





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

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

Sibal's remarks came after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) action in West Bengal ignited high drama, with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee unexpectedly storming into the sites during raids, alleging that the central agency was trying to seize the TMC's sensitive data ahead of the high-stakes state polls.

The ED, which maintained that the searches were part of a money laun-



dering probe into an alleged multi-core rupee coal pilferage scam, accused Banerjee of obstructing a lawful investigation and claimed that she and the state police forcibly removed "key evidence" during the raids.

In a post on X, Sibal said, "Only Supreme Court can rein in ED. Every opposition state, every significant opposition leader is targeted.

What is happening in West Bengal is truly disturbing! That too in the midst of an i m p e n d i n g election." "Federalism is at ED's mercy!" the Independent Rajya Sabha MP said. The confrontation, which unfolded at a politically combustible moment, added sharp electoral overtones ahead of the elections to the 294-member West Bengal Assembly, to be held in less than three

months, as both the Trinamool Congress and the BJP were locked in an aggressive battle for narrative control. The standoff also soon took a legal turn, with the ED moving the Calcutta High Court, seeking permission to file a petition, alleging interference in its investigation. The I-PAC also approached the HC, opposing the searches and questioning its legality.

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

However, Banerjee's unscheduled appearance at

the raid site injected street-level drama, drawing senior police officers, party leaders, and central forces into a tense stand-off that unfolded in full public view.

Banerjee arrived around noon at the residence of Jain, co-founder and director of Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC), soon after Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma reached the spot.

She stayed inside for about 20-25 minutes before emerging with a green folder in her hand, accusing ED officials of overreach. I-PAC, apart from offering political consultancy to the TMC, also manages the party's IT and media operations, making the search especially sensitive in the run-up to elections.

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

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

Kumar said India has already added a record one-core new subscribers in 2025-26, taking the national tally to 8.59 crore. Telangana has clocked 61 % of its annual target, enrolling 2.98 lakh people up to 31 December 2025. "With three months left, the State can easily cross the finish line if



rural branches and urban CSRs move from awareness camps to on-the-spot account opening," he added. SBI's Priyabrata Mishra, convenor of the State-Level Bankers' Committee, said lenders are using 820 Financial Literacy Centres, 3,400 branches and 5,100 BC

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

## KIMS Kondapur cures rare inoperable jaundice

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

The patient, a 30-year-old software professional from Hyderabad, was diagnosed eight years ago with a rare, slow-growing pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour. Over time, the tumour compressed the bile duct, leading to persistent obstructive jaundice. He suffered from recurrent vomiting, severe indi-



gestion, intense itching, frequent infections, and repeated hospitalisations, significantly affecting his quality of life. The case was further complicated as the tumour encased the portal vein, the main blood vessel supplying blood to the intestines. This led to severe portal hypertension and the formation of multiple fragile collateral

blood vessels. Due to the extremely high risk of catastrophic bleeding, several hospitals declared the condition inoperable.

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

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The patient spent five days on ventilator support in the neuro-ICU while receiving dual anti-platelets, statins, anti-epi-

## Sabarimala gold loss case: SIT arrests chief priest

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

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

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

Later, when the Travancore Devaswom Board sought his permission for the replating, Rajeevaru had granted his approval, officials said. SIT officials said Rajeevaru had been questioned earlier as part of the investigation. He is the 11th person to be arrested in the case after the Kerala High Court constituted the SIT to probe the gold loss incident.

FORM No.3 (See Regulation 15(1)(a)) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001	
O.A. No.1012 of 2025 (Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (procedure) Rule, 1993)	
Between: INDUSIND BANK LIMITED Represented by its Authorized person ...APPLICANT BANK Vs. M/s Chand Agencies and others To 1. M/s. CHAND AGENCIES REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR S. MAGBUL BASHA H.No. 20-1134, Radha Krishna Nagar, Kadapa-516002 2. S. Magbul Basha s/o Late Ahmed Hussain H.No. 20-1134, Radha Krishna Nagar, Kadapa-516001 Also at S. Magbul Basha s/o Late Ahmed Hussain D. No. 48/377-1, 48/378-2 (S.No. 531) Ravindra Nagar, Chennuaniapet, Kadapa-516001 3. S. Rizwana Shaik w/o S. Magbul Basha H.No. 20-1134, Radha Krishna Nagar, Kadapa-516001 DEFENDENTS	.....DEFENDENTS
Summons to all the defendants in Newspaper Publication showing cause why relief prayed for should not be granted	
Whereas, OA 1012/25 is filed by M/s. INDUSIND BANK LTD before DRT-II, Hyderabad and the same is listed on 06.01.2026 for service of summons.	
Whereas the Hon'ble Registrar of Debt Recovery Tribunal-II is pleased to issue summons on the said application under section 19 (4) of the Act, filed against you for Recovery of debt of Rs.91,24,627.43 (Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Rupees and paise Forty Three only) as on 30.09.2025 in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:	
i) To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.	
ii) To disclose particulars of assets other than properties and assets specified by Applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application.	
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.	
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in ordinary course of his business, any assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified by applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.	
v) You are liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by the sale of the secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with bank or financial institution holding security interest over such assets.	
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal on 17.02.2026 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.	
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of the 8th day of January 2026	
Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st floor, Triveni Complex, Abids Hyderabad	

FORM No.3 (See Regulation 15(1)(a)) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001	
O.A. No.1011 of 2025 (Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (procedure) Rule, 1993)	
Between: INDUSIND BANK LIMITED Represented by its Authorized person ...APPLICANT BANK Vs. M/s Chand Marketing and others To 1. M/s. Chand Marketing, Rep by its Proprietor, S. Rizwana, #20/1197, Upstairs, RK Nagar, Opp: Ramesh Theatre, Co-op Colony, Kadapa, YSR Dist-516001, Andhra Pradesh. 2. M/s. Chand Agencies (Corporate Guarantee) Rep by its Proprietor, S. Magbul Basha, #20/1134, Co-operative Colony, RK Nagar, Kadapa, YSR Dist-516002, Andhra Pradesh. 3. Mr. S. Magbul Basha, S/o Late S. Ahmed Hussain, H. No. 20-1134, Radha Krishna Nagar, Cuddapah, YSR Dist.-516001, Andhra Pradesh. Also At: D. No. 48/377, 48/377-1, 48/378-2 (S. No. 531), Ravindra Nagar, Chennuaniapet, Kadapa, YSR Dist-516001, Andhra Pradesh. 4. Mrs. Rizwana Shaik, W/o. S. Magbul Basha, H. No. 20-1134, Radha Krishna Nagar, Cuddapah, YSR Dist.-516001, Andhra Pradesh. ....DEFENDENT	.....DEPENDENTS
Summons to all the defendants in Newspaper Publication showing cause why relief prayed for should not be granted	
Whereas, OA 1011/25 is filed by M/s. INDUSIND BANK LTD before DRT-II, Hyderabad and the same was listed on 16.01.2026 for service of summons.	
Whereas the Hon'ble Registrar of Debt Recovery Tribunal-II is pleased to issue summons on the said application under section 19 (4) of the Act, filed against you for Recovery of debt of Rs. 90,53,383.55 (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Three rupees and paise Fifty-Five only) in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:	
i) To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.	
ii) To disclose particulars of assets other than properties and assets specified by Applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application.	
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.	
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Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of the 8th day of January 2026	
Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st floor, Triveni Complex, Abids Hyderabad	

<div><div><b>Altum Credo</b> Home Finance</div></div> <div><b>ALTUM CREDO HOME FINANCE PVT. LTD.</b> Regd. Office: Floor No. 7, Kalpataru Infinitia, Wakdevadi, Shivajinagar, Pune - 411005, MAHARASHTRA (INDIA).</div>			
<b>APPENDIX IV - POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)</b>			
<p>The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL), Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act, 2002") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Enforcement Rules"). Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) (collectively referred to as the "<b>Borrowers</b>") mention herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the public in general that the under signed has taken <b>Symbolic / Physical Possession</b> of the property described herein below in superize of powers conferred upon him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in receipt of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby caution not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ACHFL for an amount mention herein under with the interest thereon.</p>			
<b>Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) &amp; Guarantor(s) and Loan A/c No.</b>		<b>Date of Demand Notice &amp; Amount (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Date of Possession</b>
1) CHINTALA CHERUVU SAMRAJAYAM (Applicant) 2) CHINTALACHERUVU VIJAY KUMAR(Co-Aplicant) LAN: S15320200136		18/09/2025 Rs. 8,97,374/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Only) NPA: 29/08/2025	06/01/2026
<b>Description of Secured Asset:</b> Bearing Bapatla District, Bapatla R.D., Marfoor Sub-District, Janakavaram Panguluru Mandal, Kondamanjiluru Sivaru Bhagavan, Rajupalem Village, Kondamanjiluru Village, Survey D.No.654, an extent of 72.6 Sq. Yards equivalent to 60.69 Square Meters Vacant Site together with all easementary rights and comes within the jurisdiction of Office of the Sub Registrar BAPATLA SRO and more particularly described in the schedule hereunder and bounded as: East- Chintalacheruvu Veeraswamy Property; West- Sandipogu Sunitha Property; South- Duddu Kavitha Property; North- Panchayati Road.			
<b>STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS</b> Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time hereinafter by way of public auction / tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002.			
Date: 10.01.2026 Place: Bapatla		SD/- Authorized Officer Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL)	

<b>SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE</b> <b>ICICI Home Finance</b> Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059 Branch Office: 1st floor, Unit No. 5, Shridhar's Krishna Towers D. No. 26-15-27, FF 5-6 Iskon City, Nellore City- 524004 Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower 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 the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. 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.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vanukuru Prasad (Borrower), Vanukuru Polemma (Co-borrower) Dammayapalem Near Chennakesava Temple Muthukuru Mandal Nellore Andhra Pradesh 524344. LHNEL00001376969.	Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore Dist, Gudur Registration District, Muthukuru Sub Registrar Office, Muthukuru Mandal, Tholigudi Gram Panchayth, Valluvurai Kandriga Revenue, Kappala Doruvu Village, S.No. 9/1A An Extent of 20 Ankans or 160 Sqyards of Site And In It Rcc House. Bounded By- North By- Kalidari Within These Boundaries An Extent of 20 Ankans or 160 Sqyards of Site, In The Site 390 Sq.feet Rcc House including With All Easementary Rights There In. South By- House of Uppala Ramachandraiah, East By- House of Tandra Seshubabu, West By- Muthukuru To Nellore Main Road / Date of Possession-06-01-2026	24-10-2025 Rs. 13,81,979/-	Nellore
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: January 10, 2026, Place: Nellore Authorized Office, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited				

<b>MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LTD</b> FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD CIN: U65823K12010P0039179, Unit 301-315, 3rd Floor, A Wing, Kanakia Mall Street, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400093			
<b>Demand Notice</b>			
Whereas the Authorized Officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd., having our registered office at (V/470A) old w/35A (new), Manappuram House, Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala-680567 and branches at various places in India (hereinafter referred to as "MAHOFIN") is a Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and a Financial Institution within the meaning of sub-clause (iv) of clause (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) read with Notification No. S.O. 3486 (E) dated 18th December, 2015 issued by the Govt. of India, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi, inter alia carrying on business of advancing loans for construction and / or purchase of dwelling units and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from MAHOFIN and whereas MAHOFIN being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons. That in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.			
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ LAN/Branch	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Interest has been created	Date of Notice sent & Outstanding Amount
1	KANAPARTHI PRABHAKARAO, KANAPARTHI JYOTHI, CHEBROLU PRATAPINHLO0310 008852 VIJAYANADA	Item No. 1: Euru District, Nuzvid Sub Registry, Agripalli Mandal, Agripalli Village, R.S.NO 5423, Nearest Door NO 2-26, an extent of 284.77 Sq. Yards of Residential site consisting of RCC Roofed Ground and First Floor Daba therein, Item No. 2: Agripalli Village, R.S.NO 5423, Nearest Door NO 2-26, an extent of 54.5 Sq. Yards for the purpose of Passage therein, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin:521211 EAST-Item No. 1: Property sold by Ranimakala Nagendramma to others/ Item No. 2: Property sold by Ranimakala Nagendramma to others WEST-Item No. 1: Property of Gajjala Kasturi/ Item No. 2: Panchayat Cement Road, SOUTH-Item No. 1: Site of Ranimakala Ranga Rao & Talibona Arandi/ Item No. 2: Item No. 1 & Site of Gajjala Kasturi, NORTH-Item No. 1: Item No. 2/ Item No. 2: Property of Ranimakala Venkateswara Rao, Abisudram-Hanumali	16-11-2025 22-12-2025 & Rs.1272375/-
Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest to the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take up 13(4) for enforcement of security and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest. Steps are also being taken for service notice to take up 13(4) under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by MAHOFIN at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act. Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and alienating the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner.			
Date: 10-01-2026, Place: ANDHRA PRADESH		SD/- Authorized Officer- Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	



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(Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited)  
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Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093

**POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1) and (2)]**

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of NHFL has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the NHFL for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
LNTPTLAP-05230031524	1.CHALAPATHY K (BORROWER) 2.DEVPRIVIA K(CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 8,50,893/- (RUPEES EIGHT LAKH FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETYTHREE ONLY), DATE: 15-SEP-2025	07-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

**PROPERTY BEARING:-** ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING AT TIRUPATI REGISTRATION DISTRICT-PAKALA SUB-DISTRICT- CHITTOOR DISTRICT-PUTHALAPATTU MANDAL-POLAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYATH-POLAVARAM VILLAGE MAJARA-CHINTHAMAKULAPALI-GRAMAKANTAM SY.NO.12-HOUSE D.NO 3-48 IN ASSESSMENT NO.153-RCC HOSE THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH-RAJA VEEDHI, SOUTH- VACANT SITE OF N SURENDRA REDDY, EAST- VACANT SITE OF K.CHALAPATHI & N SURENDRA REDDY, WEST- HOUSE OF N PARVATHAMMA IN BETWEEN THIS SITE MEASURING EAST TO WEST- 26 FTS OR 7.92 MTS, NORTH TO SOUTH 45 FTS OR 13.71 MTS, ADMEASURING 1170 SQ.FTS OR 130 SQ.YARDS OF VACANT SITE AND IN IT CONSTRUCTED AN EXTENT OF 572 SQ.FTS OF RCC HOUSE TOGETHER WITH STRUCTURES AND FIXTURES ALONG WITH ELECTRICITY SERVICE CONNECTION ETC.

Date: 10-01-2026  
Place: Andhra Pradesh

Sd/- Authorized Officer  
NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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

The Chief Minister later held a review meeting on the blowout with the officials of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Konaseema District Collector Mahesh Kumar, MP Harish Balayogi, and MLA Varaprasad at Rayavaram in Mandapeta constituency. The Chief Minister enquired about the measures being taken to control the blowout. He also directed that steps be taken to provide compensation for the coconut trees damaged by the flames.Meanwhile, ONGC has said that it is continuing its focused



efforts to subdue and cap well Mori 5, operated by PEC contractor Deep Industries Ltd., in line with the approved blowout control plan.The Crisis Management Team has suc-

cessfully cleared a majority of the debris from the wellsite, enabling access to the wellhead area, the ONGC said in a statement.

The state-owned oil and gas com-

pany said that key structural obstructions, including portions of the mast and associated equipment, have been removed, allowing operations to progress towards capping of the well.

All essential equipment and materials required for expediting the operations have been mobilised to the site.A continuous water blanket is being maintained to facilitate safe operations in the vicinity of the wellhead, it said.In view of the stabilised conditions, residents in the surrounding areas have resumed their normal routines.ONGC's Crisis Management Team continues to strictly adhere to all pre-scribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), with all activities being carried out in close coordination with the local administration.

**ICIICI Home Finance**

Corporate Office: ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited ICIICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India  
Branch Office: ICIICI HFC, Dr. N. V. Ramesh Complex, 13-1, 54, Main Rd, Kakina, Andhra Pradesh- 533001  
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICIICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Goluguri Srinivasa Reddy (Borrower) Goluguri Bhagyalakshmi (Co-Borrower) Goluguri Venkata Reddy (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHRJY00001610738 & LHRJY00001610739	D. No 3-175 R.S. No. 214/5A/3, 214/6B/2, 214/6B/1A, 214/6B/1B, 214/3(P), 211/4 Flat No. 3-A Situated At Hema Sri Enclave Flat No 3A, Vedurupaka, Rayavaram Panchaythi and Mandal DR. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District Rayavaram EG Andhra Pradesh- 533346.	Rs. 26,01, 986.24/- January 07, 2026	Rs. 32.76, 000/- Rs. 3.27, 600/-	February 03, 2026 11:00 AM	February 11, 2026 11, 2026 Before 03:00 PM	February 10, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till February 10, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before February 10, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before February 10, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICIICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.iciicifinance.com

Date: January 10, 2026  
Place: Rayavaram

Authorized Officer, "ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited",  
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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



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

dressed as Haridasu paraded with a decorated Gangireddu while girls in parrot-green paavadas competed in rangoli and kite-flying contests.Stalls run by Class-9 entrepreneurs sold sakinalu, rava laddu, ariselu and sugar-cane juice; the savoury aroma drew long queues before the first bell."Harvest festivals teach gratitude and teamwork better than any textbook chapter.

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

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

The Integrated Command Control Centre used AI-enabled cameras to monitor crowd density in real time, allowing 164 of the 182 available darshan hours to be given to common devotees without



tokens. Peak days broke old records: 83,000 on Friday, 2 January and almost 89,000 the following Saturday. Overall satisfaction, measured through exit-kiosk feedback, stood at 93 %, Naidu claimed.

Security was handled by 2,400 police personnel and 1,150 TTD vigilance staff, while 4,000 Srivari Sevaks

served food, cleaned premises and guided queues. Annaprasadam was provided to 33-lakh devotees—9.3-lakh more than last year—with hot badam milk distributed round the clock. Gardens department used 50 tonnes of traditional flowers to create a "Vaikuntha-like" walkway near the main temple.

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**SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on 23.06.2025, will be sold on "As is Where is", and "As is What is" basis on 28.01.2026, for total recovery of Rs.13,57,32,744.63 [Rupees Thirteen Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four and Paise Sixty Three Only] i.e Rs. 12,08,80,732.49 under PSOD A/C No.7927000601011701 along with Future Interest from 01/01/2026. Rs. 1,13,03,187.90 Under PDPN A/C No.0537001400017701 along with Future Interest from 09.12.2025 and Rs.35,48,824.24 Under PSTL A/C No. 7927001800119701 along with Future Interest from 11.12.2025, due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd – Bengaluru-Ashoknagar Branch /Vishakapatnam Main Branch, the Secured Creditor from – (1)M/s Golden Aqua Traders Represented by its Partners i) Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy and ii) Mr. Veludruthi Balaji Addressed at: No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthalli, Bengaluru-560092 (2) Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy S/o Mr. Chowdi Reddy Addressed at :No.425, K.No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthalli, Bangalore-560092 (3) Veludruthi Balaji S/o Mr. Veludruthi Ramu , Addressed at : No.5-109-1,Rajakulapeta, Palakoduru Mandalam, West Godavari , Andhra Pradesh -534210 (4) Mrs. Aruna Brahma, W/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Addressed at: No.425, K.No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthalli, Bengaluru-560092 (5) Ms. Sona B, D/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Addressed at :No.425, K.No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthalli, Bengaluru-560092 being the borrower/guarantors/Co-obligants/mortgagors.

Reserve Price / Usset Price below which the property may not be sold are as follows.

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & Time of Auction
<b>Item No:1</b> All that piece and parcel of the Property measuring 1064.80 Sq Yds or 9583.20 Sq ft with residential building constructed thereon with compound at Door No.4-666, Babu Kushki, Part I, S.No.57-2A, Srikantapuram Village , Subbireddypalli, Kaggallu Panchayath,Hindupur Mandal , Hindupur,Anantapur District, Andrapradesh belonging Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Boundaries of Property: East by : Land of Kadriappa & Ramachandrapa West by : Land of G Subbireddy North by : Property fallen to the Share of Chinnappa Reddy South by : Hindupur Road	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only)	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)	28.01.2026 from 11.15 AM to 11.30 AM
<b>Item No:2</b> All that piece and parcel of the Converted Land measuring 2.01 acres or 87555.60 sq ft (Net area, after deducting the Land earmarked for roads, amenities & Utilities)i.e. 49,906.69 sq ft situated at S.No.62-1, New S.No.62-1C1 Babu Govt Dry Land ,Part 1,Srikantapuram Village ,Kaggallu Panchayath ,Hindupur Mandal , Hindupur , Ananthapura District , Andra Pradesh belonging Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Boundaries of Property as per document:East by : Land of Lakshmaiah West by : Land of Khakani Saheb North by : Land of Pullamathi Adenna South by : Land of Kaggallu China Appaiah	Rs. 3,81,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty One Lakh Only)	Rs. 38,10,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only).	28.01.2026 from 11.30 AM to 11.45 AM
<b>Item No:3</b> All that piece and parcel of the Converted Land measuring 182516.40 sq ft. (20279.80 sq yds) bearing Sy No.844-2/as per Sub Division Sy.No.844-2A) situated in Koduru Village Fields, and Koduru Panchayath area, within SRD & RD of Ananthapur, Ananthapur District , Andhra Pradesh belonging to Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy. Boundaries of property as per document: East by : Bengaluru to Hyderabad National Highway Road (NG744) West by : Land of Thimmaiah in Sy No.844-1 North by : Govt Land in Sy No.843 South by : Land of S Jayadurga out of Sy No.844-2B, Land of B Venkateshwara Prasad and Sreevani out of Sy No.844-3	Rs. 9,99,00,000/- (Rs. Nine Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Only)	Rs. 99,90,000/- (Ninety Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)	28.01.2026 from 11.45 AM to 12.00 Noon

The borrower/s/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) / Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower(Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. <https://karnatakabank.com> under Regulatory & Other Head under sub head "Auction Notices".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://www.auctionbazaar.com/> on 28.01.2026 at the above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 50 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://www.auctionbazaar.com/> and get the user ID and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on 27.01.2026) at M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/1, Park Avenue, 1, Amerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India- 500016. E-mail: [disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com](mailto:disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com).

Date: 06.01.2026  
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised officer  
Karnataka Bank Ltd

**MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LTD.**  
FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD.  
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**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MANHFIN") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ("Act"), 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said "Act" read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower / Loan account number/ Branch	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Interest has been created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	DARA BHAVANI,DARA RAJESH YENI VEERABABU /NH/0116000956/KOR UKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	An extent of 117.5 SQ.YDS or RCC HOUSE (600 SQ.FT) with structures there in the property is situated at SYNO 105/5. D.NO : 1-18- 159/ASST NO. 1140060882. BLOCK NO. 1,WARD NO. 18, YELESWARAN VILLAGE C, RAJAVARAM COLONY, PRESENT KANKINADA DIST., NEAR AMBEDKAR STATUE, Yeleswaran ML, EAST GODAVARI ANDHRA PRADESH Pin -533429. EAST- 32.5 FT MULAGAPATI CHANDRANAR HOUSE, WEST-32.5 FT KALDHARI RAMALAKSHMI HOUSE, SOUTH- 32.5 FT C ROAD, NORTH-32.5 FT GUMMALA RAJA BABAI HOUSE	13-10-2025 & Rs.328895/-	07-01-2026
2	KOSIREDDI SIMHADRILOKIREDDI SATYANARAYANA,CHOP PA VEERABABU /NH/0116000956/KOR UKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	An property of 180 SQ.YDS or MCC HOUSE (468 SQ.FT) with structures there in the property is situated at SURVY NO.-27- 273/34A, ASSESSMENT NO.3800, D.NO:- 17- 85, BLOCK NO:17,Village:OWARUPALI – VEMULAPALLE, Mandal: MANDAPETA, District: EAST GODAVARI/PRESENT DR.BR.AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA,Subdiv: Andheri, Andhra Pradesh Pin-533413, Landmark: NEAR DURGA DEVI TEMPLE/IN in the Gramapanchayath limits of DWARAPUDI-VEMULAPALLE Village, Regd. Sub.Dist. ANANTAPUR and Regd. Dist: EAST GODAVARI/PRESENT DR.BR.AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA The property is situated at SURVY NO.-273/34A, EAST-40 FT ROAD, WEST-40 FT MAVULLU APPAYYAMMA SITE, SOUTH-36 FT VELUJAY VENKATA RAMANA SITE, NORTH-36 FT ANANTHAPATHIRAMA SITE	13-10-2025 & Rs.136918/-	07-01-2026
3	DARAM KRISHNAVENI,DARAM VENKATESWARARAO,DARAM GANESH,BEERA GOWTHAMNAGH /NH/0116010454/KOR UKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	An extent of 54.88 SQ.YDS or RCC HOUSE : (262 SQ.FT) with structures there in the property is situated at SYNO 610/1, D.NO : 4-255/ASST NO. 1602, BLOCK NO: 4, POLAVARAM VILLAGE, POLAVARAM MANDALAM, ELURU DISTRICT, NEAR CHURCH, POLAVARAM, WEST GODAVARI DIST. ANDHRA PRADESH PIN: 534315, POLA VILLAGE, IN the Gramapanchayath limits of POLAVARAM VILLAGE, Regn. Sub.Dist. POLAVARAM and Regd.Dist. ELURU DIST. (WEST GODAVARI) , EAST-SITE OF SOBBANA MOHAN RAO 26 FT, WEST-HOUSE OF SOBBANA MOHANRAO 26 FT, SOUTH-SITE OF BOODULLA JAYAMMA 19 FT, NORTH-HOUSE OF SOBBANA MOHANRAO 19 FT.	13-10-2025 & Rs.192412/-	07-01-2026
4	RAMALAKSHMI KAPPALA,CHAITANYA KAPPALA,KAPPALA SURYACHANDRAM /NH/0116000956/KOR UKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	An property of 143.33 SQ.YDS or 420 SQ.FTS. RCC HOUSE with structures there in the property is situated at SYNO 610/1, OLD NO : 1-147, NEW D.NO : 17-180, ASST NO : 3384, POLAVARAM VILLAGE, POLAVARAM MANDALAM, PRESENT ELURU DIST., NEAR CHURCH ELURU, WEST GODAVARI ANDHRA PRADESH PIN:534315, POLA VILLAGE, IN the Gramapanchayath limits of POLAVARAM VILLAGE, Regn. Sub.Dist. POLAVARAM and Regd.Dist. ELURU DIST. (WEST GODAVARI) , EAST-SITE OF SOBBANA MOHAN RAO 26 FT, WEST-HOUSE OF SOBBANA MOHANRAO 26 FT, SOUTH-SITE OF BOODULLA JAYAMMA 19 FT, NORTH-HOUSE OF SOBBANA MOHANRAO 19 FT.	13-10-2025 & Rs.293938/-	07-01-2026
5	VAKADA SRINIVASA RAO, VAKADA SEETARATHAN, VAKADA VEENKATADURGAREDDY, VAKADA PHANI SATYANARAYANA /NH/01160013355 / KORUKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	An extent of 147.6 sq.yds or R.C.C HOUSE(679.750 SQ.FT), SYNO 208/3 NEAR DO NO 3 160/10 NEW DO NO 3 265/ASST NO 573 WARD NO 3, .BILAKURU PANCHAYATH KOTHAPETA, MANDALAM, PRESENT DR.BR. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT, RAMALAVAM CENTER, Kothapeta, PO BILAKURU/NO.3, EAST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 533228, EAST-43.9 FT B MARK PARTNER VAKADA PALLAM RAJU PART SITE, WEST-43.9 FT VAKADA VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA SITE, SOUTH-28.5 FT VAKADA VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA SITE, NORTH-31. FT KONDEPUDI PALLAM RAJU COMPOUND WALL	13-10-2025 & Rs.397803/-	07-01-2026
6	VEDANGI ROHINI DEVI, BEERA KOTESWARARAO, BEERA GOWTHAMNAGH, MACHA SARARAMMA, VADODDI VINAY KUMAR /NH/0116001235/KOR UKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDRI	SYNO 610/1,WARD NO 4, BLOCK NO 4, NEAREST DO NO 4 24,NW DO NO 4 22,ASST NO 173, EXTEND 271 SQ.YDS, POLAVARAM VILLAGE, KAMMARAPA GUTEM, POLAVARAM MANDALAM,PRESENT ELURU DISTRICT, NEAR ANGANWADI, POLAVARAM, RD POLAVARAM, WEST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 534315, EAST-FT 7 WIDE WAY BETWEEN BEERA VUJAYABU AND THIS SITE 37.5 FT, WEST-RAB KOLLIM GUTULLU 37.5 FT, SOUTH-FT 7 WIDE WAY BETWEEN BEERA VUJAYABU AND THIS SITE, NORTH- WAY 65 FT.	13-10-2025 & Rs.389357/-	07-01-2026
7	CHAPATI VENKATA SUBBARREDDI,CHAPATI RAMALAKSHMIDEVI,CH APATI VENKATA RAMANAREDDY /COR/00CLONS0000050 02995,KADAPPA	House site property situated at Kadapa District, Prodadar,Reg District, Kamalapuram Sub-District in Kamalapurammandali in Kamalapurampanchayath in ward No.14, in side of S.Road segment-4 having Plot No.83 in the Village Fields of Kamalapuram in Sy.No.968 an extent of 193.6 sq. yards, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516289, EAST-Site of ChapatiVenkataRamana Reddy having Plot No.84, WEST- Site of Narapu Reddy Sheetha Reddy, SOUTH-Site of Gajjala Narayana, NORTH-25 links width of rasta.	13-10-2025 & Rs.738902/-	07-01-2026
8	PORUMAMILLA CHANDRA SEKHAR,PORUMAMILLA KRISHNAVENI,CHAKALI OBIJESU /COR/00CLONS0000050 01527,KADAPPA	YSR District (Kadapa District), Prodadar Registration District, Mududnur Sub-District, Yerragudi Mandal, Kalamalla Village Fields, Krishna Nagar, opposite to interior part of R.T.P Colony gate, site situated in - Sy.No.618 – Ac.2.13 cents, out of this, Ac.0.07 and 70 sq. links, out of this, Ac.0.04 cents and -770 sq. links (230.56 sq. yards), bearing Plot Nos.7 & 8 in ANDHRA PRADESH - 516310, EAST-20 ft. wide rasta leading to Plots, WEST-Remaining site in Plot Nos.7 & 8 sold to BedrapatiGurappa, SOUTH-18 ft. wide rasta leading to Plots, NORTH-Site of KamalVenkataSubba Reddy, House.	13-10-2025 & Rs.636778/-	07-01-2026
9	MAJJI RAMAKRISHNA, MajjiBharthi, Srinivasasomudragada / COR/CLONS 00005001719 / VISHAKAPATNAM	Vishakapatnam District, Anandapuram Joint Sub Registry, Maddi Village, a Vacant Site together with RCC Ground and First Floors under construction measuring in an extent of 217.8 Sq. Yds. or 182.10 Sq. Mtrs. or 0.04 % cents covered by Survey No.2421A/2 situated in Maddi Village Revenue Record of Maddi Panchayath of Padmanabham Mandas of Bheemnigalpatnam, Vishakhapatnam District Pin530019,ANDHRA PRADESH, EAST-Remaining property of Vendors, WEST-1/2ed house of PoggitThammayya, SOUTH-RCC house of JarapaduNarsinga Rao, NORTH-Vacant Site of vendors.	13-10-2025 & Rs.1340714/-	07-01-2026
10	SHAIK ARIFUNNISA, SHAIK MAHABOOB BASHA, SHAIK ASIFA /NH/00360017285 / KADAPPA	RCC house having D.No.4/64, with site situated at YSR Kadapa District, Jammalamadugu Sub District, Jammalamadugu Nagara Panchayath, Jammalamadugu Village, Nehru Nagar, In Ward No.4, in the Village Fields of Jammalamadugu in Sy.No.428/1A1A1A1B Pylt an extent of 0.02-199 cents or 106.43 Sq.Yds. Plot #16454, ANDHRA PRADESH, EAST-Joint wall and houses in S.Mahabooob be, WEST-Public RASTHA, SOUTH-House of D.NaravMad No.4/65, NORTH-House of S.Mahabooob Bashha.	13-10-2025 & Rs.714734/-	07-01-2026
11	DUPULAPATI VENKATANARASAMMAJJI VENKATAPATI ANAND BABU/MH/0031001429 SVLUJAYAWADA	RSNO 1224 DODDORU T111 ASSTNO 111, an extent of 139 sq.yds, TELAPROU GRAMPANCHAYAT UNGUTURU MANDAL, NEAR RAILWAYTRACK, Unguturu, PO TELAPROU, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 521109, EAST-PROPERTY OF KODDURI NANDU BHASKAR RAO, WEST-PANCHAYAT ROAD, SOUTH-PROPERTY OF KODDURI NANDU, NORTH-PROPERTY OF MANCHALA BHAGHANNI	13-10-2025 & Rs.512580/-	07-01-2026
12	KANDULA NAVOMI, KANDULA SESHAIAH /MH/0031001429 SVLUJAYAWADA	DOOR NO 1243 ASST NO 351 RS NO 128/6A, an extent of 121 Sq.Yds, SAGGURU GRAMA PANCHAYAT, AGIRIPALLI MANDAL, ELURU DT, NEAR CSI CHURCH, Agrigapale, PO AKURIPALLI, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 521211, EAST-PROPERTY OF KANDULA BHAGYA RAJU, WEST-SITE OF PANCHAYAT, SOUTH-PROPERTY OF KANDURAPU SUVARNA, NORTH-PANCHAYAT ROAD.	13-10-2025 & Rs.580585/-	07-01-2026

Place: ANDHRA PRADESH, Date: 10-01-2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

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Whereas, the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, 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) Act, 2002 issued a demand notice under section 13(2) of the said act dated 25.06.2025 calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/co-obligants/guarantors (1) M/s. Sri Vijaya Sai Traders, Represented by its Partners, (1) Mr. Venkata Satyanarayana Gajavelli, (2) Mr. Gajvalli D Venkata Ahalya, addressed at: Gen. Merchants & Commission Agents, D.No. 24-11-191, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Patnam Bazar Main Road, Guntur – 522003, Guntur (Dt), Andhra Pradesh. Also addressed at: D.No. 24-2-35/52, Amma Complex, Chaparalavari Veedhi, Patnam Bazar Main Road, Guntur-522003, Andhra Pradesh, (2) Mr. Venkata Satyanarayana Gajavelli, S/o Mr. Venkateswaralu, addressed at: D.No. 25-4-131, 5<sup>th</sup> Lane, Ramanamakshetram, Guntur –522003, Andhra Pradesh State. Also addressed at: Door No. 4-5-61/16, Santhi Nagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Line, Sai Baba Road, Guntur – 522007, Andhra Pradesh State, (3) Ms. Gajvalli D Venkata Ahalya, D/o Venkata Satyanarayana G, addressed at: Flat No. 101, Brundavan Apartment, Sai Baba Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Santhi Nagar, Opp Professional Beauty Hub, Guntur-522007, Guntur (Dt), Andhra Pradesh and (4) Mrs. Sarada Gajavel, W/o Mr. Venkata Satyanarayana Gajavelli, addressed at: D.No. 25-4-131, 5<sup>th</sup> Lane, Ramanamakshetram, Guntur –522003, Andhra Pradesh State. Also addressed at: Door No. 4-5-61/16, Santhi Nagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Line, Sai Baba Road, Guntur-522007, Andhra Pradesh State, addressed to pay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.1,70,43,605.68 (Rupees one crore seventy lakh forty three thousand six hundred five and sixty eight Paise Only) under

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	Rate of Interest	Interest Calculated Upto	Interest To Be Added From
PS Overdraft A/c No. 2557000600471701	1,70,43,605.68	9.82%	31.05.2025	01.06.2025

within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, mortgagors and the co-obligants/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagors, co-obligants/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this 08<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2026.

The borrower, the mortgagors and the co-obligants/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 Karnataka Bank Limited, Guntur Branch for an aggregate amount of Rs.1,84,21,971.68 (Rupees one crore eighty four lakh twenty one thousand nine hundred seventy one and sixty eight paise only) under

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	INTEREST TO BE CALCULATED
PS Overdraft A/c No. 2557000600471701	1,84,21,971.68	01.01.2026

plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

**Description of the Immovable Property**

**Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of residential vacant site admeasuring 2197 sq.yards or 1836.95 sq.mts, bearing D.No. 583/3, situated at Perecherla Panchayath, Near Kalasa Giri Hill & Srisaillam Colony, K



# EDITORIAL

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

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

### India Needs Imagination

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

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## THE SOUL OF DEMOCRACY LIES IN DIALOGUE



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

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



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

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

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

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



PRIYANKA SAURABH

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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





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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

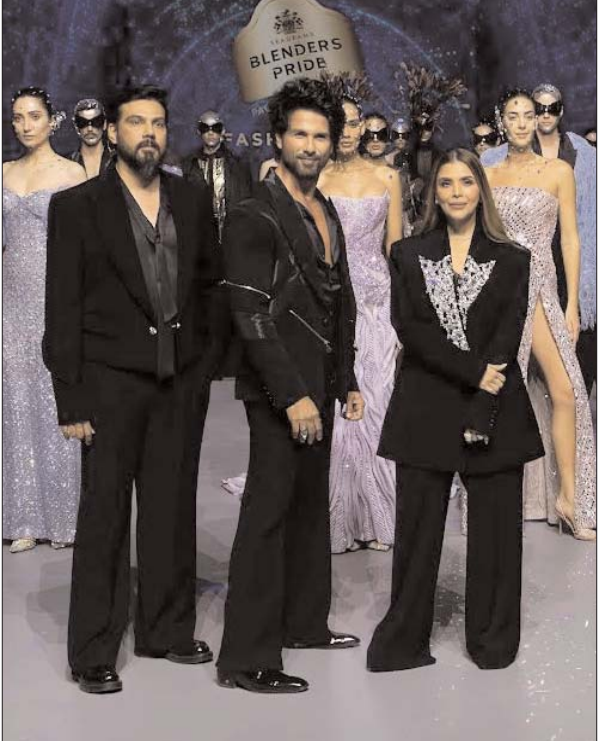


comes, FDA approvals, and CE certifications. "We believe that aesthetic care should not be about trends but about tangible, measurable results," said Dr. Ram Gautham, Medical Director of VeCura ReSculpt. "Our protocols are designed to offer a complete 360-degree approach to body sculpting—addressing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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## US job creation in 2025 slows to weakest since Covid

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## One dead, dozens trapped after giant landfill collapses in Philippines



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

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

## COLOMBIA SEES 'REAL THREAT' OF US MILITARY ACTION



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## US SEIZES ANOTHER OIL TANKER LINKED TO VENEZUELA, OFFICIALS SAY

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

## RUSSIA HITS UKRAINE WITH RARELY USED ORESHNIK MISSILE IN FRESH STRIKES

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

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



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

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

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

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



# KHELO INDIA BEACH GAMES 2026:

# HARYANA WOMEN, DELHI MEN CLINCH SEPAKTAKRAW GOLD

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



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

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

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

Swetha in the gold medal match. The men's final will be played between Tamil Nadu's Bharat and Rajesh and Goa's Sawan and Gauns.

**TODAY'S RESULTS** Beach Soccer (semifinals) Women: Gujarat bt Arunachal Pradesh 6-3; Odisha bt Himachal Pradesh 7-0 Beach Sepaktakraw Women: Gold - Haryana; Silver - Bihar; Bronze - Uttar Pradesh, Manipur Men: Gold - Delhi; Silver - Bihar; Bronze Manipur, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Beach Volleyball (semifinals) (Women): Deepika/Pavithra (TN) bt Swathi/Dharshini (TN) 19-21, 21-12, 15-6; Revathi/Swetha (Pdy) bt Manasa/Mounika (AP) 21-10, 21-18 (Men): Sawan/Gauns (Goa) bt Poonthamizhan/Abhithan (TN) 21-18, 16-21, 15-12; Bharat/Rajesh (TN) bt Ramakrishna Dawaskar/Nithin Sawant (Goa) 21-13, 19-21, 15-8.

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

# MACCLESFIELD'S 'MASSIVE OCCASION' TINGED WITH SADNESS



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Littler signs sponsorship deal worth reported £20m



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

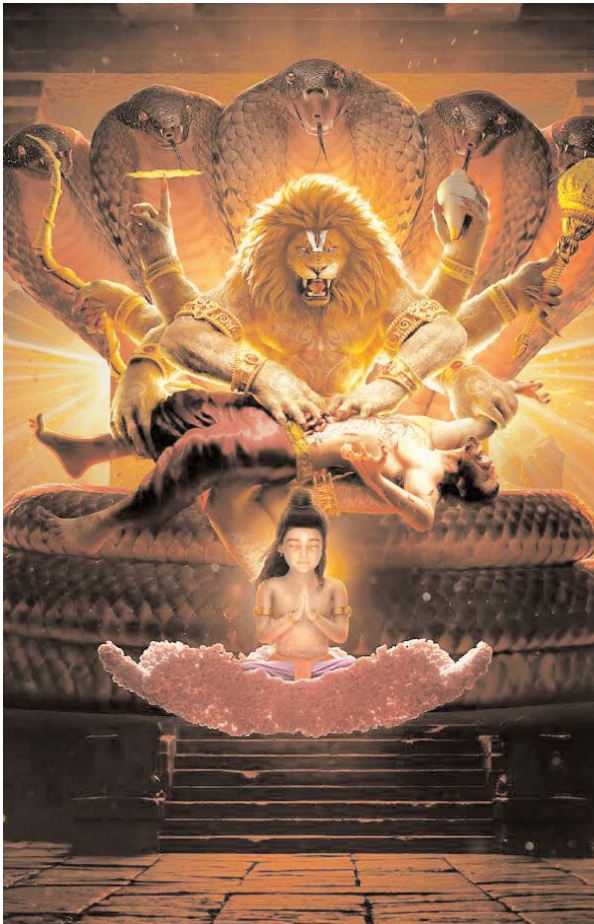
playing career to my product range, we've built everything together and I'm really excited to commit to our partnership long-term and see where we can take this next." Littler burst on to the scene at the 2024 World Championship, reaching the final but coming up short against Luke Humphries. He won the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



## David Beckham, Victoria Sent Legal Notice By Son Brooklyn, Contact Only Through Lawyers

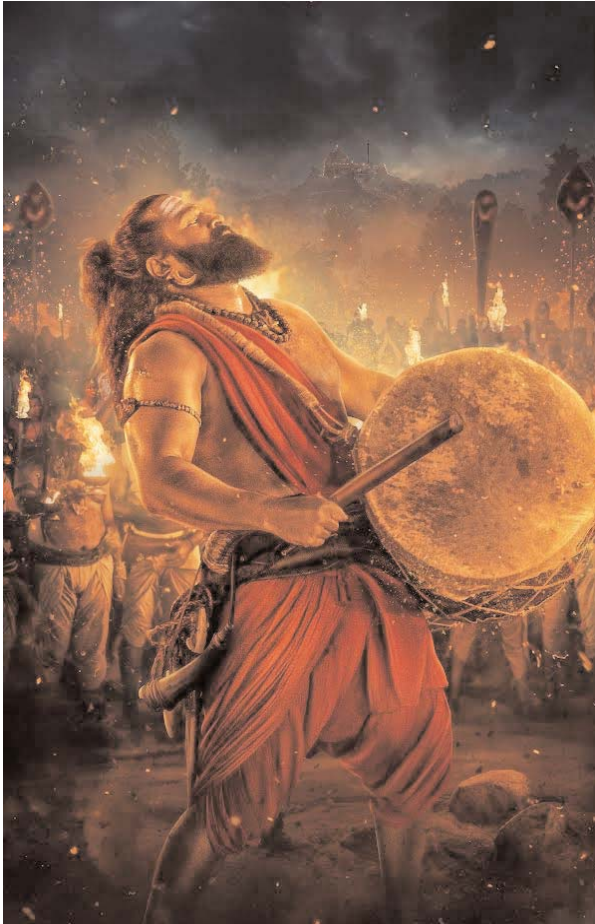


# Hombale Films creates history with two films on the Oscar general entry list



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

fun and emotion. It was a great pleasure to work with him. In this, Satya will be seen in the character of my PA. It is a very good laugh-out-loud character. Ravi Teja garu, Sunil garu, Vennela Kishore, Satya are all actors with excellent comedy timing. It seemed like a challenge to match their timing. I liked it. As soon as I heard this story, I wanted to play the role of Balamani, the wife character in it. Because I had already played the role of a modern girl in Ravi Teja's film. I felt that the role of Balamani would be new to me. I was happy that the director also thought of the role of Balamani. After telling the story, it was even more enjoyable to say that Ravi Teja is the

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Another Historic Feat by Veteran Producer Thummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana



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

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

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