

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

15-01-2026

Total pilgrims : 64,064

Tonnes : 30,063

Hundi kankulu : 3.80 CR

Waiting Compartments...

Out side line at Silshovam.

Approx. Darshan Time for Saravadeshnam (with out 550 Tokens) : 10H

Telangana to Launch India’s First ‘Global AI Proving Ground’ at Davos 2026

Hyderabad: The Government of Telangana will unveil a landmark initiative in Artificial Intelligence at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2026 in Davos with the launch of the Telangana AI Innovation Hub (TAIH) on January 20. Envisioned as the world's first “Global AI Proving Ground,” TAIH is a purpose-built autonomous institution designed to accelerate enterprise-grade and population-scale AI solutions. The initiative aims to position Telangana as a global leader in AI, deep-tech innovation, and digital transformation. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said Telangana has evolved from India's technology hub into a global innovation capital, adding that the State is inviting global partners to collaborate and build the future of AI in Telangana, where innovation is backed by talent and trust. TAIH will function as a unified execution platform integrating talent development, infrastructure, datasets, startups, enterprise innovation, applied research, product design, testing, and capital support under one umbrella. The Hub will also catalyse innovation across frontier technologies such as AI, quantum computing, and chip design. Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu said TAIH is designed as a live innovation sandbox rather than a conventional incubator, enabling the creation of safe, enterprise-grade AI products for global markets. Special Chief Secretary (ITE&C) Sanjay Kumar said the institution's unique design blends startup agility with government scale and credibility, ensuring that innovations move beyond pilot stages into large-scale commercial deployment. TAIH CEO Phani Nagarjuna said the launch marks the beginning of a new era of innovation driven by disruptive AI models, autonomous systems, and emerging technologies, positioning Telangana among the world's top global innovation hubs. The official launch of TAIH will take place on January 20, 2026, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the Mountain Plaza Hotel, Davos, in the presence of global policymakers, industry leaders, and technology experts.

Historic Initiative to Integrate Tribal Healers into Public Health System

Hyderabad : In a landmark move to strengthen community-based healthcare, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India, on Friday launched a national-level capacity building programme to integrate tribal traditional healers into the country's public health system. The programme was inaugurated at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Hyderabad. The initiative aims to formally recognise tribal healers and link their traditional knowledge with the modern healthcare framework, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat and last-mile inclusive development. The inaugural programme was attended by Union Minister for Tribal



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the capacity building programme for tribal healers at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad.

Affairs Jugal Oram, Minister of State Durga Das Uikey, Telangana Minister for Tribal Welfare Adhuri Laxman Kumar, Mahabubabad MP Balaram Naik, senior officials, and representatives from leading medical and research institutions. About 400 tribal healers from various States participated. Addressing the gathering, Jugal Oram said indigenous tribal medical systems have survived for generations and can play a vital role in preventive healthcare. He said institutions such as AIIMS, ICMR, WHO, and the Ministry of AYUSH would provide technical training to enhance the skills of tribal healers. Telangana Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar said traditional healers enjoy deep trust within tribal communities and often serve as the first point of contact for healthcare. He stressed the need to integrate them with ASHA workers, ANMs, Primary Health

Centres, and telemedicine services to improve healthcare delivery in remote areas. Union Minister of State Durga Das Uikey said Scheduled Tribes have a crucial role in achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat, especially through the integration of traditional knowledge with modern science. A key highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, for establishing India's first Bharat Tribal Health Observatory, aimed at strengthening health research and disease elimination efforts in tribal regions.

PRTU Telangana Demands Official Holidays for Medaram Jatara

Hyderabad: PRTU Telangana State General Secretary Puli Devender Mudhiraj has demanded that the State Government officially declare three days of holidays across Telangana in view of the Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara, citing its massive public participation and cultural significance. Speaking at a meeting held on Friday at the Union Office in Hanumakonda, under the chairmanship of Hanumakonda District President Punnam Chander, Puli Devender Mudhiraj attended as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. He stated that Medaram Jatara, which began as a



PRTU Telangana State General Secretary Puli Devender Mudhiraj addressing a meeting on Friday at the Union Office in Hanumakonda, under the chairmanship of Hanumakonda District President Punnam Chander.

tribal festival, has now grown into one of the largest religious congregations in the country, attracting lakhs of devotees from various states. Considering the large influx of devotees and the deep faith of people, he urged the State Government to declare three days of official holidays in all districts of Telangana to facilitate smooth participation of devotees. He also demanded that the Central Government accord national status to the Medaram Jatara, recognizing its cultural and spiritual importance. PRTU Telangana State Working President Ravula Kaar Venkatesh, State Leader Davu Ramesh, District President Punnam Chander, Suresh, and other union leaders participated in the meeting and extended their support to the demand.

Festivals Are Gifts Given to Us by Our Ancestors

TPCC Working President Jagga Reddy



Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President T. Jagga Reddy said that festivals are precious gifts passed on to us by our ancestors and play a vital role in bringing joy, unity, and cultural continuity in society. Jagga Reddy participated in the Sankranti celebrations held grandly at Ram Mandir, Ram Nagar, Sangareddy, along with TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy. The celebra-

tions were organized under his leadership and witnessed vibrant participation from local residents. On the festive occasion, Jagga Reddy joyfully flew kites along with his childhood friends and later danced to old popular songs, creating a lively and nostalgic atmosphere. The celebrations began at 12 noon and continued till 5 pm. Addressing the gathering, Jagga Reddy extended Sankranti greetings to the people of both Telugu states.

He said that festivals help people forget their hardships and sorrows and provide an opportunity for families to come together and spend time happily. He expressed his wish that everyone celebrate Sankranti with peace, prosperity, and happiness. The programme was attended by TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananath Kishan, leaders Kuna Santosh, Kiran, and members of the Ram Mandir Committee, among others.

Manappuram Home Finance Ltd. FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN") under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SEARFI Act), 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 "SEARFI 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 and Co-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	SAILATHA JASTHI, Narsh Choudhary Jasthi, Venkata Naga Praveen Jakkampuri / NHI0070010021 / KADAPPA	House under construction situated in RD Hindipuram & SRD of Dhamavaram and within limits of Gantapuram Village, Potluram Gram Panchayath, Bathalagalli Revenue Village & Mandal and Anantapuram District S. No. 176-3, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515951. Total extent 484 Sq. Yards. EAST-Land of Lakshmi Naidu, WEST-Property belongs to Narshchoudhary, SOUTH-Land of JampuriPeddappaAppaswamy, NORTH-Land of PolaparaSrinivasulu.	14-10-2025 & Rs.787373/-	13-01-2026
2	KAMANIURU KALYANI, KAMANIURU KAMARAJAKAR, VARADONA SUNITHA / MLAP036033205 / KADAPPA	Madras Tenancy Road house having D.No.1766 with site situated at YSR Kadapa District, Mydukur Sub-District, Mydukurmandal, Mittanipalle Gram Panchayath, Pappanapalle Village, in the village fields of Mittanipalle in Sy.No.58/2 Pvk an extent of Ac.14.4 Sq.Yds. Pin 516173,ANDHRA PRADESH, EAST-Road, WEST-Property of Paluru Narayana Reddy, SOUTH-House of Kinera Sudhakr, NORTH-House of Kinera Prithap.	14-10-2025 & Rs.510262/-	13-01-2026
3	CHODIPILLI SRINU, CHODIPILLI PRASAD, AKULU KASIRAJU / NHI01160032877 / KORUKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDY	Survey No 724 Tax Door No.1-146 Total Extent of 90 Square Yards.SRO:- TUNI VILLAGE : A.V NAGARAI MANDAL:-TODDANGI DISTRICT:- EAST GODAVARI PRESENT KANAKA PIN 533449,ANDHRA PRADESH, EAST-08.13 MTS House of MerguKondamma, WEST-08.13 MTS Way and house of ChokkaSimnachalam, SOUTH-09.17 MTS Way and House of Badalagunnam, NORTH-09.17 MTS House of OsipalliPappayamma	14-10-2025 & Rs.509538/-	13-01-2026
4	CHEERUPALLI SANKHARITHA, CHEERUPALLI ANITHA, BOBBILI DURGAIPARASU / NHI01160032877 / KORUKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDY	Sy No.354, TAX Door No.1-4-21/1/2, Assessment No- 106600932, Block 3,4, Ward no.1, Samalkotmunicipality, Samalkota Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-533440, Total Extent of 43.5 Square Yards, EAST-23 Ft MadugulaChettemma house, WEST-23 Ft Cement Road, SOUTH-16 Ft BangaruSatyavathi& Others Site, NORTH-18 Ft AllamVerababu Site	14-10-2025 & Rs.663847/-	13-01-2026
5	KANIKELLA NARASIMHA RAJU, KANIKELLA ANILBABU, KANIKELLA SUNILBABU, KANIKELLA SANDEEP / NHI00310020571 / KURMAWA	DOOR NO.176(2nd) DOOR NO.1-117, ASST NO.14, RS.NO.4629, AN EXTENT OF 20.50 YARDS, WARD NO.2, DUBAIPATEE SRUNGURURUSAM VILLAGE, PALAKODERU MANDAL, NEAR R C M CHURCH, Palacoderu, PO SRUNGA VRUKSHAM, WEST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 534243, EAST-HOUSE OF KANIKELLA SARABAMA MURTHI, KANIKELLA NAGA RAJU, WEST-HOUSE OF KANIKELLA PRAMEELA, SOUTH-PANCHAYAT CEMENT ROAD, NORTH-HOUSE OF KANIKELLA SARABABU, KANIKELLA BABUJI	14-10-2025 & Rs.820037/-	13-01-2026
6	ARVETI ALVIELAMMA, MUDHIRAJ REDDY / MHI00360023496 / KADAPPA	S.No.157, Pk No.5, D.No.2-200, total extent 96.8 sq.yards, Pottanapuram Village, Jonakothapalli Gram Pottam and Panchayath, Area, Mudigubla Mandal, Sri Satya Sai Dist, ANANTPUR, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin:515511, EAST-Plot of KURLAPALLI NARAYANA SWAMY, WEST-SITE of BANU NARAYANA, SOUTH-HOUSE OF ANIL, NORTH-KADURU ANANTHUR ROAD, RS.No.2122, DOOR No.1-68, ASST NO.482, AN EXTENT OF 121 SQ.YARDS, PO REDDIGUDEM SARUKULAPUDI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 521215, EAST-ROAD, WEST-HOUSE AND SITE OF PAMBA PRESETH, SOUTH-HOUSE AND SITE OF KAKARLA RAJU, NORTH-HOUSE AND SITE OF KAKARLA PABU& PURUSHOTHAM	14-10-2025 & Rs.660548/-	13-01-2026

Place: ANDHRA PRADESH, Date: 17-01-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

Manappuram Home Finance Ltd. FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd., having our registered office at 8/596 A, Padmaprabha Building, Near Sreerama Swami Temple, Cherupur-Thiriprayar Road, Thiriprayar, 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 (n) of the sub-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. 3466 (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 Borrowers as mentioned in the Demand Notice 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	NPA Date	Date of Notice sent & Outstanding Amount
1	KONDA KRISHNA, K NAGABHUSHANAM, KATHI NADHYA / NHI0170045551 / TIRUPATI	Total extent of 300 sq. yards, SURVEY NO.4152A, MANDANAYINPALLI VILLAGE MAZARI, PEDDA HW, PAKALA MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, KAVAILMANDAL, Kavali Municipality Area, Kavali Bt-2, East Godavari District, North-West-Rashtha, SOUTH-House of somu, NORTH-House of Pravalika.	08-12-2025	26-12-2025 & Rs.530674/-
2	ADDANKI DURGAARAO, ADDANKI SATTAMMA, MEDAPROLU VENKATESWARARAO / NHI0116001921 / KORUKONDA ROAD RAJAHMUNDY	SURVEY NO 1451A, D.No 2-22, BLOCK NO 2,UNDURU VILLAGE,RAMACHANDRAPURAM MANDALAM,DR BR AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT,BIBLE MISSION CHURCH,EAST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH,Pin:532692, An extent of 169 Sq. Yds, EAST-50 Ft church, WEST-45 Ft Dangeli Mangayammastha, House, SOUTH-32 Ft Pantabadi.	24-12-2025	26-12-2025 & Rs.360489/-
3	YELLENTY MADHURI, YELLENTY VENKATESWARLU, VANIA KALYANILALP0139042 787NELLORE	Rcc Slab house having previously D.No.11-2-12 with site situated at Sri PotiSriramulu Nellore District, Kavali Village, Kavali Sub-District, Kavalimandal, Kavali Municipality Area, Kavali Bt-2, East Godavari District, North-West-Rashtha, SOUTH-House of somu, NORTH-House of Pravalika.	24-12-2025	26-12-2025 & Rs.371968/-
4	K THASHIYA, K MahaboobBasha / NHI0132004383 / ANANTHAPURAM	Total extent of 60.44 Sq. Yards, S.No.211, D.No.4-60, Asst No. 249, Kallamudram Gramam, Kallamudram Panchayath Area, Kadri Mandal, Sri Satya Sai Dist, ANDHRA PRADESH,Pin:515501, EAST-Open space of Parvathy, WEST-Rashtha, SOUTH-House of somu, NORTH-House of Pravalika.	24-12-2025	26-12-2025 & Rs.524324/-
5	GUDISEVALLU SAVITRI, Gudisevalli Laxminarayana / MHI0132004383 / ANANTHAPURAM	Total extent of 91.50 Sq. yards, S.No.151/81B, D.No.1-675, ChitrachudraGramam, ChitrachudraPanchayath Area, Peddivaduguru Mandal, AnantapurDist, ANDHRA PRADESH,Pin:515611, EAST-CC Road, WEST-House of Suryanarayana, SOUTH-House & open space of Peddabadi, NORTH-House & open space of Adinarayana	24-12-2025	26-12-2025 & Rs.465301/-
6	PADHARTHI DEVI, PADHARTHI KARUNAKAR,MHI013390 047109NELLORE	SPSR Nellore Registration District, Mutthukuru Sub-Register within Mutthukuru Mandal within limits, Taalpadu GramaPanchayath limits, Valluru Revenue TalukTalupalli Village, L.P.No.67, Survey No.55, an extent of 20 ankanamulu of 180 sq.yards of vacant site in it constructed site Assessment No.211, ANDHRA PRADESH,Pin:524346, EAST-House of DuvvuruRamaiah, WEST-Cement Road, SOUTH-House of Mudhivarthi Ramakrishna, NORTH-Cement Road.	24-12-2025	27-12-2025 & Rs.418993/-
7	MAMIDI PAVAN, MAMIDI DEEPA / NLAPO131053294 / ONGOLE	Bapadla District, Bapadla Sub Registry, Karigalamp Mandal, Perali Village, Perali Village, D.No.645-15, Panchayath Block No.2, Door No.18A, Asst No.445, An extent of 145.2 Sq.Yards, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin:522111, EAST-Panchayath Road, WEST-Open passage, SOUTH-Site of Nellore Housing Society, SOUTH-House of Somu, NORTH-House of Pravalika.	24-12-2025	27-12-2025 & Rs.385877/-

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 by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed 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 notice that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner.

Place: ANDHRA PRADESH, Date: 17-01-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

Communists Safeguarded National Assets and Democracy K. Sambasiva Rao



Khammam: The Communist Party of India (CPI) has called upon people to participate in large numbers in the concluding public meeting of its centenary celebrations, scheduled to be held in Khammam on January 18. Addressing a media conference on Thursday, CPI State Secretary and Kothagudem MLA Koonneni Sambasiva Rao said the event would mark a historic milestone in the party's century-long struggle for people's rights and democratic values. The public meeting

will be held at the SR & BGNR College grounds, and will be attended by CPI National General Secretary D. Raja and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Koonneni stated that Communists have always taken responsibility for safeguarding national wealth and protecting democracy. He recalled that landmark reforms such as bank nationalisation, land redistribution, and the 'land to the tiller' policy were the direct outcomes of sustained Communist struggles.

ICI Home Finance

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: ICICI HFC, Dr. N. V. Ramesh Complex, 13-1, 54, Mandal Red, Kakinada, 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 Possessionor(s) that has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI 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/ 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.	Lakshmi Upadhyayula (Borrower) Upadhyayula Venkata Ramana (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHHKN00001574622	D No 3 160 G Vemavaram Village And Gram Panchayath Tallarevu Mandal Previously East Godavari District Present Kakinada District Andhra Pradesh 533001	Rs. 23.64, 593.00/- January 12, 2026	Rs. 36.75, 600/- Rs. 3.67, 560/-	February 11, 2026 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	February 18, 2026 02:00 PM 03:00 PM	February 17, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency Value Trust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till February 17, 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 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address Mentioned on top of the article on or before February 17, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address Mentioned on top of the article on or before February 17, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI 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 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9820807300.

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.icicifhc.com/

Date: January 17, 2026
Place: East Godavari

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

MASAUHRI REVENUE EMPLOYEE DISMISSED OVER CORRUPTION CHARGES

Masaurhi : A revenue employee posted at the Masaurhi Circle Office has been dismissed from service after being found guilty of serious corruption charges. The action was taken by Patna District Magistrate Tyagarajan S M under the Bihar Government Servants (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 2005. The dismissed employee, Raja

Kumar, was accused of demanding illegal gratification in exchange for clearing mutation-related applications. He was arrested on December 23, 2025, by a vigilance department raiding team from the Masaurhi Block Office premises while allegedly demanding Rs 1 lakh for processing applications.

A departmental inquiry revealed that Raja Kumar



had deliberately kept applications pending and

failed to provide any satisfactory explanation during the disciplinary proceedings. The inquiry report submitted by the Additional Collector-cum-Conducting Officer, Patna, found all charges to be fully proven. Taking into account the inquiry findings and public interest, the competent authority concluded that retaining the employee in government service would be

against public interest and accordingly issued the dismissal order. Reacting to the action, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sinha said that the decision sends a strong message to officials and employees involved in corruption. He asserted that any officer or staff member found harassing the public or indulging in corrupt practices will not be spared under any circumstances.

BBG Ram Ji Act Aligns With Mahatma Gandhi's Vision of a Developed India: Lajvanti Jha

AGENCY

Bihta: A one-day workshop for party workers on the effective implementation of the BBG Ram Ji Act-2025 was organised on Thursday at Hotel Atul Inn in Bihta under the chairmanship of Patna Rural district president Rajnish Kumar. The workshop was held with the objective of formulating strategies to take the provisions of the Act down to the booth and panchayat levels. State General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Lajvanti Jha, attended as the chief guest, while former Bikram Assembly candidate Atul Kumar was present as the special guest. Addressing the workshop, Lajvanti Jha said that it is essential to ensure that the BBG Ram Ji Bill-2025 reaches every booth and panchayat so that the general public becomes fully aware of its benefits. She stated that the Act removes



the earlier shortcomings of the MGNREGA scheme and makes it completely transparent. Under the new provisions, the number of guaranteed workdays has been increased from 100 to 125, which will provide more employment opportunities to labourers and farmers. She further noted that earlier, even people residing in cities such as Mumbai and Delhi were fraudulently registered as MGNREGA workers, but under the new system only genuinely eligible beneficiaries will receive work and wages, thereby curbing cor-

ruption. She said the Act is fully aligned with the spirit and vision of Mahatma Gandhi for self-reliance and dignity of labour. District president Rajnish Kumar said that leaders of the Mahagathbandhan are unsettled by the renaming of MGNREGA as BBG Ram Ji, as it will put an end to the role of middlemen. He alleged that although the Act is entirely beneficial for farmers and labourers, Congress and alliance leaders are attempting to mislead people due to their vested interests. Former Bikram Assembly candidate

Atul Kumar said that Congress and allied parties are uncomfortable even with the name "Ram Ji," despite the fact that the scheme has been introduced purely in the interest of workers under the "Developed India Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission-2025." He asserted that the law would play a significant role in achieving the goal of a developed India by 2047 and urged party workers to take its message to every household. Former district president Ashutosh Kumar said the scheme would help curb migration and promote economic empowerment. Regional co-incharge Ravindra Ranjan emphasised the need to spread awareness about the new law to the remotest villages, describing it as a boon for the poor and the beginning of a new social and economic transformation.

HIGH-LEVEL BRIEF TRAINING SESSION HELD ON DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Patna: A high-level brief training session on disciplinary proceedings was organised on Thursday at the auditorium of the Old Secretariat in Patna. The session was chaired jointly by Chief Secretary Pratyay Amrit and Director General-cum-Chief Vigilance Commissioner Deepak Kumar Singh. The meeting was attended by Development Commissioner Mihir Singh, Chairperson-cum-Member of the Revenue Board Harjot Kaur Bamhra, Additional Chief Secretary of the General Administration Department B. Rajendra, Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department Arvind Kumar Chaudhary, along with several other



senior state government officials. Disciplinary action procedures formed the central theme of the session. Addressing the gathering, Deepak Kumar Singh stated that the General Administration Department has compiled all circulars issued from time to time and released a comprehensive master circular on disciplinary proceedings. He further informed that a reference

book has also been prepared, incorporating Article 311 of the Constitution along with other relevant legal provisions and important judgments of the High Courts and the Supreme Court, with the objective of ensuring a clear and comprehensive understanding of procedures to be followed in disciplinary cases. The meeting emphasised that the use of correct terminol-

ogy and strict adherence to legal procedures at the stage of instituting an inquiry is critically important. Discussions were held on avoiding common procedural errors, such as awarding minor penalties without formally framing charges, seeking opinions on the defence statement of the charged officer from the disciplinary authority or administrative department, and issuing orders related to the quantum of punishment, subsistence allowance during suspension, and adjustment of suspension period within a single resolution. It was also clarified that in cases involving officers at Level 9 and above, consultation with the Bihar Public Service Commission is mandatory before issuing any punishment order.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS RALLY ORGANISED



Samastipur: Under the road safety programme, an awareness rally was organised under the leadership of headmaster Mukesh Kumar and Mahipal of the Middle School and Higher Secondary School, Bela Panchrukhi. The rally passed through the main road of Rupnarayanpur Bela with high-spirited slogans accompanied by a school band, drawing the attention of commuters and local residents. As the rally moved along the

road, members of the Bal Sansad (children's parliament), including Prime Minister Shalini and Minister Ayushi, greeted passing motorcycle and Scorpio drivers and appealed to them to wear helmets and seat belts while strictly following road safety norms. The students urged motorists to remember that life is precious and to drive carefully, reminding them that their families and children wait for them at home.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Sf of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-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 also r/w section 14(1) of the Security Interest Rules 2002 on 12th January, 2026.
The borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property (Description of the immovable Property) and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd., for respective amount as mentioned here below.
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.

1. Demand Notice Dated.	01-11-2025
Name of Borrower(S) and (Co-borrower(S)	MR. BHAKTULA RAMESH KUMAR, MRS. BAKTULA LAKSHMI KANTHAMMA, M/S. SREE VAISHNAV TRADERS ITS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY AND MRS. BHAKTULA JYOTHI
Loan Account Number	DRBLVIA00436608
Total Outstanding Amount.	Rs.37,03,614.20/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Three Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and Twenty Paise Only) as on 1st November 2025
Description of The Immovable Property	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Measuring An Extent Of 116.0 Sq. Yards With Ground, First Floors R.C.C Building In Municipal Ward No.28/3 Door No.40-21-8/5, Old Assessment No.26186 New Assessment No.223156 R.S No.29/2 Patamata Vijaywada, Patamata Sub-Registry Vijaywada District Registry Krishna Dist Bounded By: East- Municipal Corporation Road 28' 3", South- Property Of Me Esala Chennaiah Sold To Others 37' 0", West- Property Of Chintha Nagaratham 28' 3", North- Property Of Bakthula Gopiah 37' 0". (The Secured Assets)
Date: 17-01-2026 Place: Vijayawada	For DCB Bank Ltd Authorized Officer

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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
LNRAJ0HL-10230036478	1. BHUSHANAM BOMMOTH (BORROWER) 2. RAJANI BOMMOTH (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 5,02,508/- (Rupees Five Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Eight Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT, SEETHANAGARAM SUB REGISTRAR, SEETHANAGARAM MANDAL,KATAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT, KATAVARAM, HOUSE NO: 5-28.R.S.NO.50/1, VACANT HOUSE SITE OF AN EXTENT OF 113-77 SQ.YDS NEAR DOOR NO.5-28 BOUNDED BY-EAST- PANCHAYAT CC ROAD 16'-0", SOUTH-DONOR LAND 64'-0", WEST-AKUMURI RANI HOUSE 16'-0", NORTH -IRELLI NAGESWARARAO HOUSE 64'-0".EXTENT- 113-77 SQ.YDS VACANT HOUSE SITE.				
LNGUNOHL-12180008270, LNGUNOHL-12180008271	1.ALLABAKSHU SHAIK (BORROWER) 2.JAREENA SHAIK (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 13,00,836/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eight Hundred Thirty Six Only) DATE: 08-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING AT GUNTUR DISTRICT, TENALI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, TENALI SUB-DISTRICT, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF TENALITOWN MUNICIPAL AREA WARD NO.7, BLOCK NO.5, T.S.NO.181/2 OUT OF AC.O-63CTS, TENALI TOWN, ISLAMPET, SHAMSHAREKHAM VEEDHI, AN EXTENT OF 36 SQ.YDS, WHICH IS SOUTHERN IN 72 SQ.YDS WITH GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS RCC HOUSE THEREIN BEARING DR.NO.17-2-47(PART) WITH ALL FIXTURES AND FITTINGS THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE EAST- MUNICIPAL BAZAAR 16-00, SOUTH- OWN WALL OF THIS PROPERTY ADJUTNENT TO PROPERTY OF ALAVAPATI SANKARARAO AND OTHERS 20-03, WEST-HOUSE WALL OF SHAIK SHAJADI 16-03 AND, NORTH- REMAINING PROPERTY OF THE VENDOR/SHAIK MASTANBI 20-03 TOGETHER WILL ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTION BUILDINGS AND SUPERSTRUCTURES				
LNCHROHL-06220025431	1.BHASKARA RAO YANAMADALA (BORROWER) 2.LALITHA YANAMADALA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 5,41,996/- (Rupees Five Lakh FortyOne Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING PRAKASAM DISTRICT VETAPALEM MANDAL,CHALLAREDDYPALEM PANCHAYAT,NAYUNIPALLI VILLAGE SURVEY NO.82/2,SURVEY NO.82/3,SURVEY NO.82/1,SURVEY NO.85/4,SURVEY NO.81/2,SURVEY NO.81/3,SURVEY NO.81/4,SURVEY NO.81/5,SURVEY NO.81/1,SURVEY NO.80/1C,SURVEY NO.80/2B,PLOT NO.679 WITH RCC UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUILDING BEING BOUNDED BY- EAST-PLOT NO.680SITE. SOUTH-ROAD, WEST-ROAD, NORTH-PLOT NO.664 SIT				
LNKURLAP-11230037240	1.NEDUGONDA ESWARYYA (BORROWER) 2.BHARATHI NEGUJONDA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 7,04,633/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING,S.Y.NO.693/A2B,H.NO.5-518,WARD NO-5,80 BANNURU(V),JUPADUBUNGALOW(GP), JUPADU BUNGALOW(M), NANDYAL(DIST). ADMEASURING 290.5 SQUARE YARDS OR 2614.5 SFT.BOUNDED BY- NORTH-HOUSE OF MAHAMMAD HUSSAIN, SOUTH-PLACE OF SHYLABI, EAST-ROAD, WEST-PLACE OF SCHOOL.				
LNGUNLAP-11240049837	1.SIKHA RAJESH (BORROWER) 2.SIKHA VARADHANAMMA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 6,25,161/- (Rupees Six Lakh TwentyFive Thousand One Hundred Sixty One Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING PALNADU DT, NARASARAOPT R.O, VINUKONDA SRO, IPURU MANDAL, INUMELLA S.NO.570 OF BHADRUPALEM VILLAGE AND PANCHAYAT, PROPERTY DOOR NO.3-11,BEARING WITH ASSESSMENT NO. 311, EAST-SIKHA VARADHANAMMA'S VACANT SITE, SOUTH- PANCHAYATHI ROAD, WEST-SIKHA VARADHANAMMA'S VACANT SITE, NORTH- SIKHA VARADHANAMMA'S VACANT SITE,WITHIN THE SAID BOUNDARIES AN EXTENT OF 387.11 SQ.YDS.BEARING ACC ROOFED WITH AREA OF 675SQ.FTS OF SITE ALL EASEMENT RIGHTS.				
LNKURLAP-10230036714	1.SHAIKUN BEE S (BORROWER) 2.MAHABOOB BASHA SHAIK (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 6,94,548/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearings.No-152, H.No-4-20-62, Wardno.4, Peddapadu (V & Gp), Kalluru (M), Kurnool(Dt),Ap,Admeasuring 148.665 square Yardsor 1320sft.Built Up Area 400 Sq.Ft. Bounded By- North-House Of N. Bajaramma 400. South-Road, East-House Of Raju, West-Road.				
LNVI20HL-07210017551	1.VENKATA RAMANA BENDAPUDI (BORROWER) 2.KUMARI BENDAPUDI (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 16,87,209/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PEACE AND PARCEL OF THE HOUSE PROPERTY MEASURING AN EXTENT OF 21.37 SQ.YARDS OR 17.868 SQ.METERS UNDIVIDED AN UNSPECIFIED SHARE OF LAND OUT OF TOTAL EXTENT 81 SQ.YDS+90 SQ.YDS= TOTAL EXTENT 171 SQ.YARDS OR 142.978 SQ.METERS, ALONG WITH A FLAT THEREON BEARING WESTERN SIDE FLAT NO SF-1,IN SECOND FLOOR,MEASURING 700 SFT(INCLUDING ALL COMMON AREAS)OF 'VENKATA SAI' SITUATED AT BLOCK NO.4&44 OF JAIL ROAD,GOLLALAPALEM AREA,COVERED BY T.S.NO.1593/1&1601 OF ALLIPURAM WARD,WITH IN THE LIMITS OF GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, VISAKHAPATNAM AND VISAKHAPATNAM SUB REGISTRATION OFFICE NEAR DOOR NO.29-22-1&29-19-10 AND TOTAL PROPERTY BOUNDED BY-EAST-JOINT WALL BETWEEN THIS PROPERTY AND SRI.KANDIPIILL APPARAO'S PROPERTY,SOUTH-MUNICIPAL CEMENT ROAD,WEST-PROPERTY BELONGS TO SMT.SAMMANGI RUPA LAXMI BEARING D.NO.19-11,NORTH-BUILDING BEARING D.NO.29-25-8/A&THIS PROPERTY COMPOUND WALL & S.R.I.A.B.VAISHNAVULU PROPERTY,MEASUREMENTS-EAST WING-40.50' OR 13.34 MTS,SOUTH WING-23.25+5.56+18.0=46.81 OR 14.26 MTS,WEST WING - 34.80' OR 10.60 MTS,NORTH WING-41.25' OR 12.57 MTS.SCHEDULE-B RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOUSE BEARING FLAT NO.SF-1 IN SECOND FLOOR OF RCC SLAB BUILDING CONSTRUCTED ON THE ABOVE 'A'SCHEDULED SITE HAVING PLINTH AREA OF 700 SFT(INCLUDING ALL COMMON AREAS)IN THE BUILDING IN THE NAME AND STYLE OG 'VENKATA SAI'.FLAT BOUNDRIES -EAST-COMMON CORRIDOR,STEPS,LIFT&FLAT NO.SF-2, SOUTH-OPEN TO SKY,WEST-OPEN TO SPACE OF THIS PROPERTY & KANDIPIILL APPARAO,NORTH-D.NO.29-25-8/A/BUILDING &PROPERTY WALL.				
LNANLAP-10230036371	1.CHENNAMMA RAMOJI (BORROWER) 2.PRATHAP RAMOJI (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 4,35,943/- (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARINGSY NO 396/1, HNO. 3-66, POLUR, NANDYAL, KURNOOL, DISTRICT-518511,ADMEASURING 44.77 SQUARE YARDS OR 402.93 SFT, SITUATED AT PANAM, KURNOOL DIST, AP STATE.BOUNDED BY- NORTH BY- CC ROAD. SOUTH BY - CC ROAD. EAST BY - HOUSE OF ROMUJI KALYAN. WEST BY- HOUSE OF DIVAKAR.				
LNANP0HL-07230034049	1.SRINIVASA RAO CHELLIBOYINA (BORROWER) 2.CHELLIBOYINA MOHANA RAO (CO-BORROWER) 3.CHELLIBOYINA RATNAM (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 5,87,167/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven Only) DATE: 14-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING SITE MEASURING TOTAL EXTENT OF 142.152 SQ.YDS OR 119.40 SQ.MTS. TOGETHER WITH 5 YEARS OLD RCC HOUSE WITH 420 SFT BEARING D.NO.26-4-61, ASST.NO.1087022049 SITUATED AT SOUTHERN SIDE OF S.NO.17-1 OFKOPPAKA VILLAGE AND PANCHAYATHI, ANAKAPALLI MANDALAM, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, SRO LANKELAPALEM REGISTRATION SUB DISTRICT OF ANAKAPALLI AND IN THE REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF ANAKAPALLI AND BOUNDED BY:EAST -HOUSE OF KOSURI MOHANA RAO, WEST - RAHADARI, NORTH-HOUSE OF VANAPALLI NOOKARAJU, SOUTH-HOUSE OF VANAPALLI SURYAKANTHAM, MEASUREMENTS :EAST- 27 FEET 8.2 INCHES, WEST-30.6 FEET 9.3 INCHES, NORTH- 44.6 FEET 13.5 INCHES, SOUTH- 44.6 FEET 13.5 INCHES.				
LNAND0HL-02220022034	1.SURESH KUMARAPU (BORROWER) 2.SURYADAMMA KUMARAPU (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 5,53,264/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Only) DATE: 08-Oct-2025	13-Jan-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING RCC SLAB BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN AN EXTENT 80 SQUARE YARDS, 67.2 SQ.M, S.NO.684-3, D.NO.3/6/51, TOWARDS POLICE STATION ROAD, JAMI VILLAGE & MANDAL VIZIANAGARAM MEASUREMENTS: FROM EAST TO WEST: 45 FEET 13.63 METERS, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH- 16 FEET 4.84 METERS TOTAL EXTENT 80 SQ. YARDS 67.2 SQ.METERS THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE EAST- VACANT SITE OF ODABANDLA SATYAM, SOUTH- VACANT SITE OF BANGARI PENTAYYA, WEST- CC ROAD, NORTH- SLABBED HOUSE OF SUREDDY NOOKARAJU				
Date: 17-01-2026 Place: Andhra Pradesh			Sd/- Authorized Officer NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED	



EDITORIAL

Kumaraswamy’s State Comeback Sparks BJP Leadership Jitters, Exposes Weak Opposition

Kumaraswamy's re-entry into state politics has turned the gun on Congress, but the target is only BJP leaders! Vadiraj .B The idea that Kumaraswamy will re-enter state politics has created a stir in state politics. It has made leaders sleepless nights, even in the ruling party, even in the alliance party BJP. If we look at the current political situation in the state, it seems that the strongest opposition party fighting against the government has declined. The reason for this is the lack of leadership in the opposition party. When it comes to the BJP issue, those in their own party are sharpening their swords against state president Vijayendra. Behind-the-scenes efforts to change the leadership continue. The high command is already considering bringing Union Minister Somanna to the state BJP by giving him the title of state president. Now, when it comes to the issue of opposition leader R Ashok, the lack of leadership is evident. The support that should be received within the party is not being received. There is a doubt that he has failed to take any issue against the government to the people so effectively. It does not seem like many within the party have accepted Ashok as a leader. The reason for this is that the label of adjustment politics is haunting him. Thus, there is a lack of strong opposition leaders to fight the government. Kumaraswamy, who was a dream come true for the BJP government As for Kumaraswamy, was a toughest opposition leader for the previous BJP government. Even in the session, Kumaraswamy's style of presenting documents and evidence had disturbed the ruling party. In the last session, the way he exposed the BMS Educational Institution scam and documents against Minister Ashwath Narayan had attracted everyone's attention. Moreover, Kumaraswamy's words are still respected by people, forgetting party differences. Kumaraswamy also became a strong reason for the BJP's defeat in this assembly election. Prime Minister Modi himself recognized Kumaraswamy's political acumen and honored him by giving him the influential position of Steel and Heavy Industries Minister in the Union Cabinet. Kumaraswamy has also become successful though in national politics. But if we look at the current state political situation, the weakness of a strong opposition party to fight against the government is evident. In such a situation, the issue of Kumaraswamy's re-entry into state politics has now become a new weapon for the opposition party. Yes, the opposition parties should oppose everything that the ruling government stumbles. But it has been said that the opposition party has failed to demonstrate it so effectively in the state. Especially when the government takes any wrong decision, the opposition party has failed to protest effectively. However, even though a series of allegations have been made against the Congress government, it has been accused that the BJP has completely failed to use it as a weapon in the right way. In the last 2 years, despite many allegations including serial corruption and zero development, it has failed to use the issue of questioning and fighting it as a right weapon. Even when 18 BJP party members were suspended for a long period, the BJP had completely failed to protest effectively against the government. The recent government land encroachment clearance operation in Kogilu Layout of Yelahanka in Bengaluru had made an international splash. The Karnataka government's demolition of 200 illegally constructed Muslim houses was accused of being a dictatorial attitude of the Deputy Chief Ministers. There were also suspicions that the accused not only helped encroach on government land, but also created fake documents and distributed plots to people and received money. Even though the people who lost their houses were directly accusing the government, the opposition parties were not very effective in using it, and limited it by only forming a fact-finding committee and preparing a report and demanding an NIA investigation. An influential leader is necessary for state politics.

'It'll Divide Society': Why Congress Buried The Mandal Report For Years

Rahul Gandhi would rue reading how, between 1980 and 1982, Indira Gandhi was vetoed four times by her cabinet colleagues from implementing the Mandal Commission report, something that could have been a game-changer for the Congress. In an engaging autobiography of P Shiv Shankar, soon to be published by Simon & Schuster India, the veteran legal luminary gives a graphic account of how PV Narasimha Rao, R Venkatraman, Pranab Mukherjee and Giani Zail Singh, who were holding external affairs, defence, finance and home portfolios and were part of the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA), repeatedly rejected and stonewalled a report meticulously prepared by Bindeshwari Prasad Mandal. Rahul Gandhi would rue reading how, between 1980 and 1982, Indira Gandhi was vetoed four times by her cabinet colleagues from implementing the Mandal Commission report, something that could have been a game-changer for the Congress.

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How The Congress Lost Out
The implementation of the Mandal Commission report, which discussed jobs and quotas in educational institutions, by the VP Singh government in 1990 altered the grammar and arithmetic of Indian politics. 'Mandal politics' or the process of 'Mandalisation' of society, led to a seismic shift in social and caste dynamics, redefining power structures and solidifying caste as a central factor in Indian politics. It initially benefited regional outfits and backward class leaders such as Lalu Prasad Yadav, Nitish Kumar, Mulayam Singh Yadav, but eventually consolidated the BJP at the expense of the Congress. Although VP Singh's tenure lasted for barely 343 days, his



actions made the "Mandal" identity a permanent and irreversible feature of the Indian political landscape. So, even when the Congress government under PV Narasimha Rao put the Mandal report to action, it didn't get any political dividends - both because it failed to get the first-mover advantage, and because Rao had always been against caste-based reservation.

Decades later, in 2023-24, Sonia Gandhi would tell the Congress Working Committee, "I am 100% with the caste census, we must get it done. This is our highest priority." The comment came when the Congress's apex decision-making body passed a resolution to back conducting a caste-based census and implement a quota within quota in line with numerical strength. The question that needs to be asked is, have Congress leaders - particularly those belonging to the upper caste - had a change of heart, or are they overwhelmed by Rahul's leadership qualities? After all, right from the Indira years to the UPA era, particularly in

2010-2011, caste-based quota or census was a thorny topic to even touch, causing a lot of division and disquiet.

Indira Gandhi Was For It
Shiv Shankar was the Union Law Minister in the Indira cabinet. The second Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission, which popularly came to be known as the Mandal Commission, had conducted a detailed study of the status of those sections of society that were defined in the Constitution as 'socially and educationally underdeveloped'. Rao, Mukherjee and Venkataraman kept telling Indira, both personally and in writing, that a decision taken to implement the Mandal Commission's suggestions may prove detrimental to the country by bringing about "irreversible fissures between the people of the country and lead to law-and-order problems throughout the country with riots erupting down to the village level". Shiv Shankar writes how he went numb when Indira Gandhi

showed him the letters of her communication with the CCPA. "These contained the back and forth between her and the committee. I very categorically told the PM that rejecting the report would not only mean letting down a large section of the people who have faced neglect and discrimination since times immemorial, but also denying them a chance of redeeming their lives. Implementation of the Mandal Commission's recommendations would give them access to better education and employment opportunities, and through those, economic as well as social development. I explained to Mrs Gandhi that the Backward Classes were a dejected lot because they feel they have remained underdeveloped for far too long." "I agree with every word you have spoken, Shiv Shankerji. In fact, I have been thinking exactly along the same lines. That is the reason I have sent the matter back to the Cabinet Committee of Political Affairs every time they have rejected it," Shiv Shankar writes, recounting Indira Gandhi's response. The Law Minister explains how he kept arguing that Backward Classes were losing faith in the Congress "because of a perception, right or wrong, that the party is not attentive to their interests". He said to Indira Gandhi, "They probably think the Congress has not stood by them, Madam. No doubt we have been winning elections all along, except in 1977. But our percentage of votes has always hovered around 40%. I strongly suspect that the majority of the 60% (who did not vote for us) would be from the Backward Classes. If we have their support, we would not only increase our vote share, we could become invincible."

BP Mandal's Scepticism
Indira, Shiv Shankar repeats, was personally keen to implement the report. She gave two extensions to the Mandal Commission, even though the panel was set up by the Morarji Desai government. In fact, when Desai and Charan Singh governments fell in quick succession and Shiv Shankar spoke to BP Mandal to check the Commission's progress, Mandal's scepticism was barely concealed: "I am grateful, Shiv Shankarji, but please pardon me, I don't think I would like to come. The government has changed, and I do not think the new government would be in favour of the Commission completing its work. I

Pak Blames India For 'Losing' Afghanistan. Numbers Tell A Different Story

So finally, a Taliban diplomat is officially in charge in Delhi. The Taliban's newly appointed ambassador to India, Noor Ahmad Noor, took charge of the Afghan Embassy in Delhi last week. A statement issued by the Taliban's embassy in India on Monday said he met Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary of the Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran Division at the Ministry of External Affairs, with discussions focusing on strengthening political and trade ties, including easing visa procedures. Interestingly, just about a year ago, on January 8, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had met Muttaqi, the Taliban foreign minister, in Dubai for "detailed discussions" on bilateral relations. This was the first high-level meeting between the two sides following the Taliban's sweep to power in Kabul in August 2021; it came after a gap of four years. Following the meeting, the Taliban Foreign Ministry termed New Delhi a "significant regional partner." By then, the rift between the Taliban and Pakistan had come to the fore - it was a time when Pakistan had launched airstrikes in Afghanistan's bordering regions to flush out terrorists, but which, according to the Taliban, had instead ended up claiming more civilian lives. The spokesperson for the Indian Ministry of External Affairs had criticised the Pakistani air strike on Afghanistan and the loss of civilian lives. A Slew Of Visits Since then, ties between India - which had been reluctant till then to extend recognition to the Taliban - and the Taliban have been dynamically developing. Three high-level visits have taken place by Taliban officials to Delhi in quick succession. The acting Taliban foreign minister, Mullah Amir Khan Muttaqi, visited India in October, followed by trade minister Haji Nooruddin Azizi, and, more recently, in December, the acting Health Minister Noor Jalal Jalali. New Delhi announced that it was upgrading its representative office in Kabul to a full-fledged embassy. And now, it has welcomed the first official Taliban



envoy to be stationed in Delhi. Noori's arrival coincided with a diatribe by the Pakistani Information Minister, Attaullah Tarar. Lashing out at the growing diplomatic engagement between the Taliban and India, he questioned the nature of their cooperation. While accusing the Taliban of allowing Afghan soil to be used for attacks against Pakistan, funded by "foreign designs", he bluntly asked, "What kind of Islam is this where you take money from India to carry out explosions here?" Islamabad continues to accuse the Taliban and India of supporting Baloch separatist groups and the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Pak Needs To Look Within The accusations come as Pakistan faces a surge in militant violence, with over 5,000 terror incidents reported in 2025. However, to allege that India was behind them is a pathetic reflection of Pakistan's own desperation. After all, even in a world of constant geopolitical realignments and strategic shifts, the speed with which India-Taliban and Pakistan-Taliban relations have redefined themselves is rare. The only consistency is that Islamabad continues to be at odds with whoever happens to be in power in Kabul. The appointment of Noor Ahmad Noor is significant for the Taliban's efforts to expand diplomatic presence abroad and gain greater international

engagement. In this, India is neither the first nor the only country to accept a Taliban envoy. It is following a regional consensus. China was technically the first one to accept an official Taliban envoy in Beijing, followed by Moscow, Tashkent, Astana, Jakarta, and, of course, Pakistan. India's View In fact, Afghanistan is perhaps the only foreign policy success for India in its turbulent neighbourhood. As Bangladesh deepens relations with Pakistan, whose intelligence and army are now actively playing a role in bilateral relations, India's presence in Afghanistan gives it strategic depth there. On the other hand, India, as recently stated by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, is continuing with its time-tested humanitarian and people-centric approach to Afghanistan, building on the already existing goodwill in the country towards India. But cultivating ties with the Taliban also opens up enormous economic opportunities for India. Afghanistan requires massive investments in almost all sectors of the country. It is seeking India's help and expertise in textiles and pharmaceuticals, but requires investment and technology in its trillion-dollar mining and infrastructure sectors, in some of which India has successfully implemented under the previous government.

Why India Can't Close Key Submarine and Fighter Deals



Chandigarh: India remains perpetually on the cusp of major defence deals, the latest being long-delayed agreements with Germany for six submarines and France for 114 multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA) - both still unsigned, and emblematic of the services' and the Ministry of Defence's chronic inability to convert intent into action. The Indian Navy's over Rs 70,000 crore or USD 8 billion Project 75(I) submarine programme, now centred on a German-designed platform, has been more than two decades in gestation, tracing its origins to the late 1990s and early 2000s. The proposed MRFA buy, valued at between USD 25-30 billion, was formally launched in 2019 after the collapse, three years earlier, of the Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) tender for 126 Dassault Rafales. It had, however, been under discussion for much of the preceding decade, as the Indian Air Force grappled with worryingly declining fighter squadron numbers. But years of platform evaluations, tender revisions and procedural resets for both procurements were yet to translate into contractual closure. One unresolved technical or commercial issue after another continued to surface - whether from the Services, the

MoD or both. High-level political engagement between India, Germany and France repeatedly raised expectations of a breakthrough, only to fade without result. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's recent visit to Ahmedabad, for instance, fuelled expectations that the long-pending submarine joint venture between Thyssen Krupp Marine Systems (TKMS) and Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to domestically construct six advanced Type 214 boats might be clinched, but to no avail. After more than two years of negotiations, the project remains stalled over issues that were evident from the outset - pricing, the scope of technology transfer and the level of indigenous content to be incorporated in the boats. Alongside, in recent days, focus has shifted to the impending visit of French President Emmanuel Macron on February 19, for the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi. This has also raised expectations that the stalled MRFA negotiations, with the Rafale widely seen as the frontrunner, could see some progress. A two-star Indian Navy veteran, involved with the P75I project while in service, said the operational gaps are widening as the clock keeps ticking. The prolonged

uncertainty surrounding these two critical platform acquisitions reflected a procurement system paralysed by procedure and loath to take timely decisions. "Postponement, it seems, remains the default option in such cases, rather than any urgency to shape outcomes," he said, declining to be named. The result, he added grimly, was that the Indian military's capability gaps were being managed - but not closed. Few materiel procurements in recent years better reflect the systemic dysfunction within the MoD and the two services than the P75I and the MRFA buys. Initiated years ago under different governments, and driven by operational urgency to arrest looming capability gaps in two critical domains - undersea warfare and air superiority - both had morphed into case studies in drift. The P75I was formally launched 19 years ago, in 2007, and the MRFA in 2017-18. Yet, mired in a labyrinthine and over-engineered acquisition process and constantly shifting qualitative requirements, both programmes had badly faltered. It seems that as India's maritime and aerial threats mounted, the platforms meant to counter them remained stuck in files at the MoD and at respective Service headquarters.

Ria Tirki Commences Pilgrimage from Sadma Sarna to Sirsi-Ta Nale; Mass Worship Scheduled on January 23

AGENCY Ranchi :In an effort to preserve tribal faith and religious traditions, the pilgrimage from Sirsi-Ta Nale (Gumla) was inaugurated on 15 January 2026 at 11 AM from Gram Sadma Sarna. The journey was formally flagged off by Ria Tirki, wife of Rajesh Kachhap, Deputy Leader of the Legislative Party and MLA from Khijri. Around 300 tribal devotees, including men and women, are participating in this foot pilgrimage, covering sacred

sites from Sirsi-Ta Nale to Kankardolta, Gumla district. The pilgrimage aims to strengthen awareness and protection of the Sarna faith, nature worship traditions, and tribal religious sites. The journey includes multiple stops: 15 January – Tilta, Ratu (first stop); 16 January – Chachgura, Itki (second stop); 17 January – Lamkana (third stop); 18 January – Nagpheni, Sisai (fourth stop); 19 January – Bhamni, Kudukh Bhawan, Gumla (fifth stop); 20 January – Manjha Toli



(sixth stop); 21 January – Chainpur (seventh stop); and 22 January – Sirsi-Ta Nale (final stop). A mass worship ceremony will be

Ormanjhi MLA representative Harimohan Mahto, District Council member Komisonar Munda, Baboolal Mahli (Chairperson of the 22-Pardha Sarna Committee), Ramesh Chandra Uraon (Patron), Kudhiya Kachhap (Youth Congress President, Khijri Assembly), and Lalita Pahan (President of 22-Pardha Sarna Prayer Assembly). In addition, numerous tribal intellectuals, social workers, and devotees, including Anjan

Munda, Pammi Munda, Shani Pahan, Sadhan Uraon, Lalo Tirki, Ravi Munda, Sunil Lohra, Shumeswar Munda, Prateet Kachhap, Binod Lohra, Disco Munda, Khudan Munda, Surendra Uraon, Sukra Uraon, Dinesh Uraon, Shanu Munda, Jethu Munda, Bigoo Munda, Roshan Munda, and Pushpa Uraon, were present, making the pilgrimage a significant cultural and religious event for the tribal community.

MP and MLA Inaugurate Newly Constructed SDPO Office, Residence, and Geo Petrol Pump in Maheshpur

AGENCY Maheshpur: A grand inauguration ceremony was held today for the newly constructed SDPO office and residence in Maheshpur block, along with the opening of a Geo petrol pump at Nandanpada. The event was graced by the popular Rajmahal MP Vijay Kumar Hansda and Maheshpur MLA Professor Stephen Marandi, who jointly inaugurated the facilities by lighting a ceremonial lamp, cutting the ribbon, and breaking a coconut, marking the beginning of these development initiatives aimed at public welfare. The ceremony saw the presence of Pakur Deputy Commissioner Manish Kumar, SP Nidhi Dwivedi, district vice-presidents Haji Samad Ali and Harivansh Chaubey, central committee members Shyam Yadav, Upasana Marandi, Motilal Hansda, CO Sanjay Kumar Sinha, local police



officials, elected representatives, social workers, and a large number of local residents. Addressing the gathering, MP Vijay Kumar Hansda highlighted that the newly opened M/S ABC Fuel Services petrol pump will provide convenient fuel access to the public and generate employment opportu-

nities locally, boosting economic activity in the region. He emphasized that the government aims to ensure basic amenities reach even remote rural areas. MLA Professor Stephen Marandi noted that the new SDPO office and residence represent a significant step in strengthening law and order. These facilities will provide

an improved working environment for police personnel, enabling faster resolution of public grievances. He assured that the government remains committed to maintaining peace, security, and development in the region. District vice-presidents Haji Samad Ali and Harivansh Chaubey added that the infrastructure will also support enhanced law enforcement in the area. The local community expressed enthusiasm for the inauguration and welcomed the leaders, appreciating the ongoing development work in the block. Residents noted that the new SDPO office, residence, and petrol pump are significant milestones for Maheshpur block, strengthening administrative efficiency and providing direct benefits to the public. Hundreds of JMM workers, including Soren and other local leaders, were also present at the event.

Three-Day Football Tournament Kicks Off in Dhatapada Village



AGENCY Barharwa: The three-day football tournament organized by Siddho Kanhu Youth Club in Dhatapada village commenced on Thursday with much enthusiasm. The tournament, scheduled from 15th to 17th January, features 16 participating teams. The opening event drew a large crowd of spectators from surrounding villages, who enjoyed the thrilling matches. The

organizers highlighted that four women's teams will compete in the final matches, adding a special attraction to the event. Club President and District Council member Prakash Toppo, along with Secretary Rajen Kujur and other committee members, were actively involved in ensuring the smooth execution of the tournament. President Prakash Toppo also announced that on the final day,

‘Saas-Bahu-Pati’ Conference Held at Ayushman Arogya Mandir, Focus on Family Planning and Health



AGENCY Taljhari: To promote health awareness and family planning in rural areas, a ‘Saas-Bahu-Pati’ conference was successfully organized on Thursday, 15 January 2026, at Ayushman Arogya Mandir in Ambadia village. The event witnessed active participation from village dignitaries and numerous families. The main objective of the conference was to directly inform villagers about various welfare schemes run by the Health Department. During the conference, representatives from the Health Department provided detailed information on

key topics: Family Planning—emphasizing the benefits of small families and available resources; Maternal and Child Health—highlighting precautions before and after delivery; and Government Schemes—sharing details about free medical check-ups and treatment facilities offered by the department. The program was successfully conducted under the supervision of Sahiya Supervisor Awadhesh Kumar, with Sahiya worker Mary Karmakar playing an important role in ensuring smooth and effective communication throughout the event.

Echoes of Rajmahal Fossils to Resonate in Lucknow:

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Singh to Participate in International Round Table Discussion

AGENCY Sahibganj: A significant step is being taken to preserve India's natural history and fossils dating back millions of years. The Paleontological Society of India is organizing an important Round Table Discussion in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, on 16 January 2026. For this high-level scientific dialogue, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Singh, Principal of Model College, Mundli, Rajmahal, Sahibganj, and a renowned geologist, has been specially invited. The event is being organized with the support of the Shiv Nadar Foundation. Dr. Anju Saxena, Secretary of the Paleontological Society of India, requested

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Dr. Ranjit to bring along samples of rare fossils from the Rajmahal hills for scientific discussion. Speaking before his departure, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Singh stated that eminent geologists, researchers, and representatives from academic institutions across India and abroad will participate. The discussion will focus on Geo-Heritage (preservation of



historical geological sites), Geo-Tourism (developing fossil sites as tourist attractions), and Scientific Research (fresh studies on Jurassic and Cretaceous period fossils). Importantly, this dialogue could open avenues to explore the presence of dinosaurs in the Rajmahal hills. Conservation of these ancient fossils will not only boost tourism but

also establish Sahibganj as a hub for international geological events. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Singh has been actively working on Rajmahal fossils since 2008. His contributions in constructing the Fossils Park, supporting researchers, and safeguarding these priceless geological treasures have been pivotal. He emphasized that the round table will pave new ways for preserving geological heritage and bringing the millions-of-years-old history of Rajmahal hills to global attention. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Singh departed for Lucknow on Thursday, with expectations that this visit will place Sahibganj prominently on the global geological map.

Two Cyber Fraudsters Arrested from Karhaiya Jungle for Online Scams

AGENCY Deoghar: In a major breakthrough against cyber-crime, the police arrested two cyber fraudsters from Karhaiya Jungle in the Sarath police station area on 14 January 2026. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Superintendent of Police Raja Kumar Mitra and on the directions of Superintendent of Police Saurabh. The accused were running scams by impersonating customer care services of Flipkart, Amazon, Airtel Payment Bank, PhonePe, and Paytm. They would post fake mobile numbers on Google to deceive people, offering



cashbacks, PM-Kisan scheme benefits, loans, and credit card links to trick victims into online fraud. The arrested individuals, Saroj Das (28) and Praveen Das (27), are residents of Fulchunwa village under Sarath police station. Both have a prior criminal record and had previously been named in fraud cases at the Deoghar Cyber

Police Station. During the raid, the police seized two mobile phones, four SIM cards, and one duplicate SIM card from the accused. The operation involved the Deoghar Cyber Police team along with armed forces. The police are continuing the investigation to trace further activities and possible victims linked to the accused.

Mukesh Kumar Shah Appointed as Madhupur Nagar INTUC President; Organization to Receive New Energy: Rakeshwar Pandey

AGENCY Madhupur: Under the guidance of Jharkhand State INTUC President Rakeshwar Pandey, Anant Mishra, the District President of Deoghar INTUC, has appointed Mukesh Kumar Shah as the President of Madhupur Nagar INTUC. This appointment is being seen as a significant step toward strengthening the organization and advancing workers' interests. Following the announcement, a wave of enthusiasm has swept through the organization. Leaders at both the state and district levels expressed confidence in Shah's leader-



ship, noting that his experience and active approach would provide new direction and strengthen INTUC's presence in Madhupur Nagar. The ceremony was attended by notable leaders including Jharkhand State INTUC Secretary Ajay Kumar,

Margomunda Block INTUC President Jaishankar Sharan, Mohanpur Block INTUC President Ajaykant Thakur, and Congress leaders Mohammad Raja Shah, Saroj Singh, Bablu Ramani, Santosh Vishwakarma, Amit Pandit, among others.

Headlines

Sky Filled with Colors on Makar Sankranti: New Jharkhand Yuva Club Organizes Grand Kite Competition

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Sahibganj: On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, the New Jharkhand Yuva Club organized a grand kite competition at the Railway General Institute under the leadership of Club President Vinod Kumar Yadav. The chief guest for the event was Bindu Didi, in charge of the Sahibganj Brahma Kumaris Service Center. The event was inaugurated by jointly flying kites by Uttam Kumar, Principal of LCC Computer Center, along with Sushila Devi, Ranjit Kesari, and Neetu. A large number of children and youth participated enthusiastically in the competition. Principal Uttam Kumar highlighted that the event promoted brotherhood, cultural tradition, and encouraged youth talent on this auspicious festival. In the competition, Rehana Ansari secured first place, Saif Ansari came second, Aman Raj third, followed by Himanshu Yadav in fourth and Krishna Kumar in fifth place

Tribute Paid to Freedom Fighter Arjun Yadav in Sahibganj; Hundreds Gather in Bhartiya Colony

Sahibganj: A tribute ceremony was held on Thursday at Ayodhya Dham in Bhartiya Colony, Sahibganj, on the occasion of the eighth death anniversary of freedom fighter Arjun Yadav. The event saw the participation of Arjun Yadav's family members, including his son Amarnath Yadav and Bajrang Yadav, along with well-wishers and hundreds of local residents. Participants paid homage by offering flowers to a painted portrait of the late freedom fighter with folded hands and teary eyes. The ceremony began with a formal ritual conducted by priests, including recitation of prayers and lighting of lamps. Speakers remembered Arjun Yadav's life and contributions, noting that he was not only a freedom fighter but also a dedicated farmer and wrestler. His simplicity, honesty, and courage earned him a distinct place in society, which continues to inspire the public today. It was highlighted that following the ideals and honesty exemplified by Arjun Yadav, Bajrang Prasad Yadav, National Minister of the BJP Kisan Morcha and West Bengal election in-charge, remains actively engaged in social service and plays a significant role in various community initiatives. Other attendees included Baski Yadav, Md. Kalimuddin, Krishna Sharma, Anand Modi, Bablu Tiwari, Jai Prakash Sinha, Manoj Keshri, Kundan Paswan, Lalan Singh, Lalit Kumar, and several others from the local community.

“Learn Safety, Embrace Technology”: Sahibganj Hosts Road Safety Awareness Chaupal

Sahibganj: On the 15th day of National Road Safety Month 2026, a grand Road Safety Chaupal was organized at the main Haat Bazar in Sahibganj to raise awareness about road safety. The event aimed to educate citizens, particularly in rural markets and at the panchayat level, about traffic rules and to reduce road accidents. During the program, road safety champions encouraged citizens under the Rahveer Scheme to assist accident victims during the “golden hour” to save lives. Attendees were urged to follow traffic rules, wear helmets and seat belts, avoid overspeeding, and never drive under the influence of alcohol. Speaking at the event, M.V.I. Kumar Utkarsh and Abhishek Munda emphasized that road safety is not just about following rules, but about protecting lives. They highlighted that even small precautions can save countless lives. The program was attended by District Road Safety Manager Neeraj Kumar Sah, Road Engineer Analyst Anuj Parashar, IT assistant Rajhans, and other officials. The event successfully shared critical road safety information with the public and promoted a culture of safe and responsible traffic behavior.

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Men's U19 World Cup: Henil Patel's fifer helps India beat USA by six wickets

Bulawayo (Zimbabwe), Jan 15 (IANS) Henil Patel bagged the first five-wicket haul of the tournament and helped multiple-time champion India make a winning start to their campaign in the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup with a six-wicket victory (via DLS Method) over the USA at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo on Thursday.

Five-time winners India inserted in the USA after winning the toss, and Henil Patel instantly validated that decision by delivering a fiery opening spell that broke the resistance of the USA top order. The right-arm pacer picked up three wickets inside the first 12 overs as the USA were reduced to 35/4.

The Indians then tightened the screws on the USA middle-order



to pick up wickets at regular intervals as Deepesh Devendran, Ambarish RS, Khilan Patel, and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi all picked up a wicket each. Patel then returned to clean up the tail and bag the first fifer of the

tournament to bowl USA out for just 107 inside 36 overs.

SOORYAVANSHI SETS RECORD

The USA made a good start to proceedings with the ball, dismissing early Vaibhav

Sooryavanshi, who set a world record by making his debut in the U19 World Cup at the age of 14 years and 294 days, breaking the 18-year-old record held by Indian-origin player Nitish Kumar, who made his debut for Canada at the age of 15 years and 245 days.

Just when skipper Ayush Mhatre and Vedant Trivedi appeared to steady the innings, the game was halted because of the lightning protocols. Rain followed and ensured the game was suspended for long enough for it to be reduced to 37 overs when it resumed after a long break. Chasing a revised target of 96, India were rocked by two quick wickets as skipper Mhatre (19) and Trivedi (2) were dismissed, leaving India struggling at 25/3. But Abhigyan Kundu and Vihaan Malhotra

weathered the storm and slowly turned the tables on the USA bowlers, stitching together a counter-attacking 45-run partnership that got India closer to the target. Malhotra's dismissal didn't prevent the five-time winners from cruising home and putting their first points on the board.

India will be back in action against Bangladesh for their second game in Group A on Saturday. The USA will take on New Zealand on Sunday, with both matches set to take place at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo.

Brief scores: USA U19 107 all out in 35.2 overs (Nitish Sudini 36; Henil Patel 5-16) lost to India U19 (revised target 96 - Abhigyan Kundu 42 not out; Ritvik Appidi 2-24) by 6 wickets (DLS method).

Mitchell Starc bags ICC Men's Player of the Month Award

Dubai, Jan 15 (IANS) Australia's talismanic bowler Mitchell Starc has been named as the winner of the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for December, following his splendid performance against England in the Ashes 2025-26.

The 35-year-old was on a roll in the recently concluded Ashes series, taking 31 wickets and contributing with two half-centuries. His outstanding all-round performance earned him the Player of the Series award.

Australia's left-arm fast bowler was nominated for the Player of the Month award after he took 16 wickets and scored 139 runs across three tests in December.

Starc was proud to have won the award on the back of a successful home Ashes win.



Adelaide International: Andreeva, Shnaider set up all-Russian semis clash

Adelaide, Jan 15 (IANS) World No. 8 Mirra Andreeva stormed into the semifinals of the Adelaide International, setting up an all-Russian clash against Diana Shnaider after a dominant victory over local hope Maya Joint in Adelaide on Thursday.



The Adelaide International serves as a crucial warm-up event ahead of the season's first Grand Slam, offering players a final chance to fine-tune their form for Australian hard courts. Andreeva, the third seed, proved too strong for local hope Maya Joint in a battle between two rising teenagers. The Russian star dispatched the 32nd-ranked Australian with a commanding 6-2, 6-0 victory to book her place in the final four.

India Open 2026: Lakshya Sen beats Kenta Nishimoto to reach QFs; Srikanth, Prannoy crash out

New Delhi, Jan 15 (IANS) Former champion Lakshya Sen relied on his strong defence and injection of pace to defeat Japan's Kenta Nishimoto, while Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy's inspired performances were not enough in the second round of the India Open 2026 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on Thursday. Sen packed off Nishimoto 21-19, 21-11 to advance into the quarterfinals after Srikanth had gone down 21-14, 17-21, 21-17 against BWF World Tour Finals winner Christo Popov of France, and Prannoy lost to eighth seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 18-21, 21-19, 21-14.

India's challenge in the women's section of the BWF World Tour Super 750 event being organised by the Badminton Association of India also came to an end after the fifth-seeded Chinese Han Yue accounted for Malvika Bansod 21-18, 21-15. The going was tough even for Sen in the initial stages of the first game against Nishimoto, as the Indian was struggling to find his rhythm and the length of his strokes. The Indian Oil employee trailed the Japanese 11-16 in the opening game and then 14-18, but kept on engaging his opponent in long rallies and came up with some brilliant defensive strokes to parry Nishimoto's smashes to



claw back. He won five straight points to take the lead and then wrapped up the opening game on the very first opportunity. Sen was much more clinical in the second game, varying his pace and going for the kill whenever he found an opportunity. As he

grew in confidence, the 24-year-old mixed his half smashes with clever reserve drops to keep his opponent guessing and sealed his quarterfinal spot in 50 minutes.

Important results: Men's singles: Lakshya Sen bt Kenta

Nishimoto (Jpn) 21-19, 21-10; 5-Christo Popov (Fra) bt Kidambi Srikanth 21-14, 17-21, 21-17; 3-Jonatan Christie (Ina) bt Yushi Tanaka (Jpn) 21-15, 21-19; 8-Loh Kean Yew (Sin) bt HS Prannoy 18-21, 21-19, 21-14; 2-Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Tha) bt Lu Guangzu (Chn) 21-14, 21-16. Women's singles: 1-AN Se Young (Kor) bt Huang Yu-Hsun (Tpe) 21-14, 21-9; 7-Ratchnok Intanon (Tha) bt Mia Blichfeldt (Den) 21-16, 21-11; 5-Han Yue (Chn) bt Malvika Bansod 21-18, 21-15; 4-Chen Yu Fei (Chn) bt Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) 21-11, 21-13; Natsumi Nidaira (Jpn) bt 8-Tomoka Miyazaki (Jpn) 21-19, 8-21, 21-16.

Washington Sundar ruled out of NZ T20Is with rib injury

New Delhi, Jan 15 (IANS) India all-rounder Washington Sundar has been ruled out of the five-match T20I series against New Zealand, as he is still recovering from a rib injury he suffered during the ODI series opener in Vadodara, sources told IANS on Thursday. The five-match T20I series, which is set to begin on January 21 at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur, is part of India's preparation for the T20 World Cup, which starts on February 7. It remains unclear whether the all-rounder will recover



in time for the marquee tournament. "Washington is ruled out of the T20Is against New Zealand, as he would take at least a few more weeks to recover from the injury suffered in the Vadodara ODI.

It is yet to be known if he will be fully fit in time for the T20 World Cup," said a source familiar with the matter to IANS. The source further said, "Washington is likely to report to the CoE in Bengaluru on Saturday and will know more about his recovery timeline once he reaches there."

Laura Wolvaardt named Player of the Month for December

Dubai, Jan 15 (IANS) South Africa's captain, Laura Wolvaardt, has bagged the Player of the Month award for December after her remarkable performance in the last month of the year 2025, which helped the team register series victories against Ireland in T20I and ODI formats.

Fresh off a commanding campaign in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, Wolvaardt continued to showcase her brilliance, rounding off a remarkable year by registering three centuries



across formats in just one month. Wolvaardt was at her destructive best in the opening T20I, blasting an unbeaten 115 at a staggering strike rate of 205.35, an innings studded with 15 boundaries and four sixes. Her dominance carried into the ODI series, where she opened the batting and played a key role throughout. After a steady 31 in the first match, she struck back-to-back centuries, hammering 124 off 111 balls in the second ODI before finishing unbeaten on 100 in the final game to seal the whitewash.

Najmul sacked as players' revolt puts BPL in limbo

Dhaka, Jan 15: The crisis-ridden Bangladesh Cricket Board stared at the prospect of its flagship T20 league coming to a halt after senior national players revolted against it for not sacking director Najmul Islam for his disparaging comments against them even though the BCB removed him as head of its finance committee.

Despite the removal of Najmul from the key BCB post, two matches of the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) scheduled on the day were postponed and the tournament itself looked in disarray due to the players' firm stance.

The cricketers taking part in the BPL were unified in their demand for immediate removal of Najmul as BCB director. BCB removed Najmul as chairman of the board's finance committee but he remains a Board director, a position that can be taken from him on disciplinary grounds. "...Following a review of recent developments and in the best interest of the organisation, the BCB President has decided to release Mr. Najmul Islam from his responsibilities as Chairman of the Finance Committee with immediate effect," said the BCB in a statement. "Until further notice, the BCB President will assume the role of Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee. The BCB reiterates that the interests of the cricketers remain its highest priority."

Keys loses to Mboko in Adelaide International QF

Adelaide, Jan 15 (IANS) Defending champion Madison Keys suffered a shock exit from the Adelaide International on Thursday, crashing out in the quarter-finals after a three-set defeat to Canada's rising star Victoria Mboko. World No. 17 Mboko, 19, defeated ninth-ranked Keys 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in one hour and 53 minutes for her second career victory against a top-10 opponent. Eighth seed Mboko struck first by breaking Keys early to take the opening set but struggled to match the American's powerful serving in the second. In the deciding set, Mboko was clinical on serve, winning 75 percent of points on her first delivery and capitalising on the only break opportunity she earned. "I know she won this tournament last year and, of course, the Australian Open. I knew coming into this



match it had to be a big fight, so I'm glad I got it done," Mboko said on court after the match, as reported by Xinhua. Keys had won the Adelaide International title in 2025 before going on to claim her first career Grand Slam title at the Australian Open weeks later. She will be in action in Melbourne on January 18 to defend her title. Mboko will play Australia's Kimberly Birrell in Friday's semifinal, after the world No. 107 came back from a set down to beat Romania's Jaqueline Cristian 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 in a three-hour epic. Birrell led 5-2 in the first set and had five set points but could not make the most of the opportunities as Cristian won five games in a row to seal the set. Birrell flipped the momentum in a dominant second set where she won the opening five games.

Jsr officials appointed arbiters at National School Games

Jamshedpur, Jan 15: The 69th National School Games Championship 2025-26 is currently underway at Khelgaon, Ranchi, with over 300 participants competing in the Under-14 boys' and girls' categories. The prestigious event has drawn participation from 31 sports units, representing states from across the country.

Two officials from Jamshedpur, Dr Sucheta Bhuyan and Mrs Shweta Kumari, have been invited to serve as match arbiters for the championship. Their selection reflects recognition of their experience and contribution to the sport.

Narendra Kumar Tiwary, General Secretary of the East Singhbhum District Chess Association, extended his best wishes to both officials and the participants for a successful and competitive championship.



Sabuj Kalyan Sangh to host first Rapid Chess Tournament on Jan 18



Jamshedpur, Jan 15: Sabuj Kalyan Sangh, Telco, will organise its first-ever Rapid Chess Tournament 2026 on January 18 at the Sabuj Kalyan Sangh campus, marking a new milestone for chess promotion in the area.

The event has already received an encouraging response, with over 100 players registered so far. Top seed of the tournament will be Kumar Sankalp, with an Elo rating of 1771, while Ishani Choudhary (rating 1462) will be the top-seeded player in the women's category. The organisers have announced a total cash prize of Rs 40,000, along with 36 trophies for boys and girls across various age groups.

Reporting time for players will be 8:00

am, and the first round will begin at 8:30 am. The tournament will be played in eight rounds.

The entry fee has been fixed at Rs 650. The tournament will be conducted under the supervision of Chief Arbiter Jayant Kumar Bhuyan, with Vishal Kumar Minz as Deputy Chief Arbiter. A final preparatory meeting was held to finalise all technical aspects of the event.

The meeting was attended by office-bearers of Sabuj Kalyan Sangh, including Pradeep Ghoshal, Joy Jyoti Khatua, Deepak Banerjee, Mithilesh Ghosh, Sudhir Bhattacharya and Subroto Bose along with Narendra Kumar Tiwary, General Secretary, East Singhbhum District Chess Association.

PST-11 clinches Chamber Premier League 2026 title

Jamshedpur, Jan 15: PST-11 emerged champions of the Chamber Premier League (CPL) 2026, defeating PRW-11 by a convincing margin of 134 runs in the final match held at the Tube Makers Club Ground. The two-day fifth edition of the tournament was organised by the Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry on January 13 and 14.

The final began at 7:00 pm and witnessed an impressive performance by PST-11, which dominated the match from start to finish. Vikas Agarwal was named Man of the Match for his outstanding contribution in the final. The details were jointly shared by Chamber President Manav Kedia and Honorary General Secretary Puneet Kanwatia.



The closing ceremony took place at 8:30 pm at the same venue. Mukul Chaudhary, Chief Sports, Tata Steel, attended as the chief guest, while Rajiv Badhan, Secretary of Cricket Country Club, Ranchi, was the guest of honour. They presented trophies to the winning and runner-up teams and distributed consolation

prizes to all participating players.

Addressing the gathering, Mukul Chaudhary appreciated the enthusiasm of business owners and entrepreneurs for sports despite their busy schedules, and praised the Chamber for promoting a healthy lifestyle. Rajiv Badhan also lauded the initiative and encouraged the

Chamber to continue supporting sports activities.

President Manav Kedia said the Chamber has begun organising sports events alongside its regular activities to promote fitness, camaraderie and sportsmanship among its members. He added that the number of teams is likely to be increased to eight in the next CPL season.

Six teams-PST-11, Executive-11, PRW-11, Trade-11, Industry-11 and Tax & Finance-11-participated in the tournament. The top four teams qualified for the semi-finals played on January 14.

Individual honours went to Vinit Kumar Lala (Man of the Series), Pritam Jain (Best Batsman), Ashutosh Kabra (Best Bowler), Vinit Lala (Best Fielder) and Sugam Saraiwala (Best Wicketkeeper).

“Heartfelt thanks to every single audience for giving us such a massive success” – Star Entertainer Naveen Polishetty at the Anaganaga Oka Raju Thank You Meet

“This is the first Sankranthi in six years that truly gave me satisfaction” – Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi Arriving as a Sankranthi gift and showering the- atres with nonstop laugh- ter, Anaganaga Oka Raju is racing ahead toward a sen- sational blockbuster sta- tus. Starring star enter- tainer Naveen Polishetty in the lead, the film is pro- duced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the ban- ners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Sri- kara Studios. The film is di- rected by debutant Mari, with Meenakshi Chaudhary as the female lead. Released on January 14 amid huge expectations, Anaganaga Oka Raju received an extraordinary response from the very first show. Along with rib-tickling comedy, the film touched hearts with its emotional moments, earning praise as a true festive entertain- er. In just two days, the film created a sensation by collecting a massive ₹41.2 crores worldwide. With collections pouring in at the box office backed by overwhelming audience support, the team organ- ized a Thank You Meet to express their gratitude. Speaking at the event, Naveen Polishetty said, “First of all, Sankranthi



greetings to everyone. My heartfelt thanks to each and every audience member who gave us such a big success, and to our media friends who stood by us with immense support. Sithara Entertainments is a blockbuster production house that has delivered many milestone films. Recently, one or two films from the banner did not perform as expected. At such a time, audiences giving a blockbuster in the form of Anaganaga Oka Raju has brought great happiness to all of us. Seeing a smile on Naga Vamsi garu's face espe- cially made me very happy. I wish he always stays smil- ing like this. I must special- ly talk about our gurus Trivikram garu and

Chinna Babu garu. They trusted us and encouraged us greatly for this film. The episodes they believed in and allowed us to retain are now receiving tremen- dous appreciation from audiences. From the very first scene to the interval, audiences are laughing continuously in the first half. The political enter- tainment in the second half is also getting an excellent response. I always priori- tize entertainment in my films, but this time we also wanted to deliver strong emotions along with it. I admire Rajkumar Hirani's films, and with that inspi- ration, we attempted some- thing similar in Telugu. We watched the film in a mass theatre like Sriramulu, and the way

audiences enjoyed the entertainment and show- ered applause during the emotional scenes made us feel that our story connect- ed with all sections of view- ers. As a hero, this is only my fourth film and my first Sankranthi release. Despite competition from big films, audiences made our film a blockbuster. A dialogue from a Trivikram film says there's some power behind you. The power behind me is the audience. They are the ones carrying my film forward. From someone who once went around asking for just one

chance, to receiving four consecutive hits, I sincere- ly thank every Telugu fam- ily for this love. I'll contin- ue to work harder than ever to entertain you. Director Maari's contribu- tion is unforgettable. He also played a key role in the writing. When I was feeling low while writing the story after an accident, our co-writer Chinmayi filled me with motivation. Meenakshi Chaudhary and Rao Ramesh garu delivered outstanding performances. Thanks to Mickey J. Meyer garu for the wonderful music. When writers, artists, and directors are trusted and given creative freedom, this is the kind of output that comes. My heartfelt thanks to Naga Vamsi garu for trusting us and giving us complete freedom. Thanks to every- one who was part of this film. Many film personali- ties congratulated us say- ing we delivered a great Sankranthi film. Those who haven't watched Anaganaga Oka Raju yet, please book your tickets immediately. You will defi- nitely enjoy it.” Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi said, “This is the

Sankranthi that gave me true satisfaction after six years. After Ala Vaikunta Puramuloo in 2020, this is the first Sankranthi to give me that level of fulfillment. My heartfelt thanks to audiences for delivering such a big success this Sankranthi. Thanks to the media for the tremendous support. Many producers wished for this film to suc- ceed, and with everyone's blessings, we achieved this level of success. Fans are also showing massive sup- port on social media, and a big announcement that will make them happy is coming soon. Even though two big films released this Sankranthi, our distribu- tors stood strongly by us and allotted sufficient the- atres, which helped us achieve a ₹41 crore gross in just two days. My thanks to all distributors who trust- ed me and Naveen and stood by us. Releasing a film during Sankranthi and delivering a hit is very special to me. Special thanks to Naveen for being a key part of this success. Meenakshi Chaudhary dedicated an entire year exclusively to this film, and I sincerely thank her. For any script-related doubts, I constantly dis- cussed with creative di- rector Chinmayi, and I prom- ised her that if this film succeeds, I'll introduce her as a director under our banner. Trivikram

Energetic Mass Track Basavanna From Arjun's Seetha Payanam Unveiled



Multi-talented actor and director Action King Arjun is gearing up with his upcoming film Seetha Payanam. Produced under the Shree Raam Films International banner, the movie marks the silver- screen debut of Arjun's daughter Aishwarya Arjun as the female lead. The film also features Niranjan, Sathyaraj, Prakash Raj, and Kovai Sarala in key roles. Along with directing, Arjun himself plays a spe- cial character, while his nephew Action Prince Dhruva Sarja appears in a striking cameo. The newly released song 'Basavanna', introducing Dhruva Sarja's character, has grabbed instant attention. The track hints at Dhruva Sarja por- traying a powerful and intense role as Basavanna.

Anup Rubens' composition is packed with high energy, showcasing the importance of the Basavanna character in the film. Kasarla Shyam's lyrics deliver goosebumps, while the vocals by Nakash Aziz and L. Keerthana are vibrant and appealing. Choreographers Lalitha Shobi and Srishti Varma have added dynamic visu- als to the song. From the glimpse this track offers, Dhruva Sarja is all set to become one of the film's biggest strengths. The team has now completed the shoot and post-production work. The makers have already announced that the film will release on February 14, hitting screens on a grand scale in Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi.

From a 10-Minute Short Film to a Rs. 10-Crore Feature Film: AVAA International Short Film Contest Season 1 Announced

On the auspicious occasion of Sankranti and Pongal, AVAA Entertainments announces the launch of the AVAA International Short Film Contest – Season One, a unique, director-centric initiative aimed at discovering and encouraging new film- making talent across India. The production house extends warm wishes to everyone for a very Happy Sankranti and Pongal. Designed as a director- focused reality format, the contest invites aspiring film- makers to submit short films with a maximum duration of 10 minutes, judged purely on storytelling and directorial vision. The standout high- light of the contest is its grand reward — the winning direc- tor will get an opportunity to direct a ₹10-crore feature film,



produced by actor and film producer Mr. Vishnu Manchu. Known for his con- stant support of emerging tal- ent, Vishnu Manchu's vision behind this initiative is to pro- vide deserving directors a

genuine gateway into main- stream cinema. With this ini- tiative, AVAA Entertainments reinforces its commitment to nurturing fresh voices and shaping the future of Indian cinema.



Kartik Aaryan walks away from his Rs 15 crore paycheck: Reports

Mumbai: In an industry where success is celebrated loudly and failures are quickly forgotten, Kartik Aaryan has chosen a differ- ent path. The actor is win- ning hearts not for a block- buster, but for a bold and generous decision after his latest film struggled at the box office. Kartik's roman- tic comedy Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri, co-starring Ananya Panday, released dur- ing the festive Christmas season with high expecta- tions. The promo- tions were ener- getic, the songs trended online, and fans expect- ed another

crowd-pleaser. However, once the film hit theatres, the response turned luke- warm. Ticket sales dropped quickly, and the movie failed to recover its big budget. **Kartik Aaryan refuses to take remuneration** While most stars walk away from underperforming proj- ects without looking back, Kartik reportedly chose to forego Rs.15 crore from his acting fees to ease the finan- cial burden on the produc- ers. In Bollywood, where star salaries are often fixed regardless of box office results, such a gesture is rare. His decision reflects not just professionalism, but empathy for the team that believed in the project. Industry insiders say the move has earned Kartik

immense respect. Crew members and trade analysts have praised him for stand- ing by his film even when it didn't deliver expected results. It sends a strong message that filmmaking is teamwork and success or failure belongs to everyone involved. Rumours of strained relationships with producers and talent agen- cies surfaced after the set- back, but sources close to the actor have dismissed them. Kartik is already mov- ing forward with new proj- ects and continues to be one of Bollywood's most bank- able young stars. While the film may not have worked magic at the box office, Kartik Aaryan's real-life gesture has certainly struck the right chord proving that sometimes character mat- ters more than collections.

Introducing The Graceful Nabha Natesh As Parvathi From Nagabandham, Pan-India Release In Theaters This Summer

Abhishek Nama's ambi- tious mythological action drama- Nagabandham, starring Virat Karma, continues to scale new heights as it nears the final stages of production. While the film is already making waves for its mas- sive scale and mystical storyline, the team has now unveiled the captiv- ating first look of lead actress Nabha Natesh as Parvathi. Marking the occasion of Makara Sankranthi, the poster showcases the graceful Nabha Natesh in a gor- geous and traditional avatar. Draped in an ele- gant saree and adorned with intricate jewellery, she radiates poise, purity, and spiritual warmth. Her soulful expression hints at a character deeply rooted in devotion and mythic grace. Adding to the visu- al richness, a vivid blue bird rests near her hand, complemented by the



presence of a majestic pe- cock and a temple back- drop. This poster perfectly

captures the essence of the character and the film's thematic core. Iswarya

Menon is the other hero- ine, with stalwarts like Jagapathi Babu, Jayaprakash, Murali Sharma, and B.S. Avinash in pivotal roles. Nagabandham unfolds against the backdrop of India's ancient Vishnu temples. The storyline explores the sacred mys- teries of the Nagabandham tradition, weaving mythology, sus- pense, and divine legacy into a gripping contempo- rary narrative. With Soundar Rajan S handling cinematography, RC Pranav overseeing editing, and Ashok Kumar taking care of production design, the film promises visual excellence. Backed by pro- ducers Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagireddy, Nagabandham is gearing up for a grand multi-language release in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam, this summer.

PRABHAS NIMMALA'S “MIRACLE”: FIRST LOOK RELEASED

Starring Randheer Bheesu – Hebbah Patel as the lead pair, with senior actors Sriram and Suresh in key roles, “Miracle” is being made as an out-and- out action entertainer. Produced jointly by Ramesh Eggidi, Srikanth Mogadasu, and Chander Goud under the Saida Family Entertainment banner, “Miracle” is directed by Prabhas Nimmala, known for films like “Satya Gang” and “Fighter Shiva.” The first look of the film was released today (January 16) as a Sankranthi spe- cial. Mrs. Jyotsna is the co-producer of the film. The film's first schedule, packed with high-octane action sequences, has been completed success- fully. The second schedule is set to commence from January 22 in and around Hyderabad. In “Miracle,”



Randheer Bheesu plays the hero, while Hebbah Patel stars as the female lead. Akshara Nunnna Sujana appears as another heroine. Senior actors

Sriram and Suresh will be seen in crucial roles. Naidu Pendra is being introduced as the villain. Veteran film journalist Dheeraj Appaji will be

seen in a special role as a Forensic Officer. The film also features Janardan, Yogi Katre, Vijay Surya, Inthiyaz, Sai Baba, Dil Ramesh, Jhansi, Suryanarayana, Sridhar, Srikanth, Shiva, Aamani, Haimavathi, Navya (Ammu), Bezawada Mastan, R. Kumar, and several others in impor- tant roles. Speaking on the occasion, the produc- ers said: “After proving his direc- torial strength with Satya Gang and Fighter Shiva, director Prabhas Nimmala is now coming up with his third film ‘Miracle.’ Hebbah Patel's glamour, powerful per- formances by senior actors Sriram and Suresh, and high-voltage action blocks will be the major highlights of the film. The second schedule will begin from January 22.”