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Class 12 girl student gang-raped inside moving car in Rajasthan's Bikaner

JAIPUR (TSIT): A Class 12 girl student was allegedly kidnapped and gang-raped inside a moving car in Rajasthan's Bikaner district, police said on Monday. The incident occurred on January 6 in the Napasgar area, but a case was registered only on January 11 following a complaint by the girl's family, they said. According to the complaint, the girl had left home for school on the morning of January 6. Two youngsters intercepted her and abducted her in a car and drove away.

Couple beaten to death over 'love affair' in Etah; woman's kin detained

ETAH (UP) (TSIT): A 20-year-old woman and her lover were beaten to death on Sunday, allegedly by her family, after they were caught together at her house in Etah district, police said. SSP Shyam Narayan Singh said some members of the woman's family have been detained for questioning in connection with the double murder at Garhiya Suhagpur village. The deceased have been identified as Shivan (20), daughter of Ashok, and her lover Deepak (25), son of Radheshyam. Both belonged to the same village and community.

Telangana govt to form panel to review district reorganisation

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday, January 12, said the state government would soon appoint a commission led by a retired high court or Supreme Court judge for reorganisation of districts in the state. Speaking after unveiling the 2026 calendar and diary of Telangana Gazetted Officers Central Association here, he said the reorganisation of districts was carried out irrationally during the previous BRS regime.

"We are receiving representations about reorganising districts and mandals. Justice will not be done if we take decisions (on districts) based on political considerations. Soon, we will appoint a committee headed by a retired high court or Supreme Court judge and comprising officers who worked in revenue department and others," he said.

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The number of districts in the state increased to 33 from 10 during the BRS government. Several leaders sought reorganisation of districts and other administrative units.

The CM mooted that the proposed panel should undertake field visits to gather public opinion on reorganisation.

Reddy announced that he has cleared a pending DA of government

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employees. This would put a burden of Rs 225 crore per month on the government.

PSLV suffers rare setback in C62 mission due to third-stage anomaly

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SRIHARIKOTA (TSIT): India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), long regarded as ISRO's most reliable workhorse, suffered a rare setback on Monday morning when the PSLV-C62 mission failed due to an anomaly in its third stage, marking the second such failure linked to the PS3 stage in less than a year.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the PSLV-C62 mission carrying the Earth Observation Satellite EOS-01 for the Indian Army along with 15 foreign satellites from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, at 10.18 am on Monday.

The mission also included satellite payloads belonging to the United Kingdom, Brazil, Spain, Nepal and France. The lift-off and the performance of the first and second stages were reported to be normal. However, an anomaly occurred during the operation of the third stage (PS3), which uses solid fuel, leading to a devia-

tion in the rocket's trajectory and resulting in mission failure.

This is the second consecutive failure associated with the PSLV's third stage. The earlier PSLV-C61 mission, launched in May 2025, had also failed due to a malfunction in the PS3 stage, according to ISRO sources.

Despite these recent setbacks, PSLV remains India's most dependable launch vehicle. Out of 64

missions conducted so far, only four have failed. These include the maiden PSLV-D1 mission in 1993 due to a second-stage separation and ignition issue, PSLV-C39 in 2017 caused by heat shield separation failure, and the recent PSLV-C61 (2025) and PSLV-C62 (2026) missions, both linked to third stage anomalies.

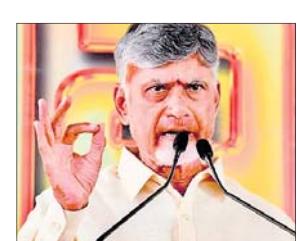
Addressing the media after the launch, ISRO Director V Narayanan

said that the PSLV has four stages, two solid fuel and two liquid fuel stages. "The rocket's performance was normal up to the third stage. However, an anomaly was encountered towards the end of the PS3 stage. A detailed analysis is currently underway," he said. He added that data is being collected from multiple ground stations to thoroughly analyse the mission and identify the root cause of the anomaly.

Polavaram–Nallamalla project won't harm anyone: CM Naidu

Amaravati (TSIT): Amid the ongoing dispute with Telangana over the sharing of river waters, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday defended the proposed Polavaram–Nallamalla Sagar link project, saying it will not harm anyone. He wondered what was wrong with using water released from upstream in the Godavari River and diverting it at Polavaram to Nallamalla Sagar. "I never objected when Telangana built its projects. Both Telugu states can efficiently utilise the Godavari waters," he said.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a meeting with ministers and secretaries at the Secretariat. He said the Polavaram project will be completed and dedicated to the nation before Godavari Pushkaram. He stated that Polavaram is a magnificent



Minister Naidu said that Bhogapuram International Airport will also be dedicated to the nation soon.

He claimed that the coalition government has saved Visakhapatnam Steel Plant with the cooperation of the Central government and the assistance of Rs 12,000 crore.

"Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is a sentiment for the people of Andhra Pradesh, and we will definitely protect that plant," he said.

The Chief Minister revealed that Andhra Pradesh attracted 25 per cent of the foreign investments that came into the country during the current financial year. Stating that Andhra Pradesh has become a destination for investments, he said that if all the agreements made through Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) materialise, 16 lakh jobs will be created.

He stated that Telangana State will also have the opportunity to utilise the surplus water from Polavaram. Chief

Trump calls himself acting president of Venezuela

Venezuela's vice president and oil minister, Delcy Rodriguez, was formally sworn in as the country's interim president last week.



That money will be controlled by me, as President of the United States of America, to ensure it is used to benefit the people of Venezuela and the United States!

ism conspiracy charges. Trump has said that the US will "run Venezuela until we can do a safe, proper and judicious transition. We can't take a chance that

someone else takes over Venezuela who doesn't have the interests of Venezuelans in mind."

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IndiGo flight makes emergency landing in Varanasi after bird hit

Varanasi (TSIT): A Bengaluru-bound IndiGo Airlines flight with 216 passengers on board made an emergency landing at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport here following a bird strike, airport officials said on Monday. The incident occurred on Sunday night and Airport Director Punit Gupta said all 216 passengers on board were safely evacuated after the plane landed. The aircraft, operating as flight 6E 437 en route from Gorakhpur to Bengaluru, suffered damage to its front portion following the bird hit during the flight, officials said. Given the seriousness of the situation, the pilot immediately contacted the Varanasi Air Traffic Control and safely landed the aircraft at the Varanasi airport, officials added.



India, Germany elevate strategic partnership with wide-ranging agreements

Gujarat (TSIT): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz reaffirmed their commitment to significantly deepen bilateral ties across defence,

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Chancellor Merz, who was accompanied by a high-level delegation including 23 leading German CEOs and industry leaders, made his first official visit to India and his first trip to Asia since assuming office, underlining the priority Germany places on India as a key strategic partner in the Indo-Pacific. The visit came at a landmark moment in bilateral relations, with India and Germany having completed 25 years of Strategic Partnership in 2025 and marking 75 years of diplomatic relations in 2026.

PM Modi welcomed the German Chancellor in Ahmedabad, where the two leaders paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Sabarmati Ashram and participated in the International Kite Festival, highlighting the cultural dimension of the visit. They also jointly addressed the India-Germany CEOs Forum, engaging with business leaders to encourage greater investment and industrial collaboration. Chancellor Merz is scheduled to visit Bengaluru, with engagements focused on technology and innovation. During restricted and delegation-level talks held on January 12, the two leaders reaffirmed shared democratic values, commitment to a rules-based international order and mutual respect as the foundation of the Strategic Partnership.



They reviewed progress in bilateral relations and exchanged views on regional and global developments.

Defence and security cooperation

The leaders agreed to further strengthen defence and security cooperation, welcoming progress made through institutionalised staff talks, service-level exchanges and joint exercises. They endorsed deeper military-to-military cooperation, including training, port calls and senior-level exchanges, and welcomed the establishment of a new Track 1.5 Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue.

India welcomed Germany's participation in major defence engagements, including Naval Exercise MILAN, the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium Conclave of Chiefs in February 2026, Air Combat Exercise TARANG SHAKTI later this year, and Germany's decision to deploy a Liaison Officer to the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region.

Both sides also welcomed the signing of a Joint Declaration of Intent to develop a Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap, aimed at promoting long-term collaboration through co-development, co-production

and technology partnerships. The leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, including cross-border terrorism, and pledged to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism, including through UN mechanisms.

Trade, economy and technology

Highlighting strong economic ties, the leaders noted that bilateral trade in goods and services surpassed USD 50 billion in 2024, accounting for over a quarter of India's trade with the European Union. They reaffirmed support for concluding the India-EU Free Trade Agreement, describing it

as a key outcome of the upcoming EU-India Summit and a catalyst for unlocking further economic potential.

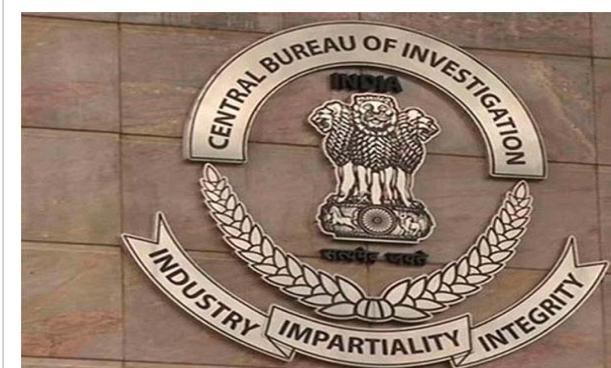
Several agreements and declarations were signed to boost cooperation in semiconductors, critical minerals, telecommunications, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and innovation. The leaders welcomed plans to establish institutional dialogue across the semiconductor value chain and deepen collaboration in research and development.

Green and sustainable development

Both leaders reviewed progress under the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership (GSDP), noting that nearly 5 billion of Germany's 10 billion commitment up to 2030 has already been utilised or earmarked for projects in renewable energy, green mobility, climate-resilient infrastructure and sustainable urban development. They welcomed new funding commitments and the launch of joint working groups on battery storage, solar manufacturing and wind energy.

The leaders also emphasised cooperation on green hydrogen, including alignment between India's National Green Hydrogen Mission and Germany's National Hydrogen Strategy, and welcomed a major green ammonia offtake agreement between Indian and German companies.

Two former PNB officials sentenced in Rs 4 crore fraud case



New Delhi, Jan 12: A CBI court has convicted and sentenced two former Punjab National Bank (PNB) officials in connection with a Rs 4 crore fraud at the bank's Jor Bagh branch in New Delhi.

Kulvinder Kaur Johar, ex-chief manager and branch head, and Ranjiv Suneja, ex-senior manager, were each sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs 75,000. PNB's former panel advocate, Narendra Singh Parihar, received two-and-a-half years' imprisonment with a Rs 50,000 fine. The sentencing was pronounced on January 9. The case, registered by the CBI on July 11, 2013, involved a conspiracy to fraudulently secure a cash credit facility of Rs 4

crore using forged property and KYC documents. The loan proceeds were diverted for purposes other than those sanctioned.

According to the investigation, Sanjeev Dixit, proprietor of M/s Shankar Metals, colluded with the PNB officials and advocate Parihar to fraudulently obtain the cash credit. The funds were siphoned off through fake bank accounts of fictitious firms, the CBI said.

Following trial, the court convicted Johar, Suneja, and Parihar, while private individuals Rahul Sharma and Rajeev Sharma were acquitted. The prime accused, Sanjeev Dixit, has been declared a proclaimed offender and remains at large.

Elderly man dies after firecracker factory blast in South 24 Parganas



and could not survive despite medical intervention. The remaining three victims — Gour Gangopadhyay, Kishan Mandal and Rahul Mandal — continue to be in critical condition, doctors

said. The explosion took place on Saturday at Haral village in the Champahati area under the jurisdiction of Baruipur Police Station. According to police sources, investigations are ongoing, and the owner of the firecracker unit has reportedly gone into hiding.

Following the blast, the Fire Department was alerted, and at least one fire engine was immediately dispatched to control the blaze. Additional Superintendent of Police of Baruipur Police District, Rupantar Sengupta, said authorities are probing the exact

cause of the explosion.

Local residents reported hearing a loud blast from the unit, where several workers were engaged in manufacturing firecrackers at the time. The force of the explosion was so intense that a portion of the structure collapsed, and a large nearby tree caught fire. Police personnel rushed to the scene after being informed and arranged for the injured to be taken to Baruipur Super Speciality Hospital. They were later shifted to MR Bangur Hospital for advanced treatment.

Former CBI officer's wife duped of Rs 2.58 cr in fake stock market scam



Hyderabad, Jan 12: In a shocking case of cyber fraud, the wife of former CBI Joint Director and retired IPS officer VV Lakshmi Narayana was allegedly cheated of Rs 2.58 crore by online scammers posing as stock market investment experts.

The fraud reportedly took place between December 24, 2025 and January 5. The victim, Urmila, a resident of Banjara Hills, approached Hyderabad cybercrime police after realising that the investment platform she was using was a sophisticated scam. According to police, the fraud involved a carefully planned strategy of social engineering and psychological manipulation. In November, Urmila

PBEL City celebrates Pongal with rural Tamil traditions



bonding and pass on Tamil culture and traditions to the younger generation.

Residents of PBEL City have been celebrating Pongal in a traditional Tamil style for the past five years. One of the organisers, Prasanna Ganesh, said that due to work com-

mitments and school schedules, many families are unable to visit their native villages. "To keep our cultural roots alive, we decided to bring the essence of village Pongal celebrations and fairs into our residential community," he said.

Congress-expelled MLA Rahul Mamkootathil arrested in third sexual assault case

Palakkad, Jan 11: Congress-expelled MLA Rahul Mamkootathil was arrested late on Saturday night in connection with a sexual assault case registered in Palakkad, police sources said on Sunday.

According to Kerala Police, Mamkootathil was taken into custody from a hotel in Palakkad around

which is already probing two similar cases against Mamkootathil, has also been entrusted with the investigation of the latest case, sources told.

Mamkootathil was reportedly staying at a hotel in Palakkad when he was detained and subsequently brought to Pathanamthitta for fur-



ther proceedings. Earlier, the Kerala High Court had granted him interim protection from arrest in the first case, which involves allegations of rape and forcing a woman to undergo an abortion. In the second case, a sessions court in Thiruvananthapuram had granted him anticipatory bail. Following the serious allegations, the Congress party expelled Mamkootathil from its ranks. Investigations in all the cases are currently underway.

ALL-NEW KIA SELTOS LAUNCHED AT PROSPERA KIA SOMAJIGUDA



Hyderabad (TSIT) : Kia India on Monday showcased the All-New Kia Seltos at Prospera Kia, Somajiguda, offering customers an opportunity to experience the next-generation mid-size SUV. The all-new Seltos has been launched at an introductory price starting from Rs.10.99 lakh (ex-showroom).

The launch event was attended by Telangana Transport Minister Ponnambalam Prabhakar, who unveiled the vehicle along with Sirajuddin Babu Khan, Managing Director, Prospera Kia. The new Seltos is engineered for a new generation of SUV buyers, focusing on enhanced design, space, safety, and

advanced technology. Built on Kia's India-first global K3 platform, the All-New Kia Seltos features segment-leading dimensions, including a length of 4,460 mm, width of 1,830 mm and a wheelbase of 2,690 mm, offering improved road presence and cabin comfort. Its bold exterior design follows Kia's 'Opposites United' philosophy, highlighted by the new Digital Tiger Face, Ice Cube LED projector headlamps, automatic stream-

line door handles and new colour options such as Morning Haze and Magma Red. Inside, the SUV offers a premium digital experience with a 7.85 cm Trinity Panoramic Display Panel, BOSE 8-speaker audio system, ventilated seats, ambient lighting and a panoramic sunroof. On the safety front, it comes with a 24-standard safety package and Level-2 ADAS with 21 autonomous features.



Police said the arrest follows the registration of a third sexual assault case against the Palakkad MLA, based on a complaint filed by a woman from Pathanamthitta district. The Special Investigation Team (SIT),

Ahead of Makar Sankranti, NGO urges citizens not to participate in cockfighting



Hyderabad, Jan 12 : Animal protection organisation, Humane World for Animals India, on Monday, urged citizens not to participate in cockfighting, an illegal form of animal cruelty that takes place during Makar Sankranti. The organisation has also appealed to the people to report any instances of cockfighting to local police authorities. In a cockfight, two roosters, often fitted with razor blades on their spurs and are forced to fight each other to death.

The fight usually ends with the death of one or both roosters.

Still prevalent in some parts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Odisha, cockfighting is a punishable offence under several laws. As per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, under Section 11(1)(m) (ii), it is illegal to incite animal fights. The act of organising, managing, or even offering a space for such fights is also a cognisable offence under Section 11(1) (n). In addition to these violations, cockfighting events are often linked to illegal gambling and the sale of illicit liquor and child labour, all prohibited practices. It's horrifying that this still happens, and no festival or celebration can ever justify it. I have seen the fear in their eyes, the desperation in their movements, and it is gut-wrenching. The birds are terrified, trembling as they are forced to face each other. Some are bleeding from previous

New committee elected at ISCAF Telangana general body meet

Hyderabad, Jan 12 (UNI) The second general body meeting of the Indo-Soviet Cultural Friendship Society (ISCAF), Telangana State, was held on Sunday at the Tourism Plaza Hotel. At the meeting, a new State committee was elected. Senior High Court advocate Kadaru Prabhakar Rao was elected President, while R Gopal was chosen as General Secretary. Professors

Sarangapani and D Radhakrishna, along with K Bilkshamaya, S Arun Kumar, Y Sri Raghavaraao and V Venkateswara Rao, were elected as Vice-Presidents. N S Arjun Kumar, N Rajamouli, Kondaparthi Srinivas, Maddineni Ramesh Babu, V Kondala Rao and M A Karim were elected as Secretaries, and Avva Vijayalakshmi was elected Treasurer. An execu-

tive committee comprising 20 other members was also constituted. The general body adopted several resolutions, including demands for an immediate halt to US attacks, sanctions and restrictions on Venezuela, immediate independence for Palestine and an end to Israeli attacks, and a call on the United States to drop attempts to impose tariffs affecting Indian trade.



CHITTOOR DISTRICT PUTHALAPATTU MPDO NAGARAJU DISTRIBUTED TRICYCLES AND BINS FOR DRY AND WET WASTE DISPOSAL TO 16 PANCHAYATS IN PUTHALAPATTU MANDAL.

SVIMS celebrates National Youth Day with run and tribute to Swami Vivekananda



Tirupati (TSIT) The Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) University organized National Youth Day celebrations on Monday, January 12, 2026, com-

memorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The programme began with flag hoisting by Dr. R.V. Kumar, Director-cum-Vice-Chancellor of SVIMS,

at NTR Circle on the SVIMS campus. This was followed by a 2-kilometre run from SVIMS to SV Medical College, according to Dr. B.L. Ram Naik, Medical Superintendent, SVIMS. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Kumar described Swami Vivekananda as one of the chief architects of modern India and said his words are priceless

Jagan accuses CM Naidu govt of 'backstabbing' youth

Amaravati, Jan 12: Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday accused the coalition government in the state of 'backstabbing' youth by not fulfilling the election promises.

He alleged that the government has placed the future of the youth and the state in peril.

The former Chief Minister took to 'X' on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary to target the TDP-led NDA government over its policies towards youth.

"Swami Vivekananda believed that if the youth work with focus and a goal, India grows stronger. On this National Youth Day, we remember his call. Is the state government allowing the youth to achieve this goal? In reality, the state of Andhra Pradesh's youth is grim,"



he posted. He mentioned that payment for eight quarters of fee reimbursement has been pending. He also wrote that the government has not paid Rs 4,900 crore under the Vidya Deevena scheme, while Rs 2,200 crore remains unpaid under Vasathi Deevena.

Jagan Mohan Reddy said the Rs 3,000 per month unemployment allowance, as promised in the alliance's manifesto, has not been paid over the past two years. He stated that online certification courses have been discontinued.

"Backstabbing the youth by breaching manifesto promises, the state govern-

ment has placed the future of the youth and the state in peril. I demand the Chandrababu Naidu government to Arise, Awake, and facilitate the youth to achieve their goals," the former Chief Minister added.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid tributes to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, saying he ignited confidence and courage among India's youth.

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APPENDIX IV, [RULE 8 (1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE, (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice on 25-09-2025 calling upon the borrower, Smt. Meenakshi Bodanna Chandraiah and Shri. Mohan Kumar Venkatesh Babu to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice being Rs. 80,56,744.35 (Rupees Eighty Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four and Paisa Thirty Five Only) as on 14-09-2025 plus applicable interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs thereon within 60 days from the date of the 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 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 this 08th day of January 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Limited for an amount of Rs. 83,03,573.35 (Rupees Eighty Three Lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three and Paisa Thirty Five Only) as on 06-01-2026 plus applicable interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

[Asset owned by Smt Meenakshi Bodanna Chandraiah via Sale Deed. Doc. No. 865/2024 and dated 19-02-2024]

All that the Residential House Bearing No. 1-8-771, Vide PTI No. 1160103968 & H No. 1-8-771/1/NR, Vide PTI No. 1160131910, (Old H.No. 1-8-771 & 1-8-77) admeasuring 112.00 Square Yards or equivalent to 93.63 Square Meters, with Built Up Ground Floor Shop 90 Square Feet, (Shops), Residential Ground Floor 541.00 Square Feet and First Floor 541.00 Square Feet (Residential), Total Area 1172 Square Feet of R.C.C., Roof, Situated at "TEMPLE ALVAL", Gramamukta, Under Alval Municipality Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Greater Hyderabad Municipality Corporation, Alval Circle, now newly formed as Alval Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State, and bounded as

Dimensions	Boundaries
North	H.No.1-8-77 Part
South	25'-0" Wide Road
East	Neighbour's House
West	Neighbour's House

Date: 08-01-2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorised Officer IDBI Bank Limited

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

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 ("SFAESI 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 "Borrowers") 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 symbolic/ physical possession of the property described herein below in superscription 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 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.

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.

1. Obbani Lakshminarayana (Applicant), 2. Anusha Obbani (Co-applicant), LAN- S15320400016

Description of Secured Asset

All that property bearing D. No. 315-3E, Door No. 5-94, Assessment No. 894, admeasuring 231 Sq. Yards equivalent to 193.74 Sq. Meters, situated at Vykuntapuram Colony, Naramalapadu Village, Karampudi Mandal, Palnud District, Andhra Pradesh, within the jurisdiction of the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gurazala SRO, and more particularly described as under : East : Panchayathi Road, North : Panchayathi Road, South : Obbani Govindu Property, North : Panchayathi Road.

Date of Demand Notice and Amount

18-09-2025 / Rs. 6,15,726/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Only)

NPA Date - 29-08-2025 Date of Possession : 07-01-2026

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.

1. Banavathu Ganesh (Applicant), 2. Banavathu Venkata Laxmi (Co-applicant), LAN- S146202000108

Description of Secured Asset

Site consisting of Survey R.S. No. 3/2, Asst. No. 175, Door No. 1-64, admeasuring an extent of 242 Sq. Yards of vacant site, situated at Oigirala Thanda Grampanchayat & Venkatapalem Village, Nuzvid Mandal, Eluru District comes under jurisdiction of office of sub-registrar nuzvid with all easementary rights, bounded by East : Banavathu Lachu House, West : Banavathu Desya House, South : 3 Yards wide joint way, North : Banavathu Ramu House.

Date of Demand Notice and Amount

18-09-2025 / Rs. 5,51,679/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine Only)

NPA Date - 29-08-2025 Date of Possession : 07-01-2026

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.

1. Mande Syam Babu (Applicant), 2. Mande Sujatha (Co-applicant), LAN- S1532050002

Description of Secured Asset

The property admeasuring an extent of A.C. 0-04 Cents or 193.6 Sq. Yds., bearing House No. 20-174, comprised in Survey No. 976-1, with a plinth area of 352 Sq. Ft., RCC building situated in Kolluru Village, within the jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrar Office, Kolluru, is bounded as under: East : Kanaparthi Daniyalu 60 Links, West : Road 60 Links, South : Gally Bazar 60 Links, North : Kanaparthi Nagendram Site 60 Links

Date of Demand Notice and Amount

18-09-2025 / Rs. 8,60,976/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only)

NPA Date - 29-08-2025 Date of Possession : 07-01-2026

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.

1. Burugu Rambabu (Applicant), 2. Burugu Paparo, (Co-applicant), 3. Burugu Marthyamma, (Co-applicant), LAN- S146202000062

Description of Secured Asset

All that piece and parcel of property situated at Eluru District, Nuzivid Sub-District, Nuzivid Mandal, Yanamadala Grampanchayat, Yanamadala Village, bearing Survey R.S. No. 347, admeasuring an extent of 96 Sq. Yards, consisting of RCC Dhaba with all easementary rights, bounded as under: East : Burugu Nagendrarao Property, West : Cement Road, South: Burugu Ramojirao Property, North : Harikota Srimallu Land.

Date of Demand Notice and Amount

10-10-2025 / Rs. 3,89,244/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Four Only)

NPA Date - 28-09-2025 Date of Possession : 07-01-2026

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.

1. Ganjamala Kamala (Applicant), 2. Ganjamala Rajarao, (Co-applicant), LAN- S15320400027

Description of Secured Asset

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Door No. 5-84, Assessment No. 884, in Survey No. 250/D1, admeasuring an extent of 96.8 Square Yards, consisting of an RCC Dhaba construction with all easementary rights, situated at Vutukuru Village and Grampanchayat, Krosur mandal Sub-District, Registration District, Palnud District, South: House of Gajimala Sababu, North: House of Ganjamala Yohanu.

Date of Demand Notice and Amount

22-08-2025 / Rs. 6,11,735/- (Rupees Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Only)

NPA Date - 29-08-2025 Date of Possession : 08-01-2026

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/ CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS

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.

Place : Palnud, Eluru, Kolluru Andhra Pradesh

Date : 13.01.2026 Authorized Officer Altim Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL)

Young India residential schools to transform rural education



Mancherial, January 12, TSIT. The State government is establishing Young India Integrated Residential Schools with world-class facilities to provide international-standard education to rural students and prepare them to compete globally, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance-Planning Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said on Monday. Mr. Bhatti Vikramarka reviewed the construction progress of these schools with Ministers Adluri Lakshman (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities Welfare), Parliamenterian Balram Naik, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, TG EWDIC MD Ganapati, and all District Collectors in Hyderabad. Permissions have been granted for 79 schools across the State, tenders finalised for 76, and construction begun at 18 sites, he said.

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EDITORIAL

Grazing on the Margins: Why Pastoralists and Rangelands Deserve a Place at the Centre

Imagine a form of livelihood that requires no factories, no irrigation, and no massive infrastructure. It contributes to food security, biodiversity, renewable economies and even climate resilience. It's deeply ecological, quietly productive, and astonishingly widespread. Now imagine it being ignored for over a century. Across India, close to 10-12 million people and their animals traverse mountains, plains, and deserts, doing what they've done for generations – moving with the rhythms of the seasons in search of grass, water, and opportunities to market their goods. These are pastoralists – managers of one of India's most misunderstood livelihood system and keepers of over 40% of the country's livestock genetic diversity. And yet, for all their contributions, both they and the grazing lands they depend on remain invisible in national policy making and discourse. Misunderstanding pastoralism and grasslands

To be fair, pastoralism can feel like a bit of a mystery. The whole business of people and livestock moving around, refusing to settle down into neat categories, does not sit easily with our understanding of "modern" production systems. Pastoralism ought to have made way for agriculture and then closed shop. Is evolutionary logic appropriate to assess whether pastoralism survives or not? But regardless of whether it survives, we pretend it doesn't exist. Neither pastoralists nor the rangelands where they graze their animals are quantified, understood or even properly enumerated. As for rangelands, they are most often labelled as "wastelands" – a term that suggests not only neglect but a policy green light for takeover by industry, agriculture, or, more recently carbon-sequestering tree plantations. All this, despite the fact that these ecosystems are home to some of India's rarest biodiversity and form the ecological backbone of our dryland ecosystems.

The roots of this problem go deep. Colonial-era foresters, trained in the temperate woods of Europe, looked out at India's scrublands and savannas and saw absence – of trees, of timber and of the potential for revenue. In came the plantations and out went the herders. The British administrative mindset, with its love of neat borders and settled cultivation, was flummoxed by pastoral mobility, which seemed outdated, inefficient and unproductive. Never mind that pastoralists had evolved precisely the kind of adaptive, mobile systems that one would now call climate-adaptive. Their centuries-old knowledge of landscapes, forage and weather patterns was dismissed as backward. The irony is that these systems, derided for their unpredictability, are now being hailed, at least by researchers and civil society organisations, as 'models of resilience' in a world of climate chaos. Pastoral mobility, it turns out, is not a bug or a glitch but an integral feature of this extensive production system. It allows herders to track changes in weather and navigate across landscapes that fluctuate wildly in productivity. Where settled agriculture falters under erratic rainfall, pastoralists make do by being on the move. It's not aimless wandering, it's a finely calibrated migration.

Despite this, pastoralists find themselves hemmed in on all sides. Common lands have shrunk and commercial crop agriculture has taken over. Forests have turned into conservation fortresses that shut out the people who once helped maintain them. And now, in the name of climate mitigation, one of our many pledges include greening 26 million hectares, much of which will likely come from open ecosystems wrongly assumed to be barren or "wastelands". The prevailing logic seems to be: if it doesn't have trees, plant some. But many of these grasslands are naturally treeless ecosystems. Introducing trees can not only damage these fragile ecologies but also displace the pastoralists who rely on them. Economies and ecology in plain sight. All this while, the pastoral economy continues to feed us, largely unrecognised and under-appreciated. By the estimates of our team of researchers at the Centre for Pastoralism, the annual value of just the sheep and goat economy in India is Rs 589 billion.

Pastoralism, at large, could be valued closer to Rs 1,650 billion – more than India's national education budget and nearly 3% of the agricultural GDP. This includes meat, milk, wool, pashmina, and dung (yes, dung!), all of which flow through informal value chains that rarely make it to NITI Aayog reports or Ministry of Agriculture briefings.

Trump: When 'Ego-Mania' Trumps Rationality



US President Donald Trump is bent on wrecking the global system, just as he is wrecking the US political system. He has become all powerful internally and he wants to be all powerful externally, too. Internally, the constitutional checks and balances system is not working; externally, his depredations remain unchecked. Despite the rise of China and the revival of Russia as a power, the US is once again becoming unilateralist on the global stage under Trump. He has arbitrarily imposed tariffs on all countries in flagrant violation of WTO rules. He is using tariffs as a weapon to extract not only trade and investment concessions from others but also political ones. This is the case with India, on which he has imposed an additional 25% penalty tariffs for buying Russian discounted oil. Trump is rejecting multilateralism. Sure, his predecessors also did that, but he is doing it more scornfully. Earlier, he had walked out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, the WHO, UNESCO and the UN Human Rights Commission, among other bodies. He has now decided to quit 66 international organisations, including many UN-related ones, the important ones being related to climate change such as the UNFCCC and the IPCC, as well as trade and economic development-related ones such as UNCTAD and the ECOSOC. Trump disparages renewable energy. He dismisses as a hoax the very idea of climate change, disregarding totally the serious concerns of the international community about the phenomenon. This also reflects US unilateralism on a very sensitive issue. Behind this are the interests of the US oil industry, which are strong backers of Trump and the Republican Party. This explains Trump's enthusiastic reference to the slogan "Drill baby Drill" in his inaugural address in January 2017, pressure on Europe (and India, too) to buy American LNG, sanctions on the Russian oil industry, and, more dramatically, his most recent adventure of attacking Venezuela and abducting President Nicolas Maduro with the expressed intention of taking control of Venezuelan oil reserves, which are the world's

biggest. Trump wants to become the dominant oil power in the world. He has made the legally bizarre claim that America owns Venezuelan oil because the infrastructure was developed by American companies in the first instance. Venezuelan oil, according to him, will be shipped to and marketed internationally by the US. The proceeds will be spent as decided by Trump himself, with Venezuelan spending what is allocated to it to buy only American products. The aggression against Venezuela is the 'Trump Corollary' to the US' revived Monroe Doctrine spelt out in the National Security Strategy 2017. The US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, has questioned why Venezuela should sell its oil to China - which bought 50% of the country's oil last year - Russia and Iran, forgetting that the United States used to be the main buyer of Venezuelan oil but following sanctions, China became the main destination in the last decade. (Venezuela owes about \$10 billion to China after the latter became the largest lender under late President Hugo Chavez). Trump's unilateralism was also dramatically reflected in his recent interview with The New York Times, where, in the background of his attack on Venezuela violating international law, he said most pre-

sumptuously, "I don't need international law." When asked if there were any limits on his powers on the world stage, he said, "My own morality. My own mind." That means a business morality and an inconsistent mind. As part of his power play, he intends to let the New Start Treaty expire, closing the chapter on US-Russia agreements to end the arms race. With his announcement of an Iron Dome for the entire US and a \$1.5 trillion defence budget for 2017, a new arms race and strategic instability could well be the result. That Trump, with his aggression against Venezuela and the kidnapping of its President - as well as his determination to acquire Greenland by force if necessary - should still feel entitled to the Nobel Peace Prize and accuse Norway for making a big mistake in not awarding it to him, shows how totally unconcerned he is about how others judge him. He says he will accept Venezuelan Opposition Leader Maria Machado's bizarre offer to hand over to him her Peace Prize for 2017. The Norwegian Nobel Institute has ruled this out as the prize cannot be transferred to others, though the prize money can. Trump again asserted that he had solved eight conflicts (including repeating his claim to have stopped the India-Pakistan conflict) and

should therefore be eligible theoretically for eight Nobel Peace Prizes! It continues to rankle him that Obama obtained the Nobel Peace Prize undeservedly. Trump continues to talk down at Modi and India patronisingly, and even offensively, quite unmindful of the damage he is doing to India-US ties. He has made the absurd claim that knowing that he was unhappy, Modi tried to (console him) "make him happy" by stopping the purchase of Russian oil and asked "Sir, may I see you", as if a deferential subordinate was wanting to see his boss. The MEA spokesperson has countered this by clarifying that both leaders address each other with mutual respect as per diplomatic norms. The arch-warrior, Senator Lindsey Graham, standing alongside Trump in Air Force One, congratulated him for green lighting the new Russia Sanctions Bill that would impose 500% tariffs on those countries that buy Russian oil such as Brazil, India and China, and elicited the remark from the US President that it was easy to impose tariffs on India. This casual way of dealing with what has become a very sensitive issue between the two countries shows how unbothered he is about the reaction in India and also implies a readiness to increase tariffs on India if required.

Folk festival of change of seasons: Lohri and the arrival of the new season



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India's folk traditions are not just festivals; they are living expressions of society's collective memory, understanding of nature, and philosophy of life. These traditions may change over time, but at their core, they preserve the relationship between humans and nature. Lohri, celebrated in North India, is one such folk festival, symbolizing the departure of winter and the arrival of spring. This festival not only announces the change of seasons but also announces a changing chapter in life's outlook—where warmth follows chill, light follows darkness, and new energy follows stagnation.

The festival of Lohri celebrates the cycle of nature, where every pause yields movement, and every difficulty yields possibility. This festival reminds us that life isn't just a struggle, but the relief and hope that come after struggle are just as real. This is why society has made it not just a one-day celebration, but a festival of collective emotion. Lohri's origins are deeply rooted in agricultural life. When a farmer in North India sees greenery in his fields after sowing the Rabi crops, he is filled with hope. The lush crops of wheat, mustard, and gram signal prosperity in the times to come. Lohri celebrates that hope. This festival honors the farmer's hard work, patience, and faith in nature. Gathering around a fire and offering sesame seeds, jaggery, peanuts, and rewari is not merely a religious ritual, but a collective expression of gratitude to nature. Here, fire symbolizes

purification—a resolve to burn away the cold, hardship, disappointment, and failures of the past and move forward. In folk life, fire not only provides warmth, it also fosters unity. People standing around a fire on a cold night warm not only their bodies but also their minds.

Folk tales and folk songs play a special role in the Lohri tradition. The story of Dulla Bhatti transforms Lohri from a mere seasonal festival to a symbol of social consciousness. Dulla Bhatti's character underscores the value of standing up against injustice, protecting the weak, and respecting women. This folk tale demonstrates that folk culture is not only a medium of entertainment but also a source of moral education.

The Lohri festival teaches the village community the lesson of collectivism. Rich and poor, young and old, men and women—all stand together around the fire. It is a moment of equality, where social distinctions melt away for a moment. Folk songs have a collective voice; the protagonist is not alone—the entire community participates in them. Lohri is also a cultural occasion for children. When children listen to folk songs from elders, learn stories, and participate in traditions, they not only celebrate but also connect with their roots. This is the greatest power of folk traditions—they maintain communication between generations.

But over time, the nature of festivals has also changed. Urbanization, consumerism, and a culture of ostentation have impacted folk festivals. Today, in many places, Lohri is becoming a personal performance rather than a collective event. Loud music replaces traditional folk songs, ostentation replaces simplicity, and unnecessary expenditure replaces a natural-oriented celebration. This weakens the essence of the festival.

This change isn't bad in itself, but the problem arises when meaning is lost. If festivals are reduced to mere photos, videos, and social media content, they cease to be folk culture. The soul of folk

festivals resides in participation, simplicity, and collective memory, not in commercial decorations. Today, festivals like Lohri need to be celebrated with environmental sensitivity and social inclusion. In an era of increasing pollution and resource scarcity, it's crucial to avoid unnecessary fuel, plastic, and noise. The simplicity of folk festivals is their greatest beauty.

Additionally, these festivals can be used as a means of learning for children. They should be taught that Lohri is not just a festival of fire and song, but a celebration of the farmer's labor, the cycles of nature, and community life. When children understand the meaning of traditions, they not only observe them but also carry them forward.

The arrival of spring marks not just a change of season, but a rebirth of hope. The longer days after cold and long nights also energize people mentally. Nature returns to color, flowers bloom, and life finds pace. Lohri celebrates this change—it teaches us that life is not static; after every darkness comes light. In today's stressful and uncertain times, folk festivals take on even greater significance. They give us a chance to pause, gather, and share collective joy. At a time when life is increasingly driven by competition and isolation, such folk festivals remind us of community life. Ultimately, Lohri teaches us that tradition survives when it communicates with the times—remaining relevant in new contexts while upholding its values.

Simplicity, collectivism, respect for nature, and a positive outlook on life—if these sentiments persist, every Lohri can become not just a festival but a source of new energy for society. The Lohri bonfire not only burns away the cold, it also dispels despair, loneliness, and inertia. This is why this folk festival is as relevant today as it was centuries ago. This folk celebration of the changing seasons reminds us that change is inevitable in life, and every change brings with it the possibility of a new beginning.

Anatomy of a Political Raid: From Lalu to Mamata



Has Mamata Banerjee done something "absolutely unforgivable" by raiding the raiders of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at the office of the Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC), a private election consulting agency, and by hitting the streets of Calcutta on January 9? At least, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's cadres and supporters are vociferous in asserting that the West Bengal chief minister has broken "constitutional norms" by stalling the ED's action against money laundering and corruption under her governance, and they are gunning for her head. Yet, they find it difficult to convince the larger electorate in this election-bound eastern state – and India at large – that the ED raided I-PAC's office solely to bust corruption, its primary mandate. Despite its numerical strength in Parliament, the ruling dispensation has been unable to create a consensus among neutral experts and the wider public about its so-called "war against corruption."

However, the purpose of this article is not to investigate allegations of corruption against Banerjee, the BJP's principal political opponent, or that against Suvendu Adhikari and others of his ilk, who were charged by the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) when they were in the Trinamool Congress but secured reprieve after joining the BJP. The purpose, rather, is to understand how the Election Commission of India to complain that the investigating agency was sabotaging her electoral strategy under the garb of fighting corruption; challenging the ED's action in a

court of law. But the fact remains that she belongs to an enormously large section of Indians who are rapidly losing faith in the neutrality of constitutional institutions – including the investigating agencies, the election commission, and the governors. It would be imprudent to place the judiciary in the same bracket, but by its very nature the judiciary takes time and depends on investigating agencies that have already lost much of their credibility. The Yashwant Sinha route By hitting the streets with thousands of people on January 9, Banerjee has done exactly what the former BJP stalwart, now in the TMC, Yashwant Sinha, had urged the Congress and other opposition parties to do after the Bihar election results of November 2025. In an interview with journalist Neelu Vyas for her digital platform, Sinha – a former Indian Administrative Service officer of repute – said: "There is

no iota of doubt that the Bihar election has been rigged. The only option for the opposition parties, including the Congress, is to hit the streets, get arrested, and not pray for bail. Let the government put you in jail as long as it wishes. The people will eventually find a way to liberate them and save the Constitution that its founding fathers gave them." He went on in the same vein: "I used to take pride in my pedigree as an IAS officer. But I feel ashamed when I see Gyanesh Kumar, also an IAS officer. Gyanesh Kumar is a disgrace to the IAS... The opposition must bring an impeachment motion against him in Parliament, even if it is defeated." Sinha had been principal secretary to former Bihar chief minister Karpoori Thakur before relinquishing his post to enter public life. He joined the Janata Dal and later became finance minister in the Chandra Shekhar government.

Cinépolis India expands its cinema advertising business, partners with It's Spotlight to operate digital screens across 100+ properties

Hyderabad, January 12, 2026:

Cinépolis India is expanding into cinema advertising with a nationwide deployment of digital screens across its lobby spaces. India's only international exhibitor has appointed It's Spotlight, a digital out-of-home (OOH) media company, to operate and commercialize the inventory. The deployment covers over 350 LED screens, video walls, and digital displays across Cinépolis's 101 cinemas in 63 cities spanning 23 states and Union Territories. Speaking about the partnership, Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India, said: "Cinema environments offer advertisers access to audiences in a focused, lean-forward setting which is distinct from outdoor and transit media. As DOOH grows and advertisers look for environments beyond cluttered digital and social platforms, cinema offers a differentiated proposition to reach young and urban audiences. With this partnership we are looking at unlocking this opportunity while staying focused on our core business of exhibition." According to the EY-FICCI M&E Report 2024, India's out-of-home advertising



ing segment reached 75,920 crore in 2024, with digital OOH expected to grow from 12% to 17% of total OOH revenues by 2027. Virkaran Singh, Founder & Director, It's Spotlight, said: "Cinema screens sit at the intersection of attention, intent, and experience, creating strong opportunities for brands to connect with a premium, highly engaged audience. This partnership allows advertisers to access a powerful yet largely untapped market, supported by programmatic capabilities, real-time analytics, and performance-linked execution across Cinépolis proper-

ties. With a presence across 23 states, brands can achieve national scale through a single buy with measurable results." Advertisers will have access to programmatic buying, campaign optimization, and performance metrics including impressions, audience profiles, and footfall data.

About Cinépolis India

Cinépolis India is a group company of Cinépolis and is the first international cinema exhibitor in India. With the vision of lighting up the movie of one's life with smiles and unforgettable

moments, Cinépolis aims to offer an unmatched experience to movie patrons. The company currently operates 449 screens in India under the brand names Cinépolis, Cinépolis VIP, and Fun Cinemas. Cinépolis has pioneered several innovations in the exhibition industry, including luxury cinemas with Cinépolis VIP and Cinépolis Junior, an auditorium specially designed for kids with colorful bean bags, cushy sofas, and loungers. The multi-benefit loyalty program, Club Cinépolis, enhances the movie-watching experience with free reg-

istration, points rewards, pre-screening invites, and star visits. Over the years, Cinépolis India has received numerous accolades, including the IMAX Big Cine Award for India's Top Multiplex Chain of the Year and the Image Retail Award for Retail Launch in 2023. At MAPIC India 2023, Cinépolis was honored with the Most Admired Retailer of the Year: Best Turnaround Story and Retailer of the Year - Leisure and Entertainment awards. In 2024, the company was again recognized as the Retailer of the Year - Leisure and Entertainment at MAPIC Retail.

About It's Spotlight

It's Spotlight is an India-based DOOH media technology company delivering AI-powered digital screens, real-time analytics, and interactive advertising solutions across premium locations, including malls and cinema chains nationwide. Founded under Skuka Solutions Pvt. Ltd., It's Spotlight combines media infrastructure with proprietary technology to bring transparency, intelligence, and measurable performance to physical advertising environments.

Actor Siddu Jonnalagadda to encourage Telugu households to Eat Healthy, Live Healthy



Hyderabad, 12th January, 2026:

Freedom Refined Sunflower Oil, India's leading edible oil brand, has onboarded popular film actor Siddu Jonnalagadda known for his films like "DJ Tillu" and "Tillu Square," to inspire TelugFreedom Refined Sunflower Oil, India's leading edible oil brand, has onboarded popular film actor Siddu Jonnalagadda known for his films like "DJ Tillu" and "Tillu Square," to inspire Telugu households to adopt healthy eating habits. The actor, known for his charismatic screen presence and massive fan following amongst the youth, has emerged as one of the most

promising actors in Telugu cinema. The partnership brings together a beloved actor known for his relatable performances with a brand that's all about making healthy cooking accessible to every home. Mr. Siddu Jonnalagadda enjoys immense trust and admiration in the Telugu market. His association with Freedom Healthy Cooking Oils will enable the brand to forge deeper connections with the consumers and reinforce the commitment to delivering pure, healthy cooking oil solutions for every kitchen. The collaboration will see Siddu featured across Freedom's campaigns

Two Spectacular Days of Cinema Conclude as 3rd Niri9 International Film Festival Ends on a High Note

Hyderabad, January 12,

2026: The third edition of the Niri9 International Film Festival concluded two remarkable days (10th Jan & 11th Jan 2026) of cinematic excellence, creative exchange, and cultural celebration. Hosted at Prasad Film Labs and Raj Bhavan Samkskruti Auditorium, the festival emerged as a vibrant platform that brought together filmmakers, artists, industry veterans, and cinema enthusiasts from across India and abroad. The two-day festival showcased an impressive range of films across Feature Films, Short Films, Shorter Films, and Documentaries, reflecting diverse voices, themes, and cinematic styles. From socially charged narratives to experimental storytelling and globally acclaimed features, the carefully curated lineup deeply engaged audiences and sparked meaningful conversations. Shri M Dana Kishore, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor was present as the Chief Guest of the event. Smt C Priyanka, Managing Director of Telangana Film Development Corporation was present as Special Guest. Other dignitaries present during the closing ceremony included Shri VN Aditya, Senior Director & Chairman, National Film Awards; Shri Ashok Kumar, Actor & Director; Shri Ajith Surabhi, Principal of SVFFA, among others. One of the major intellectual highlights of the festival was the panel discussion held on Day 2, featuring eminent personalities such as Seema Biswas, Carlyta



Mouhini, Manoj Nandwana, Jadumoni Dutta, Dr Padmini Nagulapalli, Satish, Y Ravi Shankar and Dr Junmoni Devi Khaund, the festival director. The session was moderated by Sunitha Krishnan. The discussion witnessed insightful conversations on cinema as a tool for social change, independent filmmaking, representation, and the evolving landscape of storytelling in the digital era. It also deliberated upon film production, co-production, and distribution, both nationally and globally.

Go Colors solidifies its southern India presence with a new flagship store in Hyderabad's A.S. Rao Nagar, inaugurated by actress Niharika Konidela

Hyderabad, 12th January 2026:

Go Colors, India's leading women's bottom wear brand is strengthening its foothold in Southern India by launching its newest flagship store, spreading across a massive area of 4,430 sq.ft. in Hyderabad's A.S. Rao Nagar - a popular retail destination in the city. Another significant leap forward in Go Colors' retail scaling trajectory, the store was inaugurated by popular actress Niharika Konidela. Located in Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar, one of Hyderabad's well-developed residential and commercial hubs, the store was inaugurated by popular actress Niharika Konidela. Located in Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar, one of Hyderabad's well-developed residential and commercial hubs, the store



inclusive. Designed as a one-stop destination, the Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar outlet showcases the brand's complete portfolio across women's Indian and western wear, men's wear and its signature bottomwear range. Customer insights played a key role in selecting this location. The area attracts a diverse mix of consumers with a strong preference for everyday, versatile, expressive, and

making it ideal for highlighting Go Colors' wide assortment of colours, fits and fabrics. The store caters to men and women across age groups, sizes and body types, with silhouettes crafted for daily wear, work, leisure and special occasions. Thoughtfully designed to offer a great shopping experience, the store blends modern aesthetics with functional planning. Its spacious, airy layout allows for easy navigation and comfortable browsing, while clearly defined category zones make product discovery intuitive. Enhanced mannequin styling, well-planned planograms and intuitive displays elevate visual appeal, complemented by comfortable trial rooms and seating areas that create a relaxed, immersive, and seamless shopping experience.

Ola Electric rolls out Shakti, its first battery energy storage system



New Delhi: Ola Electric on Monday announced the rollout of its first battery energy storage system, Shakti, from its manufacturing plant in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. Shakti marks the company's entry into the country's residential BESS (battery energy storage system) market and takes the company beyond the automotive domain, the Bengaluru-based firm said in a statement. It represents a fundamental shift in how Indians will access, control, and consume energy, as a portable,

on-demand resource designed for modern Indian households, farms, and businesses, it added. "The rollout of Shakti from our Gigafactory is a defining moment in our mission to build the future of energy in India. With Ola Shakti, we have reimaged how India will store and consume energy," a company spokesperson said. Powered by the company's indigenous 4680 Bharat Cell, Ola Shakti makes reliable, affordable, and intelligent energy storage accessi-

Mahindra Premieres XUV 7XO with 5 Pioneering Tech Disruptions Starting at Rs. 13.66 Lakh



January 12, 2026: Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading SUV manufacturer, today launched the new XUV 7XO, the company's latest trendsetter. Starting at a price of 13.66 lakh (ex-showroom), the XUV 7XO raises the benchmarks set by the gamechanger XUV 700, which has had over 300,000 customers since its launch in 2021. The XUV 7XO delivers an experience that rewrites the rules of high-end SUVs by elevating sophistication and technology like never before. Mahindra has consistently worked towards democratising technology, and the XUV 7XO further exemplifies this commitment by offering advanced features starting from the base variant. The AX variant, featuring Coast-to-Coast 31.24 cm Triple HD screens, Intelligent ADRENOX, Wireless Android Auto & Apple CarPlay, Alexa Built-in with ChatGPT, Cruise Control, Push Button Start/Stop, and 75 safety fea-

tures—all as standard—makes cutting-edge technology and premium features more accessible than ever. Expressive Design: Full-width grille with jewel-like talon accents, Bi-LED projector headlights with DRLs, diamond-inspired Clear Lens LED taillamps, R19 diamond cut alloy wheels and super-premium high-gloss piano-black finish exude a 'tough-premi-

um' character. Experiential Tech: Coast-to-Coast 31.24 cm Triple HD screens, 16 speaker Harman Kardon Audio system with India's first Dolby Vision & Atmos, 540-degree camera with digital video recording, ADAS Level 2 with Dynamic Visualisation, Frameless Electrochromic IRVM and Memory ORVM with Auto Tilt for reverse, Approach Unlock & Walk Away Lock. Smoother in every move: Global debut of the revolutionary DAVINCI damping technology; Front McPherson Strut & Multi-link Rear Independent suspension with Frequency Selective Damping & Stabilizer Bar offering superlative ride and handling. Exquisite Luxury: 6-Way Powered Co-driver seat with 4-way Boss Mode, Front Seat and Rear

Ventilated Seats, BYOD, High Density Seat Foam with First-in-Segment Plush Pads. Authentic SUV Legacy: Best-in-Segment 2L mStallion TGDI gasoline engine and 2.2L mHawk turbo-diesel engine options, first-in-Segment All-Wheel Drive (AWD) in Diesel R Velusamy, President, Automotive Business, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "XUV 7XO is our next step in delivering a truly premium, technology-forward SUV—smoother in ride, sharper in response, and smarter in experience. We are introducing DAVINCI suspension system—our new valve-based damping technology—for the first time worldwide, delivering a distinctly more plush and settled ride. ADRENOX+, powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon SA8155P, marks the first introduction of this chipset in an ICE vehicle in India, enabling exceptional computing speed and responsiveness."

Trump mulls 'very strong' military options as hundreds killed in Iran protests

President Donald Trump says the US military is considering "very strong options" in Iran, as anti-government protests which have reportedly killed hundreds enter a third week. The US-based Human Rights Activist News Agency (HRANA) says it has verified the deaths of nearly 500 protesters and 48 security personnel in Iran, while sources tell the BBC the death toll could be much higher. Trump has threatened to intervene, and said on Sunday that Iranian officials had called him "to negotiate" - but added "we may have to act before a meeting". Iranian leaders have described the demonstrators as a "bunch of vandals", and called on their supporters to take part in pro-government marches on Monday. The government has also announced three days of mourning for what it called "martyrs" killed in a "national battle against the



US and Israel" - two countries that Tehran says are fomenting unrest. Anger over the plummeting value of the Iranian currency sparked protests in late December, which have grown into a crisis of legitimacy for Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Trump has not yet elaborated on what the US is considering in terms of military options, nor on the proposed negotiations, despite saying that a "meet-

ing is being set up" with Iranian officials. He added that Iranian leaders "want to negotiate", because "they are tired of being beat up by the United States". A US official told the BBC's US news partner CBS that Trump has been briefed on options for military strikes on Iran. Other approaches could include boosting anti-government sources online, using cyber-weapons against Iran's military, or imposing more sanctions, one source saying on Sunday

that the streets of Tehran were "full of blood". "They're taking away bodies in trucks," the source added. In one video from the site near Tehran, about 180 shrouded or wrapped figures can be seen, the majority lying out in the open. Shouts and cries of distress can be heard from people who appear to be looking for their loved ones. Footage has been blurred to protect the identities of the living, who could face further persecution from the authorities. Sources said large numbers of bodies had accumulated at hospitals and forensic facilities, while some bodies were reportedly buried urgently before dawn by the authorities, limiting the chance for identification. City workers have also removed debris, burned cars and bloodstains from the streets during the night, a source told the BBC. Multiple sources in Iran also said that they had seen

THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS STRANDED IN LAPLAND AS COLD GROUNDS FLIGHTS



HUNGARY GRANTS ASYLUM TO POLISH EX-JUSTICE MINISTER



Hungary has granted political asylum to Poland's former Justice Minister Zbigniew Ziobro who is facing charges of embezzlement. Ziobro is facing 26 charges related to embezzling money from a fund meant to be spent on crime victims and rehabilitating criminals. Instead, he is accused of authorising the purchase of spyware that was allegedly used to hack political opponents' phones. He says he is a victim of political persecution. Granting asylum to a citizen of a fellow EU member state goes against the spirit of EU standards. But in the case of Hungary it is neither new nor surprising. Ziobro is the second politician of the former Justice and Law-led government to be granted this status - last year it was his former deputy Michal Romanowski who fled to Budapest to seek protection. Both are accused of corruption and misusing their power - most notably by using the money of the state-controlled Foundation for Justice

which was under their oversight in order to fund their party and its cronies. Ziobro was justice minister between 2015 and 2023 under the previous right-wing PiS-led government, which is politically aligned to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. If found guilty he could face up to 25 years in prison. Writing on X, Ziobro said: "I have decided to accept the asylum granted to me by the government of Hungary due to the political persecution in Poland." "I have chosen to fight against political banditry and lawlessness. I stand in opposition to a creeping dictatorship," Ziobro added, accusing Prime Minister Donald Tusk of waging a "vendetta" against him. Ziobro is accused of authorising a 25m złoty (\$7m; £5.15m) purchase from of Israeli-made Pegasus spyware, which Poland's current coalition government and a European Parliament investigative team found was used to secretly hack the phones of political opponents.

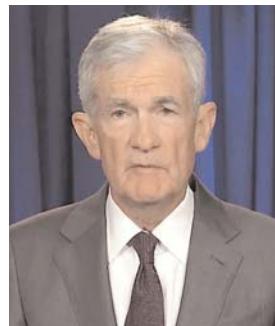
CUSTODY EXTENDED FOR OWNER OF SWISS SKI BAR AFTER DEADLY FIRE



A judge in Switzerland has ordered that one of the two co-owners of the ski resort bar where 40 people died in a fire on New Year's Eve be kept in detention for 90 days. Swiss prosecutors have argued that Jacques Moretti, a French national, is a potential flight risk. He and his wife Jessica, who is also French, are suspected of manslaughter by negligence, bodily harm by negligence and arson by negligence. The blaze at Le Constellation bar in Crans-Montana also left 116 people injured. Many of the victims were aged under 20. The fire is believed to have been started by sparklers in champagne bottles raised too close to the ceiling during celebrations. Authorities

acknowledged last week that the bar in the popular ski resort had not undergone safety checks for five years. Jacques Moretti was first detained on Friday for an initial period of 48 hours. On Monday, a judge at what is known as a court of coercive measures ruled that he should be kept in custody for three months - a period that can be renewed under Swiss law.

Fed chair Powell hits out at 'unprecedented' probe by US justice department



Federal prosecutors have opened a criminal investigation into Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell, he said on Sunday. In a highly unusual move, Powell disclosed that the US Department of Justice (DoJ) served the agency with subpoenas and threatened a criminal indictment over testimony he gave to a Senate committee about renovations to Federal Reserve buildings. Calling the probe "unprecedented", Powell said he believed it was opened due to Donald Trump's anger over the Fed's refusal to cut interest rates despite repeated public pressure from the president. Trump said he did not "know anything" about

the investigation. The DoJ has been contacted for comment. Until now, the long-running feud between Trump and Powell has been largely one-sided with the US president calling the banker "Mr. Too Late" and a "numbskull". Powell's statement on Sunday is the first time he

has publicly and robustly pushed back against Trump as he warned that the independence of the US central bank is at stake. "This is about whether the Fed will be able to continue to set interest rates based on evidence and economic conditions, or whether instead monetary policy will be directed by political pressure or intimidation."

Powell said: "I have deep respect for the rule of law and for accountability in our democracy. No one, certainly not the chair of the Federal Reserve is above the law, but this unprecedented action should be seen in the broader context of the administration's threats and

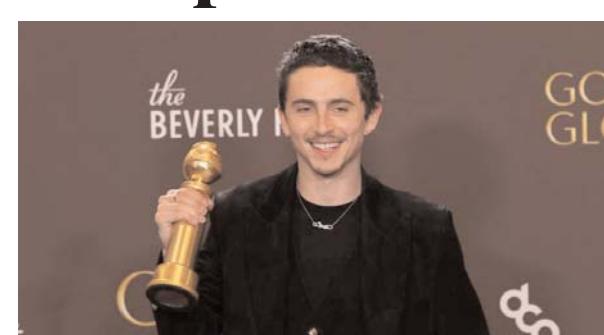
ongoing pressure," he went on to say. Trump said in an interview with NBC News on Sunday that he did not have any knowledge of the DoJ's investigation into the Fed. "I don't know anything about it, but he's certainly not very good at the Fed, and he's not very good at building buildings," he said of Powell. The Fed is undertaking the first renovation of two buildings, the Eccles and 1951 Constitution Avenue buildings, since their construction in the 1930s. The "overhaul and modernisation" of the buildings includes health and safety work such as the removal of asbestos and lead contamination.

JAILED VENEZUELAN POLITICIAN'S SON SAYS TRUMP SHOULDN'T BE 'FOOLED' BY PLEDGE OF PRISONER RELEASES



The son of a jailed Venezuelan opposition leader has warned Donald Trump to "not be fooled" by the country's government, amid accusations it has not kept its promise to release a significant number of political prisoners. Ramón Guanipa, the son of Juan Pablo Guanipa, said he believed the US president was unaware that only about 40 releases out of more than 800 political prisoners had reportedly been confirmed so far. On Saturday, Trump thanked the Venezuelan authorities, saying they had "started the process, in a BIG WAY". The Venezuelan government announced on Thursday it would release detainees considered political prisoners by human rights groups as a "goodwill gesture". The move came after the US seized Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro in a raid on the capital, Caracas, on 3 January, and took him to New York, where he has been charged with drug trafficking. Jorge Rodríguez, Venezuela's

Chalamet beats DiCaprio to Golden Globes glory



went home with the box office achievement prize as well as best score. The Golden Globes are a key stop on the road to the Academy Awards, and other acting winners on Sunday included Teyana Taylor, Rose Byrne, Wagner Moura and Stellan Skarsgård. Unlike the Oscars, the Globes also reward TV shows, and the night saw British actors Stephen Graham, Owen Coop and Erin Doherty pick up more honours for their performances in Netflix drama Adolescence. With all eyes on the Oscars race, Timothée Chalamet's victory has given him a boost over his rivals. "I'm in a category with many greats," he said when accepting his trophy. It was Chalamet's fifth Globes nomination, but his first win. "My dad

instilled in me a spirit of gratitude growing up, always be grateful for what you have," he said. "It's allowed me to leave this ceremony in the past empty handed, my head held high, grateful just to be here. But I'd be lying if I didn't say those moments make this moment that much sweeter. "For my parents, for my partner, I love you so much," he added, looking at girlfriend Kylie Jenner

Chinese director, a lot of Irish, a mostly Polish crew, beside our British family." She concluded: "This is a real honour, I love being part of this industry." Shortly afterwards, Hamnet director Chloe Zhao looked visibly shocked when the movie was announced as the winner of best drama film. Accepting the prize, producer Steven Spielberg said he had "loved the book" by OFarrell, but felt Zhao was "the only filmmaker on the face of the planet who could tell the story". Zhao said: "The village of Hamnet that made this film together. Some of them lost their loved ones while we were making this film, and some of them are still struggling, and I just wanted to say we're thinking of you, we're here because of you, we love you." Elsewhere, singer

and actress Teyana Taylor, whose career started when she choreographed a Beyoncé music video at the age of 15, cemented her Hollywood breakthrough by winning best supporting film actress for One Battle After Another. After tearfully thanking a list of people, she used her acceptance speech to send a message to "my brown sisters and little brown girls watching tonight". "Our light does not need permission to shine," she told them. "We belong in every room we walk into. Our voices matter and our dreams deserve space." Swedish actor Stellan Skarsgård, 74, won best supporting actor for Sentimental Value, and joked that he hadn't prepared a speech "because I thought that I was too old".

Prime Video Unveils the Gripping Trailer of its Latest Telugu Crime Thriller Movie Cheekatilo

A Prime Original movie, Cheekatilo is an edge-of-the-seat crime thriller, directed by Sharan Kopishetty, produced by D. Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Production Pvt Ltd, and written by Chandra Pemmaraju and Sharan Kopishetty Prime Video, India's most-loved entertainment destination, today unveiled a riveting trailer of Cheekatilo, an emotionally charged Telugu crime suspense drama. Against the backdrop of a dynamic, fast-growing Hyderabad, the narrative follows Sandhya, a true crime podcaster portrayed by SOBHITA Dhulipala as she uses her podcast to uncover the two-decade-old secrets of a long-dormant serial killer. Directed by Sharan Kopishetty and produced by D Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Productions Pvt Ltd., the thrilling narrative is written by Chandra Pemmaraju and Sharan Kopishetty. The movie stars Sobhita Dhulipala and viswadev Rachakonda in lead roles, alongside Chaitanya visalakshmi, Esha Chawla, Jhansi, Aamani and Vadlamani Srinivas in pivotal roles. The Telugu movie will premiere exclusively on Prime Video across India and in over 240 countries and territories worldwide, on January 23. The trailer for Cheekatilo offers a gripping glimpse



into Hyderabad's underbelly, where Sandhya—a criminology graduate and true crime podcaster—is drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse. The shocking murder exposes a trail of past crimes, setting off a tense pursuit of truth and justice. Using her podcast as an investigative tool, Sandhya attempts to challenge and draw out a cold-blooded killer. As the tension escalates, the narrative builds toward a chilling revelation. But will the truth come to light, or will Sandhya become the killer's next victim? Packed with suspense and emotion, the trailer sets the stage for a nerve-racking hunt that begins January 23, only on Prime Video. Sharan Kopishetty, director and co-writer of Cheekatilo, shared, "Directing Cheekatilo has been a

deeply rewarding journey—one that pushed me to explore the darker, more human layers beneath a seemingly straightforward crime story. At its heart, this movie is more than a crime suspense—it is a reflection on resilience, the fight against silence and power, and the courage it takes to bring justice to the front. With the trailer now out, audiences can glimpse the tense, suspenseful world we have created. Partnering with Prime Video has been immensely rewarding, allowing us to bring this vision to a global audience, united by our commitment to bold, authentic, and relatable storytelling. The film's talented cast, with their exceptional performances, has been central in shaping this vision. I can't wait for viewers to experience it when it

premieres exclusively on Prime Video on January 23." Sobhita Dhulipala, who plays the lead character of Sandhya in Cheekatilo, shared, "Playing 'Sandhya' has been a superb experience - she's a front-footed young woman who is an independent thinker, deeply committed to standing by her belief system no matter the resistance. Her choices are shaped by a unique stubbornness that has a history of its own. Playing a character rooted in the by-lanes of Hyderabad and other Telugu localities and coming from a cultural background as my real self, the integration between the character and my own expression was seamless and utterly enjoyable. Grateful for this wonderful experience and our exceptional cast and crew - everyone brought their heart to the set every single day. Being part of a Prime Original project is special in many ways. From Made in Heaven to now Cheekatilo, it has been an intentional and inspiring journey—our shared growth, commitment towards entertaining storytelling as well as the keenness to push the envelope each time is a rare joy. Looking forward for the audiences to see a different side of me as Sandhya when the movie premieres exclusively on Prime Video on January 23"

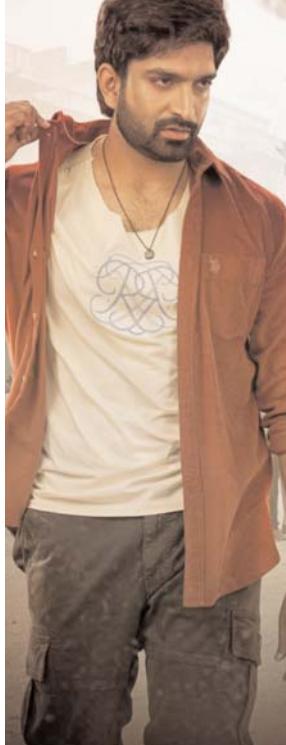
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that celebrates Telugu entertainment in all its forms, making this Sankranthi truly special for its audiences. About ZEE5: ZEE5 is Bharat's largest homegrown video streaming platform and the multilingual storyteller for millions of entertainment seekers. ZEE5 stems from the stable of ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEEL), a Global Content Powerhouse. An undisputed choice of video on demand platform for consumers, it offers an expansive and diverse library comprising 4,071+ films, 1,800+ TV shows, 422+ web originals, 4,492+ music videos, and over 1.35 lakh hours of on-demand content. The content is now offered to our varied audience through 7 personalized and hyper-local subscription packs spread across 12 languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, English, Oriya, Bhojpuri, Gujarati, and Punjabi. This encompasses our large repertoire of Originals, Indian and International Movies, TV Shows, Kids shows, News and Live TV. A strong deep-tech stack, stemming from partnerships with global tech disruptors, enables ZEE5 to deliver a seamless experience across multiple devices, ecosystems, and operating systems.

and Nayanthara's starer 'Manu Shankara Vara Prasad Garu', and Ravi Teja's featuring Bhartha Mahasayalakum Wignyapti, and Gurram Papireddy ensuring a steady flow of high-impact entertainment for its viewers. Speaking about the campaign, Anuradha Guru, Business Head - Telugu ZEE5, said, "At Telugu ZEE5, our focus is on bringing a diverse mix of entertainment that truly reflects the tastes of Telugu audiences, from rooted family dramas and festive entertainers to gripping thrillers and big-ticket star films. With our previous and upcoming films featuring stars like Chiranjeevi, Nayanthara, and Ravi Teja, we are building a strong, consistent content pipeline. This Sankranthi campaign reflects

Nenu Ready Teaser Promises a Wholesome Summer Comedy Riot



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Presenting An Absolute Fun Riot Havish, Thrinadha Rao Nakkina, Nikhila Koneru, Harniks India LLP's Nenu Ready Fun-Filled Teaser Unveiled, Theatrical Release In Summer. Young hero Havish teamed up with director Thrinadha Rao Nakkina for an out-and-out entertainer Nenu Ready. Kavya Thapar is the leading lady opposite Havish in the film being produced by Nikhila Koneru under the Harniks India LLP banner. After making initial buzz with its posters and title glimpse, the makers today unveiled the teaser, which

Archana Puran Singh diagnosed with 'rare' health condition, breaks down



Mumbai: In her latest London vlog, Archana Puran Singh, known for her infectious laughter on The Kapil Sharma Show, shared a deeply personal moment with her fans. Her son, Ayushmaan Sethi, paid tribute to her resilience amid her health struggles. Ayushmaan expressed his pride in his family, including his parents, brother, and even their dogs. However, it was Archana who topped the list, bringing her to tears. Ayushmaan's Praise for Archana Ayushmaan praised his mother for her strength and determination in the face of a tough year.

He spoke about how Archana broke her hand and developed a rare condition, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), which left her hand permanently damaged. Despite the pain, Archana shot for several movies and a web series, working tirelessly for 30 consecutive days without complaints. Ayushmaan also admired her for starting a YouTube channel at the age of 60, which he described as incredible. Archana's Emotional Response Visibly moved by her son's words, Archana choked up as she responded, "I am so proud of

you. You didn't even mention yourself." She shared that while her children sometimes made her cry out of frustration, these were happy tears, filled with pride and gratitude. Archana's Health Struggles In 2025, Archana suffered a severe injury on the set of a film, which later developed into CRPS. The pain and slow recovery were documented in her vlogs, where she shared her struggles and determination to stay positive despite the challenges. The Family's Day in London After the emotional moment, the family ventured out to Borough Market in London to sample local delicacies.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas makes stylish red carpet appearance at Golden Globes 2026



Los Angeles: Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas and her husband, singer-actor Nick Jonas, turned heads as they arrived on the red carpet of the Golden Globe Awards 2026. Jonas wore a double-breasted tuxedo with subtle pinstripes, opting for a polished and understated silhouette that stood out for its sharp tailoring. At the ceremony, Chopra Jonas presented the award for Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Series - Drama alongside global pop star Lalisa Manobal, popularly known as Lisa of South Korean girl band BLACKPINK. The duo announced actor Noah Wyle as the winner for his performance in medical drama series "The Pitt". The Golden Globe Awards 2026 are being held at the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles, honouring outstanding achievements in film and television and have drawn leading names from the global

entertainment industry. On the work front, Chopra Jonas has an impressive slate of projects ahead. Chopra Jonas was most recently seen in the Hollywood action comedy "Heads of States", co-starring Idris Elba and John Cena. She will next feature in the pirate action film "The Bluff", in which she stars opposite "The Boys" actor Karl Urban. The movie will be released on Prime Video in February. The actor will also be seen in "Judgement Day", starring alongside Will Ferrell, Zac Efron, Regina Hall, Jimmy Tatro, Billy Eichner and Michael Peña, among others. Besides, Chopra Jonas is set to make her much-anticipated return to Indian cinema with "Varanasi", the next feature project from ace filmmaker S S Rajamouli. She is part of an ensemble cast which also includes Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu and acclaimed actor Prithviraj Sukumaran.

Isha Malviya set to venture into Bollywood with a major film project



Mumbai: If industry buzz is to be believed, actress Isha Malviya might be on the verge of stepping into the biggest phase of her career yet. The young actress, who rose to fame with her show Udaariyaan, according to reports is all set to venture into films. IANS has exclusively learnt that the production house and the film's details are being kept tightly under wraps, adding to the growing curiosity around the project. Insiders reveal to IANS, that this is not just any film, but a high-scale project that could mark Isha's transition into Bollywood in a big way. A source close to the development shares with IANS, "Isha Malviya is expected to begin shooting for a big project soon. Preparations are already underway, and if things fall into place, this could mark her major Bollywood debut." The secrecy around the project

is also being maintained deliberately, as the makers reportedly want to unveil everything at the right time.