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Delhi govt okays Rs 1,471 Cr 6-lane MB Road project

New Delhi (TSIT): Delhi government's Expenditure Finance Committee(EFC) has approved a major infrastructure project for South Delhi. At an estimated cost of Rs 1,471.14 crore, a six-lane integrated elevated road, along with two underpasses, will be constructed on M.B. Road from Saket G-Block to Pul Prahladpur. The project is targeted for completion by December 2027.The meeting of the EFC was held at the Delhi Secretariat on Tuesday chaired by Delhi CM Rekha Gupta. With a total length of nearly five kilometres, the project will be developed in two phases. The first elevated stretch will run from Saket G-Block to Sangam Vihar, measuring 2.42 kilometres. The second stretch will extend from Maa Anandmayee Marg to Pul Prahladpur, with a length of approximately 2.48 kilometres. The project will be executed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). It will be developed along the DMRC corridor alignment to ensure optimal coordination between road and metro infrastructure. The integrated structure will feature a double-decker system, with the metro operating on the upper deck and a six-lane elevated road corridor below.

ED files chargesheet against NCL official in corruption, money laundering case

New Delhi (TSIT): The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office, stated on Tuesday that it has filed a chargesheet against Shailendra Pasari before a special PMLA court in Jabalpur. A notice for a pre-cognizance hearing has been issued against the accused. The ED initiated its investigation based on two FIRs registered by the CBI's Anti-Corruption Branch in Jabalpur. The first FIR was registered under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. In this case, Shailendra Pasari, then Senior Manager (Civil) at Northern Coalfields Limited's Jayant Project in Singrauli, was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 for clearing pending escalation bills. Subsequently, during searches conducted by the CBI at his premises, unaccounted cash amounting to Rs 72,97,200 was recovered from Pasari's residence, bank lockers, and office. The second FIR was registered under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act for possessing disproportionate assets. The CBI alleged that Pasari and his family members were in possession of assets worth Rs 1.30 crore (124.12% disproportionate to his known sources of income) during the check period from January 1, 2014, to September 8, 2018.

Order for SIR of electoral rolls legislative in nature, lays down guiding principles: EC to SC

Dwivedi referred to legal schemes which govern the preparation and revision of electoral rolls and regulate the conduct of elections.

NEW DELHI (TSIT): The Election Commission on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that its order on special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in various states is legislative in character, lays down guiding principles, and prescribes documents needed. The submissions were made by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the poll panel, before a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi during the final hearings on a batch of petitions challenging the EC's SIR of electoral rolls undertaken in several states, including Bihar.



"Our SIR order is legislative in character. It lays down a complete set of principles and documents prescribed. It is a general order applicable to the whole country, except the Assam case," the senior lawyer said.The petitions, including the lead one filed by NGO 'Association for Democratic Reforms', raise significant constitutional questions concerning the scope of the poll panel's

powers, the determination of citizenship for electoral purposes, and the fundamental right to vote. Dwivedi referred to legal schemes which govern the preparation and revision of electoral rolls and regulate the conduct of elections. Referring to Section 62 of the Representation of Peoples Act, he submitted that voter registration is subject to specific statutory conditions. Dwivedi said Articles 324 to 326 of the Constitution, read with Section 19 of the 1950 Act, impose a constitutional obligation on the EC to ensure that only citizens are enrolled as voters.

No better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh: CM Chandrababu



Amaravati, Jan 20 (TSIT) : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Tuesday that there is no better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh. He invited industrialists to visit Andhra Pradesh and personally observe the policies implemented by the state government and the favourable conditions for investments. He urged them to make investment decisions only after witnessing the speed of doing business policies. The Chief Minister, who is attending the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, was addressing the CII session on "India at the Centre: The Geography of

Growth – The Andhra Pradesh Advantage". The Chief Minister posted on X that he told the industry leaders that Andhra Pradesh isn't just an investment destination but a strategic advantage. He showcased Andhra Pradesh's strengths across various sectors. "With nearly a quarter of India's FDI, our speed of doing business makes AP a premier investment hub. I invited the global industry to partner with us for long-term growth," he wrote.According to an official release, the Chief Minister said that India will become a global power by 2047, and Andhra Pradesh will be at the forefront of this transfor-

EU on cusp of historic trade deal with India: Ursula von der Leyen

DAVOS: (Jan 20) (GNS) The European Union is on the cusp of signing a historic trade agreement with India that is being called 'the mother of all deals', European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced on Tuesday, asserting it will create a market for 2 billion people or about one-fourth of the global GDP.In a special address here at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, she said the real would crucially provide a first-mover advantage for Europe with one of the world's fastest-growing and most dynamic continents. "Right after Davos, I will travel to India. There is still work to do. But we are on the cusp of a historic trade agreement. Some call it the mother of all deals," she said.



"Europe wants to do business with the growth centres of today and the economic powerhouses of this century. "From Latin America to the Indo-Pacific and far beyond, Europe will always choose the world. And the world is ready to choose Europe," she said.President of the European Council, Antonio Costa and von der Leyen will be in India from January 25 to 27 to grace the Republic Day celebrations as chief guests and hold summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

UAE agrees to partner with Telangana for 'Future City' development

Hyderabad, Jan 20 (TSIT) : The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has agreed to partner with Telangana for the development of Bharat Future City as a top global city, the 'Telangana government' said.UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al

Marri met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy-led 'Telangana Rising' delegation, at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Tuesday. Touq Al Marri said his national government would be happy to join hands with Telangana. He suggested that the two governments

establish a joint task force of officials from both sides for the speedy implementation of this project, according to a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) here. The delegation discussed potential areas of cooperation in the state's large infrastructure projects,

especially the Bharat Future City.Chief Minister Revanth Reddy outlined the Telangana Rising 2047 vision and the future-defining roadmap to transform the state into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.He threw light on the massive scope for development in the Bharat Future

City project -- India's first Net-Zero Greenfield Smart City. Spread over 30,000 acres, the city is envisioned as a multi-sectoral, sustainable urban-industrial hub with dedicated spaces for AI, education, health, industries, residential and entertainment zones.

Telangana aims to increase its GDP contribution to 10 pc



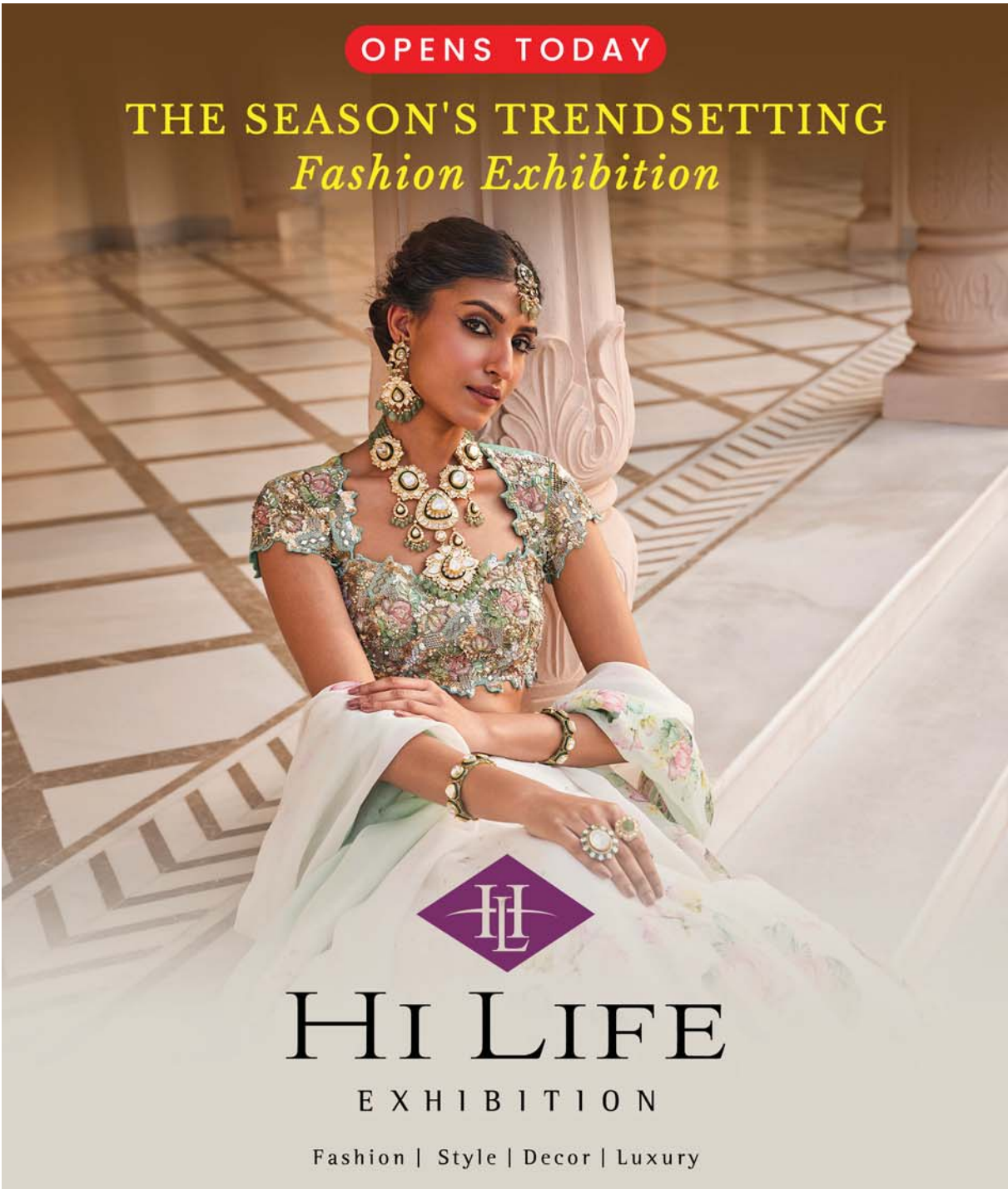
Hyderabad (TSIT) : Telangana has set the goal of raising its contribution to India's GDP to 10 per cent, supported by a clear roadmap to build a USD 3 trillion economy, industry minister D. Sridhar Babu said on Tuesday. He invited global industry leaders to partner in Telangana Rising, a long-term vision built on policy stability, ease of doing business, and innovation-led growth.At the inauguration of the India Pavilion at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Minister Sridhar Babu invited the industry leaders to invest in the state.He told them that Telangana today offers a conducive, predictable ecosystem where global companies can scale, invest and participate meaningfully in the state's development journey. He said that life sciences, electronics, semiconductors, IT, aerospace, renewable energy and green technologies are the priority sectors.The minister stated that with Rs 2.5 lakh crore in investments mobilised over the past two years, the emphasis remains on sustaining growth, creating employment and strengthening Telangana's global standing.


He told the investors that Telangana has become a role model for other states in ease of doing business. Sridhar Babu said that his government's resolve is not to wait for the future, but to build it. He stated that they have set a target of increasing Telangana's share in the country's GDP to 10 per cent by 2047 and are taking visionary and planned steps accordingly.He stated that a comprehensive roadmap has been prepared with the participation of experts, industrialists, and the public to propel Telangana's economy to \$3 trillion by 2047.

He added that this vision document gives utmost priority to key sectors that will boost the state's economy. He elaborated on the favourable conditions, opportunities, and the existing ecosystem in Telangana for investments in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, life sciences, biotechnology, healthcare innovation, electronics, semiconductors, hardware manufacturing, IT, ITES, aerospace, defence, textiles, apparel manufacturing, food processing, agro-based industries, renewable energy, and green technologies.He affirmed that they are sincerely working to bring new industries to the state and create employment opportunities for the youth. He mentioned that his government has attracted investments worth approximately Rs 2.5 lakh crore in the last two years at the Davos forum. He added that this year too, with the same spirit, they will explain the policies designed to boost industrial development and strive to encourage leading companies to invest in Telangana.

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SIR is 'Software Intensive Rigging', alleges TMC

The press meet came a day after the Supreme Court directed the EC to display the names of the voters on the "logical discrepancies" list at gram panchayat bhavans and block offices.

NEW DELHI: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) said on Tuesday that the SIR exercise in West Bengal is "Software Intensive Rigging", as the ruling party in the state stressed the need for more "transparency" in the ongoing process for electoral-roll revision. Addressing a press conference here, TMC's leader in the Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien, deputy leader Sagarika Ghose and MP Saket Gokhale demanded that the Election Commission (EC) release the transcripts of the discussions held at recent meetings between a party delegation and the full bench of the poll panel. The press meet came a day after the Supreme Court directed the EC to display the names of the voters on the "logical discrepancies" list at gram panchayat bhavans and block offices.

"What does SIR actually stand for? Software Intensive Rigging.... The EC is one of the great institutions of our country, which has kept democracy vibrant for so many decades, but what has been happening now is a dismantling of this great institution," O'Brien said at the press conference. "All we seek from the All India Trinamool Congress is transparency.... Our chairperson has said it. Our national general secretary has said it. We are for SIR, but we are for a transparent SIR, a planned SIR.... A humane SIR," he said.

O'Brien said during their meetings with the EC on November 28 and December 31 last year, the TMC leaders made several "constructive



suggestions" for making the SIR process smoother. He challenged the poll panel to come out with the transcripts of the meetings. "Release the transcripts.... It has been 50 days. So do not push our patience. Because if you do not release those transcripts, we will release those transcripts," the TMC MP said. Targeting Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, he pointed out that prior to his appointment to the EC, he retired as the secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation under Home Minister Amit Shah, who is also the minister of cooperation. O'Brien asserted that it is not

"Trinamool versus somebody else", but "the people of Bengal versus those who are trying to make the electoral process burdensome on the electors".Ghose pointed out that the apex court has directed the poll panel to work with transparency and said, "The Election Commission should not work with political interests."It is the constitutional duty of the EC to protect the right of the citizen to vote, she added.

Ghose said the list of discrepancies and the hearings have led people to go through harrowing times, running from pillar to post to protect their right to vote."We are saying

that the EC should not change the Special Intensive Revision to software-intensive rigging. And as the Supreme Court has instructed, the EC should work with transparency," she said. Referring to letters written by West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee to the CEC, O'Brien said, "What did the postscript say?... It said we know that you will not reply to these letters. Who is writing these letters? A three-time chief minister of a state who is about to become a four-time chief minister."

One of Banerjee's letters to the CEC on the SIR issue contained a handwritten note, saying she did not expect a reply from Kumar. "When we say transparency, this is not just a clever term which we have used in the morning. Software-intensive rigging. No. What software is the EC using? Why is it being revised constantly? We asked who makes this software? Come, tell us," O'Brien said. The Supreme Court said on Monday that the SIR process in West Bengal should be transparent and not cause inconvenience to people, and directed the EC to display the names of those on the "logical discrepancies" list at gram panchayat bhavans and block offices, where documents and objections will also be submitted.Logical discrepancies in progeny linking with the 2002 voter list include instances, such as a mismatch in the parent's name and the age difference between a voter and his parent being less than 15 years or more than 50 years.

Indian Navy to display 'combat-ready, aatmanirbhar' might at Republic Day Parade 2026

New Delhi (TSIT) : The Indian Navy will present a powerful blend of tradition, self-reliance and future readiness during the upcoming Republic Day Parade (RDP) 2026, with its marching contingent, tableau and band reflecting the Service's vision of being a 'Combat Ready, Cohesive and Aatmanirbhar Force, safeguarding the seas for a Viksit and Samridhdha Bharat', Contingent Commander Lt Karan Nagyal said on Tuesday.

Briefing the media ahead of the Navy's Republic Day Parade press preview, Lt Nagyal said the RDP remains a grand spectacle of national unity, showcasing India's cultural diversity, military prowess and technological advancements, with all participating elements demonstrating an unwavering commitment to national security.

The Indian Navy's marching contingent this year will comprise 144 young personnel who will march shoulder to shoulder along the historic Kartavya Path, symbolising the Navy as a progressive and strong maritime force capable of defending India's maritime interests.

Representing a 'mini-India', the contingent includes sailors from different States and union Territories, with an average



age of 25 years. Carefully selected from across all branches of the Navy, the personnel have undergone over two months of specialised training to withstand the rigours of the parade. The contingent will be led by Lt Karan Nagyal, with Lt Pawan Kumar Gandhi, Lt Priti Kumari and Lt Varun Dreveriya serving as Platoon Commanders.

The Indian Navy's tableau for 2026 will vividly depict the theme of a 'Strong Navy for a Strong Nation', highlighting the Service's multi-dimensional capabilities and its resolve to safeguard maritime interests anytime, anywhere and anyhow.The tableau traces India's rich maritime heritage to its modern, indigenous combat strength. It features a stitched ship dating back to the 5th century CE, now named INSV Kaundinya, Maratha Navy 'Gurab' class ships, and

frontline indigenous assets including aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, P-17A Nilgiri-class stealth frigates INS Himgiri and INS Udayagiri, a Kalvari-class submarine and the GSAT-7R (Project Rohini) communication satellite.The tableau will also showcase the circumnavigation route followed by the crew of INSV Tarini during the Navika Sagar Parikrama-II expedition. The tableau has been conceived and designed by Cdr Zubair Siddiqui and Lt Lekshmi K Ravi of the Navy's Warship Design Bureau.

Adding a special dimension, young girl cadets from the Sea Cadet Corps (SCC), a non-governmental organisation imparting basic nautical skills to youth in Mumbai, will march alongside the tableau, marking their return to the Republic Day Parade after several decades.

Kharge pays tribute to Frontier Gandhi on death anniversary

New Delhi, Jan 20(UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday paid tribute to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, popularly known as the Frontier Gandhi on his death anniversary.

In a post on X, the Congress chief described Badshah Khan as a "beacon of peace" and noted that his life and work continue to inspire millions across India and South Asia. Khan, a towering figure of India's freedom struggle, was remembered as a lifelong champion for peace and nonviolence. Kharge recalled his immense contributions to India's Independence and his unwavering commitment to human dignity and harmony.The Congress chief highlighted that Ghaffar Khan, a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, endured repeated imprisonment for his principles during the freedom struggle.

He also underscored the Pashtun leader's long association with the Indian National Congress, noting that he served for several years on the Congress Working Committee and was elected to the Constituent Assembly.

SC Questions CBI on Necessity of Further Probe in YS Viveka Murder Case

New Delhi: In a significant development regarding the murder case of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, the Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on the necessity of further investigation. The apex court directed the agency to provide specific details on who they intend to take into custody and which particular aspects of the case require deeper scrutiny.

The bench, led by Justice M.M. Sundresh, was hearing a petition filed by the



victim's daughter, Dr. Sunitha Reddy, challenging the trial court's orders regarding the investigation. Senior Advocate Sidharth Luthra, representing the petitioner, argued that

although they approached the trial court following the Supreme Court's earlier directions, the lower court failed to fully consider the key issues raised in their plea. Luthra contended that the trial court permitted only a partial investigation based on aspects that were not originally included in the petition, arguing that such a limitation was not legally sound.

Responding to these arguments, the Supreme Court sought a clear stance from the CBI on whether the probe needs to continue.

SC directs Delhi HC to decide in 4 months plea of MLA Raja Bhaiya's wife alleging domestic violence

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan refused to entertain Bhanvi Singh's plea after noting that the matter is pending before the high court.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court directed the Delhi High Court on Monday to decide within four months a plea filed by the wife of Uttar Pradesh MLA Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiya against her husband under the Domestic Violence Act.A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan refused to entertain Bhanvi Singh's plea after noting that the matter is pending before the high court. The top court noted that the next hearing in the matter is scheduled before the high court on February



12. "On that day, the petitioner is at liberty to press for early disposal of this case. It is needless to observe that the same shall be con-

sidered having regard to the facts of the case as alleged by the petitioner's wife," the bench said.The apex court clarified that it was giving a

timeframe of four months as the high court has stayed the summons issued to the Kunda MLA by the trial court. Raja Bhaiya has been booked for alleged domestic violence following a complaint from his wife.An FIR in this regard has been registered at Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave police station. In her complaint, Bhanvi Singh has accused the politician of years of physical and mental abuse, according to police. Police have also informed that the couple has been living separately for years.

Top Indian CEOs to join Donald Trump at WEF Davos meet

New Delhi, Jan 20 : Some prominent Indian CEOs from India are likely to join a select group of 146 global corporate leaders for a meeting with US President Donald Trump at the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos on Wednesday.

India's tech and industrial leaders, including Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, Wipro CEO Srinu Pallia, Bharti Enterprises Founder Sunil Bharti Mittal and Infosys CEO Salil Parekh, are set to attend the high-level session during the WEF, according to a report in NDTV Profit.

The meeting occurs amid the US-India trade deal negotiations which are expected to lift market sentiments.



Recent developments have indicated that relations between the two countries about the trade deal negotiations have softened, and an announcement could be just around the corner.

Trump is among the marquee attendees of the World Economic Forum in Davos this year, alongside the likes of

JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Meanwhile, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, had made a strong pitch for global investors towards opportunities in India's clean and green energy sector at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos. The minister highlighted India's proven ability to scale solar, wind, green hydrogen and energy storage in a focused discussion with Charles Emond, President and CEO, and COO Sarah Bouchard of Canada-based La Caisse, on strengthening long-term climate and clean energy investments in India.

AI guides to smart parking: Tech-driven traffic plan to steer Republic Day crowd to Kartavya Path

NEW DELHI: From AI-generated informational videos to car-calling systems, Delhi Traffic Police has rolled out a slew of technology-driven measures to ensure smooth traffic flow and a hassle-free commute for people heading to Kartavya Path for the Republic Day parade and the Beating Retreat ceremony. In a first, the traffic police has prepared detailed animated videos with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI), depicting the arrival, alighting, departure and parking plans for invitees. Officials said the videos are aimed at familiarising visitors with the movement and parking arrangements well in advance.

The videos are available on the Ministry of Defence website and can also be accessed through the QR code-based parking system issued to invitees. They explain in detail how

arrival, alighting and parking will be managed on the day of the event, a senior police officer told PTI.

The parking management system covers 22 designated parking lots and has been designed to accommodate around 8,000 vehicles. Every year, nearly 77,000 passes are issued to spectators for the Republic Day parade, of which about 8,000 are earmarked for those arriving by private vehicles, the police said.

Another first this year is the introduction of shuttle services for security personnel deployed for Republic Day arrangements. Shuttles will operate from four locations—Khan Market, Amrita Sher-Gil Marg, Patel Chowk Metro Station and HC Mathur Lane—to ferry personnel to their respective destinations. The shuttles will run at a frequency of 10 minutes, he said.



To assist commuters in reaching their designated park-

ing areas on Republic Day, invited guests and ticket hold-

ers can use Google Maps or Mapppls for real-time naviga-

tion support. A senior police officer said the platforms will provide details of appropriate routes to Kartavya Path and the exact location of allotted parking spots.On Mapppls, a dedicated Republic Day tab has been created, while Google Maps will display specially marked parking locations along with entry and exit routes to help visitors reach their destinations without confusion, he said.Apart from digital assistance, the traffic police has significantly expanded on-ground support by setting up 12 help desks at key locations—up from just two in previous years. Personnel deployed at these help desks will guide commuters on parking facilities, pedestrian movement routes and security arrangements, the officer said.

The help desks will be located at Moti Lal Nehru Place roundabout, Sunehri Masjid

roundabout, Man Singh roundabout, Jaswant Singh roundabout, GPO roundabout, Windsor Place roundabout, Mandi House roundabout, Q-point, Teen Murti roundabout, Crossing Janpath/Dr Rajendra Prasad Road, Gate number 14 of Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium and Palika Parking, they added.

Car-calling systems have also been introduced this year to avoid crowding after the conclusion of the programme and to ensure smooth dispersal of invitees. Under the system, invitees can inform an officer stationed at the exit gate, following which announcements mentioning the car number or the driver's name will be made. The traffic police has advised people to follow official advisories, use public transport as far as possible and rely on digital navigation tools for a smoother commute to Kartavya Path.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Personnel Receive Protective Goggles

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT : January 20, 2026: In a welfare initiative aimed at safeguarding the health of frontline officers, Dr. Gajjarao Bhupal, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Cyberabad, distributed protective goggles to traffic police personnel at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.



The goggles were provided to shield traffic personnel from pollution, dust, and intense sunlight while performing duties on the roads. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhupal emphasized that ensuring the well-being of traffic officers is essential for them to deliver efficient

and effective service to the public. "Healthy traffic police personnel can better serve the community," he stated. The event saw participation from senior officers, including Madhapur Traffic ADC P Hanumantha Rao, Madhapur Traffic ACP Chandra

Shekhar Reddy, Medchal Traffic ACP Venkata Reddy, Kukatpally Traffic ACP Venkataiah, Balamangal Traffic ACP Giri Prasad, along with traffic inspectors, sub-inspectors, and other staff members.

Vaidyula who received applications from aspirants

Karimnagar, January 20, TSIT: Corporation Congress President Vaidyula Anjan Kumar along with District Congress Panchayat Raj sanghathan Chairman Madupu Mohan and several other leaders received applications from leaders hoping for Congress Party ticket for corporation posts on Tuesday at the DCC office in Karimnagar. On this occasion, Anjan Kumar said that the applications received from the party ranks will be prepared and the final list will be sent to the TPCC.



Congress party ticket.

It is said that the opportunity to receive applications is being given till 1 pm on 22nd of this month and aspirants should take advantage of the opportunity.

He assured that the workers who have the party's back during the difficult times will be given appropriate position and justice will be done to every worker.

Don't let your negligence become a curse to your family : Central Zone DCP Kavitha

WARANGAL, January 20, TSIT: Central zone DCP Kavitha said that your family members will fall because of your carelessness. As part of the Arrive/Alive programme, a counseling and awareness programme on traffic rules was conducted for the motorists and their family members who were caught in the drunk driving checks conducted by the traffic police in Warangal Tri City area at Mulugu Road BSK function hall on Tuesday.



Around two hundred motorists and their family members who were caught in drunken drive checks participated in this programme, which was attended by Central DCP and Additional Traffic Prabhakar Rao as the chief guests. On this occasion, DCP said that life is very precious and the number of road accidents due to drunken driving is increasing and the number of deaths is also increasing.

Pedestrians and other motorists along with you are dying due to driving

under the influence of alcohol. Do not drink and drive for the safety of your family members who are dependent on you, also everyone should follow the traffic rules and reach their destinations safely, DCP said. Additional DCP Prabhakar Rao said that it is not our aim to trouble motorists by imposing fines on those who violate traffic rules, but the main aim of Warangal Traffic Police is to ensure that every motorist reaches their

destination safely.

Because of driving the vehicle in violation of the traffic rules, you and your neighbors will also face the burden of accidents. Every motorist is advised to drive vehicles with regular training.

In this programme Traffic ACP Satyanarayana, Traffic Inspectors Sujatha, Seetha Reddy, Venkanna, traffic training center inspector Srinivas along with traffic SIs and other traffic personnel participated.

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APPENDIX-IV [rule 8 (1)]

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this 19th day of January of the year 2026 for SI.No. 1 to 3 The borrowers 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 Indusind Bank Ltd., for an amount of and interest thereon.

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

SI.No:1: Name of the Borrower: 1. M/s. GMS Security Services, and Guarantors, Mrs. Chitkela Triveni and Chitkela Narayana Murthy. Amount Outstanding :Rs.1,51,44,695.48/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five and Forty-Eight Paise only) together with further interest at documented rate from 01.10.2025 to the date of payment and other cost, thereon.

SI.No:2: Name of the Borrower: 1. Chitkela Narayana Murthy and guarantor Mrs. Chitkela Triveni. Amount Outstanding Rs.22,93,426.53/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Six and Fifty Three Paise only) together with further interest at documented rate from 01.10.2025 to the date of payment and other cost, thereon.

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Common Schedule Property for Above S.No.1 to 3

Property No.1:Registered Sale Deed Document No.1067 of 2013 dated: 28-03-2013 in favour of Chitkela Narayanamurthy: RCC roofed G+2 floored residential building bearing D. No.4-1-48, Padmanabha Colony, consists of 289.33 sq. yds of site bearing Plot Nos. 41 & 42 in the layout LP No. 119/99 made of land Ac 4.10 cents in T.S. No. 1-1-101/-, on the North in R.S. 75 % cents on the west in full extent Ac 13.51 cents, in old Survey no.859, kummari vardi veechi, ward No.3, Peddapuram Village, Peddapuram Municipality, Peddapuram Mandal, Peddapuram Sub Registry, East Godavari Dist., bounded by:East: Layout Road - 47'4", South: Plot No.40 Site - 55'0", West: Plot Nos. 34 and 35 - 47'4" North Remaining Site in Plot No.42 on the north of Kongara Raju Sekhar and Peda Kapu - 55'0"

Property No.2:Registered Sale Deed Document No.3445 of 2011 dated: 22-09-2011 in favour of Chitkela Narayanamurthy: Site Measuring 208 sq yards bearing Plot No.17 in LP No.31/2003/R in the layout Krishna Madhavi Nagar made of land an extent of Ac 2.00 cents on the East in full extent Ac 20.34 cents in R.S No 87/22, near Door No. 4-1-97, Ward No.1, Peddapuram village, Peddapuram Municipality, Peddapuram Mandal, Peddapuram Sub Registry, East Godavari dist., bounded by:East: Plot No.18 site of Kunche Sri Lakshmi - 52.0", South: Land of Sriram Venkata Chandra Mohan - 36.0" West: Site in Plot No.16 of Palagundla Venkata Narasimha Rao - 52.0", North: 40 feet wide layout road - 36.0"

"Together with the buildings and structures constructed/to be constructed thereon and all the fixed and fittings annexure thereto.

Property No.3:Registered Sale Deed Document No.3187 of 2015 dated: 31-08-2015 in favour of Chitkela Narayanamurthy: Site Measuring 202 sq yards bearing Plot No.18 in LP No.31/2003/R in the layout Krishna Madhavi Nagar made of land an extent of Ac 2.00 cents on the East in full extent Ac 20.34 cents in R.S No 87/22, near Door No. 4-1-97, Ward No.1, Peddapuram village, Peddapuram Municipality, Peddapuram Mandal, Peddapuram Sub Registry, East Godavari dist., bounded by:East: Plot No.19 site of Midli Krishna Mohan and Raja Mohan - 49.0" South: Land of Sriram Venkata Chandra Mohan - 36.0" West: Site in Plot No.17 of Chitkela Narayana Murthy - 52.0", North: 40 feet wide layout road - 36.0"

"Together with the buildings and structures constructed/to be constructed thereon and all the fixed and fittings annexure thereto.

Property No.4:Registered Sale Deed Document No.1017 of 2019 dated: 13-03-2019 in favour of Chitkela Triveni:-Site Measuring 180 sq yards bearing Plot No.19 in LP No.31/2003/R in the layout Krishna Madhavi Nagar made of land an extent of Ac 2.00 cents on the East in full extent Ac 20.34 cents in R.S No 87/22, near Door No. 4-1-97, Ward No.1, Peddapuram village, Peddapuram Municipality, Peddapuram Mandal, Peddapuram Sub Registry, East Godavari dist., bounded by:East: Plot No.20 site of Komali Venkata Satya Surya Sivananda Prasad - 49.0" South: Land of Sriram Venkata Chandra Mohan - 33.0", West: Site in Plot No.18 - 49.0", North: 40 feet wide layout road - 36.0"

"Together with the buildings and structures constructed/to be constructed thereon and all the fixed and fittings annexure thereto.

Date: 19-01-2026
Place:Hyderabad

Sd/-
For Indusind Bank Ltd
Authorized Officer

Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

FORMERLY MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE PVT LTD.CIN : U65923K12010PC039179, Regd. Off: 8/596 A, Padmaprabha Building, Near Sreerama Swami Temple, Chittoor - Thirupur Road, Thirupur, Thiruvallur, Kerala 680057

POSSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

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

Sr. No. Name of Borrower 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. PICHIMALLAGALLA MALLIKARJUNA, PICHIMALLAGALLA MERAMMA & KUNTULLA SIVA / N/A/0030027393 & N/A/0030027393 KADAPPA Place: KADAPPA , Date: 21-01-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

SBI Foundation Launches 'Gram Seva' CSR Programme in Gadwal District

Jogulamba Gadwal: SBI Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of the State Bank of India, on Tuesday formally inaugurated its flagship 'Gram Seva' programme at Peddatholupadu village in Manopad Block of Jogulamba Gadwal district, aimed at holistic rural development and socio-economic empowerment.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Mallu Ravi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nagarkurnool; Shri Vijayudu, M.L.A., Alamur; Shri B. M. Santosh, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Jogulamba Gadwal; Shri S. Radhakrishnan, Chief General Manager, SBI Hyderabad Circle; Shri Swapan Dhar, MD & CEO, SBI Foundation; Lt Gen Hari Prasad (Retd.), Managing Trustee, Bhavishya Bharat, and other dignitaries.

Implemented in partnership with NGO Bhavishya Bharat, the Gram Seva project focuses on integrated village development through initiatives in education, healthcare, sanitation, youth empowerment and infrastructure. As part of the launch, two mobile service vehicles — 'Shalihotra Express' for veterinary services and 'Swachhta Saathi' for waste management — were



flagged off. Digital education facilities including a Smart Class, Computer Lab and Science Lab were also inaugurated at the Government High School, Chinnipadu.

A fully equipped Youth Training Centre, named after Telangana's brave son Col. Bikkumalla Santosh Babu (MVC), was inaugurated to provide free skill and personality development training for youth. The project also includes installation of solar streetlights, repair of government schools and Anganwadi centres, among other developmental works.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mallu Ravi lauded the initiative and assured full support from both Central and State Governments through the district administration. He said SBI has set a benchmark in implement-

ing impactful CSR programmes, especially in rural areas.SBI Chairman Shri Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, in a video message, called upon local stakeholders to actively participate in the programme, stating that collaborative efforts would help realise Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swaraj and Viksit Bharat @2047.

CGM Shri S. Radhakrishnan reiterated SBI's commitment to grassroots development, while Collector Shri B. M. Santosh appreciated the initiative, stating that such CSR projects would significantly aid the administration's efforts to improve literacy and development indicators in the district.Gram Panchayat members, SBI officials, representatives of Bhavishya Bharat and a large number of villagers attended the event.

Five-Day Embedded Systems Training Programme Begins at GITAM Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Department of Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering (EECE), School of Core Engineering, GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, is organizing a five-day hands-on training programme on "Embedded Systems Design and Automation" from January 19 to 23, in association with PHYTEC, Bengaluru.



tem customization. Participants are gaining practical exposure to real-world sensor interfacing using UART, I2C, and SPI protocols, and developing applications such as Smart Energy Monitoring Systems and Industrial Gateway Solutions.Special emphasis is placed on Linux shell

scripting, peripheral driver integration, GPIO-based device control, Edge AI concepts, and industrial communication protocols like Modbus and MQTT. The training modules are aligned with NEP 2023, supporting skill-based learning, innovation, and curriculum enhancement.

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL (DPS) WARANGAL STUDENTS SHOWCASED THEIR TALENT

WARANGAL, January 20, TSIT : Students from Delhi Public School (DPS) Warangal showcased their talent and innovation at the prestigious School Youth Ideathon 2025, jointly organized by ThinkStartup and MEPSC in association with CBSE. The event's grand finale took place on Sunday at IIT Delhi. According to a statement from the school's Chairman, Sri V. Ravi Kiran Reddy, the students made the institution proud with their outstanding performance and creative thinking.



Participating students Pendyala Medha and Zoya Tahmeena , both from Class XI (MEC stream), represented DPS Warangal as Team Elevare. Under the effective guidance of their mentor, faculty member Kasipeta Manoj Raj, they developed an innovative AI-powered mobile application called 'FarmLink'.

The app addresses key challenges faced by farmers by enabling them to directly connect with markets, market their agricultural produce more efficiently, and secure fair prices.

By leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), FarmLink facilitates seamless linkages between farmers and buyers, reducing intermediaries

and empowering rural producers with better market access and pricing transparency.The students' novel idea impressed the judges, prominent entrepreneurs, and industry experts, who praised the project as an exemplary use of modern technology to drive progress in the agriculture sector and support India's farming community. In a felicitation ceremony held at the school, Chairman Sri V. Ravi Kiran Reddy, Principal Dr. Inna Reddy, and the teaching staff congratulated the students for their achievement. They encouraged the young innovators to continue coming up with impactful ideas that benefit society in the future. DPS Warangal's participation highlighted the school's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, innova-

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Office: Door no. 23-B-156/A, 1st floor, R. R. Enclave, New Balaji Colony, A.I.R. Bypass Road, Above ICICI Bank, Tirupati - 517502

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	V Muni Shankar (Borrower), V Indumathi (Co-Borrower), LHTRU00001296216.	All That The Vacant Land With No 29 In Ward No 19 With Land Extent Of 176.66 Sq Yards Sbi Colony Residential Area In Sy No 106/ 2 And 106/ 3, Tirupathi Village And Tirupathi Municipal Town, Tirupathi Dist, Andhra Pradesh 517501. Bounded By- North: Property Of D S Naidu, South: 30 Ft Wide Road, East: Land Of N Deepa And Anjanappa Veerla, West: 30 Ft Wide Road/ Date of Possession- 17-01-2026	12-11-2024 Rs. 46,38,529.1/-	Tirupati

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 21, 2026 Place: Tirupathi Authorized Office ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT (ARM) II BRANCH
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF MOVABLES ASSETS (HYPOTHECATED VEHICLE) UNDER HYPOTHECATION AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the movable items (Hypothecated Vehicles) described herein, taken possession under hypothecation agreement, will be sold by holding public auction.

1. Name and Address of the Secured Creditor : Canara Bank, Asset Recovery Management Branch II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) : 1) M/s. Sri Pravira Hospitality and Services Pvt Ltd., No. 1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070. 2) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor), No. 428, 9th Main, Avalahalli, BDA Layout, Bengaluru-560085. 3) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor), C/o. Sathyamurthy Pattavardhan, No. 618, 24th Cross, 20th Main, Poornaprajna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061. 4) Mrs. Lakshmi Sridhar (Director cum Guarantor), W/o. Mr. Sridhar Somashekar, No. 994/A, 4th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050. 5. Mr. Vijay Sagar Shetty (Guarantor), C/o. Ganeshra, No. 1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070.

3. Total liabilities : Rs. 5,39,62,857.59/- (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven and Fifty Nine Paise only) as on 18.01.2026 plus further interest and charges thereon.

4. (a) Mode of Auction : E-Auction

(b) Details of Auction service provider : M/s PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd (BAANKNET), Corporate Office : - Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400037. Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, 9892219848, 8160205051, Email : support.baanknet@psballiance.com, Website : https://baanknet.com/ (c) Date & Time of Auction : 11.02.2026 Time 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM, (d) Place of Auction : ARM II Branch, Bangalore. 5. Reserve Price & EMD Amount :

S. No	Vehicle Model	Registration Month & Year	Registration No.	Yard Address	Reserve price	EMD Amount
1.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1167	H.No. 1-7218/24, Near Sri Rama Rice Mill, Kotha Cheruvu Road, New Gunj, Mahabubnagar-509001, Telangana State.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
2.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1152	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
3.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1356	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
4.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1125	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
5.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1149	Mettu Steet, Madira Vedu, Thiuvarkadu, Chennai-77.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
	TOTAL				Rs. 2,00,00,000/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-

6. Last Date of Submission of EMD Amount with M/s. PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. (BAANKNET) is 10.02.2026.

7. Other terms and conditions : a) The Movable Items (Hypothecated Vehicle) will not be sold below the Reserve Price. b) Auction/ bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website of website M/s. PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. (BAANKNET). Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. c) The property/ Hypothecated Vehicle can be inspected on 04.02.2026. d) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.1,00,000 as incremental value. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. e) Earned Money Deposit (EMD) of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan "on or before 10.02.2026. f) The successful bidder shall deposit 25 % of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on the sale being knocked down in his/ her favour and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price as stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited. g) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. h) Remaining amount of bids is to be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund transfer to credit of account "CANARA BANK ARM II BRANCH, BANGALORE " A/c No. 209272434; IFSC Code: CNRB006298. i) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder, shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. j) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. k) The Auction Sale is conducted on "As is where is, As is what is and Whatever there is" Basis. Bank is not aware of any pending charges, taxes, etc. Purchasers are bound to verify the same and, if any, have to bear the same. l) Bank reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason therefor. m) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or ARM II branch, Bangalore who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. n) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of auction without assigning any reason therefor. o) For further details contact: Chief Manager, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2: (9113092975, 8291102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id - cb62298@canarabank.com or the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet), e-mail : support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com, EMAIL: support.baanknet@psballiance.com

Date : 19.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

EDITORIAL

THE RISE, EXILE, AND
FADING FOOTPRINTS OF
KASHMIRI PANDITS

The Kashmiri Pandits are Saraswat Brahmins, one of the oldest ethnic groups of the Indian subcontinent. Their history can arguably be traced back to the first human settlements in the Valley over 4,000 years ago, rooted in a land they believed was reclaimed from a vast lake by the sage Kashyapa. For centuries, Kashmir was the “sharda peeth,” or the seat of learning. The Pandits developed Kashmir Shaivism, a sophisticated school of philosophy that views the universe as a manifestation of pure consciousness. Unfortunately, this highly educated and scholarly community was persecuted in history at least eight times between 1320 and 1990.

1) 1320: It was Zulju, also known as Zul Qadir Khan, a Turco-Mongol invader who attacked in 1320 AD and wreaked devastation when he commanded the force that conquered Kashmir.

2) 1389–1413: Sultan Sikandar, or Sikandar Butshikan, who was also known as the ‘iconoclast,’ destroyed massive temples like Martand and gave Hindus in the area the choice to convert, flee, or die.

3) 1413–1420: Ali Shah, the son of Sikandar, continued his father’s policies with even more brutality, deploying guards to prevent Pandits from escaping so they could be forcibly converted.

4)1500s: Under Kaji Chak and Musa Raina, who were influenced by Shia missionary Mir Shams-ud-Din Iraqi, thousands were forcibly converted. Those who resisted were massacred on the holy day of Ashura, according to K.L. Bhan.

5) Late 1600s: Mughal ruler Aurangzeb’s governor, Iftikhar Khan, used extreme force to convert the community. This led the Pandits to seek help from the Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur, who was eventually killed while protecting them.

6) 1720s: During a period of Mughal decline, local fanatical leaders including the cleric Mullah Abdul Nabi imposed “jizya” or tax and banned Pandits from wearing turbans, shoes, or even riding horses.

7) 1753-1819: Afghan Rule is widely considered the darkest era. Afghan governors would tie Pandits in pairs in grass sacks and drown them in Dal Lake. It was said that “a Pandit’s life was not worth the price of a hen.”

8) 1989-1990: Modern militancy, the rise of Pakistan-sponsored insurgency and radical Islamism led to targeted killings and mosque announcements. This forced most of the community into exile. The Kashmiri Pandits’ ‘best times’ are often associated with the reign of Lalitaditya Muktapida in the 8th century and later, the peaceful rule of Zain-ul-Abidin in the 15th century. The latter invited Pandits back after a period of persecution, earning him the title Budshah, the great king. During these eras, the community thrived as administrators, scholars, and spiritual leaders. Life moved on after the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India in 1948. The two communities, Pandits and Muslims, lived in harmony although Kashmiri Pandits were always viewed with a bit of suspicion because of their religious identification with the majority community of mainland India. Pandits were, however, acknowledged as good teachers and professionals (many were doctors and bureaucrats). Interestingly in spite of being Hindus they were very good teachers of the Persian language and were also recognised as good interpreters of the Quran. The most painful chapter in their modern history began in January 1990. As Islamic militancy surged in the Valley, fuelled by external support and internal radicalisation, the minority community was targeted with a campaign of terror. Slogans like “Raliv, galiv ya tchaliv (convert, die, or leave)” reverberated from loudspeakers of the mosques.

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How China Got Trapped In
Its Own 'Export Miracle'

Last week, China reported the world's largest ever trade surplus for 2025, a year when Donald Trump's tariffs on more than 90 countries gave a jolt to the global economic order. The Chinese trade surplus reached a massive \$1.19 trillion, despite Beijing reducing exports to the US by 20%. It simply sold much more to the rest of the world, including India. The staggering \$1.9 trillion trade surplus of China is just under half the size of India's GDP and close to the size of Saudi Arabia's, a G-20 member. Last year, China was the largest trading partner of Brazil - in America's backyard, of Central Asia - in Russia's backyard and the Gulf countries, where the US used to dominate. The US has already lost Africa to Beijing; if Trump continues with his disastrous tariff policies, even other regions could become China's number one trading partner, replacing the US. China has not had a global trade deficit since 1993. It has come a long way from being one of the world's poorest countries in 1978, when its leader Deng Xiao Ping introduced economic reforms, to becoming the world's second largest economy and a superpower. But in the process, China has also transformed the global economy, making everyone else dependent on it, based on a model that has created problems even for its own people. But can this model survive? The Making Of China's Economic Model Beijing's exports-based economic model has roots in Deng's reforms, which paved the way for the country to become the world's manufacturing hub. Large plants and factories were set up across the country to produce cheaper products for the rest of the world. Gradually, millions of Western manufacturing jobs were outsourced to factories in China. These state-subsidised plants forced many factories in other countries to close down because they could not compete with Chinese products. As early as 1994, silk farmers in India were complaining that the dumping of cheap Chinese synthetic silk in the country was driving them out of business. Beijing has often been accused of dumping its products in other countries. Such accusations have resurfaced after the publication of the lat-



est record surplus figures. But China has continued to expand its production capacity, diversifying into many new fields. The current Chinese leader, Xi Jinping, has taken the country's economic model to a new level. After becoming the head of the Communist Party in 2013, he focused on high-quality development by investing in strategic emerging industries to become a dominant force that could not only challenge China's rivals but also control them. Self-Reliance Or World Domination? At the core of China's economic strategy is making itself self-reliant, according to the Chinese leaders. Xi's 10-year programme, known as Made in China, launched in 2015 to reduce dependence on the West, has achieved most goals. Beijing's unprecedented investment in green technologies has made it the undisputed world leader in renewables, electric vehicles and many other fields. Over the week-end, China's state media reported that the country consumed 10.4 trillion kilowatt-hours of power in 2025, according to the National Energy Administration. This is more than double the use in the United States and exceeds the combined power consumption in India, Russia, Japan

and the European Union. This suggests industrial plants and AI data centres in China are working harder than anywhere else. Xi has also prepared China for a trade war with the United States and ordered his officials to work on choke points for its economy, which he successfully employed last year in response to Trump's tariffs. As early as 2019, Xi described rare earths and other critical minerals as an "important strategic resource." Beijing now has almost total control over the global supply of those minerals. India may be a leading supplier of pharmaceuticals, but China is the world's dominant producer of the ingredients needed to make antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals. The same is the case in the solar power industry. Global Domination But Domestic Repression China's economic growth helped its government to lift tens of millions of people out of poverty and make many others in the country rich, especially in the early years of reform. But its model of increasing growth by selling cheaply to the world has had its implications. For years, Chinese families subsidised the country's rise through foregone returns while the rest of the world splurged on dis-

counted Chinese goods. While the rest of the world is fighting inflation, China is facing an acute problem of deflation, where prices continue to drop, discouraging customers from buying in the fear that goods would be even cheaper later. This is caused by overcapacity in factories and weak domestic demand. A persistent decline in consumption signals deeper economic trouble. Last year, Chinese authorities promised new child-care subsidies, increased wages and better paid leaves to revive a slowing economy. But that has failed to have any meaningful impact. The collapse of the property market in recent years has also made Chinese consumers more risk-averse, leading them to cut back on spending. Domestic consumption drives more than 80% of growth in the US and UK, and about 70% in India. China's share has typically ranged between 50% to 55% over the past decade. So Xi has a hard task to encourage his countrymen to spend more. Falling Birth Rate China is facing another problem that is threatening its economic model. A shrinking population of youngsters and an ever-growing number of elderly people. On Monday, the authorities announced that the birth rate has now fallen to the lowest level since 1949, when Mao Zedong came to power after leading the communist revolution. Last year, only 7.92 million new babies were born, a decline of 17% over 2024. This means China will have fewer people to work in its factories to sustain its export-based economy. On top of that, young families now have to care for their elderly parents. The Social Security System in China is poor in comparison to other industrialised economies. The Chinese government has offered many incentives to encourage youngsters to have children and taxed contraceptives but young Chinese are not keen to produce babies. Currency Manipulation Western countries have often alleged that China's rise has been aided by the manipulation of the global system, using its state-owned or subsidised firms to buy depressed assets in other countries, and, above all, keeping its currency renminbi artificially low - which makes its products cheap.

When the educated stand and the illiterate
sit: The insult of education in democracy

-Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

Any civilized society is defined by its education system and the respect it receives. Education is not merely a collection of degrees, but rather a culture of conscience, discipline, constitutional understanding, and public responsibility. The question is whether a democracy like India truly respects this education, or whether educated people in the corridors of power are merely destined to stand in a posture of obedience. In India, millions of young people reach the civil services after years of rigorous preparation, failure, and struggle. They enter the IAS, IPS, or other services after a thorough study of the Constitution, administration, economics, sociology, and policymaking. Even after selection, they face lengthy training, field postings, and constant accountability. On the other hand, these same officers are often seen standing with folded hands before public representatives whose educational background and administrative understanding are extremely limited. This is the scene where the truth of the system speaks, not satire—the illiterate are sitting, the educated are standing. The journey to becoming a civil servant is a years-long endeavor. The exam tests not just facts, but also thinking, analytical skills, ethics, and the ability to make decisions under pressure. Even after joining the service, every file, every order, and every signature must stand the test of future scrutiny. In contrast, there is no minimum educational

qualification required for entry into politics, nor is formal training in policy or administration mandatory. Public support is the soul of democracy, but when that very support becomes a veneer to conceal a lack of competence within the entire system, then the problems begin. Democracy means rule by the people, but democracy has never been a celebration of ignorance. Successful democracies value both political leadership and professional administration. There, the decision-making stage is dominated by facts and logic, not emotions. Our situation is developing into one where debates are more noisy and less scholarly. The heat of accusations and counter-accusations is high, and the light of data and facts is low. In such an environment, the bureaucracy, which represents knowledge and process, is reduced to a mere machine that obeys orders. This mentality gives rise to the scenario—the kurta is sitting, the uniform is standing. In the vision of independent India, khadi and khaki were considered complementary. Khadi symbolized public opinion, politics, and policymaking, while khaki symbolized law, order, and impartial implementation. A respectful relationship between the two was supposed to lay the foundation for good governance. Today, the situation is such that khadi often appears to impose its views through numerical strength and positional power, while khaki, fearing transfer, retaliation, or false accusations, refrains from offering prudent advice. Officers have come

to believe that "what the higher-ups want" is more important than "what is right." This mindset not only weakens administrative ethics but also calls into question the rule of law. This environment directly impacts the image of education in society. When young people repeatedly witness the scene where those who studied for years, passed competitive exams, and underwent training are left standing at the end, while those who climbed the political ladder without any preparation are left sitting and making the final decisions, disappointment naturally arises. The message is clear: education does not bring power, knowledge does not make decisions, and hard work does not ensure respect. Gradually, education becomes a mere means to obtain employment, not a means to guide society. Ironically, when policies fail, plans fail to materialize, or corruption is exposed, officers are often the first to be targeted. The reality is that most major decisions are made at the political level, and officers are the implementers of those policies. Yet, the entire responsibility for failure is placed on them. This is a double injustice—limited participation in decision-making, but complete accountability. The result is that honest and forthright officers are discouraged, and "silence and doing what is told" becomes the safe option. Whenever the question is raised about whether a minimum level of education and administrative understanding should be required for policymaking,

the immediate argument is, "Are you questioning the legitimacy of public representatives?" It should be clear that the question is not one of legitimacy, but of competence. Representatives are elected by the people; this is their democratic legitimacy, and it must be respected. But is a mandate in itself a certificate of expertise in every field? Should decisions affecting millions of people be made solely based on political expediency, caste equations, or electoral gains and losses? The question is simple—if qualifications and examinations are required for the jobs of doctors, engineers, teachers, or even ordinary clerks, how can leadership of a major ministry be considered possible without any training and minimal intellectual preparation? Democracy does not mean that "whoever gets elected knows everything"; it means that the elected leadership makes decisions with the help of experts, administrative experience, and constitutional values. The solution lies not in elevating officials to the highest order, nor in diminishing public representatives. The solution lies in balance. Public representatives should set policy direction and priorities; officials should shape that direction in accordance with the constitutional framework and administrative practicalities. Certain steps are necessary for this—mandatory constitutional and administrative training for public representatives, systematic orientation programs for new legislators and ministers.

Dear America, Keep Your Republic
and Let All Others Keep Theirs

It is not easy to play poker with Washington these days. It holds a trump card never seen in the deck before. It is now an ace, a king, a jack, and a joker with very dark intent. For example, just when we were being schooled to believe that Russia and China could be gunning for Greenland, it turns out that is the trump card gunning for Europe and NATO. The terrible child, having snatched the bauble of world opinion – which he otherwise despises – from Maria Machado, with a forthrightly stated “I am the one who deserves the peace prize”, is again to the fore. “I want Greenland, give me Greenland,” says he. “And if you don’t I will thee tariff more and yet more; you are allies only if I be your lead bad boy. If not, Europe and NATO can go as many leagues below the Mediterranean as they might, so long as I have my Greenland.” Gosh, if only the good old Dr. Sigmund Freud were still with us, what illuminations he might have shared with us little people. What of the lilliputians who live on that land? The joker in the poker would say, “In poker, the winner takes all, be they chips or homo sapiens.” So come forth, speak to them the truth that only muscle matters; the rest is moral blackmail visited by the weak on the puissant. Thus spake Zarathustra, have you forgotten? No sir, we haven’t.



And we remember what inferno their teachings of Nietzsche brought the world to not too long ago, dear Trump; which is why we need regime change, foremost in that land which once shook off the monarchs who tyrannised those whom you now lead as did the despots of old. So, dear Europe, do you begin to see the new poker game and the new trump card that begins to do that to you what neither Russia nor China have yet done? Ten percent tariffs more already, with promise of 25% come first of June, should you fail to come to supplicant senses? Dear NATO, you may well be fighting the next war not against Russia or China but your chief guarantor, the US. Do laugh; But also begin to take a leaf from Canada’s book. Neither

Europe nor Canada seem any more to belong to the “western hemisphere” which Trump has vowed to protect with blood and guts; so why not turn East? You have a combined GDP equivalent to the US. So think how you might put the joker back in the pack by simply teaming up with Russia and China who, after all, have never coveted any of your belongings, not even Greenland; and who, in fact, saved you from your own predators eight decades ago. So rise and shine. Bring down the poker. Save Greenland. Show the way down to the Greenback, where it may begin to be reborn with a human face. Build a new world with sturdy, self-confident, peace-loving BRICS. Prepare a new American ground to plant a Bernie Sanders here, a

Zohran Mamdani there. Forestall the bad boy of the day from extracting Mette Frederiksen, who governs Greenland, as he did the incautious Nicolas Maduro. And, dear Americans, look to Minneapolis. Allow yourselves to take in the full meaning of the contention there, before the moment comes when, like a century and a half before, a call goes up for secession from the Union. Save the federation, save democracy and save the ideals which led mankind out form the dark ages. Recall Benjamin Franklin’s prophetic caution: “A republic, if you can keep it.” Keep your republic and help all others keep what they have chosen for themselves. Badri Raina taught at Delhi University.

Chagos sovereignty no longer up for debate, says Mauritius, after Trump criticises UK deal

Mauritius' attorney general has responded to Donald Trump's criticism of the Chagos deal, stressing that it still expects the agreement to go ahead. In the written statement, Gavin Glover says it is "important to remember" that the deal was "negotiated, concluded and signed exclusively between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Mauritius". "The sovereignty of the Republic of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago is already unambiguously recognised by international law and should no longer be subject to debate," it says. "We expect the treaty to be implemented as soon as possible, in accordance with the commitments made." The government's opponents argue that giving up the Chagos Islands represents an act of national self-harm and a boost to the United Kingdom's rivals, especially China. The arguments include an element of



post-imperial hand-wringing but also the fear that the base at Diego Garcia, vital to both the UK and United States, will soon be more vulnerable. The base's remote location makes it extremely difficult to monitor, except from space. But if Mauritius decides to open up the waters of the Chagos archipelago to commercial fishing, this could change. "Beijing uses its fishing fleet as the eyes and ears of

its military," Jack Watling of the Royal United Services Institute wrote in November 2024. "There is a significant risk that such vessels will soon ply the waters around the base." If such concerns were shared by in Washington, there was little sign of it last summer when US Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke in glowing terms of what he called "this monumental achievement". In February

last year, Donald Trump said he had "a feeling that it's going to work out well". It's not clear why he seems to have changed his mind so dramatically. Donald Trump's post on his Truth Social platform earlier positioned the Chagos Islands deal as a matter of national security for America, referring to Diego Garcia as "the site of a vital US Military Base". The US launched a huge construction project

on the island in the 1970s and spent 10 years turning it into a fully operational military airbase. The site, and operations there, are highly secretive. Here are some of the operations it has been involved in before: During former US President George W Bush's so-called War on Terror, following the 9/11 (11 September) attacks, US stealth bombers would stop off at Diego Garcia as they returned from bombing-runs of al-Qaeda targets in Afghanistan. It was later a key base for US and UK operations during the Iraq War. Troops and bombing aircraft were stationed there, as well as the giant US Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort. More recently, in May 2025, satellite imagery from Earth data analytics company Planet Labs showed that the Pentagon had deployed bombers to the island. This came after the US ramped-

up its bombing campaign against the Houthis rebel group in Yemen and amid tensions with Iran. Downing Street has said the US still supports the deal to hand sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, despite President Trump calling it "an act of great stupidity". The prime minister's official spokesperson says: "Our position hasn't changed on Diego Garcia or on the treaty that's been signed." "The US supports the deal and the president explicitly recognised its strength last year," they say. "All our Five Eyes allies support it too and they all understand the national security capabilities that the base provides." When the UK took control of the Chagos Islands - Diego Garcia is the southernmost - from former British colony Mauritius, it sought to rapidly evict its population of more than 1,000 people to make way for the military base.

France makes first interception targeting small boat crossings to UK



French officials have made their first interception on the water as part of a new policy aimed at stopping small boats carrying illegal migrants to the UK. A so-called "taxi-boat" was boarded by French officers on Saturday on the Aa canal in Gravelines, which is on the Channel coast above Calais. It follows a change of tactics agreed in November following growing pressure from the UK government to step up interventions. A photograph of the aftermath of the operation

obtained by the BBC shows a number of men - apparently people-smugglers - on an inflatable dinghy with the police launch alongside. The inflatable is then towed to the dockside. The French maritime prefecture declined to comment to the BBC, saying only that there was "an ongoing judicial investigation" regarding the small boat. France agreed to the new tactics at a summit in the UK last July between President Emmanuel Macron and Sir Keir Starmer.

Palestinian children's football pitch faces Israeli demolition ultimatum



A Palestinian children's football club in the occupied West Bank faces imminent demolition despite an international campaign to save it. Its supporters say it provides a rare sporting opportunity for young Palestinian players. But Israel insists it's been built without the necessary permits. In this deeply divided land so much is contested; from the identities and faiths of the people who live here, to every inch of the ground they stand on. Recently, that has come to include one small patch of artificial turf laid down under the shadow of the giant concrete wall that isolates Israel from much of the occupied West Bank. In the context of the 7 October attacks, the two-year war in Gaza and the fragility of the current ceasefire, there are without doubt far more pressing issues. But this is a story freighted with symbolism and one which has drawn outsized international attention because of its

connection to that other world religion - football. On the day we visit, a group of Palestinian children are lining up to take penalty shots in the winter sunshine. The construction of the pitch began here on the edge of Bethlehem in 2020, and today it provides a place to practise for more than 200 young players from the nearby Aida refugee camp. The cramped and crowded streets contain the homes of the descendants of Palestinian families who were forced or who fled from their homes during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. On 3 November last year, as the children made their short walk from the camp for that day's training, they found a notice pinned to the gate of the football field declaring it to be illegal. The notice was followed soon by a demolition order. "We don't have anywhere else to play," 10-year-old Naya told me, wearing a Brazil shirt with the name of the footballing legend Neymar emblazoned on the back.



Surfer injured in fourth shark attack in Australian state in 48 hours

Spain train crash recovery continues as investigators probe 'gap' in rail

Heavy machinery is being used to assist in the recovery following a two-train crash in southern Spain which killed at least 41 people. Rescuers worked through a second night and said the death toll included three bodies still trapped in a wrecked carriage. More than 120 people were injured when carriages on a Madrid-bound train derailed and crossed over to the opposite tracks, hitting an oncoming train in Adamuz on Sunday evening. Sabotage has been ruled out, the interior minister has said, and the initial focus of investigators is on a broken rail on the high-speed line. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has cancelled his planned



trip to the World Economic Forum in Davos, pledging to get to the bottom of Spain's worst train disaster in more than a decade. Spain's King Felipe and Queen Letizia visited the site on Tuesday, shaking hands and speaking to emergency service workers near the site of the crash on the first of three days of

national mourning. Transport Minister Óscar Puente said the death toll "is not yet final", and officials are working to identify the dead. Puente said the investigation could take at least a month, describing the incident as "extremely strange". Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska ruled out sabo-

tage, telling reporters that it "was never considered", and he stressed that all hypotheses remained open. Óscar Puente warned against speculation and said a lot of cracks had been found on the track but investigators would have to determine whether they had caused the derailment or had been caused by it. A 30cm gap in one of the rails is the current focus of the investigation, according to Spanish reports. Technicians told El Mundo newspaper that a "bad" or "deteriorated" weld was "more than likely" the cause for the derailment. Ignacio Barrón, head of Spain's Commission of Investigation of Rail Accidents (CIAF).

US officials probing Minnesota ICE protest that disrupted church service

The US justice department has said it is investigating protesters who disrupted a Sunday service at a Minnesota church because they believed a pastor there worked for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Video showed protesters inside the church chanting "ICE out" and "Justice for Renee Good", the woman killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis earlier this month. Justice department officials, who accuse the protesters of "desecrating a house of worship", say they will investigate them for civil rights violations. President Donald Trump has called them "agitators and insur-



rectionists". Anti-ICE protests continue in the state against Trump's immigration crackdown. Over the weekend, ICE officers arrested a naturalised US citizen at his St Paul home, after breaking down his front door. Videos showed officers escorting Chong Ly

Thao, clad only in shorts with a plaid blanket over his shoulders, out of his house with his hands behind his back. Images of the 56-year-old walking to a car in his snow-covered neighbourhood with an ICE agent at each elbow quickly spread across social media.

Thao was returned home later on Sunday. "I was praying. I was like, God, please help me, I didn't do anything wrong. Why do they do this to me? Without my clothes on," Thao, a Hmong man born in Laos, told Reuters. The Department of Homeland Security told Reuters that officers were investigating two individuals convicted of sexual offences who were linked to the address. Thao's family told Reuters that one of the individuals of interest previously lived at the address, but had moved out. The Pentagon has reportedly put 1,500 soldiers on standby for possible deployment.

Nigerian homicide police investigate death of singer Destiny Boy at 22



Police in Nigeria have made one arrest as they investigate the death at 22 of popular singer Destiny Boy, whose real name was Afeez Adesina. Ogun state police's homicide section is dealing with the case, it said in a brief statement. News of Destiny Boy's death emerged on Sunday, sparking shock and speculation on social media. It is not clear exactly what happened but his family reportedly said he had been suffering from a long-term illness. The body has since been buried in line with Muslim rites. Destiny Boy was seen as a promising young Afrofuji artist, known for blending traditional Yoruba Fuji sounds with modern Afrobeats. He came to national prominence after his 2019 version of popstar Davido's hit song Ife went viral on social media. He later recorded his own renditions of other popular songs as well as original tracks. Following the young man's death, videos shared widely on social media showed what appeared to be his body being transported to a mortuary, triggering

rumours about what may have led to his death. Family members have said the singer had been living with a long-term illness, which they said caused him to have seizures. In an online video, his mother, Saida, stated that the family had sought both medical and traditional treatment for the condition. She said the illness "had almost run him mad", adding that relatives had to physically restrain him during seizures to prevent him from running out. Nigerians online have been sending condolence messages, with some questioning the circumstances of his death. On X, artist Ruger appeared to be complaining that there had been "no autopsy" and "we just have to accept that he's dead." May God RIP Destiny Boy". The artist began his career as a backup dancer for Fuji musician Pasuma at T2 Boys Studios in Agege, a suburb of Lagos, before gaining wider attention in 2019. His death comes about a year after the birth of his first child with his partner, Iremide, in November 2024.

DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE WILL '100%' CARRY OUT GREENLAND TARIFFS THREAT, AS EU VOWS TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS

Donald Trump has vowed to "100%" follow through on his threat to impose tariffs on European countries who oppose his demand to take control of Greenland. European allies have rallied around Greenland's sovereignty. Denmark's foreign minister emphasised the US president cannot threaten his way to ownership of the semi-autonomous Danish territory. UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper reiterated the UK's position that the future of Greenland is for "Greenlanders and for the Danes alone" to decide. On Monday, Trump declined to rule out the use of force and insisted he would press ahead with the threatened tariffs on goods arriving in the US from the UK and seven other Nato-

allied countries. In a post to Truth Social in the early hours of Tuesday morning, the US president said he had a "very good telephone call" with Nato secretary general Mark Rutte, and agreed to a meeting "of various parties" in Switzerland this week. He went on: "Greenland is imperative for National and World Security. There can be no going back - On that, everyone agrees!" Trump has said he will charge a 10% tariff "on any and all goods" sent from the UK to the US from 1 February, increasing to 25% from 1 June, until a deal is reached for Washington to purchase Greenland from Denmark. He said the same would apply to goods from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the



Netherlands and Finland - all of whom are members of the defence alliance Nato which was founded in 1949. Asked if he would follow through on the tariff threat, Trump told NBC News: "I will, 100%." When the outlet asked whether he would use force to seize the territory, the president replied "no comment". Trump added: "Europe ought to focus on



the war with Russia and Ukraine because, frankly, you see what that's gotten them... That's what Europe should focus on - not Greenland." Denmark has warned that US military action in Greenland would spell the end of Nato. In recent days, Greenland has received support from European members of the alliance - some even sent a

handful of troops to Greenland last week in a move seen as symbolic. However, Trump followed that deployment with an announcement to impose tariffs on the eight Nato allies. Danish foreign minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen said that Europe had to show President Trump tariff threats were "not the way forward". "We have red lines that can't be crossed," he told Sky News. "You can't threaten your way to ownership of Greenland. I have no intention of escalating this situation." Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz said that the tariffs did not benefit anyone, and he hoped to meet with the US president during his trip to Davos for the World Economic Forum. He said:

"We do not want this escalation. We do not want a trade dispute with the United States of America." He also added that the Trump administration would not have been surprised by Nato's so-called reconnaissance mission over the weekend, as it had been announced and agreed upon beforehand. "It was never a military action," the German chancellor said. The European Union is to hold an emergency summit in Brussels for its leaders on Thursday where they will discuss how to respond to Trump's latest threat to take over Greenland. Kaja Kallas, the EU's foreign policy chief, said the bloc has "no interest to pick a fight, but we will hold our ground".

Sports minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya congratulates Ladakh for showing capability to host Khelo India Winter Games

Leh (Ladakh), January 20: The curtains went up on the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games at the Nawang Dorjan Stobdan (NDS) Stadium here on Tuesday. The Ladakh phase of the winter Games, that will host ice sports like skating and hockey, will conclude on January 26. This is the third time that the Union Territory of Ladakh is hosting KIWG. The snow leg of KIWG will be held in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir later this year. At a colourful opening ceremony, punctuated by traditional music and dance and an exhibition ice hockey match between Army XI and UT Ladakh, Khelo India Winter Games 2026 were declared open by the Hon'ble Lt Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta. The first leg of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 will be organised by the Youth Services and Sports department of the Union Territory of Ladakh under the supervision of the Sports Authority of India. The technical expertise for the con-



duct of the Games will be provided by the national sports promotional bodies/federations managing ice sports. In a message to Ladakh, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Aftairs, said: "I congratulate the Union Territory of Ladakh for successfully hosting the Khelo India Winter Games once again and for demonstrating, with confidence and capability, that India's winter sports

future is being built from the Himalayas outward. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ladakh has emerged as a symbol of what focused policy, infrastructure development, and local commitment can achieve. The manner in which these Games have been organised sends a clear national signal that winter sports are now an integral part of India's competitive sporting framework

and will be pursued with seriousness, scale, and long-term intent." Dr Mandaviya added, "The Khelo India Winter Games 2026 have been deliberately designed as a two-leg competition, with ice sports in Leh followed by snow events in February at Gulmarg in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to build depth, continuity, and high-quality competitive exposure for athletes. This structure allows

athletes to test themselves across varied terrains and conditions, closely aligned with international winter sport standards. Such sustained domestic competition is essential if India is to move beyond sporadic participation and steadily build credibility, consistency, and competitiveness in winter Olympic disciplines over the coming years." In his speech, Shri Gupta expressed how Ladakh has benefitted from Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision on promotion of sports in India. "Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India's sporting culture has received a renewed impetus. Through the Khelo India initiative, youth empowerment, physical fitness, and sporting excellence have been elevated as national priorities." Shri Gupta added: "Hosting the Khelo India Winter Games continuously for the past three years is a matter of great pride for Ladakh.

Shreyas Iyer Snubbed, This India Star To Bat At No. 3 In 1st T20I Against New Zealand

Indian cricket team skipper Suryakumar Yadav said that wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan will be taking Tilak Varma's slot in the batting order during the first T20I against New Zealand on Wednesday. With Tilak out of the first few matches due to injury, Suryakumar revealed that Kishan will be batting at No. 3. While Shreyas Iyer was another option for the No. 3 slot, the India captain explained that Kishan will be given the chance as he is a part of the T20 World Cup squad. Kishan was included in the T20 World Cup squad in place of Shubman Gill, keeping "team combination" in mind, while Shreyas was included as a replacement for Tilak for the first three T20I matches. "Ishan will bat at number 3 because he is a part of our T20 World Cup team and he was picked in the squad first so it's our responsibility to give him a chance," he said in the pre-match press conference. "He hasn't played for India for



past one and half year and in the mean time consistently performed in domestic cricket," the Indian skipper did not leave any room for guess work. "Since he (Ishan) has been picked for World T20, he deserves to play ahead (of Shreyas). Had it been a question of batting slots Nos 4 or 5, it would have been a different question altogether. Unfortunately, Tilak isn't there so Ishan is our best bet," he added. When asked if he himself has any chance of

batting at No.3 where he got a lot of success, the skipper indicated that he would like to be flexible. "I have batted at both positions for India. My stats at No. 4 are slightly better although they are good at No. 3 also. But then we are flexible with that," he said. "We will see and if the situation demands that we have to send a right-hander (in case right hander Sanju Samson gets out), then, I will go in, otherwise Tilak (now injured) has been doing really well at number three."

Sanjay Manjrekar Jumps To Gautam Gambhir's Defence With Stunning Claim: 'No Cricket Fan Remembers'

While India's first-ever ODI series defeat at home to New Zealand has sent another shockwave through the Indian cricket fraternity, former India cricketer and reputed commentator Sanjay Manjrekar urged fans to not read too much into the result of the series. Manjrekar came to the defence of head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill by playing down the importance of the three-match bilateral series, claiming that many fans will not remember the result in a couple of weeks. In fact, Manjrekar went as far as to say that the World Cup is the only ODI tournament that holds value. "Honestly, in 50-overs cricket today, what really



matters are the World Cups and not even the Champions Trophy," Manjrekar said in a video on his official Instagram account. "If you try and remember the last three Champions Trophy winners, you'll struggle to remember those. But the

50-over World Cup, you'll remember each winner from the time the World Cup started. So, yes, if you want to have your setbacks and poor performances, get it out of the system now, in time for the next World Cup," he added. "These bilateral series are sched-

uled, but they're mostly warm up games and one shouldn't read too much into them. In fact, the importance of these bilateral series has become such that, two weeks later, no cricket fan also remembers the result of what happened in that bilateral ODI series," he explained. "It's all about the World Cups and form coming into the World Cup is really not a big indicator of who's going to win the World Cup," he further stated. India take on New Zealand in five T20Is, starting Wednesday, January 21. These five matches will be Suryakumar Yadav-led India's final games before they begin the defence of their T20 World Cup title on home soil.

Full Details Of Babar Azam-Steve Smith Controversy Revealed: 'Misunderstanding Of Cultures'

Sydney Sixers captain Moises Henriques revealed that the Big Bash League controversy involving Babar Azam and Steve Smith did not end on the spot and actually went on for a few days. It all started after the Pakistan cricketer was left fuming on being denied a single by Smith during their match against Sydney Thunder. Media reports claimed that Babar felt 'disrespected' by Smith's decision and even told his teammates in the dressing room about his feelings. He also slammed the boundary cushions with his bat after his dismissal during the match. However, ahead of their next game, Smith revealed that everyone was fine between the two and the



matter was completely resolved. Henriques has now revealed that he played a small part in establishing peace between the two players and he described the entire incident as "a bit of a misunderstanding of cultures". "It

explained to him, he was absolutely fine. They kissed and made up. I played a role post-game, and so it should be. He was quite upset with what happened on the field. So we needed to try and understand why he felt that way. So once we got to the bottom of it, it was ok," he said. Earlier, Smith opened up about his relationship with Pakistan star Babar Azam following their recent Big Bash League controversy. "Nah, he's good. We were just chatting before. I thought he batted really well the other night and we had a good partnership. We were talking about our golf there. He's looking forward to tonight; it's a nice wicket, so I hope we can get off to a good start again," Smith said.

"Mr Expert Of Cricket Has Suggestions": Virat Kohli's Brother Rips Into Sanjay Manjrekar



Virat Kohli's brother, Vikas Kohli, launched another scathing attack on former India cricketer and reputed commentator Sanjay Manjrekar. This follows after Manjrekar had lamented that Virat Kohli retired from Test cricket to instead play ODIs. Manjrekar had described ODIs as the "easiest format", and expressed his disappointment at Kohli's decision to play only the 50-over format. However, after Kohli smashed yet another century on Sunday - this time in a losing cause against New Zealand - his brother took to social media to hit back at Manjrekar's earlier comments. "I wonder if Mr Expert of Cricket has some suggestions for the easiest form of cricket. You need to be there to do that. Anyways, as I said, easier said than done," Vikas Kohli posted on his official Threads account, subtly referring to Manjrekar's statements. This is not Vikas Kohli's first criticism of

Manjrekar's comments, having made a post referring to the same just a few days earlier. "Such an easy format isn't it ... someone gave his gyaan a few days back... easier said than done...", he had said. On Sunday, Kohli made 124 runs off just 108 balls but India ended up failing to chase down a target of 337 as top-order batters like Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer failed to contribute highly. It was Kohli's fourth century in his nine List A matches. This is what Manjrekar had previously said about Kohli's ODI career. "Well, as Joe Root attains new heights in Test cricket, my mind goes to Virat Kohli. He's walked away from Tests, and it's unfortunate that in the five years that he struggled before retiring, he didn't quite put his heart and soul into finding out the problems as to why he was averaging 31 for five years in Tests. That is for another time as to what he could have done."

Brooklyn Beckham's Feud With Father David, Mother Victoria Goes Public: Timeline Of Events

Months, or rather years, of speculations of growing rifts within the Beckham family were finally made official as Brooklyn, the eldest son of David and Victoria, made some serious allegations against his parents in a 6-page statement. Brooklyn asserted that there's no scope of reconciliation with his family, as distance from them has freed him from the "overwhelming anxiety" he grew up with. The 26-year-old also cited "endless" attempts by his parents to undermine his marriage to Nicola Peltz Beckham. He even accused them of spreading lies to the media, which is why he could no longer remain quiet. Here's a timeline of events: Wedding Drama In 2022 - Nicola married



Brooklyn in a lavish Palm Beach ceremony. She wore Valentino Haute Couture instead of a Victoria Beckham design. Nicola later claimed Victoria's dress couldn't make it in time. However, sources alleged Victoria backed out at the "eleventh hour." - Reports emerged that Victoria "hijacked" the cou-

ple's first dance. Instead of Brooklyn dancing with Nicola, family friend Marc Anthony reportedly called Victoria to the stage to dance with her son to the couple's chosen song, leaving Nicola in tears. - Brooklyn later alleged that the night before the wedding, family members told him Nicola was "not blood"

and therefore "not family." 2023 - 2024: Just Another Family - The entire family appeared united at the London premiere of David's Netflix documentary in October 2023. - Victoria and Nicola were seen smiling together at the premiere of Nicola's film, Lola, appearing to quash feud rumours in February 2024. Brooklyn and Nicola spent Christmas with the Beckhams, with Victoria posting "together for the holidays makes me so happy", in December 2024. 2025: The Relationship Collapse - Brooklyn and Nicola were notably absent from David Beckham's 50th birthday celebrations. Brooklyn later claimed he travelled to London, but David refused to see him privately unless Nicola was

Rohtak Royals Kick Off Training Camp In Rohtak Under Head Coach Surrender Nada

Adroit Sports LLP-owned Rohtak Royals, the franchise representing the city of Rohtak in the inaugural Kabaddi Champions League (KCL), have begun their training camp in Rohtak under the guidance of newly appointed Head Coach Surrender Nada, marking the formal start of the team's preparations for the upcoming season. The Kabaddi Champions League Trophy Tour, which was recently launched, is travelling across the state and will reach Rohtak on January 21. For Surrender Nada, the camp marks the beginning of a new chapter after a decorated playing career spanning over 15 years. A gold medalist with India at the 2016



Kabaddi World Cup, the 2017 Asian Kabaddi Championship, the 2018 Dubai Kabaddi Masters and the 2019 South Asian Games, Nada now turns his focus to building Rohtak Royals from the sidelines. Speaking on the start of Rohtak Royals' journey in the Kabaddi

Champions League, Head Coach Surrender Nada expressed, "This is a matter of great joy for us, for our players, and for our state. Haryana has a huge number of Kabaddi players and a strong passion for the sport. The league will be extremely beneficial for future genera-

tions and it will give new talent an opportunity to showcase their skills, and that will ultimately benefit Haryana by providing these players with a strong platform." With Rohtak Royals assembling a squad that blends senior professionals, emerging talent and strong local representation, Nada underlined the importance of cohesion as the franchise builds towards its debut season, "My journey as a player has given me a strong foundation for this new role, and stepping in as the coach of Rohtak Royals is both exciting and motivating. The team has great potential, and our focus is on building the right combination and strong on-field coordination."

FULHAM IN TALKS TO SIGN MAN CITY WINGER BOBB



Fulham are in talks to sign winger Oscar Bobb from fellow Premier League side Manchester City. The 22-year-old has fallen down the pecking order under Pep Guardiola following the £62.5m signing of forward Antoine Semenyo this month. Sources have told BBC Sport talks have taken place between the two clubs, but the Cottagers have yet to make a formal offer. Bobb, who has also had interest from Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund, has featured 15 times for City this season without scoring. He last played on 17 December against Brentford in the Carabao Cup, when he hobbled off injured inside the opening 20 minutes. City face Bodo/Glimt in the Champions League group phase on Tuesday and

when asked about Bobb's injury, Guardiola replied: "He says he is not fit, so he is not fit." Semenyo's signing adds competition on the right wing, where Brazilian Savinho also plays, meaning Bobb may well be allowed to leave this month either on loan or a permanent transfer. Fulham have lost only one of their past seven games under Marco Silva, sitting 11th in the table and progressing into the fourth round of the FA Cup. Bobb has featured six times for Norway this year, helping them qualify for this summer's World Cup, and would unite with compatriot Sander Berge at Craven Cottage. He missed almost the whole of last season after fracturing a bone in his leg during training in August 2024.

Biggest musical romantic drama Nilave set to be released for Valentine's Day on February 13th



Directed by Sowmith Poladi and Sai K Vennam, Nilave stars Sowmith and Shreyansi Sen in lead roles. Raj Allada, Sai Vennam and Giridhar Rao Poladi have bankrolled this soulful project under the banner POV Arts Production. The film has completed its production and is currently in the post-production stage. The makers have announced the release date of the promising product. Nilave will come out in theatres on February 13 as a Valentine's Day treat for audiences. Made as the biggest musical love drama, the film is set to enthrall viewers with its emotional depth as well as

fresh and innovative ideas. Sowmith Poladi and Shreyansi Sen are set to deliver superb performances. Harsha Chemudu, Supriya Aysola, Rupesh Marrapu, Jeevan Kumar, Gururaj, Siddarth Gollapudi, Anala Susmitha, and others appear in key roles. The makers stated that each artist will leave a distinct mark with their diverse and unique characters. Music for this film has been composed by Kalyan Nayak, while Dilip K Kumar's cinematography is set to be one of the major highlights of the movie. For the songs written by M. V. S. Bharadwaj, additional lyrics were pro-

vided by Koti. With editing by Sathya G, the film has taken on a more engaging and compelling form. Katta Siva Rama Krishna and Jiya Ghosh worked as production designers, with Noora Sayyed serving as the additional production designer. Venkat Konakandla and Sanjana Krishna served as co-producers. The film unit has expressed strong confidence that the movie will stand out in terms of content and offer audiences a fresh and unique experience. Nilave, crafted as a blend of novelty and deep emotions, is all set to create a buzz in theaters on February 13.

FARAH KHAN SHOWS 'AYATUL KURSI' PAINTING BY SALMAN KHAN



Ben Affleck Says He Had Food Poisoning While Filming Goodbye Scene With Bruce Willis in 'Armageddon'

Ben Affleck has revealed an unexpected behind-the-scenes detail from Armageddon, sharing that he was severely unwell while filming one of the film's most emotional moments with Bruce Willis. Speaking to Fox 32 Chicago, the actor said he was suffering from food poisoning when he shot the goodbye scene between AJ Frost and Harry Stamper. At the time, Affleck admitted, he didn't feel confident enough to step away from work despite his condition. "I wasn't an experienced enough actor to know that you can just pick up the phone and say, 'I'm too sick to work today,'" he said. Instead, he pushed through the shoot — even though it meant "vomiting between takes". Looking back, Affleck joked that his physical discomfort may have actually enhanced his performance, quipping that it "probably made the scene better." The moment he

refers to is a key emotional beat in Michael Bay's 1998 disaster epic, in which AJ bids farewell to Willis' Harry Stamper, a veteran oil driller who sacrifices himself to manually detonate a bomb and save Earth from a massive, planet-threatening asteroid. Armageddon featured a large ensemble cast including Liv Tyler, Billy Bob Thornton, Will Patton, Steve Buscemi, William Fichtner, Owen Wilson and Michael Clarke Duncan. The film follows a group of roughneck deep-core drillers recruited by NASA for a near-impossible mission to stop an asteroid the size of Texas from colliding with Earth. Despite drawing mixed responses from critics, the film was a box office juggernaut, finishing as the highest-grossing release of 1998 and becoming Touchstone Pictures' most successful film at the time. Affleck also recently reflected on the experience while reconnecting

with Buscemi at the premiere of his new Netflix film, The Rip. The encounter, he said, brought back vivid memories of Armageddon. "We were reminiscing about that movie and thinking about how that was the weirdest, kind of wonderful, strange, otherworldly movie experience," he recalled. The scene from Armageddon that Affleck is referencing is the emotional moment when his character A.J. Frost says his final goodbye to Willis' Harry Stamper, the heroic oil driller. Stamper sacrificed himself and stayed behind the asteroid to destroy it manually before it collided with Earth. Looking back on the experience, Affleck reckoned that his medical emergency, "probably made the scene better." The remark earned a laugh from Matt Damon, who was sitting beside him during the interview. The duo is currently on a promotional

tour for their new movie, The Rip. During the conversation, Affleck also recalled reuniting with his Armageddon co-star Steve Buscemi recently. "I actually saw Steve Buscemi last night at the premiere for The Rip, and we were reminiscing about that movie and thinking about how that was the weirdest, kind of wonderful, strange, otherworldly movie experience," shared Affleck. Other notable stars Affleck shared the screen with in Armageddon include Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler, Will Patton, Owen Wilson, and more. Meanwhile, Affleck's latest movie, The Rip, reunites him on screen with his long-time friend and collaborator Matt Damon.



Mythri Movie Makers Presents, Satya, Ritesh Rana, Clap Entertainment's 'Jaitley' Final Schedule Begins

Highlights

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ing schedule has recently begun. The first look posters and glimpses that have already been released have received a tremendous response. Miss Universe India Rhea Singha will be making her Telugu debut with this film. The main team behind Mathu Valadara is working on this film. Ritesh Rana, along with

music composer Kala Bhairava, cinematographer Suresh Sarangam, editor Karthika Srinivas, and production designer Narni Srinivas, have once again created a unique cinematic universe. Jetli will deliver a fun-packed experience, combining high-energy action with Ritesh Rana's style and signature humor.

After Hania, Sajal, another Pakistani actress' wedding on cards

Islamabad: It looks like 2026 is shaping up to be the biggest wedding season for the Pakistani entertainment industry, with several A-list celebrities rumoured to be tying the knot this year. While the internet is already buzzing with reports about Hania Aamir-Asim Azhar and Sajal Aly-Hamza Sohail's alleged weddings, another popular actress has now entered the spotlight. Another big celebrity wedding in Pakistan? According to leading Pakistani entertainment portal Galaxy Lollywood, actress Laiba Khan is set to get married soon. The portal's hosts, Momin Ali Munshi and Iman Ali Munshi, who earlier confirmed Hania Aamir and Sajal Aly's weddings, have now dropped strong hints about Laiba's upcoming nuptials. They also claimed that wedding cards have already been printed. Adding fuel to the speculation, Laiba recently shared a cozy, celebratory picture on her Instagram story. The image featured a teal-blue plate with the words "Happy Days



Coming" written on it, leaving fans convinced that a big announcement is on the way. Momin Ali Munshi also claimed that the actress will officially announce her wedding on Instagram soon. Who is Laiba Khan? Laiba Khan is a rising name in Pakistani television, best known for her performance in the 2024 hit drama Kaffara. She has steadily built a strong career with notable roles in dramas like Do Boli, Kaisi

Teri Khudgarzi, Baylagaam, Mera Dil Mera Dushman, and Aafat, earning praise for her grounded performances and versatility since her debut around 2018-19. About Hania Aamir's wedding buzz Meanwhile, buzz around other celebrity weddings continues to grow. Reports suggest that preparations are in full swing at Hania Aamir and Asim Azhar's homes, with the duo allegedly hosting a qawwali night to kick-start their pre-wedding celebrations.

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Did Pooja Hegde Give A 'Caravan & Star Hero' Statement?



Pooja Hegde is one of the star heroines in the movie industry. The actress awaits the release of the Tamil movie Jana Nayagan, starring Thalapaty Vijay in the lead role. It's been a while since the actress actively promoted a film and participated in interviews. However, some media outlets are spreading news that Pooja shared an incident in which a star crossed boundaries and misbehaved with her. According to news reports on social media, Pooja reportedly said that some industry people forget basic boundaries and start misbehaving. She reportedly stated

that during a pan-India film shoot, a star entered her caravan without permission. She reportedly added that she stood up for herself by slapping him, and the particular person in question never worked with her again. However, there seems to be no truth in the news reports about this. As per what we came across, Pooja never shared any incident like that or gave any statement in the recent past. Some media houses are just tagging Pooja and attributing something that she has never said. A few sites are even pushing it further without even checking the authenticity.