cheat family members and contacts. Shikha Goel noted that many scam links are

shared through trusted contacts and family groups, making them appear genuine and significantly increasing the risk of victimisation during the festive season. Advising the public, she urged citizens to avoid clicking on unknown or suspicious festival links, verify purchases and bookings only through official platforms, refrain from installing APK files received through messages, and ensure Two-Factor Authentication is enabled on all critical applications. She stressed that OTPs, PINs, CVV numbers, and verification codes should never be shared with anyone. Citizens who suspect cyber fraud are advised to immediately stop transactions, preserve screenshots and transaction details, inform their banks or payment service providers with-



**Indian Overseas Bank**  
HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR BRANCH  
(Address: 5-9-305A BASHEER BAGH, HIMAYATHNAGAR, Telangana-500029, Phone No: 240-23421559 & Email id: [lob1301@ob.in](mailto:lob1301@ob.in).)

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1))]**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank, HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR, 5-9-305A BASHEER BAGH, HIMAYATHNAGAR, Telangana-500029**, under the Securitisation 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 issued a demand notice dated 21/10/2025 calling upon the **borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors Shri SYED WASSI, House No-12-11-367/20, Ground and First Floor, Sy No-33, Maruthi Street, Puliiah Bhavi, Warisguda, Secunderabad, Telangana-500061** (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers') to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.28,14,071.30/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seventy One And Paise Thirty Only)** as on **21/10/2025** with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1)The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **08th day of January of the year 2026**

(2)The borrowers 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 Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of **Rs 28,90,435.30/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five And Paise Thirty Only)** as on **07.01.2026** with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs 26,90,435.30/-** payable with further interest at contractual rates, rests, charges etc. till date of payment.

(3)The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

All that the property bearing House No-12-11-367/20 consisting of Ground and First Floor, in survey No -33, admeasuring 124.0 Sq. Yards or 103.6 Sq. Meters situated at Maruthi Street, Puliiah Bhavi, Warisguda, Secunderabad, Telangana state and bounded on the North: House No 12-11-367/19, South: Neighbour's House, East: House No-12-11-369/15, West: Road & Neighbor's House.

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: 08.01.2026

Authorised Officer  
Indian Overseas Bank



**Axis Bank Limited, # 5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, Modi Square Ranigunj, 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 you the below mentioned Borrowers are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset 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 immediates to mention that the notice is addressed to all of you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. As security for the repayment interests 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 (b) 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.

RefNo: 02/SARFAESI/13(2)/DEC/2025-26 Date: 30-12-2024

1) **Mr. Peddi Prabhakar (Applicant)**, S/o. Mr. P Ramulu, R/o.F-1, First Floor,Yashikiram Residency, Sapthagiri Colony, Neredmet, Secunderbad, Telangana-500056 Also At: Mr. Peddi Prabhakar (Applicant), S/o. Mr. P Ramulu, Team United Express, Team Express, Domestic & International Cargo, 1-2-95/2, Siddamsetty Compound, Parklane, Secunderbad, Telangana-500033.2) **Mrs. Peddi Shamala (Co-Applicant)**, R/O.F-1, First Floor,Yashikiram Residency, Sapthagiri Colony, Neredmet, Secunderbad, Telangana-500056.**Property Address: Mr. Peddi Prabhakar (Applicant), S/o. Mr. P Ramulu, Residential Duplex Type House No.2 Ground and First floors, House No.35-24/1, plot No.6, Ramakrishnapuram, Malkajgiri Municipality, Telangana-500056, Loan Account No. 24501060017375, NPA Date: 18-11-2025, Demand Notice Date: 30-12-2024, Outstanding amount: Rs. 16,46,495/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Five Only) being the amount due as on 25-12-2025 this amount includes interest till 25-12-2025 together with further interest thereon from 26-12-2025 at the contractual rate of interest. 25-12-2025. **SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that part and Parcel of the Residential Duplex Type House No.2 Ground and First floors constructed on premises bearing house No.35-24/1 with a total builtup area of 1620 Sq.ft of RCC Roof on pillars along with land admeasuring 130.00 Sq.Yrds or 108.68 Sq.Mtrs out of 261.00 Sq.Yrds on part of plot No.6 in Survey No.240/1, situated at Ramakrishnapuram, under Malkajgiri Municipality and mandal, Rangareddy district and Bounded as follows: **Boundaries:** North: Duplex type House No.3, South: Duplex type House No.1 constructed on premises, Bearing house no.35-24/1 on part of Plot No.6, East: 20'-0" Wide Road, West: Neighbours Property.**

Date: 08-01-2026  
Place: Hyderabad

For Axis Bank Ltd.  
(Authorized Officer)

## DGP HANDS OVER 1.31 CRORE INSURANCE CHEQUE TO FAMILY OF DECEASED CONSTABLE

Hyderabad : Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Thursday handed over an insurance cheque of 1.31 crore to the family of a constable who lost his life in a road accident.

The insurance amount, sanctioned through Bank of Baroda, was presented to the bereaved family at the DGP's office. The deceased, Boya Pandu, was serving as a constable at the Amberpet CPL. He and his wife tragically lost their lives in a road acci-

dent on March 25 last year. As Boya Pandu held an account with Bank of Baroda, the insurance benefits applicable in the event of accidental death were processed, and the cheque was formally handed over by the DGP to the family members.





**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
OLD BUS STAND ROAD BRANCH (20176), SURYAPET  
SURYAPET DISTRICT, T.S.-508213

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Rule-8(1) & 8(2) (For immovable property)  
**MSME-Cash Credit A/c. No: 43430634880**  
WHEREAS,

1) The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, OLD BUS STAND ROAD BRANCH (20176), SURYAPET** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated: 28-10-2025 and paper publication on 07-11-2025** calling upon the borrower: **M/S. HARSHITH TRADING AGENCY, Prop: Kakkireni Uma Rani C/o K Sathaiiah, Unit Address: H.No.1-1-119/A/9, Thalagadda, Suryapet town, Suryapet District, Telangana- 508213. Residence address: H.No.1-91, BC Colony, Pinnai palem, Suryapet, Suryapet-508376. Guarantors: 1) Sri Balasani Praveen kumar S/o B Sreenivas Rao, D.No. 53p 54p, Phase-3, 50049, 2) Smt. Bathini Kalpana, W/o.K.Shiva Kumar, H.No. 1-76, Kuppireddy gudem village, Konkathimmani Annaram, Suryapet-508376** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,01,11,288.80 (Rupees One Crores One Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight and Eighty Paise Only)** as on **28.10.2025** + interest & expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

2) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Constructive Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rules on this **08-01-2026**.


3) The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, OLD BUS STAND ROAD BRANCH (20176), SURYAPET** for an amount of **Rs.1,01,11,288.80 (Rupees One Crores One Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight and Eighty Paise Only)** as on **28.10.2025** (Less if any credits of total outstanding after issuing the Demand Notice) +interest & charges thereon.

4. 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.

**DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

Residential House, H.No.13-68 in Plot No. 68, Sy No. 500/A, 499, 499/D, 499/A1, 500/D1 and 498, Jahnavi Township, Pillalamarri village, Suryapet, Suryapet- 508213 admeasuring 240 Sq yds equals 206.37 sq mts - Carpet area of 1283.39 Sq.fts. in ground floor under jurisdiction of Nalgonda Sub Registrar, Suryapet. **owned by Smt Bathini Kalpana W/o K Shiva kumar. Bounded by North: 33 ft wide road; East: Open Plot No. 69; West: Open Plot No. 67; South: Open Plot No. 73.**

Date : 08-01-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Place : Suryapet State Bank of India



**Rajadhani Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd.**  
H.No. 3-4-1005/2/1, Indrani Complex, Barkatpura, Hyderabad - 500 027.  
Date : 06/01/2026

Notice under section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

From: Sri PAdinarayana Reddy,Chief Executive Officer/Authorized Officer,Rajadhani Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd.,Barkatpura, Hyderabad.

1.Smt. Latha Madhuri Kottha W/o Sri. Kottha Kondiah Ravi Sagar,H.No 2-1-112/PH/9, Road No.8, Platinum Homes, Venkateshwar Colony, Upparpally, Attapur, Rajendranagar, R R Dist -500048 (**Borrower and mortgagor**).

2.Sri. Kottha Kondiah Ravi Sagar,H.No 2-1-112/PH/9, Road No.8, Platinum Homes, Venkateshwar Colony, Upparpally, Attapur, Rajendranagar, R R Dist -500048 (**Borrower**).

3.Miss Kottha Ravi Muktesha D/o Sri Kottha Ravi Sagar Kondiah,H.No 2-1-112/PH/9, Road No.8, Platinum Homes, Venkateshwar Colony, Upparpally, Attapur, Rajendranagar, R R Dist -500048, (Guarantor).

Si./Sub: Enforcement of security interest action notice – in connection with the credit facilities/loan enjoyed by you with us – Classified as NPA.

The serial no 1 of above availed mortgage loan vide A/c No OD-20066021000044 of Rs.25,00,000/- on 06/07/2024 from our Attapur Branch for which Two and Three in the above are guarantors.

The serial no 2 of above availed mortgage loan vide A/c No RML 200630081000081 of Rs.10,00,000/- on 15/02/2025 from our Attapur Branch for which Three the above is guarantor and First of you is the Mortgagor of both loans.

Smt. Latha Madhuri Kottha W/o Sri.Ravi Sagar Kottha Kondiah offered mortgage of her property shown in the schedule as seriality to the two loans availed by Smt. Latha Madhuri Kottha and Sri.Ravi Sagar Kottha Kondiah, in the normal course of banking business the following facilities were sanctioned and availed by first and second of you.

S/1 No	Date of loan	Nature of facility/limit	Outstanding amount. as on 31/12/2025
1	06-07-2024	OD 20066021000044 Rs.25,00,000/-	Rs.27,60,176.00
2	15-02-2025	RML 200630081000081 Rs.10,00,000/-	Rs.8,91,898.00
		Total outstanding	Rs.36,52,074.00

You have executed the following documents for each of the said facilities:  
1.Demand promissory note 2) Memorandum of Agreement and 3) Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds.

The repayment of the aforesaid facilities is personally guaranteed by No. 3 of you executing an agreements of guarantee. The repayment of the said loan and overdraft facility is secured by mortgage of property belonging to No 1 of you more fully described in schedule given here under. Despite repeated requests/notices calling upon to pay the amount together with interest, all of you and each of you, who are jointly and severally liable, have failed and committed default in repaying the amount due. The loan accounts have been classified as NON PERFORMING ASSETS since 31/12/2025 in accordance with the directions/guidelines relating to assets classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The outstanding dues payable by you as on 31/12/2025 amount of **Rs 36,52,074.00 (Rs Thirty-Six Lakhs Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Four Only)** and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 01/01/2026 till date of repayment.

The term "Borrowers" under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 means any person who has been granted financial assistance by Bank or who has given any guarantee or created any mortgage or pledged as security for the financial assistance granted by the Bank.

Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as detailed above as on 31/12/2025 together with interest, from 01/01/2026 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice issued under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. If you fail to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of this notice, we shall be exercising our enforcement rights under Section 13(4) of the Act, as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder.

On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and your failure to comply with the demand, you are advised to hand over the possession of immovable property more fully given in the schedule here under. If you fail to hand over the possession, we shall take necessary steps to take possession for exercising our rights under the act.

Please note that as per the provisions of sec 13(13) of the Act no transfer of the secured assets (given in the schedule hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior consent of the Bank.

Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank's right to proceed with the proceedings before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with execution of the order/deed/court to be obtained.

Please note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills discounted, Bank guarantee and letter of credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.

The undersigned is a duly Authorized officer of the Bank to issue this Notice and exercise powers under the provisions of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 20





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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The branch of IIFL Finance Limited located at H. No. 2-5-231, Ground Floor, Hanuman Temple Road, Opp. Hero Service Point, Gandhi Chowk, Khammam-507003, is shifting to below mentioned address with effect from 05.04.2026.

New Address: IIFL Finance Limited, H. No. 5-2-246-C, Ground Floor, Bonakal Road, Mustafa Nagar, Khammam, TG - 507001  
Contact No. 9948605090  
All existing services can be availed at the new location.

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H. నెం. 2-5-231, గ్రౌండ్ ఫ్లోర్, హనుమన్ టెంపుల్ రోడ్, ఎదురుగా హీరో సేవ్ పాయింట్, గాంధీ చౌక్, ఖమ్మం-507003 వద్ద ఉన్న ఆ హెచ్ నెం 5-2-246-సీ, గ్రౌండ్ ఫ్లోర్, బీసీ రోడ్, ముస్తాఫా నగర్, ఖమ్మం, టె - 507001 నెంబెర్ : 9948605090 కోళ్ల ప్రకటన ఇప్పటికే ఉన్న అన్ని సేవలను కొనసాగిస్తుంది.



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Tender Notice No:G/E-29/T- Tender Notice/40/2025-26

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction/Guntakal acting for on and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-70-2025-26 Name of work: GTL Division-Improvement of reliability for OHE/PSI infrastructure GTL-RU & GDR-RU section branch lines Approximate Value (₹): 1,75,58,186/- EMD (₹): 2,37,800/-

Tender Closing date & time: 29.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs

Note:

1. Tender Document may be downloaded from [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) by tenderers, free of cost.

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

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal

Tender Notice No:G/E 29/T- Tender Notice/41/2025-26

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction/Guntakal acting for on and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-71-2025-26 Name of work: GTL Division-Improvement of reliability for OHE/PSI infrastructure in GTL-WD & GTL-BAY sections including branch lines Approximate Value (₹): 1,71,90,407/- EMD (₹): 2,36,000/-

Tender Closing date & time: 29.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs

Note:

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Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, A2205 Traction, Guntakal

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client LIC Housing Finance Limited, having one of their Area Office at Gachibowli, are proposing to consider a loan in File No. 7001180005054 to be advanced to Miss. Vanitha, D/o. Sunil Dhotre, in respect of Purchase of Flat No. 401 in Fourth Floor of S.S. Classic Homes, having built-up area of 1175 Square Feet (including common area and Car Parking), together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 26.6 Square Yards out of 266.66 Square Yards, constructed on Plot No. 816, in Survey No. 149 Part, in rest of the area in Block No. 6, Situated at Bagh Ameri Village, Kukatpally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and Bounded by Plot Boundaries North: Neighbours Land, South: Plot No. 515, East: Plot No. 518 and West: 33' Wide Road, Flat Boundaries: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky and East: Corridor, Staircase, Lift & Flat No. 402, West: Open to Sky, from K. Kishan Rao Rep., by his DAGPA Holder Smt. Kakarla Siva Parvathi and entrusted me for legal opinion, in the documents produced before me there are Certified copies of link Documents, i.e. 1. Sale Deed, Document No. 7924/1983, dated: 28.10.1983, registered at SRO: Ranga Reddy (R.O.), 2. Gift Settlement Deed, Document No. 283/1985, dated: 17.01.1985, registered at SRO: Ranga Reddy (R.O.), 3. General Power of Attorney, Document No. 736/1990 of Book-IV, dated: 21.04.1990, Registered at SRO: Ranga Reddy (R.O.), 4. Sale Deed, Document No. 204/1991, dated: 13.03.1991, Registered at SRO: Ranga Reddy (R.O.), 5. Special Power of Attorney, Document No. 59/1996, dated: 11.06.1996, Registered at SRO: Kukatpally, upon enquiry it has been informed that Originals were lost and that the same not traceable. The general Public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the person/persons who are in illegal possession of the documents. If any person/persons entering into any transaction with respect to the above mentioned property basing on the lost document shall be doing so at their risk and such transactions shall not be honored. If anyone has any claim/interest/ dispute over the said property, the same may be reported to the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of the notice, failing which no further claim over the said property will be entertained and shall be deemed there is no Encumbrance pending against this Document.

Mereddy Narasimha Reddy (Advocate), Panel Advocate LIC HFL (Code HY-VNA-00001) HFL Code: 11-13-194/14, Plot No. 5, Road No. 3, Green Hills Colony, Kothapet, Ranga Reddy District-5034, Phone No.: 6301426732

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Srinagar Colony Branch  
127, Tanmayee Apartments, Srinagar Colony  
Hyderabad - 500073, [srinagarcolony@indianbank.co.in](mailto:srinagarcolony@indianbank.co.in)  
Mobile No.9948123057, Ph:040-23745281 Fax:040-23746054

#### ANNEXURE VIII NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

1. Ms. Balaji Agri Chem, (Borrower/Mortgagor), Head Office: Sri Poojitha Residency, H.NO.8/2/269/19/S/B, Road no.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500034.  
2. Mrs Muppavarapu Radhika, (Partner/Guarantor), Plot no.455, Kanthi Krishna, 3rd floor, Road No.9, Kakatiya Hills, Ravindra Society, Guttala Begumpet, HYDERABAD 500081.  
3. Mr G.Srinivasulu Naidu, (Managing Partner/Guarantor), 6-3-1113/207, JM Apartments, Somajiguda, HYDERABAD 500082.

4. Mrs.Immami Sunitha, (Mortgagor/Guarantor), W/O Mr G.V.Prasad Flat No.509, Krishi Meadows, Main Road, Srinagar Colony HYDERABAD 500073.  
Sub: Your Open Cash Credit account 998967158 for Rs.300.00 lakhs, MSME-GECLS-COVID 19 Term Loan 6887987509 for Rs.60.00 lakhs, Working Capital Term loan 7005540021 for Rs.20.65 lakhs, and Funded Interest Term loan 7005540065 for Rs.22.09 lakhs with Indian Bank, SRINAGAR COLONY Branch, Hyderabad-202.

M/s Balaji Agri Chem availed Open Cash Credit facility from Indian Bank, Srinagar Colony Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as the "Properties". M/s.Balaji Agri Chem failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore, a Demand Notice dated 05.03.2024 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon M/s. Balaji Agri Chem (Borrower/Mortgagor), Represented by Managing Partner Mr. Mr G.Srinivasulu Naidu, and Mr G.Srinivasulu Naidu,(Managing Partner/Guarantor) and Mrs Muppavarapu Radhika, (Partner/Guarantor) and Mrs.Immami Sunitha, (Mortgagor/Guarantor) liable to the Bank to pay Sub: Your Open Cash Credit account 998967158 for Rs.300.00 lakhs, MSME-GECLS-COVID 19 Term Loan 6887987509 for Rs.60.00 lakhs, Working Capital Term loan 7005540021 for Rs.20.65 lakhs, and Funded Interest Term loan 7005540065 for Rs.22.09 lakhs with Indian Bank, SRINAGAR COLONY Branch, Hyderabad-202. As per Sec.13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:

As M/s. Balaji Agri Chem (Borrower/Mortgagor), Represented by Managing Partner Mr. Mr G.Srinivasulu Naidu, and Mr G.Srinivasulu Naidu,(Managing Partner/Guarantor) and Mrs Muppavarapu Radhika, (Partner/Guarantor) and Mrs.Immami Sunitha, (Mortgagor/Guarantor) failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 15.07.2024 after complying with all legal formalities. As per Sec.13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:

THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER/AUCTION ADOPTING THE E-AUCTION MODE.

As per Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, 15 days notice for subsequent sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice.

The amount due on 08.01.2026 is Totaling Amount Rs.4,45,28,144/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Five Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fourty Four only) i.e. Rs.3,90,10,27,00 (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Lakhs Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Only ) towards OCC account and Rs.20,66,77,00 (Rupees Twenty lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One only) towards MSME GECLS COVID 19 loan, and Rs.14,61,432.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two Rupees only) towards Working Capital Term Loan and Rs.19,89,662.00 (Rupees Nineteen lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Rupees only) towards Funded Interest Term Loan with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. From 09.01.2026 Please take note that this is notice of 15 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 15 days.

The date of sale is fixed as 29.01.2026 which would be by e-auction mode. Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents up to date EC etc by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense from 22.01.2026 to 27.01.2026 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule.

The Tender/bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (<https://www.baanknet.com> (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website.

The Intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register with online portal (<https://www.baanknet.com> (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) using their mobile number and email id. Further, after completing their eKYC, the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in their e-Wallet by 29.01.2026 & 5.00 PM (Date of auction & end time). The registration, eKYC and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online or after generation of Challan from the website (<https://www.baanknet.com> (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) for depositing in bidders EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest.

The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/ post-poned/ cancel the sale without assigning any reason therefor.

The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft /Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer. The Nodal Bank account no. / IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under.

Nodal Bank Account No. and A/c. Name Branch name and IFSC Code  
465272785, 18 Zonal Office Hyderabad Indian Bank, Himayal Nagar Branch  
IFSC CODE: IDIB00H0006

In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.

The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor.

The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc.

If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days' prior notice.

This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRA/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/decre obtained to be obtained.

#### SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

Details/Description of Mortgaged Assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Date, Time for e-auction and Property ID No.	Prior Encumbrance
<b>PROPERTY NO.1:</b> 1. All the piece and parcel of factory land and building situated at Survey no.42A in Mandgiri Gram Panchayat, Kumool District , ad measuring 2 Acres out of Acres 10.32 cents bounded on North by Alur Road, South by Remaining land of B.C.Ranga Swamy, Survey no.42A, East by Land of G.Munneppa, Survey no.43A and West by Land of Dodagondala Ku-ruva Mallahad document bearing Sale Deed no.1149/2007dated 08.03.2007 (Property I) and situated at Survey no.43A situated at Mandgiri Gram Panchayat, Kumool District measuring Ac 2.00 cents and being bounded on North by Alur Road, South by Bhandi Rasta, East by Remaining land of B.Abdul Sattar, Survey no.43A and West by land of B.C.Ranga Swamy, Survey no. 42A ( Sale Deed no. 1148/2007 dt 08.03.2007PROPERT Y II) Totalling Extent of land : Ac :00 cents belonging to M/S Balaji Agri Chem	Rs.371.70 Lakhs	Rs.37.17 Lakhs	DATE: 29.01.2026 TIME: 10 AM TO 5.00 PM PROPERTY ID NO: IDIB999867158	NILL
<b>PROPERTY NO.2:</b> All that the Residential Flat No.202, in Second floor, (above Celler,Ground & First Floor), "Balaji Residency" H.NO.8-324/B/202, Plot nos. 323 & 324 in Survey nos. 12,30,31,35, 45,127,373,30A,B,C,D,31A,B,C,D and 43/A, B,C,D, Bhandari Lay out, Nizampet village & Municipality, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District being bounded on North by open to sky, South by Open to sky and lift, East by Corridor and West by open to sky and the land is bounded North by Plot no.325 (KVR Classic), South by 30' wide road, East by 30'wide road and West by Plot nos. 309&310 (Savanthi Residency) with an undivided share of 47.00 Sq yds out of 400.00 Sqyds of land and 1558.00 Sq.ft plinth area including balconies and common areas be- longings to Mrs Muppavarapu Radhika W/O Sri Madhu Mohan.	Rs.62.09 Lakhs	Rs.6.21 Lakhs	DATE: 29.01.2026 TIME: 10 AM TO 5.00 PM PROPERTY ID NO: IDIB999867158A	NILL
<b>PROPERTY NO.3 :</b> All that residential Flat No.301, Third floor, above still, Ground, First and Second floors), Sak Krishna Residency admeasuring 1100 Sq.Rt (including common area) and car parking area 84 St., together with undivided share of land equivalent to 34 Sq.yards in bearing MCH NO.8-3-765/301, Yellareddyguda, Hy- derabad being bounded On North by Corridor, Staircase, Lift and Flat no.302, South by open to sky, East by Open to sky and West by open to sky and the land is bounded on North by neighbour's H.NO.8-3-740, South by 30'wide road, East by Neighbour's H.NO.8-3-764 and West by Neighbour's H.NO.8-3-766 767 be- longings to Mrs Immami Sunitha W/O Mr G.V.Prasad.	Rs.59.95 Lakhs	Rs.5.90 Lakhs	DATE: 29.01.2026 TIME: 10 AM TO 5.00 PM PROPERTY ID NO: IDIB999867158B	NILL

Bidders are advised to visit the website (<https://www.baanknet.com>) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance please call PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd Helpdesk No. 8291220220, email ID: [support.baanknet@psballiance.com](mailto:support.baanknet@psballiance.com) and other help line numbers available in service provider help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. and EMD status, please contact [support.ebkrg@psballiance.com](mailto:support.ebkrg@psballiance.com). For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.baanknet.com> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact Helpdesk No.8291220220

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://www.baanknet.com>.  
Place: HYDERABAD  
Date: 08.01.2026

AUTHORISED OFFICER  
(INDIAN BANK)

# Telangana

## Girls to Get Priority in First Phase of YIIRC Schools Revanth



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to give top priority to girls in the first phase of admissions to the Young India Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRC) and set a three-year deadline to establish one residential school each for boys and girls in every Assembly constituency. He said boys' schools should be sanctioned in the next phase where girls' schools are set up initially.

Reviewing the Education Department, the Chief Minister instructed officials to explore the construction of solar kitchens under the PM-KUSUM scheme in integrated residential schools and ensure early

clearance of pending construction bills.

The CM reviewed the breakfast and lunch programme being implemented by NGOs in government schools in Kodangal constituency and directed officials to examine the feasibility of extending the scheme across the state. Representatives of Akshaya Patra expressed readiness to implement the programme state-wide. The CM ordered the preparation of plans to establish one centralized kitchen for every two constituencies, directing Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao to coordinate with district collectors for allocation of two acres of land or land on a 99-year lease.



#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act, 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 08.01.2026.

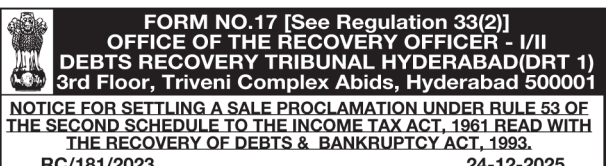
Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
(1) Bondili Dharampal Singh, S/o: Bondili Rajkamal Singh, Age: 42 years, Occ: Clinic, R/o: H.No. 19-152/1, Vijaya Nagar Colony, Hajipally Road, Ferozanagar, Shadnagar (M), KV Rangareddy (D), Pincode: 509216, Ph No: 9703385614, (2) Galla Suresh, S/o: G Srimaiah, Age: 42 years, Occ: Real Estate, R/o: H.No. 2-49, Amerpet (V), Maheshwaram (M), Rangareddy (D), Pincode: 509216, Ph No: 9550449783, (3) Mahaboob, S/o: Rajabali, Age: 35 years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H.No. 8-211, Kazipet, Srinivasa Colony, Ferozanagar, Shadnagar (M), Rangareddy (D), Pincode: 509216, Ph No: 952261558.	Rs. 23,67,767.08 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Rupees and Eight Paise Only)

**SHADNIT2303270008 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Property on the name of BONDILI DHARAMPAL SINGH, All that the property of open plot No. 30/7 in Sy. No. 157 an extent 325.00 Sq.Yards, or 271.73 Sq.mtrs. Situated at Solipur Village, Ferozanagar Mandal, Rangareddy Dist., and bounded as: Towards East: 30/8-00' Feet Road, Towards West: Plot No. 30/4, Towards North: Plot No. 30/3, Towards South: Road and Plot No. 30/7P.

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

Place: RANGA REDDY  
Date: 08.01.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,  
Shriram Finance Limited



NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993.

RC/181/2023 24-12-2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA  
Versus  
PADMAVATHI INDUSTRIES Erukulla

To,  
(C1) Padmavathi Industries Erukulla 11 1 188 5A, Incline Colony, Godavarykhani, Karimnagar Karimnagar  
(C2) ERUKULLA RAMESH 1 5, Hno 21 5 45, Gouthami Nagar, Fertilizer city, Godhavari Khani, Karimnagar  
(C3) ERUKULLA PADMA 1 5, Hno 21 5 45, Gouthami Nagar, Fertilizer City, Godhavari Khani, Karimnagar  
(C4) ERUKULLA SWATHI 1 5, Hno 21 5 45, Gouthami Nagar, Fertilizer City, Godhavari Khani, Karimnagar  
(C5) ERUKULLA SIRISHA 1 5, Hno 21 5 45, Gouthami Nagar, Fertilizer City, Godhavari Khani, Karimnagar  
(C6) ERUKULLA SHILPA 1 5, Hno 21 5 45, Gouthami Nagar, Fertilizer City, Godhavari Khani, Karimnagar  
(C7) SAMALA SRINIVAS One B1 92, 8 Incline Colony, Godhavari Khani, Ramagundam Mandalam, Karimnagar District

Whereas you the PADMAVATHI INDUSTRIES ERUKULLA was ordered by the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 02/08/2023 in 00714/2019 to pay to the Applicant Bank(s)/Financial Institution(s) Name of applicant, the sum of Rs 36025802 (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakhs Twenty Five Thousands Eight Hundred Two Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 13 % w.e.f. 06/05/2019 till realization and costs of Rs 211110 (Rupees Two Lakh Eleven Thousands One Hundred Ten Only), and whereas the said has not been paid, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentioned immovable /Immovable property.

2. You are hereby informed that the 11/02/2026 at 10.30 A.M. has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attached to the said properties or any portion thereof.

#### Specification of property.

AS PER THE ANNEXURE  
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 24/12/2025  
FORM-17 Recovery Officer  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

R.P No., 181/2023

O.A. No. 714/2019  
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES  
SCHEDULE PROPERTY - A

All that Khushki Land in survey 124 admeasuring extent of Ac 0-20 Guntas or 0.20 Hectors situated at Allur Village Ramagundam Municipality, Karimnagar District and bounded by: North: Land of Samala Srinivas South: Land of seller, East: Land of seller, West: Land of seller

#### SCHEDULE PROPERTY - B

All that Khushki Land in survey 124 admeasuring Ac. 0-10 Guntas or 0.10 Hectors situated at Allur Village Ramagundam Municipality Karimnagar District and bounded by: North: Land of Samala Kistaiah, South: Passage, East: Land of Samala Srinivas, West: Land of Bodge Rayveeru (seller)

#### SCHEDULE PROPERTY - C

All that Khushki Land in survey 124 admeasuring Ac. 0-30 Guntas or 0.30 Hectors situated at Allur Village, Ramagundam Municipality, Karimnagar District and bounded by: North: Land of Samala Kistaiah, South: Passage, East: Land of T Prabhakar, West: Land of Bodge Rayveeru (seller)

#### SCHEDULE PROPERTY - D

All that House No. 21-5-45 admeasuring 420 Sq. Yards or 351.17 Sq Mts having constructed a RCC roof house with a plinth area of 1038 185 Sq Ft. situated at Goutami Nagar, code No 20070 Mallapur Village and Municipality Ramagundam Mandal Karimnagar District and bounded by: North: Road of South: Open land of K. Venkata Swamy, East: Plot of Aripoddani, West: Open Plot of A. Agayya

#### SCHEDULE PROPERTY - E

All that Khushki Land in survey 668 admeasuring 393 Sq. Yds or 330.12 Sq.Mts. situated at Janagan Village, Ramagundam Municipality, Karimnagar District and bounded by: East: Land of Chandramouli, West: Land of M. Rama Swamy, North: Land of M. Venkata Swamy, South: Road

#### SCHEDULE PROPERTY - F

All that Khushki Land in survey 124 admeasuring Ac. 1-00 Guntas or 0.40 Hectors situated at Allur Revenue Village outskirts code No 2007071, Ramagundam Municipality, Karimnagar District and bounded by: North: Land of seller, South: Land of T. Prabhakar Rao, East: Land of purchaser, West: Land of purchaser

(RECOVERY OFFICER)

## Quality Education Must Be Ensured for Students District Collector Harichandana Dasari

Hyderabad: District Collector Harichandana Dasari has stressed that teachers must make special efforts to provide quality education to students and ensure improved academic results, as the State Government is according top priority to the education sector.

The Collector visited the Government High Model School, Aaliya, located opposite LB Stadium, Nampally, on Thursday. During the visit, she inspected classrooms and instructed teachers to focus on effective teaching methods to help students achieve better results



Interacting with students, the Collector advised them to set high goals at an early stage, work hard with discipline, and strive to reach greater heights in life. She enquired about their subjects, the timely supply of food, and the extent of syllabus completion. She stated that as the government is giving high priority to education, basic infrastructure facilities have been provided in all schools. She also directed that students must be supplied with quality nutritious food as per the prescribed menu, on time, and that special measures should be taken to safeguard children's health.

Addressing teachers, the Collector directed that classrooms and school (campus) should be kept clean and hygienic at all times. She emphasised that every student should pass the annual examinations and called upon teachers to work with dedication towards this goal.

## AXIS BANK LIMITED

### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR – E-AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNAMENTS

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank Limited under the below mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the Axis Bank Limited against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the Bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and propose to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 18-Jan-2026 (dated) 12-30 PM to 3.30 PM (Time of e-auction) on "As In Where's Is



## EO TTD visits SPCHC, children’s hospital in Tirupati



Tirupati: The TTD Executive Officer Sri Anil Kumar Singhal has instructed officials to expedite the completion the construction of the new building of the Sri Padmavathi Children’s Hospital, which is under construction near Alipiri. On Thursday, the TTD EO inspected the Sri Padmavathi Children’s Heart Centre and the new hospital building under construction along with the doctors and the engineering officials.

During the inspection, the EO directed the engineering wing to make advance arrangements for medical equipment, furniture, electrical works and other essential infrastructure so that all facilities are ready by the time the building is completed.

The EO reviewed the usage plan of each floor in the G+6 hospital building meant for medical services and its administration. The Doctors informed him that the 6th floor will be used entirely for operation theatres, while the 7th floor will be exclusively used as a helipad.

The EO suggested that images of deities be installed on hospital walls to instill devotion and confidence among patients and their attendants, and emphasized maintaining cleanliness in and around the hospital premises.

He instructed the offi-

cials concerned to complete the construction at the earliest and take steps to inaugurate the new hospital as soon as possible.

Earlier, the TTD EO inspected the Sri Padmavathi Children’s Heart Centre and interacted with staff regarding services being provided to patients through the NTR Vaidya Seva, SV Pranadana Trust schemes and offered them several suggestions with respect to online registration and related aspects.

He first inspected the pharmacy store and later interacted with children who had undergone cardiac surgeries and their attendants from Anantapur, Proddatur, Chittoor, Kakinada, Tenali, Rayachoti, Kurnool and other places and enquired about the quality of medical services, availability of free treatment and free medicines.

The attendants expressed immense satisfaction over the services being provided in the hospital.

The Hospital Director Dr N. Srinath Reddy informed the EO that a heart transplant surgery was successfully performed on Bharat from Kurnool. He stated that so far 4,950 cardiac surgeries and 23 heart transplant procedures have been conducted at the hospital.

## Allotment of land for construction of Kottapalli Police Station



Karimnagar: University Vice-Chancellor Professor U Umesh Kumar said in a statement that the University Executive Council (Executive Council) has taken a decision to allocate 15 acres of land under Satavahana University for the construction of a permanent building of Kothapally Police Station. He stated that a resolution to this effect was taken in the 84th Executive Council meeting held on December 24 last year. He said that 15 pits of land on the road from Malkapur

Junction to Chintakunta, next to the West Gate of the University, have been earmarked for the construction of this building.

VC explained that an official 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) has been handed over to the Karimnagar Police Commissioner. On this occasion Police Commissioner Goush Alam said that in the surrounding areas of the University, Construction of permanent building of Kothapally Police Station in University to further improve law and order maintenance in urban and rural areas of Karimnagar; He said that organizing it will be beneficial to provide more services to the people. The CP thanked the VC for taking this decision of the university on the request of the police department, recognizing the safety of the students and the need for continuous vigilance in the area.

## Telangana culture reflects rural agricultural life: Rajanala Srihari



Warangal TSIT: Greater Warangal Congress Working President Rajanala Srihari on Thursday unveiled the wall magazine for the Sankranti Sahitya and Cultural Competitions being organised under the auspices of the JB Cultural Art Society, with the support of the Telangana Language and Culture Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajanala Srihari said that Telangana culture is deeply rooted in the rural agricultural way of life and is beautifully reflected through the festival of Sankranti. He congratulated the organisers for conducting cultural and literary programmes that highlight traditional values and preserve the rich heritage of the Telugu language and culture. He

## Karimnagar collector reviews arrangements for Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavam

KARIMNAGAR – District Collector Pamela Satpathy chaired a high-level review meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, to oversee the preparations for the upcoming Sri Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavam. The annual festival, which draws thousands of devotees to the Market Road temple, is scheduled to take place from January 23 to January 30, 2026.

During the meeting held at the Collector’s camp office, the Collector emphasized the need for seamless coordination between various departments, including Police, Revenue, Municipal, Fire, and Traffic, to ensure the festival’s success.

Key directives for the festival:

- Sanitation & Hygiene:** A strict “no-waste” policy was mandated for the temple surroundings. Municipal authorities must ensure that food waste is not dumped on roads and that cleanliness is maintained throughout the week-long event.
- Safety & Security:** To manage the anticipated rush, the Collector ordered the installation of a comprehensive



- CCTV network for real-time monitoring.**
- Electrical Safety:** Special attention was directed toward the stage, lighting, and sound systems, with a specific mandate for technical checks to prevent short circuits.
- Traffic Management:** The Traffic department was tasked with creating a plan to prevent congestion on Market Road, ensuring that the movement of devotees does not disrupt city traffic.

The review session was attended by temple chairmen Chakilam Srinivas and Chakilam Gangadhar, Executive Officer Sudhakar, and temple priest Nagaraju. The Collector concluded by urging all departments to complete the necessary arrangements well before the ‘Ankurarpana’ ritual on January 23.

## SSIM HOSTS 27TH EDITION OF SAMANVAY MANAGEMENT FEST IN HYDERABAD



Hyderabad, January 8, 2026: Siva Sivani Institute of Management (SSIM) began the New Year on an energetic note with the 27th edition of Samanvay, its flagship two-day inter-collegiate management fest, held on January 8 and 9 at the SSIM campus in Kompally, Hyderabad. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and neighbouring states, turning the campus into a vibrant centre of learning, competition, and cultural exchange.

Samanvay 2026 featured 13 competitive events covering both formal and informal categories aimed at enhancing managerial, analytical, creative, and leadership skills. Major management events included Sreshta – The Young Manager, Start Up – Aspiring Entrepreneur Challenge, Saankhya – Detectives of Data, Ad-Venturer – Ad

Designing Competition, Bulls ‘n’ Bears – The Mock Stock, Business Quiz, and Sustainable Development Goals Poster Presentation.

The fest also showcased a colourful range of cultural and informal activities such as Sangeet Sangam (singing), Floor Fusion (dance), Fashion Fiesta, Cut ShoT (short film competition), treasure hunt, and the popular BGMI gaming competition, adding to the festive spirit.

Reflecting its growing popularity, over 3,000 students registered for various events this year. The grand fest was graced by noted cine artist Subhalekha Sudhakar as Chief Guest and Sridhar Nandiraju, AVP – JIO, as Guest of Honour, along with SSIM leadership including Aarathy Sampathy, Dr. Sailesh Sampathy, and Deepika. Their addresses inspired students to strive for innovation, excellence, and leadership.

## Railways to implement 52 major reforms in 52 weeks: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi: Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw held a high-level meeting with Union Ministers of State Shri V. Somanna and Shri Ravneet Singh, along with the Railway Board Chairman & CEO and senior officials, at Rail Bhavan in New Delhi to chart out an ambitious reform roadmap for Indian Railways.

During the meeting, it was decided to implement 52 major reforms in 52 weeks, reflecting the spirit of the New Year and a renewed commitment to systemic improvements in efficiency, governance, and service delivery. The discussions focused on ushering in comprehensive reforms across operations, infrastructure, and passenger services.

Safety remained a key priority, with officials highlighting a significant reduction of nearly 90 per cent in consequential train accidents—from 135 in 2014–15 to 11 in 2025–26. The ministry aims to further bring this number down to single digits through enhanced safety measures and technological interventions.

The meeting also emphasised accelerating the use of artificial intelligence and advanced technologies for improving safety, maintenance, and railway operations. Reforms in talent management and skill development were discussed, with a focus on adopting innovative training methods for railway employees.

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## Service to mentally challenged is a universal service: Dr Anitha Reddy

Balasamudram, January 8, 2026, TSIT: Anurag Helping Society Chairman and Kakatiya University Governing Body member Dr Anitha Reddy said that service to the mentally challenged is a universal service and that there is no greater joy than bringing happiness to such children. Dr Anitha Reddy participated as the chief guest in the Sankranti celebrations organised by Vikas Mentally Handicapped School, Hanmakonda, under the chairmanship of organiser Vishali. She inaugurated the programme by lighting the Jyothi and later served Bhogi pandu to the children, filling the atmosphere with festive cheer. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Anitha Reddy said it was a pleasure to celebrate Sankranti with mentally challenged children, who are pure at heart and free from negativity.



## Rs.40.50 Crore Development Works Launched in Shadnagar Municipality



Shadnagar (TSIT) Shadnagar town witnessed a festive and energetic atmosphere on Thursday as MLA Veerlapalli Shankar inaugurated development works worth Rs.40.50 crore across several municipal wards. The programmes saw large participation from Congress leaders, party workers, and residents, along with a massive bike rally that passed through different wards. On the day, works worth Rs.11 crore were formally launched in various colonies. The sanctioned funds include Rs.18 crore under TDS, Rs.3 crore from

CDMA, Rs.3 crore from UIDF, Rs.3 crore from the Chief Minister’s Fund, and Rs.75 lakh from TUFIDC. In Ward No. 9, works worth Rs.3.04 crore were inaugurated, including two CC roads and development of the Bhagiratha Colony park. CC road and park works were launched in Ward No. 26 with an outlay of Rs.46.41 lakh and Rs.25 lakh respectively. CC road works worth Rs.22.95 lakh were started in Ward No. 19, while a CC road costing Rs.69.70 lakh was inaugurated in Ward No. 27. In Ward No. 15, construction of a long-pending community hall was resumed with Rs.18 lakh.

## Focus on Better Outcomes in Education, Health: Collector Kumar Deepak.

Mancherial, January 8, TSIT: District Collector Kumar Deepak has directed officials to work towards achieving measurable improvements in education and healthcare services across the district.

Addressing headmasters during a review meeting held at the District Science Centre on Thursday, the Collector instructed teachers to focus on every student individually and strive to achieve 100 per cent pass results in the upcoming Class X examinations. He emphasised the importance of ensuring regular student attendance, completing the syllabus within the stipulated timeframe, and strengthening students’ proficiency in both Telugu and English.

Recalling that the district had recorded a 96.4 per cent pass percentage in the previous academic year, Mr. Deepak expressed confidence that Mancherial could surpass this performance



with sustained and focused efforts from teachers and education officials.

Later in the day, the Collector inspected the 30-bed Government Hospital at Luxettipet, where he reviewed the progress of construction works on the post-mortem room and instructed officials to expedite the completion.



# SC reserves verdict on plea of Justice Yashwant Varma assailing validity of inquiry panel by LS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on a plea of Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma challenging the legality of the parliamentary panel probing corruption charges against him.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and SC Sharma reserved its decision after hearing senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi, Siddharth Luthra, appearing for Varma and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing both houses of Parliament.

During the hearing, Rohtagi and Luthra questioned the procedure adopted in setting up the parliamentary panel and said under the Judges (inquiry) Act of 1968, only the Speaker of Lok Sabha and chairman of Rajya Sabha are entitled to admit the motion for removal of a judge from office. Mehta defended the constitution of the parliamentary panel, and said if the motion has been admitted in both the houses then



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the inquiry committee shall be jointly constituted by the speaker and the chairman. On

Wednesday, the top court orally observed that there was no bar under the Judges

Inquiry Act on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla setting up an inquiry committee to probe corruption charges against Varma after a similar motion was rejected in the Rajya Sabha. Justice Varma was repatriated from the Delhi High Court to the Allahabad High Court after burnt wads of currency notes were found at his official residence in New Delhi on March 14. The top court had on December 16 agreed to hear Justice Varma's plea challenging the constitution of the inquiry committee and issued notices to the office of Lok Sabha Speaker and the secretaries general of both Houses of Parliament.

Earlier, then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna had initiated an in-house inquiry and constituted a three-member committee comprising Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice G.S. Sandhawalia, and Karnataka High Court

Justice Anu Sivaraman. The committee submitted its report on May 4, finding Justice Varma guilty of misconduct.

After Justice Varma declined to resign, the CJI forwarded the report and the judge's response to the President and the prime minister, setting the stage for impeachment proceedings.

Subsequently, Birla admitted a multi-party motion for Justice Varma's removal on August 12 and constituted a three-member inquiry committee comprising Supreme Court judge Justice Aravind Kumar, Madras High Court Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava, and senior advocate B V Acharya.

Justice Varma has sought quashing of the Speaker's action, the admission of the motion, and all consequential notices issued by the inquiry committee, contending that the entire process is unconstitutional and contrary to the Judges (Inquiry) Act.

# Mahindra launches new XUV 7XO and electric XEV 9S in Hyderabad



HYDERABAD (TSIT)

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. has officially launched its latest SUV offerings, the XUV 7XO and the electric XEV 9S, marking a significant expansion in its vehicle portfolio. The launch event took place today, January 8, 2026, at The Park in Somajiguda.

The new vehicles were unveiled by senior Mahindra officials, including Mr. Abhishek Kumar (Zonal Manager - MEAL), Mr. Swathik (Regional Manager - Auto Division), and Mr. Naved Khan (Regional Manager - MEAL). They were joined by key dealer part-

ners: Mr. Narayana (CEO, Automotive Mahindra), Mr. Veeren (MD, VVC Mahindra), and Mr. Mahendar (CEO, Landmark Mahindra).

XUV 7XO: Redefining the Benchmark Building on the success of the XUV 700, which has garnered over 300,000 customers since 2021, the new XUV 7XO enters the market with a starting price of Rs.13.66 lakh (ex-showroom). Mahindra aims to democratize high-end technology with this model, ensuring advanced features are available even in base variants. The standard "AX" variant includes:

Coast-to-Coast 31.24 cm Triple HD screens. Intelligent ADRENEX with Wireless Android Auto & Apple CarPlay. Alexa Built-in integrated with ChatGPT. 75 standard safety features.

XEV 9S: India's Big New Electric Priced at Rs.19.95 lakh (ex-showroom), the XEV 9S is positioned as "India's Big New Electric." Designed for families and creators requiring ample space, the SUV is powered by MAIA, described as India's fastest automotive mind. The vehicle combines Mahindra's expressive design philosophy with a focus on "electric freedom," catering to modern Indian lifestyles.

# GITAM Hyderabad hosts pre-Sankranti festivities and film festival

HYDERABAD – GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, came alive on January 8, 2026, hosting two vibrant events: a colorful Pre-Sankranti celebration and an engaging Film Festival.

Sankranti Festivities Organized by the student club Anveshna and the Directorate of Hospitality and Campus Life, the Sankranti celebrations showcased the rich agrarian heritage of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The event began with the lighting of the traditional Bhogi bonfire, symbolizing renewal and unity.

The campus featured traditional ranggu (rangoli) with gobbemmas, kite flying, and classical dance performances. A major highlight was the Gangireddulu (decorated ox) and symbolic bullock cart rides, designed to familiarize students with age-old harvest traditions. The festivities con-



cluded with a traditional sit-down lunch served on banana leaves.

Film Festival Simultaneously, the university hosted a Film Festival under the banner 'GITAM 70MM' by The Filmmakers Club.

Coordinated by Pranay Mula, the event provided students with industry exposure through workshops led by professionals. Celebrated writer Gopi Mohan conducted a scriptwriting workshop, while editor Sai Murali

led a session on editing. The day culminated in an interactive session with acclaimed filmmaker Venky Atluri, giving aspiring filmmakers a rare opportunity to learn from leading voices in cinema.

# SRM University-AP unveils pioneering AI and quantum initiatives

AMARAVATI – SRM University-AP has announced a series of landmark initiatives in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, and Green Energy, aiming to establish Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for emerging technologies. The announcement was made by Vice Chancellor Prof. Satish Kumar during a leadership meet on January 8, 2026. Pioneering AI and Quantum Institutes A central highlight is the university's collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) to establish a dedicated AI Institute. This partnership will integrate AI education



across all disciplines—including liberal arts and management—and includes faculty capacity-building programs, the first batch of which is set to depart for CMU this weekend. To build a "quantum-ready" workforce, the university is also launching a Quantum Institute.

In a strategic move with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, SRM AP will host a Quantum Reference Centre and a Quantum Computer, making high-level quantum tools accessible to the broader scientific community. Green Hydrogen and Future Engineering

Aligning with the state's declaration of Amaravati as a Green Hydrogen Valley, the university is launching an Energy Institute. This hub will focus on scalable clean energy solutions and workforce development through applied research and pilot projects. Furthermore, the university is introducing specialized academic programs in: Defence Engineering Financial Engineering Semiconductor Technologies Health Engineering Prof. Satish Kumar emphasized that these initiatives are designed to foster interdisciplinary research and produce skilled professionals capable of driving societal advancement and economic growth

# KU VC Prof Pratap Reddy releases a book “Rivers of Grace”

Warangal, Jan 8 (TSIT): 'Rivers of Grace' is an immersive journey through India's most iconic and lesser-known rivers, revealing the magnificent interplay between nature, culture, and history that each waterway embodies," said Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Kakatiya University (KU) Prof. K Pratap Reddy. Releasing a book on "Rivers of Grace: Exploring the Majestic Waterways and Timeless Beauty of India" authored by Prof. B. Suresh Lal, Prof Reddy, said that the book's narrative begins with the sacred Ganges, tracing its origins in the Himalayas and exploring the spiritual practices centred on its life-giving waters. Alongside this, the story delves into the Brahmaputra's fierce rapids and expansive floodplains, highlighting its role in sustaining diverse wildlife and communities, he added. Participating as the Guest, Chief Convener of the Indian Economic Association (IEA) Dr Anil Kumar Thakur stated that



as the book progresses, readers are taken to the tranquil backwaters of Kerala, where the intricate network of rivers and canals paints a serene landscape inhabited by unique flora and fauna. "The journey continues along the Yamuna, sharing tales of ancient cities and legends that have flourished on its banks, contrasting with modern conservation challenges. The book also explores the Narmada and Godavari rivers, illustrating their significance in regional cultures and economies. Throughout, personal stories, historical anecdotes, and environmental

insights intertwine, providing a layered understanding of each river's essence," Dr Thakur added. Responding on the occasion, author of the book, Prof. Suresh Lal said, "The narrative weaves through India's rivers, including the Saraswati, whose mysterious disappearance into legend sparks a discussion of the relationship between myth and ecology. The tale culminates in reflecting on the contemporary threats these waterways face, from pollution to damming, and the grassroots movements striving to restore their purity and vitality. With evocative imagery and lyrical prose.

# 'Marathi manooos' will be powerless if BJP controls civic bodies: Raj Thackeray

Mumbai: MNS chief Raj Thackeray has launched a scathing attack on the BJP, alleging that those seeking to separate Mumbai from Maharashtra are in power at the Centre and in the state, and warned that if they control the municipal corporations, "Marathi manooos" will be rendered powerless.

In the first part of a joint interview of Raj and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, published in the latter's party mouthpiece Saamana on Thursday, the Maharashtra Naniroman Sena (MNS) chief said he and his cousin have come together not for their existence but for that of "Marathi manooos" in the state.

The Thackeray cousins were interviewed by Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha member and Saamana's Executive Editor Sanjay Raut and noted director Mahesh Manjrekar. Last month, the cousins announced the alliance of their parties for the January 15 Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections.

In the Saamana interview,



Raj Thackeray said those from outside the state are not just coming for livelihood, but they are forming their own constituencies. "It is an old wound...efforts are on to realise the dream of separating Mumbai from Maharashtra," he claimed. Today, the atmosphere is similar to what it was during the Samyukta Maharashtra movement when Gujarat wanted Mumbai to be its part, he said. "Those who want to separate Mumbai from Maharashtra are in power in the Centre as well as the state," Raj Thackeray said, targeting the BJP. "Marathi manooos will not be able to do anything if they (BJP) control the municipal corporations," he claimed.

# Khammam collector outlines welfare roadmap for persons with disabilities

KHAMMAM – District Collector Anudeep Durishetty has announced a robust action plan dedicated to the upliftment and welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the district. Speaking at the International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrations held at the Collectorate on Thursday, January 8, 2026, the Collector detailed several initiatives aimed at transparency and inclusivity. The celebrations, which were delayed by a month due to the recent Gram Panchayat elections, served as a platform for the administration to reaffirm its commitment to disability rights. Key Welfare Initiatives Employment & Backlog Posts: Drawing on his successful record in Hyderabad, the Collector assured that backlog vacancies in Khammam would be filled through a transparent and stringent process. Additionally, a 5% quota will be strictly implemented for new Meeseva centers. Housing & Livelihood: PwDs



will receive a 5% reservation in the Indiramma Housing Scheme. Municipal authorities have also been directed to prioritize the community for street vending opportunities. SADAREM & Healthcare: To ensure fairness, the Collector stated he would personally conduct random checks on the issuance of SADAREM disability certificates to maintain transparency. Education: Responding to grievances raised during Prajavani, a new special school for visually impaired children will be inaugurated in Khammam shortly. Cultural and Community

Support The administration is fast-tracking the land allotment for the Disabled Self-Respect Building (Atma Gaurava Bhavanam). During the event, Collector Durishetty also distributed marriage incentive awards and prizes to winners of district-level sports competitions. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony attended by District Welfare Officer Vijetha, Deputy DM&HO Dr. Venu Madhav, and various disability rights advocates who praised the ongoing "Every Child Reads" initiative for its positive impact on inclusive education.



# EDITORIAL

## Why 10-Minute Delivery Model Is Under Pressure In India

India's booming quick-commerce industry is on notice. In a New Year's Eve flash strike, more than 200,000 riders refused to ferry food, grocery and other orders nationwide. While gig workers' demands for fair pay, safety, and dignity can be addressed to some extent by the platforms that use their services, the union leading the protest also wants a more fundamental change: an end to 10-minute deliveries. That would be a showstopper.

Like everywhere else, the Indian consumer's fascination for everything to arrive in under half an hour began during the pandemic lockdowns — with daily essentials. But while the likes of Fridge No More, Buyk, Jokr, and Getir died or faded away in the US once shopping habits normalized, the Indian industry just kept getting bigger by shortening delivery times and adding more items — from pillows to prescription drugs — to the list of things available for instant gratification. Apps like Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart, and Zepto have liberally poured money into so-called dark stores, strategically located warehouses dedicated to fulfilling online orders. Traditional retailers, led by tycoon Mukesh Ambani, and e-commerce heavyweights like Amazon.com Inc. and Walmart Inc.'s Flipkart, were late to the party. But now they're also investing feverishly. Real-estate broker Savills Plc expects a threefold growth in dark stores by 2030 — to 7,500 from 2,500 — as the craze for everything arriving in 10 minutes spills over into smaller Indian cities. The strike has sparked a debate about the cost of this addiction. Apps claim that they don't put drivers on the clock. But delays do show up as bad ratings, angry calls by supervisors and monetary penalties, forcing riders to engage in risky behavior on narrow, congested, potholed roads that are already notorious for a death every third minute. In the capital New Delhi, being out on the streets means constant exposure to hazardous air.

Even before the recent disruption, investors were getting rattled by calls for better social security for gig workers under India's new labor codes. Since mid-October, shares of Swiggy Ltd. and Eternal Ltd., which owns food-delivery service Zomato and quick-commerce app Blinkit, have fallen around 20%, even though the benchmark Nifty 50 Index has been broadly stable.

The flash strike has complicated matters. If regulatory diktats nudge consumers to be a little more patient — or force labor to be a little less desperate — the business model breaks down before it turns profitable. The new czars of quick commerce are trying to prevent such an outcome. In a flurry of posts on X, Eternal's Chief Executive Officer Deepinder Goyal blamed a “small number of miscreants” for obstructing non-striking agents. With order volumes hitting an all-time high of 7.5 million on December 31, the strike had failed to affect operations, he said. But even while dismissing the strike, Goyal has gone to great lengths to address the rising social concerns. The 10-minute mandate, he says, isn't leading to unsafe driving — Blinkit riders cover an average distance of 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) at a speed of 16 kilometers per hour. The company pays the premiums for drivers' insurance. Finally, the average worker earns 102 rupees (\$1.13) every hour they're logged in. (Tips are extra, but meager.) For someone working 10 hours, 26 days a month, that translates into 21,000 rupees monthly, net of fuel and vehicle maintenance. “Now tell me, is this unfair? Especially for an unskilled job, which is largely part time, and has zero barriers to entry?” he asked on X. Well, the problem with the model is revealed by Goyal's own data. Very few people are actually putting in the effort needed to earn the 21,000 rupees a month in his hypothetical example. In a year, the average Zomato delivery worker put in 38 days, seven hours per working day. Only 2.3% worked more than 250 days. If gig work is a decent halfway house between abject urban poverty and a formal sector that has few jobs to offer, surely more people will try to maximize their earnings from the platform?

# Edit

## The \$700-Billion-Big China Problem Behind Trump's Venezuela Blitz

If you go by the headlines, you would think the removal of Venezuela's president, Nicolas Maduro, and his transfer to the United States were carried out to protect America's national security. We were told he was involved in narco-terrorism and drug trafficking that was poisoning and ruining American lives. This, we were assured, was law enforcement that required the use of force. Then, in typical Donald Trump fashion, the curtain slipped. He admitted - some might say - boasted, with refreshing bluntness that it was really about oil. Vast oil reserves that Venezuela is blessed with. What he did not say was that it may also be about rare minerals, present in abundance in Venezuela and desperately needed by the US. And what he did not explicitly say was that it was about dismantling China's presence in Latin America. He left that to his Secretary of State. Scratch the surface, and you don't need to be Einstein to see the larger picture. Venezuela was never just Venezuela. It was one more battlefield in the long, grinding US-China standoff, with energy sitting right at the centre. The November temporary truce between the two parties has done little to allay doubts and suspicions against each other.

**Rubio's Revelation**  
A couple of days after the lightning strike in Caracas, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio dropped the pretence altogether. "This is the Western Hemisphere. This is where we live," he said, before making it clear that Washington would not tolerate rivals using it as a base of operations. You get the drift, don't you? It's about China. And to a much lesser degree, about Iran. And just in case anyone missed the point, Rubio spelt out the provocation. You cannot, he said, allow the world's largest energy reserves to sit in the hands of America's adversaries. Period. For two decades now, China has been doing what it does in many countries. Patiently and quietly, writing cheques, building roads, power plants and ports and locking in long-term energy supplies. Venezuela fitted the model perfectly. Beijing invested more than \$100



billion in infrastructure and energy projects and cultivated political goodwill. China became the destination for nearly 80% of Venezuelan oil exports. These are official Chinese figures for 2024. Only hours before he was abducted, Maduro was calling President Xi Jinping an "elder brother" and a global leader, while Chinese state media busily showcased the depth of bilateral ties. Those images were soon overshadowed by pictures of Maduro blindfolded, handcuffed and photographed aboard a US warship.

**Should Maduro's Ouster Worry China?**  
But if anyone still believes this was merely about removing a "hostile" leader, they are being wilfully naive. This was about dismantling a strategic pillar of Chinese influence in Latin America. The damage to China's interests in Venezuela is immediate and measurable. The flow of Venezuelan oil exports to China is in jeopardy. Chinese firms, such as the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and Sinopec, were among the largest investors and operators in the country. Beijing's exposure includes more than \$100 billion in finance and project commitments since 2000, and around \$10 billion in outstanding loans. They are assets now vulnerable to freezes, nationalisation, renegotiation or

quiet disappearance under a new political dispensation. We do not know whether the raid disrupted physical oil flows to China. What's important is that it injected political poison into every existing deal and every future calculation. Chinese banks and companies will now have to factor in US pressure as a permanent risk, while regional partners will think twice before deepening ties that could turn into geopolitical liabilities overnight. And mind you, Venezuela is only part of the story. China has painstakingly assembled a formidable economic footprint across Latin America. Trade between China and the region crossed \$518 billion in 2024, making Beijing the largest trading partner for much of South America. Conservative estimates also place China's investment stock in Latin America at well over \$100 billion, spread across energy, mining, logistics, ports and telecoms, with an additional \$150 billion or more extended through loans and development finance. These figures are drawn from long-term tracking by the China-Latin America Finance Database, run by the Inter-American Dialogue and Boston University and academic monitors, (such as the Red ALC-China and Dussel Peters Monitor), which have documented Beijing's deep and sustained capital exposure across the region. That scale is suf-

ficient to generate economic leverage, and more than enough to trigger strategic anxiety in Washington.

**Growing American Anxiety**  
That anxiety has been visible for some time. But the Panama Canal episode brought it into sharp focus. In 2025, US officials openly urged Panama to review or cancel Chinese-linked port agreements near the canal, citing security concerns. Beijing responded by questioning the scrutiny of Hong Kong-based CK Hutchison's assets and demanding explanations. Some terminals came under new management, others under political review. What had once been commercial contracts were suddenly recast as national security threats. The US seemed to tell China that in strategic locations, its investment is no longer treated as business. It is treated as provocation. Once Caracas was out of the way, President Trump and his senior officials began naming other countries in the region, sometimes casually, sometimes threateningly. Colombia was one of the first to feel the heat. President Trump publicly warned his left-wing president, Gustavo Petro, accusing him of allowing drug cartels to "flourish" and hinting darkly that Washington would not tolerate Colombia becoming a problem state.

## Madhav Gadgil: The 'Durable Optimist' Who Believed Science, Too, Has Obligations

The last time I spoke to Madhav Gadgil was not in a forest or a committee room, where we usually met for interviews, but on the phone, amid the eruption of public protests in Kerala against the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) report he had chaired in 2011. He spoke softly, almost diffidently, about what he had learnt from the field. I, less restrained, ranted about the misinformation being spread by vested interests among villages in the high ranges of Idukki. It did not take long for us to realise we were circling the same truth from different directions, that India's environmental crises cannot be understood from the lens of ecology, not through history alone, but only by patiently weaving together an understanding of 'nature-people-equity' for the future. That synthesis was, in many ways, the story of Madhav Gadgil's life. What Brought Gadgil Back To India Born in Pune, educated in Bombay (now Mumbai) and then at Harvard, where he studied biology under EO Wilson, Gadgil could easily have built a distinguished academic career in the United States. Instead, in the early 1970s, he and his wife, atmospheric scientist Sulochana Gadgil, returned to India, determined to build knowledge where it mattered most. It was a choice rooted not in nationalism, but in conscience. At the Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bengaluru, then under the leadership of Satish Dhawan, the Gadgils found



a home. Sulochana helped establish the Centre for Atmospheric Sciences and reshaped India's understanding of the monsoon. Madhav Gadgil founded the Centre for Ecological Sciences, which went on to train generations of ecologists. Much of India's environmental scholarship today carries his intellectual DNA, often unacknowledged. The Man Who Saw Forests - And People Madhav Gadgil began, as many ecologists do, with animals and equations. But the forests he studied were never empty spaces. They were inhabited landscapes, dense with human histories and everyday struggles. In and around national parks, he encountered repeated conflicts between forest departments, conservationists, Adivasis, peasants and pastoralists. What disturbed him was not only ecological damage but the systematic bias of state policy where forests are managed for timber and revenue, not for livelihoods, justice or long-term sustainability. This moral clarity owed much to his father, economist DR

Gadgil, an admirer of Ambedkar and a civil liberties advocate. From him, Madhav inherited a deep distrust of unchecked authority and a lifelong concern with inequality. Science, for Gadgil, was never neutral. It had obligations. Gadgil was not a performative public intellectual. But when he spoke on issues he had studied, from forest rights, bureaucratic arrogance, to the contractor-politician-official nexus, he could be devastatingly direct. His authority came not from volume, but from knowledge painstakingly earned, often from peasants, pastoralists and forest-dwellers themselves. He listened first, theorised later. The Explosive Western Ghats Report This ethic found its fullest public expression in the WGEEP report of 2011. Written in a tone that was both rigorous and democratic, the report mapped fragile forests and steep slopes, warned against mining and reckless infrastructure, and argued for decentralised, participatory decision-making through panchay-

ats and local communities. It was prescient without being alarmist, radical only in its fidelity to evidence. The backlash was swift and vicious. Vested interests mobilised fear and misinformation, successor committees steadily diluted the report's recommendations. Yet, the report resonated with large sections of the public, who recognised its basic common sense. Had its recommendations been taken seriously, the devastating floods and landslides that have since ravaged Kerala, Karnataka and Goa, and most recently claimed hundreds of lives in Wayanad, might well have been mitigated. The Western Ghats panel was no aberration. From the Save Silent Valley movement in the late 1970s to interventions in Bastar in the 1980s, from efforts to reform the Botanical and Zoological Surveys of India to shaping debates on forest governance, Gadgil consistently bridged science and public policy. He helped place people, not just species, at the centre of conservation. People's Scientist Recognition for this kind of science came late, and often from outside India. Over the years, Gadgil received the Volvo Environment Prize, the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, and India's Padma Bhushan. In 2024, the United Nations Environment Programme named him a Champion of the Earth, describing him as a "people's scientist" who fused ecological rigour with democratic rights.

## Indore, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru: Why Your 'Clean' City Doesn't Have Clean Water

Indore, Gandhinagar and Bengaluru often feature at the top of India's urban success stories. Indore has been repeatedly crowned the 'cleanest' city under the Swachh Survekshan rankings. The twin cities of Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad are projected as planned, green and well-governed urban centres, with Gandhinagar set to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030. At the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 awards in July 2025, Ahmedabad was declared India's cleanest 'big city' (million-plus population category), while Gandhinagar topped the 'Super Swachh League' (3-10 lakh population). Bengaluru, despite its chronic challenges, continues to be branded India's technology hub and boasts one of the highest municipal revenues in the country. Yet beneath these impressive labels lies a disturbing and deadly reality: contaminated drinking water caused by the mixing of water supply and sewage pipelines. Cracks develop, sewer lines overflow, and contamination becomes inevitable. These incidents now occur even outside the monsoon season. That severe water contamination continues to recur with increasing frequency in major Indian cities is nothing short of deplorable. The recent loss of lives in Indore, the outbreak of typhoid in Gandhinagar, and widespread illness linked to water contamination in Bengaluru expose a deep systemic failure-one that forces us to question what 'clean' and 'well-managed' truly mean in India's urban governance vocabulary. So-called 'Clean' Cities On Tuesday (January 6), the Madhya Pradesh government confirmed at least



eight deaths before the High Court. According to reports, 310 patients from Indore's Bhagirathpura area have been admitted to hospitals since December 24. In Gandhinagar, a sudden surge in typhoid cases has been reported across several localities. Health authorities confirmed 85 active cases, with a total of 144 cases registered as of January 7. Anticipating an influx of young patients, Gandhinagar Civil Hospital opened a 30-bed paediatric ward to treat children suffering from high fever, vomiting and gastrointestinal symptoms. Contaminated water has been identified as the primary cause. In Bengaluru, households in KSFC Layout, Lingarajapuram, have been forced to arrange private water supplies for over a week due to contaminated tap water. Residents reported gastrointestinal issues, vomiting and diarrhoea for months, but the scale of contamination became evident only recently. At its core, access to safe drinking water is neither a luxury nor an aspirational goal; it is a constitutional and moral obligation of the state.

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, includes the right to clean water as intrinsic to the right to life. When people fall seriously ill or die because sewage enters drinking water pipelines, it is not an accident - it is a failure of governance, planning, maintenance and accountability. The tragedy in Indore is particularly stark given the city's reputation. Its cleanliness rankings focus largely on solid waste management, visible sanitation and behavioural campaigns such as segregation and public toilets. Water infrastructure, by contrast, remains largely invisible - buried underground and ignored until it fails catastrophically. Gandhinagar's typhoid outbreak reveals a similar contradiction. Officials have admitted that the problem did not stem from ageing pipelines but from newly laid ones placed dangerously close to existing sewer lines. When high-pressure water began flowing, weak pipes developed leaks, allowing contamination. This represents gross dereliction of public duty and

safety, and those responsible must be held accountable. Planned cities are often assumed to be safer, but planning without sustained maintenance is meaningless. Preventive and breakdown maintenance are well-established concepts in urban management. Yet preventive maintenance, in practice, remains confined to paper. Bengaluru's experience highlights another dimension: fragmented governance. Multiple agencies manage water supply, sewage, stormwater drains and roadworks. When one agency damages pipelines during excavation, another is tasked with repairs, while a third monitors water quality - often resulting in no one being held responsible. During monsoons, overflowing drains and flooded streets further exacerbate contamination risks. For a city that projects itself as a global technology hub, residents routinely boil water or rely on expensive private tankers - an irony bordering on the absurd. Why this is alarming Around 70% of India's surface water is unfit for consumption.



## V.B.G. Ramji Act to be fought in courts and on streets: DCM D.K. Shivakumar

Bengaluru : DCM D.K. Shivakumar said, “The Congress party will fight against the central government’s VB.G. Ramji Act in courts and on streets to create awareness among the people. He was responding to the media ahead of a meeting of party ministers, MPs, MLAs and leaders organized at Hotel Lalit Ashoka on Thursday to discuss the party’s struggle against the central government’s VB.G. Ramji Act in the coming days.

“This new law of the central government is difficult to implement. The power to select the work in the MNREGA project was with the panchayats. Now the decision is taken from Delhi. No state can afford 40 percent of the grant. The central government should have sought

Prahlad Joshi does not know the history of National Herald newspaper



the opinion of the states before taking a decision on this issue. This decision was taken without seeking the opinion of the states. We will go to the court against this. We will also take to the streets and fight. We will hold meet-

ings in every panchayat. We will create awareness among the people in every taluk and district headquarters,” he said. “This is an issue of employment rights. The right to livelihood cannot be curtailed. No panchayat in the entire

country can digest this. A resolution should be taken against this law in all panchayats,” he said.

Prahlad Joshi does not know the history of the National Herald newspaper. When asked about Union Minister Prahlad Joshi’s statement that it was wrong to advertise in the National Herald newspaper, he said, “Prahlad Joshi does not know the history of the National Herald newspaper. This newspaper was started during the country’s freedom struggle. It is a part of the country’s history. Neither Prahlad Joshi nor his party has ever believed in the democratic system. He and his party have not fought for the country’s freedom. Therefore, they are unaware. It was the Congress party that fought for the freedom of this country.”

## Bengaluru South City Corporation seeks Rs.1,675 crore grant for urban reforms

BENGALURU – Commissioner K. N. Ramesh has officially requested a special grant of Rs.1,675 crore from the Fifth State Finance Commission to address critical infrastructure gaps and administrative needs. The request was presented during a financial review led by the Commission’s Chairman, Dr. C. Narayanaswamy.

The Commission highlighted that the government will prioritize drinking water supply, solid waste management, and ward-level monitoring.

Dr. Narayanaswamy noted that since the corporation serves a population exceeding 10 lakh, it remains eligible for the Central Government’s “Million Plus” scheme grants.

Key infrastructure and development demands The Commissioner outlined a comprehensive roadmap



for the corporation’s growth, identifying several urgent funding areas:

**Healthcare:** Construction of a 100-bed multi-specialty hospital and the strengthening of PHCs and maternity hospitals in every Assembly constituency.

**Roads:** Asphaltting 430 km of unpaved roads and building footpaths in newly integrated areas.

**Environment:** onservation of 59 lakes,

including fencing and security, and the development of 303 parks.

**Waste Management:** Procurement of auto-tippers and compactors, and the establishment of “Kasa Kiosks” and bio-methane gas plants.

**Administrative and social requirements** The proposed Rs.1,675 crore grant also covers essential operational costs, including: Staffing: Addressing the

shortage of manpower to serve the 4.5 lakh families in the jurisdiction. Public Services: Maintenance of Indira Canteens, street-lights, and the construction of new ward offices.

**Safety:** Procurement of modern disaster management equipment.

**Commission’s recommendations** Following a field inspection of the Koramangala Ward Office and the “Kasa Rasa” waste processing center, the Commission advised the corporation to bolster its own revenue through:

**Advertisement Fees & Trade Licenses:** Enhancing internal collection mechanisms.

**Solar Energy:** Utilizing CSR funds to install solar rooftops on public buildings.

**Local Maintenance:** Appointing Gangmen and Work Inspectors to handle minor civil works at the

## BDA Recovers property at Arkavathy Layout

Bangalore : Bengaluru Development Authority recovered its encroached property at Arkavathy Layout in an operation conducted on Thursday.

Unauthorized sheds on which had come up in Sy. No. 28/1 & 28/2 of Thanisandra Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk was demolished and an extent of 2

acres of land is recovered. The recovered property is estimated about Rs. 80 crores. The demolition operation was carried out by the Superintendent of Police, BDA Taskforce, Engineer Officer-3, Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer, BDA along with the local police siad in its statement.



## Complete K.R. Market Basement Parking Works at the Earliest: Daljit Kumar

IMPROVEMENT IN CLEANLINESS AT K.R. MARKET DUE TO INTENSIVE CLEANING DRIVES



Bengaluru: The Additional Commissioner (Development) of Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Daljit Kumar, visited K.R. Market in the city and inspected the parking works being carried out in the

basement of the market building. He said that, K.R. Market is a historic and heritage building that attracts thousands of customers every day. As there is no proper parking facility in the surrounding areas, the basement parking facility being developed at K.R. Market will be convenient for the public and will also ensure the safety of vehicles. Further, he stated that the parking project is in its final stage and instructed the engineers and contractors to complete the remaining works at the earliest.

## State Police Who Stripped a Woman Like Dushyasana, Hand Over the Case to Judicial Inquiry, Suspend the Police: Opposition Leader R. Ashok Demands

Bengaluru : The incident in Hubballi where police stripped a woman has made the entire state hang its head in shame. Through this, the police themselves have become like Dushyasana. Opposition leader R. Ashok demanded that this case be handed over to a judicial inquiry.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that in the Congress government, there is no guarantee for women to live. Previously, during the session in Belagavi, a Dalit woman was stripped and assaulted. Recently, a girl was raped in Mysuru. Now in Hubballi, the police themselves have stripped and assaulted a woman. In the Mahabharata, Dhritarashtra was blind, and Gandhari had blindfolded herself. Similarly, here CM Siddaramaiah is blind, and DCM D.K. Shivakumar has blindfolded himself. The police have stripped her like Dushyasana. This is a mirror to the law and order situation, he said. CM Siddaramaiah has given a judgment like a judge saying that she removed her clothes herself. When a shooting incident happened in Ballari, the CM said the investigation is in progress. Later, he said it was fired from a Congress worker’s gun. In this case, before giving a statement that she removed her clothes herself, the investigation report should have come. If the Chief Minister gives a judgment before the report comes, the police have to write the report accordingly. There is a conspiracy to cover up this case, he said.

It is not possible for a woman to



remove her clothes when there are 20 police in the van. The local Congress corporator obstructed the revision of the voters’ list. The police took action listening to the corporator. They did not show this much enthusiasm to arrest Bangladeshis or the robbers who stole Rs 7 crore from the bank. In the Congress period, 43,053 cases of atrocities against women have been registered. Even during the entire tenure of former Chief Minister Devaraj Urs, so many cases did not occur. Yet Siddaramaiah compares himself, he said.

The Women’s Commission has already condemned it. I have written letters to the Human Rights Commission and the Women’s Commission. The police have also registered a case against the victim-

ized woman. The inspector and all police involved in this act should be suspended by 10 AM on January 9. I will go to Hubballi and protest. Otherwise, we will call this the Dushyasana government, he said.

The Women’s Commission members have spoken in favor of the opponents. They have given a clean chit without the investigation report coming yet. The police went to raid the house like arresting terrorists. They have not engaged in anti-national activities. The police did this work listening to the Congress corporator. Only the Home Minister and the Chief Minister can hold meetings with police officials. The Deputy Chief Minister does not have such authority. This is unconstitutional, he said.

## Cabinet decides to take legal action against "VBG, Ramji" scheme

Bengaluru: Tourism, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said that, The Cabinet discussed the withdrawal of the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by the Central Government and decided to take legal action against the "VBG, Ramji" scheme that has been brought in its place.

Speaking at a press conference after the Cabinet meeting, he said that it has been decided to take the "VBG, Ramji" scheme to the people’s court and that decentralization has taken place in the country after the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution. He said that this scheme has dealt a blow to decentralization.

The work of taking away the right to employment of the people of the rural areas was done by withdrawing MNREGA. Property was being built in the panchayats through MNREGA. Now, with the introduction of a dark law, the workers have to work on the national highway works that are being done by the contractors. The central government has not shown any interest in protecting the interests of the workers. Instead, it has taken away their right to employment. The panchayats had the power to decide what work should be done in the villages. Now, it has taken it away completely and the central government is giving directions as to where the work should be done. The Karnataka government is strongly opposed to this dark legislation. It said that it will fight politically, legally and in the people’s court.

Although it is said to provide 125 days of work, it cannot be done specifically. There is money for this. The state government has to bear 40 percent of the grant. If there is a huge financial burden, discussions should be held with the states concerned. But that has not happened. He said that this has been newly added after the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission were implemented.

Panchayat elections soon It has been decided to hold the panchayat elections as soon as possible. Several panchayats have requested the state government to go to the Supreme Court. He said that a decision will be taken in this regard in a couple of days.

## Engineering the Future: Global Leaders Unite at GITAM for ICTIEE 2026

Bengaluru : GITAM (Deemed to be University) a premier institution driving innovation through multidisciplinary education and impactful research, hosted the 13th International Conference on Transformations in Engineering Education (ICTIEE 2026) at its Bengaluru campus, marking high-impact dialogue and global collaboration.

Hosted in partnership with The Indo Universal Collaboration For Engineering Education (IUCEE Foundation), the flagship event based on the theme- “Transforming Teaching and Learning Ecosystems in the AI-Driven World”, brought educators and industry leaders together to innovative pedagogical practices and research aimed at improving the quality and effectiveness of engineering and higher education worldwide.

Dr Vidyashankar, Vice Chancellor Visvesvaraya Technological University, emphasized that transfor-



mation in engineering education is no longer a choice; it is a necessity. He also highlighted the fact by sharing global best practices, how institutions are collectively ensuring that Indian engineering graduates remain leaders on the world stage.

Echoing the same thoughts, Dr. Ashok S. Shettar, Pro Chancellor, KLE Technological University, highlighted the fact that the classrooms must be a lab for ingenuity, not just a hall for information. He also emphasised the importance of multidisciplinary collaborations that will produce the adaptable leaders the AI-driven

world demands.

Commenting on the conference, Prof. Basavaraj Gundappa K, Pro Vice Chancellor GITAM University, Bengaluru & conference General Chair Said, “Our goal wasn’t just to talk about AI, but to figure out how we keep the student at the heart of the learning process. I believe the roadmaps developed here at ICTIEE 2026 will serve as the foundation for a more creative, resilient, and human-centric approach to engineering education.” The keynote sessions at ICTIEE 2026 pushed the boundaries of traditional academia, sparking a series of provocative conversations.

Experts led deep dives into the ‘AI Faculty Lounge,’ exploring the shifting dynamics of classrooms where bots act as co-teachers, while other sessions championed a move ‘From Passive to Play’ through gamified engineering curriculum. Throughout the conference, a singular message emerged: education must be treated as a living system. Speakers emphasised to view AI not as a replacement for the educator, but as a powerful catalyst to reignite student motivation and engagement in a rapidly evolving era.

“Our students aren’t waiting for the future—they’re building it. This year’s forum proved that when you combine a young person’s empathy with AI’s speed, magic happens. We’re teaching them to be more than just engineers; we’re teaching them to be visionaries who anticipate challenges before they even arrive.” said Krishna Vedula, IUCEE Foundation.

## Power Supply Disconnected to 66 Advertisement Hoardings within the North City Corporation Limits

Bengaluru: Acting on the directions of the Commissioner of Bengaluru North City Corporation, Pommala Sunil Kumar, a total of 82 unauthorized LED advertisement hoardings were identified within Zones 1 and 2 of the Bengaluru North City Corporation. Out of these, power supply has been disconnected to 66 hoardings. This action was carried out by a team of subdivision officers under the leadership of the Zonal Joint Commissioners. Strict instructions have been issued not to install such unauthorized LED advertisement hoardings in the future, and the said action has been taken in the interest of ensuring smooth and safe movement of the public.



## KREDL presents Rs.77.17 cr dividend



BENGALURU – Energy Minister K.J. George presented a dividend cheque of Rs.77,17,50,000 to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah today, marking a successful financial year for the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL).

The dividend represents 30% of the net profit earned by KREDL, which reached Rs.257.25 crore for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The presentation took place at the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) office in the presence of senior state officials.

**Key Contributions and Highlights:** CM’s Relief Fund: In addition to the dividend, KREDL contributed Rs.5 crore to the Chief Minister’s Relief

Fund to support state welfare initiatives.

**Financial Growth:** The company’s performance underscores its growing role as the state’s nodal agency for renewable energy, showing a significant upward trajectory in its annual net profits. **Leadership Presence:** The event was attended by KREDL Chairman and MLA T.D. Raju Gowda, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Gaurav Gupta, and KREDL Managing Director K.P. Rudrapaiah.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah commended the corporation for its profitable operations and its continued commitment to advancing Karnataka’s



# Dravidian model looks the technology as a tool for social upliftment: CM Stalin



**C H E N N A I :** Emphasising that technology must serve society, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday said that the Dravidian model of governance has looked at technology as a tool for the upliftment of the society. He recalled that late Chief Minister Karunanidhi had introduced computer education at the school level and inaugurated the TIDEL Park, laying a strong foundation for the State's technology-driven growth.

Inaugurating a two day symposium - 'Imagine TN' on Information Technology, the Chief Minister said the Dravidian model of governance did not view technology merely as an instrument, but as a tool for the social upliftment of people. Highlighting the role of Chennai, the Chief Minister said the city had emerged as a global capability centre for next-generation industries, including advanced research and

development, fintech, automotive software, and engineering design. Emphasising balanced and inclusive growth, Stalin said the government was ensuring that technological development was not confined to a single city but spread across the State. Citing Union Ministry data, he said that 32 out of the State's 38 districts were now engaged in software exports, reflecting the widespread reach of the sector. He further said Tamil Nadu was among

the few regions globally to have effectively integrated traditional industries along with emerging sectors. Hailing the State's human resources, the Chief Minister said the government was providing students with the latest laptops equipped with artificial intelligence capabilities. "This is not an expense but an investment in the future. Technology must be accessible to all," he said. Stating that the State's targets were clear, Stalin said Tamil Nadu aimed to remain at the forefront even as new technologies. He stressed that growth should be inclusive, ensuring that no one was left behind. "Knowledge and technology must be equally available to everyone. The Dravidian model government is building that future for the younger generation," he added.

# CM Stalin: Amit Shah lowered HM post's stature by claiming Hindus' rights snatched in TN

**DINDIGUL:** Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday said Union Home Minister Amit Shah's accusation that the rights of Hindus are being snatched away in Tamil Nadu is completely false and unbecoming of his position.

Addressing a government function here, the chief minister said his dispensation respects the beliefs of people belonging to all religions and protects their religious rights. "In a state such as ours, the Home Minister's accusation that the rights of Hindus are being snatched away is completely false and unbecoming of his position. To tell the truth, it is the mindset of those who wish to create riots and division that has not succeeded in Tamil Nadu," he said. Such a thing will never happen in the future either, and "we will not allow it to happen." "As long as this Stalin is here, it will absolutely not happen," the ruling DMK president asserted. At a public meeting in Pudukottai



on Sunday, Shah had accused the DMK of consistently disrespecting Hinduism and the sentiments of Hindus in the state. The BJP veteran also slammed the Stalin government over "atrocities" on Hindus. He alleged Hindu forms of worship were being "insulted," and claimed that during the Ayodhya Ram Temple bhoomi puja, an "unannounced curfew was imposed" in the state. "Their senior leaders call Sanatan Dharma

dengue, malaria. Hindu processions and visarjan (immersion of idols of Hindu deities) have been stayed. I want to tell Stalin: you have broken the constitutional ethos by committing atrocities against Hindus," he had then said. In a state such as ours, the Home Minister's accusation that the rights of Hindus are being snatched away is completely false and unbecoming of his position - MK Stalin, Chief Minister.

## Tyagaraja's favourite ragas adds grandeur to aradhana

**TIRUCHY:** The musicians across the country on Wednesday paid homage to Saint Tyagaraja, one of the trinities of Carnatic music, at Tiruvaiyaru by rendering the Pancharatna Kritis, the five gems of Tyagaraja's compositions, as an ensemble in a form of musical tribute. The 179th Aradhana festival commenced on January 3, which was presided over by the Madras High Court Judge R Suresh Kumar. Subsequently, the music



events were held every day from 9 am to 10 pm. The main function of the "Aradhana" festival was held on the death anniversary on Wednesday. The event commenced with the "Unchavriti" Bhajan from Tirumanjana Veedhi, where the saint composer lived.

## EC's spl camp route helps garner over 13L revision forms

**CHENNAI:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) in the State has received over 13.38 lakh filled-out forms, issued for name inclusion, change of address or deletion of duplicate entries, as part of the drive to complete the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), after erasing 97 lakh voters from the draft rolls, published recently. Over 9.89 lakh forms for name inclusion alone have been received to date. Even as the poll panel is yet

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under the three categories. A whopping 82% of the filled-out electoral forms prescribed for name inclusion and deletion in the voter list have been successfully received, thanks to special camps conducted over four days, ever since the claims and objections period began on December 19, the EC said. The poll panel received an overwhelming response for the special weekend camps conducted on December 27 and 28, and January 3 and 4.

The reception was better in districts such as Coimbatore, Madurai, Cuddalore, and Chengalpattu, though the capital city, Chennai, lagged. "The weekend camps have been very helpful for the public, especially in urbanised districts. A total of 13.38 lakh forms, including 9.89 lakh forms for name inclusion, have been received through these camps. We expect this number to reach 15 lakh by the last date for claims and objections on January 18," ECI officials said.

# Should you go foldable?

**CHENNAI:** Foldable smartphones were touted as the next big thing in the smartphone industry and yet recent consumer interest across the globe except markets like China has been lukewarm at best. While there are not too many verified data points, numbers from most research firms like IDC and TrendForce suggest that global foldable shipments grew YOY by just 3% in 2024. Many industry observers believe Apple's imminent foldable iPhone launch could shake things up, yet there's no firm launch date yet, with rumours suggesting it might get pushed to Q3 2027. In our opinion, it's the book-type foldable that appeals to premium customers in this segment. We've seen key launches from Samsung and Google in this segment over the last few months. Think of a book-type foldable as a smartphone that can double up as a mini tablet (like an iPad mini) once it flips open. The larger (primary) screen enhances productivity applications (from email to scanning spreadsheets) and also offers multitasking options. Gaming and flipping through eBooks are also a lot more fun on a foldable. Recent launches have addressed three key pain points in the segment. Durability was a deal breaker in the past, but rugged exteriors and improved ingress protection have made a stronger case for premium foldables. Battery life and camera performance have also improved considerably over the last couple of years, creating a stronger value proposition. It's almost ironical that demand has become more tepid even as newer generations of foldables are making significant improvements over their predecessors. Price remains the biggest barrier in the segment. Retailers tell us that many premium Indian customers slant towards devices like the iPhone Pro series or Samsung Galaxy Ultra devices once they cross the Rs 1 lakh threshold. And yet book-type foldables are an attractive proposi-



tion if you're seeking a novel smartphone experience. We pick four premium foldable smartphones if you're ready to make the switch: Google Pixel 10 Pro Fold: the newest device to join the premium foldable party, the newest Pixel foldable scores on multiple fronts. It includes the latest version



zoom performance (Rs 1,72,999) Samsung Galaxy Z Fold7: probably the foldable smartphone to beat right now. The Z Fold7 is Samsung's most improved Z Fold. The device scores with its ultra-slim form factor (it weighs about 10% less than its predecessor despite packing the same battery and a larger 8-inch

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of Gemini backed by the Google Tensor G5 chipset that gives it's AI creds a serious boost. This elegantly designed foldable features Google's immersive 8.0-inch Super Actua Flex display that hits a peak brightness of 3,000 nits. The rear camera performance is sold with terrific

primary display). Samsung offers an evolved foldable experience with proprietary solutions like DeX that allow you to extend your screen by hooking up wirelessly with a smart display for a desktop-type experience (Rs 174,999 onwards) OnePlus Open: It's been two years

since OnePlus launched its only foldable smartphone, and yet this device still makes it to our list for its all-around appeal. You might be able to score this device under a lakh on many online platforms. The 16GB RAM and 512GB internal storage ensure this device is still a performance beast. The Open's biggest design win is that it feels just like a conventional smartphone in your hand. It combines two immersive displays, while the rear cam snaps terrific portraits thanks to Hasselblad optics. (Rs 99,999 onwards) Vivo X Fold5: At under 220 gm, this is one of the lightest foldable smartphones you can buy right now. The X Fold5 combines a 6.53-inch cover display with a gorgeous 8.03-inch that peaks at 4500 nits. These screens are backed by a massive 6000 mAh battery despite its slim form. Vivo has leveraged its partnership with Zeiss to deliver a terrific camera experience - the triple rear cam also includes a 3x telephoto cam (Rs 1,49,999)

## New AI model can predict blood loss in liposuction

**NEW DELHI:** A newly developed artificial intelligence (AI) model is highly accurate in predicting blood loss in patients undergoing high-volume cosmetic surgery procedures, such as liposuction, according to a study. While liposuction performed in more than 2.3 million patients per year to remove stubborn fat from the face, abdomen, thighs, arms, or neck is generally safe, excessive blood loss is a potentially serious complication, especially when higher volumes of fat are removed. The study reported in the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery journal called the development of an AI model to predict blood loss in liposuction a "groundbreaking advancement" with the potential to improve patient safety and surgical outcomes. "By leveraging the power of AI-driven predictive models, surgeons can tailor their interventions to each patient's unique needs, ensuring optimal outcomes and minimising the risk of complications such as excessive blood loss," said the international research team, including those from the Department of Public Health, Health Ministry of Ecuador, and Mayo Clinic in the US.

The team used machine learning technologies to analyse data from 721 patients undergoing large-volume liposuction, with a total volume of over 4,000 milliliters (four liters) of fat and fluid removed. All procedures were carried out at two clinics, one in Colombia and one in Ecuador, following identical liposuction protocols. Data from a random sample of 621 patients were used to develop a model for predicting estimated blood loss, incorporating a wide range of demographic, clinical, and surgical data. The researchers then tested their model's performance in predicting the volume of blood loss in the remaining 100 patients. With 94 per cent accuracy, the model was found to help make liposuction safer. "Such accuracy reinforces the model's potential as a decision-support tool in body contouring procedures, where anticipating intraoperative blood loss is crucial for patient safety and operative planning," the researchers said. "Surgeons can use the predicted blood loss estimates to make informed decisions about perioperative management, such as the need for blood transfusions, fluid management, and other critical care measures," they added.









# Donald Trump withdraws US from key climate treaty and dozens of other groups

US



President Donald Trump has withdrawn the US from dozens of international organisations, including many that work to combat climate change. Nearly half of the 66 affected bod-

ies are UN-related, including the Framework Convention on Climate Change - a treaty that underpins all international efforts to combat global warming. Groups working on development, gender equality and conflict - areas the Trump administration had repeatedly dismissed as advancing "globalist" or "woke" agendas - are also included. The White House said the decision was taken because those entities "no longer serve American interests" and promote "ineffective or hostile agendas". The memorandum was signed on Wednesday after a review into causes that the White House said were "a waste of taxpayer dollars". "These withdrawals will end American taxpayer funding and involvement in entities that advance globalist agendas

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over US priorities," it said in a statement. It added that many of the organisations promoted "radical climate policies, global governance and ideological programs that conflict with US sovereignty and economic strength". As well as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the US has also withdrawn from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - the world's leading authority on

climate science. Non-UN organisations affected include those focused on clean energy co-operation, democratic governance and international security, such as the International Solar Alliance, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum. Trump has already stripped many multilateral organisations he dislikes of funds and previously rejected the scientific consensus of man-made climate change as a "hoax". While the US constitution allows presidents to join treaties "provided two thirds of Senators present concur", it does not specify what happens if they were to withdraw, which means Trump's move could face legal challenges. These latest withdrawals come after the pres-

ident withdrew the US from the Paris Climate Agreement for a second time last year, and declined to send a delegation to the COP30 climate summit in Brazil. The US has also already withdrawn from the World Health Organization, the UN Human Rights Council and the UN's cultural agency, Unesco. European leaders have criticised this latest decision, warning it would weaken global co-operation. EU climate commissioner Wopke Hoekstra said the UNFCCC "underpins global climate action" and called the US retreat "regrettable and unfortunate", while the EU's clean transition vice-president Teresa Ribera said the administration showed little concern for the environment, health or human suffering. A member of a US-based non-profit advocacy group, the Union of Concerned Scientists, described the step as a "new low".

## Influential China church reports arrests as crackdown on Christians intensifies



An influential Protestant church in China says prominent leaders were arrested in what appears to be a growing crackdown on the underground church movement. Nine people were detained on Tuesday after police raided their homes and the church office in Chengdu, the Early Rain Covenant Church said. Five of them had been released by Wednesday. More than 1,000 miles away in Wenzhou, authorities began demolishing the Yayang Church building, as seen in video obtained by the non-profit ChinaAid, which monitors religious persecu-

tion. This latest wave of arrests, after others last year, shows the Communist Party's resolve to snuff out churches that do not align with its ideology, Christian groups say. The BBC has contacted China's embassy in the UK for comment. Authorities have not made any statements about the arrests, or the demolition in Wenzhou. China promotes atheism and controls religion. The government said in 2018 there are 44 million Christians in the country, but it's unclear if that number includes those who attend the many underground churches.

## Vance criticises Denmark and Europe's handling of 'critical' Greenland



US Vice-President JD Vance says Greenland is "critical" for the defence of the US and the world against possible Russian or Chinese missile attacks - and that Europe and Denmark have "not done a good job" in securing the area. Vance told Fox News that they had not only under-invested in Greenland's defences, but also failed to engage with President Donald Trump's argument over the issue. US officials are "actively" discussing a potential offer to buy Greenland - a semi-autonomous Danish territory - the White House said on Wednesday, a day after suggesting military action to annex it to the US was also an option. Denmark, a fellow Nato member, has warned this would spell the end of the alliance. Both Greenland and Denmark have repeatedly stressed the island is not for sale. Despite being the most sparsely populated territory, Greenland's location between North America and the Arctic makes it well placed for

early warning systems in the event of missile attacks, and for monitoring vessels in the region. Pituffik Space Base, formerly known as Thule Air Base, has been operated by the US since World War Two. In recent years, there has also been increased interest in Greenland's natural resources - including rare earth minerals, uranium and iron - which are becoming easier to access as its ice melts due to climate change. Scientists think it could also have significant oil and gas reserves. "People do not realise that the entire missile defence infrastructure is partially dependent on Greenland," Vance said in his interview on Wednesday. "If God forbid the Russians and the Chinese - not saying they're going to - but if, God forbid, somebody launched a nuclear missile into our continent, they launched a nuclear missile at Europe, Greenland is a critical part of that missile defence.

## 'We are not for sale': Greenlanders express fear and indignation as Trump eyes territory



"The people of Greenland do not want to become American," Mia Chemnitz tells the BBC. "We are not for sale." The 32-year-old business owner in the Greenlandic capital Nuuk reflects the sentiments of many who spoke to the BBC about how they felt about recent rhetoric from the Trump administration. The White House has said it was "actively" discussing an offer to buy the territory that has for centuries belonged to

Denmark. US President Donald Trump and his officials had earlier intimated a willingness to take it by force if necessary. This has been met with nervousness and opprobrium among Greenlanders - both on the world's largest island and elsewhere. This nervousness has only grown since the US took Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro from his residence in Caracas to New York on drug-trafficking and narco-terrorism charges in an unprecedented military move. "That's when it stopped feeling abstract," says Tupaarnaq Kopeck, 40, who moved to Canada - another place Trump has threatened to annex - for family and work.

## US IMMIGRATION AGENT FATALLY SHOOTS WOMAN IN MINNEAPOLIS

A US immigration agent has shot dead a 37-year-old woman in the city of Minneapolis, sparking protests overnight. Federal officials said the woman, Renee Nicole Good, had tried to run over immigration agents with her car but the city mayor said the agent who shot her had acted recklessly. Videos of the incident show ICE agents approaching a car which is in the middle of the street. As it attempts to drive off, one of them points his gun at the driver and at least two shots are heard. The FBI is investigating. Hundreds of ICE agents have been deployed to Minneapolis, in the state of Minnesota, as part of the White House's crackdown



on illegal immigration. Using an expletive, the city's Democratic Mayor Jacob Frey urged the agents to leave the city, following the fatal shooting. Minneapolis shooting live updates Videos posted to social media by onlookers appear to show the moment of the shooting, which occurred around 10:25 local

time on Wednesday morning. From various vantage points, a maroon SUV can be seen blocking a residential street in Minneapolis. A crowd of people, who appear to be protesting, are lining the pavement. Law enforcement vehicles appear nearby. ICE agents pull up to the vehicle parked in the street, emerge

from the truck and tell the woman behind the wheel to get out of the SUV. One of the agents tugs at the driver's side door handle. Another agent is positioned near the front of the vehicle. It's not clear exactly how close the agent is standing or whether he was struck by the vehicle based on the videos reviewed immediately by the BBC. That agent opens fire as the maroon SUV attempts to drive off. The vehicle can be seen losing control and crashing into a car parked nearby along the street. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said an ICE officer was "viciously" run over. "It is hard to believe he is alive, but is now recovering in the hospital," he wrote.

## Saudi-led coalition says UAE helped smuggle separatist leader out of Yemen

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen has alleged the United Arab Emirates helped smuggle a separatist leader out of the country after he was expelled from Yemen's presidential council and accused of treason. A coalition spokesman said Aidarous al-Zubaidi, head of the UAE-backed Southern Transitional Council (STC), fled Aden on Tuesday night in a boat to Somaliland. He was then flown by a cargo aircraft to Abu Dhabi via Mogadishu under the supervision of UAE officers, he added. There was no immediate comment from the UAE or STC. The STC insisted Zubaidi was still working from Aden on Wednesday,



after the coalition said he had failed to fly to Riyadh for talks and had fled to an unknown location. The coalition also accused Zubaidi of moving STC forces from bases in Aden to his home province of al-Dahle and said it had carried out air strikes on them in response. The

STC said the strikes, which reportedly killed four people, were "unjustified" and "inconsistent" with calls for dialogue with Yemen's internationally recognised government, which is overseen by the presidential council and backed by Saudi Arabia. On Thursday, coalition

spokesman Maj Gen Turki al-Malki said it had "reliable intelligence" showing Zubaidi and his associates fled from Aden's port in the early hours of Wednesday on board a St Kitts and Nevis-flagged passenger ship. The vessel sailed across the Gulf of Aden to Berbera in the breakaway region of Somaliland, where a Ilyushin Il-76 cargo aircraft was waiting, he added. Malki said Zubaidi and his associates "boarded the aircraft under the supervision of UAE officers" and flew first to Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, before heading towards the Arabian Sea "without a declared destination".

## US halts assistance to Somalia over claims food aid was illegally seized



The US has suspended all assistance to the government of Somalia, alleging that officials destroyed a UN World Food Programme (WFP) warehouse and seized "donor-funded food aid". "The Trump administration has a zero-tolerance policy for waste, theft, and diversion of life-saving assistance," said a US state department statement on X. The message, posted on the account of the under secretary for foreign assistance, said reports had been received about officials illegally seizing 76 tonnes of food intended for "vulnerable Somalis". Any resumption of assistance would depend on the Somali government "taking accountability for its unacceptable actions and taking appropriate remedial steps", it said. Although the US has withdrawn from several UN organisations under President Donald Trump, it remains by far the largest contributor to the WFP, paying \$2bn

(£1.5bn) in 2025 - almost a third of its total funding. The Somali government, which has long been battling al-Qaeda-linked Islamist militants as it tries to rebuild the country after a devastating civil war and years of drought, has yet to comment. This is the latest example of the deteriorating relations between Washington and Mogadishu. Last month, Trump lashed out at Somali migrants living in the US, telling reporters they should "go back to where they came from" and "their country is no good for a reason". Communities have been targeted in immigration raids as the government alleges large-scale benefit fraud in Minnesota, the US state with the largest Somali community in the US. The recent recognition by US ally Israel of the breakaway republic of Somaliland, which Somalia considers to be part of its territory, has further angered Mogadishu.

## FOOTAGE SHOWS VIOLENT CLASHES AS IRAN PROTESTS SPREAD TO MORE AREAS

There were violent clashes between anti-government protesters and security forces in several locations in Iran on Wednesday, as a wave of unrest sparked by the country's economic crisis continued for an 11th day. Iran's semi-official Fars news agency, which is close to the Revolutionary Guards, said two policemen were shot and killed by armed individuals in the south-western town of Lordegan. Videos posted on social media showed a tense stand-off between protesters and security forces, with the sound of gunfire in the background. In footage from several other areas, security forces appear to fire guns and tear gas towards crowds of protesters, some of whom are throw-

ing stones. The protests have so far spread to 111 cities and towns across all 31 provinces, according to the US-based Human Rights Activist News Agency (HRANA). It has reported that at least 34 protesters and four security personnel have been killed during the unrest, and that 2,200 protesters have been arrested. BBC Persian has confirmed the deaths and identities of 21 people, while Iranian authorities have reported the deaths of five security personnel. The protests began on 28 December, when shopkeepers took to the streets of the capital, Tehran, to express their anger at another sharp fall in the value of the Iranian currency, the rial, against the US dollar on the open market.



The rial has sunk to a record low over the past year and inflation has soared to 40% as sanctions over Iran's nuclear programme squeeze an economy also weakened by government mismanagement and corruption. University students soon joined the protests and they began spreading to other cities, with

crowds frequently heard chanting slogans against the country's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and sometimes in support of Reza Pahlavi, the exiled son of Iran's late former shah. On Wednesday, videos verified by BBC Persian showed crowds protesting in Qazvin, north-west of Tehran, and

chanting slogans including "Death to the dictator" - a reference to Khamenei - as well as "Long live the shah". Footage from the Gulf port of Bandar Abbas, showed protesters chanting "Police force, support, support" before security forces disperse them. In the Shia holy city of Mashhad, in the country's north-east, protesters were seen clashing with security forces and forcing them to retreat. Another video showed people chanting in support of the Pahlavi dynasty, which was overthrown by the 1979 Islamic revolution. In the late afternoon, a large demonstration also took place in the south-western city of Abadan, near the border with Iraq, according to footage verified by BBC

Persian, in which protesters chanted "Cannon, tanks, fire-crackers! Mullahs must get lost", a reference to Iran's clerical leadership. As night fell, security forces were filmed firing tear gas to disperse a protest in Aligudarz, another western city, after a crowd had gathered in a square chanting "People's uprising, Viva!" Footage also emerged of protesters in Qaemiyeh, Fars province, toppling a statue of Qasem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force and one of the most powerful figures in Iran, who was killed in a US air strike on the orders of Donald Trump in 2020. In Lordegan, Fars reported that two police officers were killed during a protest on Wednesday.



# DUBOIS EYES BAUMGARDNER IN 'BIGGEST WOMEN'S FIGHT'

Briton Caroline Dubois believes a future showdown with Alycia Baumgardner would be "the biggest fight in women's boxing." The 24-year-old WBC lightweight world champion shared heated words with Baumgardner in December when both fighters appeared on the undercard of Jake Paul v Anthony Joshua. Dubois - who turned professional in 2022 - has repeatedly called out the experienced American unified super-featherweight world champion. "Let's be real - she wants to become a superstar, but you need a superstardom fight," Dubois told BBC Sport. "You need two to tango. We both need each other. When it happens, I believe it will be the biggest fight in women's boxing." Dubois, a highly rated south-paw long touted as the future of women's boxing, expects the match-up to take place in 2027. "That's one more year of building and making things happen," she says. "I hope she sees the benefit of that. I wouldn't want her to run



away from that fight." Before that, however, Dubois wants a unification fight with Doncaster's WBO lightweight champion Terri Harper later this year. In her first fight in America and under the Most Valuable Promotions (MVP) banner, Dubois outclassed Camilla Panatta in Miami last month. The Londoner feels the exposure has already strengthened her pro-

file across the Atlantic Ocean. "I have noticed that a lot more Americans know who I am now," she says. "I've got a lot more messages from people from that side of the world and a lot more positivity. I'm becoming a name that people will recognise now, and I appreciate that." Meanwhile, 31-year-old Baumgardner claimed a hard-earned points victory

over Leila Beaudoin as chief support. Tensions had already spilled over earlier in the week when Baumgardner called Dubois "a puppy" who should wait her turn. "I was trying to read her energy and I'll be honest - she seemed a bit intimidated by me. I would say very intimidated," Dubois adds. "She didn't want the confrontation. She wanted it to

be a nice fight week, and I get that. But I'm the up-and-coming kid who wants to rip up the script." Baumgardner holds notable wins over Harper in 2021 and Mikaela Mayer in 2022, and facing her would represent a significant step up for Dubois. Dubois says unifications at lightweight are her immediate priority. She is happy to face WBA champion Stephanie Han or IBF champion Elif Nur Turhan - the dangerous Turkish fighter with eight stoppages in 12 wins. But a more natural next step is a unification bout with Harper, who is also signed to MVP, the company co-founded by YouTuber-turned-boxer Jake Paul and businessman Nakisa Bidarian. MVP are understood to be close to securing a broadcast partnership with a British broadcaster, and Dubois is hopeful the Harper fight will land in the UK in the first half of this year. "We were supposed to fight on the all-female card in March and she turned it down," she says.

## Joshua pays tribute to friends Ghami and Latz



Anthony Joshua has paid tribute to close friends Sina Ghami and Latif "Latz" Ayodele, who were killed in a car crash in Nigeria, saying he is "finding it tough" to process their deaths. Ghami and Ayodele died when the vehicle they were in, alongside heavyweight boxer Joshua and another passenger, collided with a stationary truck on a major road near Lagos. Joshua sustained minor injuries in the crash before flying home to United Kingdom and attending the funeral at a mosque in London on Sunday. "Thank

you for all the love and care you have shown my brothers," Joshua posted on Instagram on Thursday, external. "I didn't even realise how special they are. I'll just be walking with them and cracking jokes with them, not even knowing God kept me in the presence of great men. 100% it's tough for me, but I know it's even tougher for their parents. I have a strong mind, and I believe God knows their hearts. May God have mercy on my brothers." Ghami was Joshua's full-time sport and exercise rehabilitation coach

and worked with him for more than 10 years. Hours before the crash, Joshua posted a video on Instagram of him playing table tennis with his long-time friend Ayodele, a personal trainer. On Sunday, Joshua posted two pictures on Instagram, one showing him sitting alongside his mother and family members of the victims including the mothers of Ghami and Ayodele, and one with him holding a photograph of Ghami. Driver Adeniyi Mobolaji Kayode, 46, was charged at Sagamu Magistrates' Court on Friday.

## Snubbed From T20 World Cup, Tristan Stubbs Predicted To Do Impress All In SA20 By JP Duminy

When South Africa announced their T20 World Cup squad, the most notable omission was Tristan Stubbs. In 42 T20I matches, Stubbs has scored 822 runs. He is also the captain of the SA20 team Sunrisers Eastern Cape, who are currently leaders on the points table. South African great JP Duminy backed him to do amazing things in the ongoing tournament. Stubbs, 25, has been rated as one of the most exciting young batters in the cricketing world and has slowly become a mainstay in all formats for South Africa, as well as being a proven finisher for Delhi Capitals (DC) in the Indian Premier League (IPL). But his recent lean run in T20Is meant Jason Smith was picked ahead of him for the T20 World Cup, to be held in India and Sri Lanka from



February 7 to March 8. Despite the surprising omission, Stubbs has excelled as a captain for the first time in the SA20 league, though his run tally stands at just 28 runs in five games. "Again, I think it's a great opportunity to shift focus. There's no doubt there'd be disappointment for him. He's been part of pretty much all formats for a period of time,

and to miss out would be really disappointing for him. But I think the opportunity from a leadership standpoint is that it shifts focus onto other people and other teams," Duminy said in a session facilitated by SA20. "It's great to see him in that leadership role. I think he's got great leadership qualities, and the leadership quality that stands out for me and I

know he hasn't put in major performances just yet. But he's certainly somebody who comes to mind as leading through performance. Like, follow me, I'll show you the way, and that's a great leadership quality to have. I have no doubt that he'll do some amazing stuff in this SA20." Duminy also felt Stubbs would be ready to fire with the bat if a chance to come in as a replacement player arises in next month's mega event. "Hopefully, if an opportunity arises, we've often seen in times past where injuries occur. We've certainly seen it as a South African team as well. Obviously, there are some last-minute call-ups, and he certainly wants to give himself the best chance to make sure he's ready for that, if any," he said.

## SA20: Shai Hope's Record 118, Lungi Ngidi's Historic Hatrick Inspires Pretoria Capitals To Win Over DSG

Shai Hope blasted the highest individual score of the SA20 before Lungi Ngidi claimed the league's first-ever hat-trick to power Pretoria Capitals to a 15-run victory over Durban's Super Giants at Kingsmead. Hope struck an unbeaten 118 off 69 balls, whacking nine sixes and nine boundaries to steer the Capitals to 201/4. It was a night of records, with the Kingsmead faithful treated to a thriller as all three results were still on offer heading into the final over, with Super Giants requiring 18 runs to win and an in-form Jos Buttler at the crease. Buttler, who was within touching distance of his maiden SA20 century, could not drag DSG over



the finishing line as Roston Chase delivered a sequence of accurate yorkers to close out the Capitals' second victory of the competition. Buttler was left stranded on 97 not out, with both Kwena Maphaka and Noor Ahmad run out in Chase's last over. It was certainly an all-action night for Chase, after the West Indian had

earlier become the first batter to be 'retired out' in the Capitals' innings. But this sultry evening in Durban belonged to Hope. The West Indies Twenty20 captain flexed his biceps, forming an opening 106-run partnership with Connor Esterhuizen (37 off 28 balls, 4x4, 1x6) that laid the platform, before another whirl-

wind 85-run stand off 44 balls with Chase (24 off 15 balls, 1x4, 2x6) for the second wicket. Hope was the primary aggressor in the partnership, striking 58 off 29 balls, which led to the Capitals calling in Chase to get the in-form Sherfane Rutherford to the crease. Unfortunately, it backfired when Maphaka had the power-hitter caught by Aiden Markram for a second-ball duck. Hope maintained the momentum with Dewald Brevis (12, 2x6) to push the Capitals past 200. The four Player of the Match candidates were Jos Buttler, Shai Hope, Sunil Narine, and Lizaad Williams, with the centurion winning 52.2% of the fan vote.

## Sarfaraz Khan Achieves Huge Record, Slams Top India Star For 30 Runs In One Over In Vijay Hazare Trophy



Ignored Indian cricket team star Sarfaraz Khan scripted history by slamming the fastest half-century in the history of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Sarfaraz, who was not included in the India squad for the ODI series against New Zealand, reached the milestone in just 15 deliveries. The Mumbai batter broke the record previously held by Baroda's Atit Sheth, who slammed a half-century in 16 balls against Chhattisgarh in 2020-21. Sarfaraz looked in devastating form as he went after the bowlers from the very first ball, even smashing Abhishek Sharma for 30 runs in a single over. The Mumbai batter's innings against Punjab finally came to an end at 62 off 20

deliveries, with the help of seven fours and five sixes. Despite such a brilliant knock from Sarfaraz, Mumbai lost the Round 7 of Vijay Hazare Trophy match against Punjab by just one run. Chasing 216, Mumbai lost the wickets Angkrish Raghuvanshi and Musheer Khan for 23 and 21 runs respectively. Sarfaraz brought Mumbai back on track with his powerful 62 off 20 balls. However, he was dismissed by Mayank Markande. Skipper Shreyas Iyer stabilised the innings with his 45-run knock but was removed by Markande. Later, Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Hardik Tamore departed for 15, 12, and 15 respectively.

## What Is Testicular Torsion That Forced Tilak Varma, India's Asia Cup Final Hero, To Undergo Immediate Surgery - Explained

Tilak Varma, whose gritty 69 in the Asia Cup 2025 final took India to victory against Pakistan, has undergone surgery for a groin issue that triggered acute pain. He is set to miss the upcoming T20 International series against New Zealand and is in serious doubt for the first couple of matches in next month's T20 World Cup. The 23-year-old was rushed to a hospital after complaining of acute pain in Rajkot, where he is with the Hyderabad team for the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy One-Day Championship. The five-match T20 series against New Zealand begins on January 21 in Nagpur.\* "Tilak Varma reported acute testicular pain in Rajkot, where he is part of the Hyderabad team for the Vijay Hazare tournament. He was taken to Gokul Hospital



and, after a scan, was diagnosed with testicular torsion (sudden, intense pain) and was advised immediate surgery," a BCCI official told PTI. "We got an opinion from our specialists who agreed with the diagnosis. Tilak underwent successful surgery and is doing well now. We will update you as soon as we have more information on his recovery and expected

timeframe for his return to play, following discussions with the medical panel," he added. What Is Testicular Torsion According to my.clevelandclinic.org, "Testicular torsion is a painful condition where the testicle twists and loses its blood supply. It requires emergency care. If the blood supply doesn't return quickly (within six hours), a

healthcare provider may need to surgically remove the testicle." The website adds that testicular torsion is rare, affecting about one in 4,000 men under age 25. "It's usually a spontaneous event, meaning it occurs without any apparent cause. It almost always affects only one testicle. It more commonly affects the left testicle than the right," the report noted. What About Tilak Varma's Return to Cricket It is reliably learnt that Varma is certain to miss the series against New Zealand. The World Cup, jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka, starts on February 7 with India taking on the USA in their opening game in Mumbai. The co-hosts will play their next game on February 12 against Namibia in Delhi.

## West Ham sign Juventus defender Cascarino on loan



West Ham have signed defender Estelle Cascarino on loan from Juventus until the end of the season. The France international has made 49 appearances for Juventus, but reports in Italy, external suggest she handed in a transfer request this month. She has 18 months remaining on her contract at Juve, but becomes the first signing under new Hammers manager Rita Guarino. "I'm really pleased to be joining. I know West Ham is a big club in England and I'm excited to be part of this project," said

Cascarino. Cascarino, 28, spent six months on loan at Manchester United in 2023, making two appearances. She has also played for Paris St-Germain, Bordeaux, Paris FC and Lyon. "I'm a technical player who is aggressive in my defending," she said. "I'm here to bring my leadership and experience to help the team on and off the pitch. I'm proud of what I have achieved so far in my career and I'm looking forward to this next chapter at West Ham, in the best league in the world."



Neymar Flaunts Rs 525 Crore Luxury Fleet - A Batmobile Replica, Private Jet, Airbus Helicopter



# ‘Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu’ a Sankranthi Festival Treat; Chiranjeevi–Venkatesh Combo Wins Hearts at Pre-Release Event



The combination with Venkatesh is amazing. It is a festival-like film. Everyone will enjoy it a lot. Megastar Chiranjeevi at the pre-release event

Chiranjeevi and I both had a blast. We will definitely enjoy it a lot: Victory Venkatesh 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 worldwide on January 12 as a Sankranthi gift. On this occasion, the makers organized a grand pre-release event. Megastar Chiranjeevi said at the pre-release event.. Heartfelt greetings to all mega fans. Happy New Year to everyone, Happy Sankranti in advance. I want this

Sankranti to be not just Shankara Varaprasad's.. but the entire Telugu film industry. Prabhas Rajasab, my younger brother Ravi Teja's film, Sharwanand Nari Nari, who grew up in our house with fun since childhood, Murari, Naveen's film, who considers me a teacher and is my disciple.. I hope that all the films become super hits this Sankranti and that the Telugu film industry will

be prosperous. I have a deep belief that the audience will give them such successes. The Telugu film industry should not forget Sankranti 2026. Every film is a perfect Sankranti film, a film that you like. It is your responsibility to make all the films play this Sankranti, go to the theaters and watch all the films. Enjoy it in the theaters and bless them. Raghavendra Rao said many years ago that if I do a film with Anil, it will be a hit. He started the film by clapping his hands. He told me many times that I should achieve the same success as Gharana Mogudu. When Anil came to me after Sankranti, he said.. There are family touch, sentiment, heart touching scenes. When I told him that we would make this film different.. No need for any difference.. Donga Mogudu, Gharana Mogudu, Rowdy Alludu Annayya, Chantabhai.. I would like to have all these films like that,' he said. People saw all those films back then. They are all grown up.

# ‘PANDAGA KI ALLUDU VASTUN-NADU’ - ANAGANAGA OKA RAJU - Theatrical Trailer Out Now!



The trailer of Anaganaga Oka Raju opens on a majestic note with King Akkineni Nagarjuna Garu lending his powerful voice. The young sensation gets the voice of King, his narration instantly elevates the trailer and perfectly sets the tone for this festive entertainer. Star performer Naveen Polishetty once again proves why he is one of the most loved entertainers today. His exceptional comic timing, effortless humor, and energetic screen presence dominate the trailer. Every punchline lands with precision, making it clear that this is just a glimpse of the full-throttle entertainment the film prom-

ises. The trailer assures pure fun that will resonate with audiences across all age groups. Meenakshi Chaudhary impresses with her innocence and charm. The fun surrounding her character is neatly executed, and her chemistry with Naveen Polishetty stands out. The love track, family emotions, and situational comedy are well balanced, adding depth to the narrative. Debutant director Maari deserves special appreciation for presenting Naveen Polishetty in a refreshing and engaging manner. Supported by a strong ensemble cast including Rao Ramesh and others, the film feels rooted

and wholesome. Mickey J Meyer's background score enhances the trailer with a solid blockbuster vibe, while the already released songs have emerged as chartbusters. Anaganaga Oka Raju is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, with Srikara Studios presenting the film. With the catchy line "PANDAGA KI ALLUDU VASTUN-NADU", the film promises to be a perfect Sankranti family entertainer, inviting everyone to celebrate together on the big screens this January 14th, 2026 Worldwide.

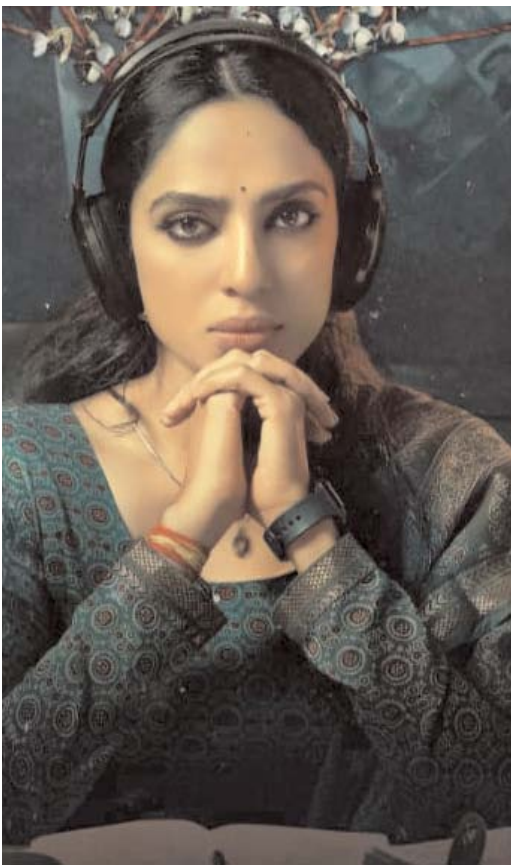
# ‘ONE/4 (ONE BY FOUR)’ SET FOR WORLDWIDE RELEASE ON JANUARY 30



Tejas Gunjal Films and Rohit Gunjal Films proudly present the action crime drama 'ONE/4 (One by Four)', starring Venkatesh Peddapalem, Aparna Mallick, and Heena Soni in the lead roles. The film is directed by Bahubali Palani K, who previously worked as an Associate Director on the blockbuster Baahubali. Produced jointly by

Ranjana Rajesh Gunjal and Rohit Ramdas Gunjal, ONE/4 is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on January 30 across 200 theatres. Speaking on the occasion, the film unit shared "ONE/4 (One by Four) is a gripping action crime entertainer with a fresh concept. In real life, we often underestimate the

consequences of a simple tongue slip, but its impact can be life-changing. This film explores what happens when one small mistake triggers a chain of unexpected crimes. The movie features intense action episodes, powerful performances by the cast, energetic choreography by Sagar Master, and engaging music by Subhash Anand.



# Prime Video to Premiere Telugu Crime Thriller Cheekatilo Starring Sobhita Dhulipala on January 23

A Prime Original movie, Cheekatilo is directed by Sharan Kopishetty, produced by D. Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Production Pvt Ltd, and written by Chandra Pemmaraju and Sharan Kopishetty. Prime Video, India's most loved entertainment destination, today announced January 23 as the worldwide premiere date of the Prime Original Telugu movie, Cheekatilo. Set in the heart of Hyderabad, Cheekatilo is an edge-of-the-seat crime suspense that follows Sandhya, a true crime podcaster portrayed by Sobhita Dhulipala, whose relentless quest for truth exposes some of the most brutal and darkest secrets of the city. Directed by Sharan Kopishetty and produced by D. Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Productions Pvt. Ltd., the gripping narrative is written by Chandra Pemmaraju, and Sharan Kopishetty. The movie stars Sobhita Dhulipala and Viswadev Rachakonda in lead roles, alongside Chaitanya Visalakshmi, Esha Chawla, Jhansi, Aamani and Vadlamani Srinivas in pivotal roles. The Telugu Original movie will premiere exclusively on Prime Video across India and in over 240 countries and territories worldwide, with subtitles in Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, and Kannada, on January 23. Set against the backdrop of bustling city of Hyderabad,

Cheekatilo is a gripping Telugu Original crime suspense that follows Sandhya, a true crime podcaster, in her relentless pursuit of justice after her intern's mysterious death unravels a chilling trail of brutal crimes. "At Prime Video, we remain committed to expanding our South Originals slate with stories that are bold, rooted, and creatively distinct. While suspense and thriller are widely explored genres, our focus is on delivering unique narratives with emotional depth, something audiences strongly resonated with in our Telugu Original series Dhootha. Our upcoming Telugu Prime Original Cheekatiloreflects that vision," said Nikhil Madhok, director & head of Originals, Prime Video India. "What sets Cheekatilo apart is its blend of cultural authenticity, with modern storytelling mediums like podcasts that play a key role in the narrative. We believe the movie's universal themes of resilience and sisterhood will extend its appeal far beyond the Telugu-speaking diaspora and connect with audiences across India and globally. With this Original movie, we are also delighted to deepen our longstanding partnership with Suresh Productions. Cheekatilo is a narrative-rich thriller that we believe will strongly resonate with viewers across India and around the world when it premieres on Prime Video on January 23."

# "Phule" movie instills a spirit of service in everyone - Producer and renowned journalist Ponnam Ravichandra

"Phule" is a film based on the life story of Mahatma Phule and Savitribai Phule, two great social reformers of India. The film stars Prateek Gandhi and Patralekha Pal in the lead roles. Directed by Ananth Mahadevan, the film was released in Hindi last year and was a huge success. Renowned journalist Ponnam Ravichandra is bringing the film "Phule" to the Telugu audience. Recently, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, several ministers and public representatives attended the screening of the film. Producer and journalist Ponnam Ravichandra held a press meet to express his gratitude for the grand success of the program. Other film crew who worked on the film "Phule" participated in the program. The program Producer and renowned journalist Ponnam Ravichandra said - The reason why our girls are getting educated and going to great heights today is because of the efforts made by Savitribai Phule many years ago. The Phule couple fought to eradicate many evils in the society and dedicated their



lives for the good of the society. Their efforts to save women from superstitions and evils are amazing. They performed widow remarriages. We are bringing the film "Phule" to Telugu to inform our people about the life history of such great people through the medium of cinema. In the past, like Paidi Jayaraj, I have received international awards and accolades through many documentaries. Even if this is a Hindi translation, you will not get that feeling anywhere. It will be like a Telugu film. We have taken those precautions regarding the dialogues and

songs. MM Srilekha has provided the music. Poorna Chandra and Dr. Thangella Sridevi Reddy have written the songs. Chetan Kathi has provided the dialogues. We are going to successfully present the movie "Phule" to the Telugu audience under the supervision of Tirupati and Janani Productions. Currently, the censor procedures are going on. We will release the movie "Phule" by the end of this month. We also want the government to support our movie. He said. Other film crew members participated in the event and said that they felt honored to work on the film "Phule".

# Vijay Varma’s reply to his net worth reports

**Mumbai:** Vijay Varma is currently one of the most happening and sought-after actors in Indian cinema, widely admired for his fearless choice of roles and commanding screen presence. After years of working in independent films and supporting roles, he rose to mainstream prominence with his breakout performance in Gully Boy, where his portrayal of the volatile Moeen earned both critical acclaim and widespread audience recognition. Since then, Vijay has delivered a string of stand-out performances across films and OTT platforms, including Darlings, She, Lust Stories 2, and Jaane Jaan, consistently showcasing his versatility and depth as an actor. His ability to effortlessly transition between intense, dark characters and layered, nuanced roles has made him a favourite among filmmakers and viewers, firmly cementing his place as one of the most exciting actors of the current generation.



**Vijay Varma’s net worth** Along with his professional success, Vijay Varma’s net worth and remuneration have also been a frequent topic of discussion in the media. According to sever-

al online reports, the actor’s net worth as of 2025 is estimated to be around Rs 20 crore. However, Vijay recently reacted to these claims in his own trademark style with a pure Hyderabad twist. The actor, along with his Gustaakh Ishq co-star Fatima Sana Shaikh, appeared on the latest episode of Mashable India’s The Bombay Journey, where he addressed the reports humorously while leaving the host in splits.

# ‘Raakaasaa’ Revealed as the Title of Niharika Konidela’s #PEP2, Confirming April 3, 2026 Release with Title Announcement Poster

The makers of ‘Raakaasaa’, a fantasy-comedy produced under Pink Elephant Pictures and Z Studios, have officially unveiled the film’s title announcement poster, confirming a worldwide theatrical release on April 3, 2026. Presented as A Niharika Konidela Production, the announcement formally introduces the identity of #PEP2 and signals its steady movement toward release. The title announcement poster establishes the film’s tonal world with striking clarity. Centred around the imagery of a solar eclipse emerging through dense, storm-laden clouds, the visual language leans decisively into myth and fantasy. The title ‘Raakaasaa’ appears sculpted in an organic, root-like form, glowing subtly from within, evoking folklore and elemental force. Notably, the poster avoids overt comedy cues, suggesting that humour in the film emerges organically from character and narrative rather than surface-level visual treatment. ‘Raakaasaa’ features an ensemble cast that includes Sangeeth Shobhan, Nayan Sarika, Vennela Kishore, Brahmaji, Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi, Getup Srinu,



Sukwinder Singh, Anoop Singh, Ramana Bhargav, Vasu Inturi, Rohini (Jabardast), Rohan (#90's), among others. The casting reflects a balance between familiar performers and character-driven roles, aligning with the film’s fantasy-comedy framework. Written and directed by Manasa Sharma, the film carries a unified creative vision, with Story, Screenplay, Dialogues, and Direction handled by her. Mahesh Uppala contributes as Additional Screenplay writer. The technical crew includes Anudeep Dev as music composer, Raju

Edurolu as cinematographer, Anwar Ali as editor, and Vijay as action choreographer. Production design is led by Ramanjaneyulu, with Pulla Vishnu Vardhan serving as art director and Sandhya Sabbavarapu overseeing costume design. The project progressed through a major action-heavy schedule, choreographed by Vijay, who has earned strong industry recognition for his recent work on They Call Him OG. Following the completion of this action block, the team filmed comedy-driven sequences and other crucial narrative portions that strengthen the film’s humour and character dynamics.