



Stage set for polling in 123 urban local bodies in Telangana

Hyderabad, Feb 10 : More than 52 lakh voters are eligible to cast their votes in 116 municipalities and seven corporations in Telangana on Wednesday, officials said on Tuesday.



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At least 12 killed in bus accident in central Nepal



Kathmandu : At least 12 people were killed after a passenger bus plunged into the Tamakoshi River from the road in the Machanetar area of Ramechhap district in central Nepal, police said on Tuesday. Deputy Superintendent of Police Bhola Kumar Bhatta, chief of Ramechhap District Police Office told IANS that 12 people lost their lives in the accident, which occurred at around 11 am. "Eight people were injured, and seven of them have been sent to Kathmandu for further treatment due to serious injuries," he said. According to Bhatta, the bus driver lost control and the vehicle plunged about 100 metres down from the road into the river. The bus, which had departed from Kathmandu for Pokali in Okhaldhunga, fell into the Tamakoshi River while en route to its destination. The District Administration Office, Ramechhap, said that six bodies were recovered from the accident site, while six others died during treatment. Police said it is not immediately clear how many passengers were on board, but Bhatta said authorities believe about two dozen people were travelling in the ill-fated bus.

Five members of a family found dead in Mathura

Mathura, Feb 10 : Five members of a family were found dead in a village under the Mahavan police station area of Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district, police officials said on Tuesday. Police suspect that this could be a case of mass suicide. The deceased include a man, his wife, and their three children. The incident came to light after villagers grew suspicious when the family did not come out of their room for a long time in the morning. Neighbours peeped inside through a window and were shocked to see the family lying motionless, following which the police were informed. On reaching the spot, police found glasses of milk lying near the bodies, raising suspicion that a poisonous substance may have been mixed with the milk. A forensic team was called to the scene, and evidence was collected. Mahavan Circle Officer Shweta Verma said that a video has been recovered from the house.

Core urban civic needs top priority, says Uttam

Hyderabad (TSIT): Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said that addressing the core community needs of Urban Local Bodies would remain a top priority for the State Government, underlining the growing importance of effective urban governance amid rapid urbanisation in Telangana.

The Minister concluded his week-long intensive campaign for the February 11 municipal elections after touring several urban local bodies in Suryapet district and the Nizamabad Parliamentary constituency. Addressing rallies, public meetings and party interactions in



Nizamabad Urban, Armoor, Korutla, Metpally, Suryapet town, Kodad, Tirumalgiri, Nereducharla and Huzurnagar, Uttam Kumar Reddy pointed out that more than one-third of

Telangana's population now resides in urban areas. He said the State's urban population stands at around 1.36 crore out of 3.50 crore, and is expected to grow further in the coming years.

ECI revises WB SIR schedule following SC order

New Delhi (TSIT): The Election Commission of India on Tuesday revised the schedule of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in West Bengal, following directions issued by the Supreme Court. In a communication sent to the Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal, the Commission said it was forwarding the Supreme Court's order dated February 9, 2026, passed in WP(C) No. 1089/2025 and connected matters, and directed that it be followed "for strict compliance." "In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction, the Commission has decided to revise the programme of ongoing Special Intensive Revision in the State of West Bengal," the ECI said in its letter issued from Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi.

India, Fiji discuss bilateral ties

Possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure

New Delhi (TSIT): Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita held a meeting with Fiji's Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development Esrom Immanuel in New Delhi on Tuesday, discussing bilateral ties, shared priorities, and possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure.



"Pleased to meet Hon. Esrom Immanuel, Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development of Fiji, this morning. Held productive discussions covering the entire gamut of India-Fiji bilateral relations and shared priorities, with particular focus on development partnership, capacity building, and possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure, including ongoing collaboration and the way ahead," Margherita posted on X. On February 2, India's High Commissioner to Fiji Suneet Mehta held a meeting with Fiji Parliament Speaker Filimone Jitoko and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation. Following their talks, India's High Commission in Fiji in a post on X stated, "High Commissioner Suneet

Mehta was honoured to call on the Speaker of the Fiji Parliament, Filimone Jitoko. Productive discussions were held reaffirming strong parliamentary ties and avenues to further advance bilateral cooperation." On January 27, Suneet Mehta chaired the second meeting of the Project Steering Committee to review the Quick Impact Project (QIP) - "Tubalevu Ground Water Supply Project", being supported by India. In a post on X, the Indian Commission in Fiji wrote, "Representatives from the Fiji Government, Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Fiji Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Public Works attended the meeting.

Tight security in place for municipal elections: DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Tuesday announced that comprehensive and foolproof security arrangements have been made for the municipal elections scheduled to be held on Wednesday across the State. Addressing a press conference, he urged voters to exercise their franchise freely and without fear.

Polling will be conducted in 7 Municipal Corporations and 116 Municipalities, with security coverage at 8,203 polling stations. Of these, 1,302 have



been identified as highly sensitive and 1,926 as sensitive, and additional police forces have been deployed at these locations.

The DGP said 100 percent web-casting has been arranged at all polling stations to ensure trans-

parency. In highly sensitive areas, surveillance is being extended even outside polling booths through special monitoring cameras. To maintain law and order, about 3,000 additional personnel have been deployed, including staff from TGSP, Forest, Excise, CID, and Legal Metrology departments. With the campaign period ending at 5 pm on Monday, the silent period is now in force,

and police visibility and patrolling have been intensified. Since the election code came into effect on January 27, police have conducted extensive checks and seized materials worth 3.09 crore, including 1.29 crore in cash.

Govt asks social media platforms to remove AI deepfake content in 3 hours

New Delhi (TSIT) : Taking cognisance of the spread of AI-based deepfakes online, the IT Ministry on Tuesday issued revised guidelines for social media intermediaries like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, directing them to clearly label all AI-generated content and ensure that such synthetic material carries embedded identifiers.

The government has set a three-hour deadline for social media platforms to take down AI-generated or deepfake content once it is flagged by the government or ordered by a court. The official notification also barred digital platforms from allowing the removal or suppression of AI labels or associated metadata once they have been applied.

The social media companies will be required to deploy automated tools to detect and prevent the circulation of illegal, sexually exploitative or deceptive AI-generated content, according to the MeitY order. "An intermediary shall periodically inform its users, at least once every three months, in a simple



and effective manner through its rules and regulations, privacy policy, user agreement, or any other appropriate means," about the consequences of violating rules related to AI misuse. Where an intermediary becomes aware of any violation in relation to the creation, generation, modification, alteration, hosting, displaying, uploading, publishing, transmitting, storing, updating, sharing or otherwise disseminating of information as synthetically generated information. "It shall take expeditious and appropriate action".

Om Birla to stay away from Lok Sabha till no-confidence motion is decided

New Delhi, Feb 10 : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has decided not to attend proceedings of the House until the no-confidence motion is decided, sources close to him said on Tuesday. While the Rules of Procedure do not mandate such a step, Birla has taken the decision voluntarily, sources said, adding that he will not enter the House irrespective of any attempt by the government or the Opposition to persuade him otherwise.



in support of the notice for the motion to be admitted, following which the Chair may allow a discussion. Sources indicated that the no-confidence motion against Birla is

expected to be discussed at the start of the second phase of the Budget Session.

On Tuesday, a total of 118 MPs from Opposition parties submitted a notice seeking the removal of the Speaker, accusing him of partisan conduct in the functioning of the House. The notice was submitted on behalf of the Opposition by a Congress MP, alleging that Birla repeatedly denied Opposition leaders, including Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, the opportunity to speak during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address. The notice also cited the suspension of eight Opposition MPs.

In the notice, the Opposition alleged that the Speaker conducted proceed-

ings in a "blatantly partisan manner" and failed to protect the democratic rights of Opposition members.

However, the motion is unlikely to succeed numerically. For a resolution seeking the Speaker's removal to be carried, the Opposition would require the support of more than half of the total strength of the Lok Sabha, which is 543. The Bharatiya Janata Party, the single largest party, has 240 MPs, while its National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners - including the Telugu Desam Party (16 MPs) and the Janata Dal (United) (12 MPs) - give the ruling coalition a comfortable majority, with additional support from other regional parties.

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Nalgonda: State Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said he has no personal desire for wealth and remains committed to serving people as their family member, standing with them in both happiness

and hardship while driving development as a duty. Addressing citizens during the municipal election campaign, the Minister said the trust reposed in him by the people of Nalgonda would never be betrayed.



SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Shiram Finance Limited, (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 08.07.2022	Date Of Demand Notice: 19.01.2026
(1) Kunchapu Srinivas S/o. Narsimulu, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Business, O/o: Sri K Aruna Kirana General Stores, Addagutta, Secunderabad, R/o. H.No. 10-4-C/321, Vaddarabathi, Addagutta, East Marredpally, Secunderabad-500026 Ph: 9346265977. (2) Kunchepu Aruna W/o. Srinivas, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Business, O/o: Sri K Aruna Kirana General Stores, Addagutta, Secunderabad, R/o. H.No. 10-4-C/321, Vaddarabathi, Addagutta, East Marredpally, Secunderabad-500026 Ph: 9885836935. and also at Kunchepu Aruna W/o. Srinivas, Age: 41 Years, R/o. H.No. 10-4-C/280C/232/1, Addagutta, East Marredpally, Secunderabad-500026. (3) Pappu Mallesh S/o. Ramulu, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Business, R/o. H.No. 12-15-360/1, Manikeshwar Nagar, 7 Temples, O U Campus, Secunderabad-500007, Ph: 9666330085	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 23,48,496/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fourty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Six Only)	Loan Amount: Rs. 10,00,000/-

KSHDATF21230014 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the House Bearing Municipal No. 10-4-C/280C/232/1, (PTIN No. 1181014883) admeasuring 56.22 square yards or 46.99 sq.mtrs situated at Addagutta, East Marredpally, Secunderabad, Telangana State and bounded by: North: Neighbour's House, South: Neighbour's House, East: Neighbour's House, West: Road.

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

Please note that under Section 13 (1) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 10.02.2026
Place: ADDAGUTTA
Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. Branch at # F-1-384, 2nd, New Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kazipet, Warangal -506003.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer M/s. Shiram Finance Limited, (Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Kazipet WGL (hereinafter referred as Company Lender), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the 09th day of February, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Katkojala @ alias Katkojwala Murali Mohan S/O Puliiah, Age : 47 Yrs, Occ : Padmavathi Synthetic Gems Gold And Silver Works, R/o.H.No 9-9-24, Vishwakarma Street, Warangal-506002. Celi: 866221163.2) Katkojala @ alias Katkojwala Madhavi @ alias Mugudumpuram Swapna W/O Katkojwala Murali @ alias Murali Mohan, Age : 43 Yrs, Occ : House Wife, R/o.H.No 9-9-24, Vishwakarma Street, Warangal-506002. Celi: 9989615719. And also at Katkojala @ alias Katkojwala Madhavi @ alias Mugudumpuram Swapna W/O Katkojwala Murali @ alias Murali Mohan, Age : 43 Yrs, Occ : House Wife, # House with open place Municipal H.No.9-9-24, 35.00 Sq.Yards, 10.00 Sq.Yards or 29.26 sq.mtrs, Vishwakarma street, Warangal city and District. And also at Katkojala @ alias Katkojwala Madhavi @ alias Mugudumpuram Swapna W/O Katkojwala Murali @ alias Murali Mohan, Age : 43 Yrs, Occ : House Wife, # House with open place bearing Municipal H.No.9-9-24/1 (part) (old) 9-9-24/2 (new), 4.50 Sq.Yards, 3.76 Sq.Mtrs, 40.50 Sq.Feets, Vishwakarma street, Warangal City and District. 3) Thangalipally Anu S/O Venkateshwarlu, Age : 38 Yrs, Occ : Business, R/o.H.No : 10-6-107, Girmajpet, Warangal-506002. Celi: 9985842135.	Rs.25,79,949/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Forty Nine Only)

KZPIFT2306230001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is KATKOJWALA MADHAVI @ alias MUGUDUMPURAM SWAPNA Mortgage deed dated 22.06.2023 Registered as Document No.13848/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL (R.O)) Item No.1 - House with open place bearing Municipal H.No.9-9-24 to an extent of 35.00 Sq.Yards (Including 1/3 Share common passage area 10.00 Sq.Yards or 29.26 sq.mtrs situated at Vishwakarma street, Warangal city and District, within the limits of G.W.M.C. Warangal and SRO Warangal Fort is bounded by: A - Schedule Boundaries for 5.64 Sq.Yards East : House of K.Praveen Kumar, West : House of A.Ramchander North : House of K.Ramesh, South: Common passage after that road

B - Schedule Boundaries for 11.00 Sq.Yards East : Common passage after that House of K.Puliiah West : House of A.Ramchander North : House of K.Praveen South : House of K.Ramesh

C - Schedule Boundaries for 8.36 Sq.Yards East : Common passage after that House of K.Puliiah West : House of A.Ramchander North : House of T.Chakrapani South : House of K.Praveen

Item No.2 - House with open place bearing Municipal H.No.9-9-24/1 (part) (old) 9-9-24/2 (new) to an extent of 4.50 Sq.Yards or 3.76 Sq.Mtrs Covered with plinth area of 40.50 Sq.Feets situated at Vishwakarma street, Warangal City and District, within the limits of G.W.M.C. Warangal SRO Warangal Fort is bounded by: East : Common passage after that House of K.Puliiah, West : House of K.Murali, North : House of K.Ramesh, South : Common passage after that road.

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

Place: Kazipet WGL
Date: 09-02-2026
Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Shiram Finance Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

SCCL Branch (20708), G.M. Colony, Godavarikhani, Peddapalli District - 505209

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken over constructive possession of the following property under section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular that the below described property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 07.02.2026 for recovery of Rs. 51,82,614/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousands Six Hundred and Fourteen Rupees only) as on 13.02.2025 + Cost and expenses there on due to State Bank of India, SCCL Branch (20708), Godavarikhani, Peddapalli District 505209 from Borrower Mr. Raj Kumar Salikommula, S/o Devadas, H.No:7-35/1A/1A/1, Sy. No: 14, Plot No: 01, Sitharamapally Shivar, Nasrup Mandal, Mancherla District - 504302, to A/C No. HL : 41267164379, HL TOPUP : 41478869119, Suraksha : 41267642870, TL: 42274778587

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that House Bearing Newly Constructed Hno : 7-35/1A/1A/1, Sy No. 14, Plot No.1, RCC Ground Floor Plinth area 1471 Sqr. Ft, Admeasuring Land to an extent to 205.83 Sq. Yards, Bearing Sale Deed No. 16058/2022 and Dated: 15.10.2022 Sitharamapally Shivar, Nasrup Mandal, Mancherla District The Schedule of The Property within the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Mancherla. The Property Belongs to Mr. Raj Kumar Salikommula, S/o Devadas, and bounded by : East : Plot No.2. West : Land of Borigom Rajaram. North : Land of Borigom Rajaram. South : 50 ft Road.

Reserve Price Rs. 49,16,000/-, EMD : Rs 4,91,600/-, Bid Increment Amount : Rs. 10,000/- Auction Date : 26.02.2026, Auction Time : 03.00 P.M to 04.00 P.M

Last Date for receiving Bid applications is upto 4 PM of 25-02-2026. Date & Time of inspection of the Property from 19.02.2026 to 24.02.2026 between 11.00 am to 5.00 pm with prior appointment

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:

- E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. C1india Pvt.Ltd at the web portal (<http://telangana.c1india.com>). E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in <http://telangana.c1india.com>
- The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following website i.e., <https://www.bankeauctions.com> & www.sbi.co.in
- The Successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder, and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser with in the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
- For inspection and any clarifications the intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer SCCL Branch, Chief Manager Sri. AMIT PRABHAKAR SINGH, 709331832. Landline No. 08728-244929/Bank's Approved Resolution Enforcement Cell : 7680890929 M/s Gayatri Financial Services
- For any Technical assistance the intending bidders may contact Bank's approved Service Provider: M/s. C1india Pvt.Ltd at the web portal (<http://telangana.c1india.com>) and <https://www.sbi.co.in>.

Date : 10.02.2026, Place : Godavarikhani Sd/- Authorized Officer,

Sama Ram Mohan Reddy Blames BJP Leaders' Pressure for Makthal Leader's Death, Demands Probe

Hyderabad: TPCC Media & Communications Committee Chairman Sama Ram Mohan Reddy on Tuesday reacted strongly to the death of a BJP leader from Makthal, alleging that internal pressure from BJP leadership led to the tragic suicide of Mahadevappa. Speaking to the media, Sama Ram Mohan Reddy said Mahadevappa was subjected to severe pressure from leaders within his own party and claimed that the incident cannot be viewed as an isolated act. He alleged that senior BJP leaders Ramchander Rao and DK Aruna should take responsibility for the



developments that led to the suicide. He stated that when political pressure comes from outside, leaders usually seek protection from their own party, but in this case, the pressure allegedly came from BJP

leaders themselves. He accused the BJP of trying to derive political mileage from the death instead of clarifying the facts. Reddy demanded that the real reasons behind Mahadevappa's death be brought out through a fair investigation. He also questioned what happened after the BJP reportedly issued a B-Form to Mahadevappa and said the party leadership must explain the sequence of events. The Congress leader called for a transparent and impartial inquiry into the incident. A response from BJP leaders on these allegations is awaited.

Collector P. Praveenya inspects election material distribution centres

Sangareddy, February 10 (TSIT): Ahead of the municipal elections scheduled for February 11, District Election Officer and Collector P. Praveenya inspected the distribution centres and strong rooms set up for supplying election materials to polling personnel in the district. On Tuesday, the Collector visited the distribution centres established at



Government Junior Colleges in Kohir and Sadashivpet, where she reviewed the ground-level arrangements for the distribution of polling materials. She examined the facilities available at the

centres and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made for polling staff. Adequate amenities, including drinking water, medical camps, breakfast, meals, shamanas and other essential facilities, have been provided for polling personnel. The Collector verified the presence of all polling teams, including Presiding Officers and Other Polling Officers, and reviewed attendance records. She also inspected polling materials and ballot boxes.

Case Registered for Violation of Election Code of Conduct

Sadashivpet (TSIT) A case has been registered against Shri Jayaprakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy), Working President of the Congress Party, for violation of the Model Code of Conduct. As per the information received, on 10.02.2026 at around 10:30 AM, the Sadashivpet Municipal Election Flying Squad Team (FST) received credible information that Shri Jayaprakash Reddy, along with a few others, was present near a hotel in front of the Sadashivpet Bus Stop



and was allegedly distributing money. Immediately acting on the information, the FST team reached the spot and conducted a check. Shri Jayaprakash Reddy was found present at the location. However, at the time of inspection, no distribution of money to any

person was observed. Nevertheless, as per the election rules and Model Code of Conduct, political leaders belonging to other constituencies are not permitted to remain in another constituency within 48 hours prior to polling. Shri Jayaprakash Reddy was found to be in violation of this provision. Accordingly, for violating the election code of conduct, a case has been registered against Shri Jayaprakash Reddy at the Sadashivpet Police Station.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the said Financial Institution herein below. In the event of any default in payment of the said amount, 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.

No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s) /Mortgagor(s) /Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession
1	LAN: P400PBS9762641 1. Kings Milk Center thr. Its Prop. Mohd Raouf R/o. Plot No 1715/A/Kings Colony Shastripuram Road Maljardevally Rajendranagar Hyderabad Telangana 500052 Contact: 9292008363 Email id: mdraouf1991@gmail.com Also, At R/o. Municipal H No. 19-4-278/86/S Ghoushe Nagar Meer Sagar Hyderabad Telangana 500053 2. Antulmujeeb Sadiyabegum W/o Mohd Raouf R/o. 19-4-278/86/A Jeevan Laal Mill Bahadurpura Hyderabad Telangana 500064 Contact: 9292008363 Email id: mdraouf1991@gmail.com 3. Mohd Raouf S/o Mohd Raouf R/o. H.No 19 4 278/86/A Jeevan Lal Mill Colony Bahadurpura Tadoun Near Ahmed High School Hyderabad Telangana 500064 Contact: 9292008363 Email id: mohd.raouf@gmail.com	All The Piece And Parcel of house bearing municipal No. 19-4-278/86/S admeasuring area 76 Sq yards equal to 65.21 Sq Mtrs situated at Ghoushe Nagar Meer Sagar Hyderabad Telangana 500053. Along With Proprietary Share in Common Areas Bounded as: East: Neighbours; West: H No: 19-4-278/86; North: Neighbours; South: Road	12.11.2025 Rs.7305634/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Only) 10.02.2026 at 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM

Date: 10.02.2026, Place: Telangana For Bajaj Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

ICICI Home Finance

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Cyber Cyber - Kuruk Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office : Ground floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D.Road, Secunderabad - 500003
Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(B) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs.40,00,000/- Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Suman Rajanand (Borrower) Sarita Pavvar (Co-Borrowers) LHSEC00001657404 & LHSEC00001657444	All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No. G07-A, Sy No. 40, 40/1, in Vusu Sri Sunrise, Block-A Situated At Gundlupochampally Village and GP Medchal Malkajiri Hyderabad Telangana - 500050	Rs. 64,13,494/-	Rs. 40,00,000/-	February 05, 2026 To 03:00 PM	February 16, 2026 To 11:00 AM	February 26, 2026 To 11:00 AM	Physical Possession before 04:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before February 25, 2026 before 05:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before February 25, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer for the amount mentioned herein below, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(B) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

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

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

Date : February 11, 2026
Place : Hyderabad
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"
CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

JANGAMPALLI BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of JANGAMPALLI BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.10,44,513.78 (Rupees Ten Lacs forty four Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and paise Seventy Eight Only) + interest thereon due to the Union Bank of India, JANGAMPALLI BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Gainikadi Venkiah S/O G. Venkiah (Borrower) & Mrs. Gainikadi Padma W/O Mr. Gainikadi Venkiah (Co-Borrower) & Mr. Shetty Palli Srinivasulu Sharma (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 11,01,600/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,10,160/-

Borrower: Mr. Gainikadi Venkiah S/O G. Venkiah Address 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameshwar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist-Nizamabad, Telangana Address 2: Flat No.2, Second Floor, Gura Raghvendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Village Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102, Mob: 9440575118. Co-Borrower : Mrs. Gainikadi Padma W/O Mr. Gainikadi Venkiah Address 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameshwar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist-Nizamabad, Telangana Address 2: Flat No. 2, Second Floor, Gura Raghvendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Village Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102, Mob: 9440575118. Guarantor : Mr. Shetty Palli Srinivasulu Sharma Address :Plot No 65 Sri Gura Raghvendra Enclave, Near Railway Gate Chinnamallareddy, Kamareddy- 503123 Telangana Details of Secured Asset :- Residential RCC roofed flat no SF-2, Second Floor, Western Portion, Area: 806.00 Sq.Fts, including common area with undivided 1/6' share i.e. 37.66 Sq yards in the entire plot area of 226.11 Sq yards constructed over the open plot no 51, lies in Sy no 207/1, 207/2, 207/3a, 207/3B, 207/4A, 207/4B, 207/5, 207/6, 207/7, 207/8A, 207/8B, 207/9, 208/7, 208/12, 208/13A, 208/13B, 208/13C, 208/15, 208/16, 208/20A, 208/23, 208/28, 208/29, 208/30, 208/32 & 208/33 in the DTCP approved vide G.P.L.P. No 10/2011/H.R.O. in "GURU RAGHVENDR A ENCLAVE" situated at Chinnamallareddy (V), Kamareddy (MDL), Dist. Nizamabad, within the limits of G.P Chinnamallareddy, Regn. Sub. Dist. Kamareddy Z.P. & Regn. Dist. Nizamabad, as bounded by-Boundaries of Flat:North: Open to Sky South: Open to Sky East: Flat no SF-1 and staircase West: Open to Sky Boundaries of the Land:North: 40 ft wide road South: Plot no 50 East: Plot No 28 West: 33 ft wide road

Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's website i.e. <https://banknet.com>

Date: 11.02.2026
Place: Jangampalli
Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Union Bank of India
STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(B)/Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(B)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

HINDUJIA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate office at #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

APPENDIX -IV Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice 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(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mrs. Lakshmi M/D/o. Lingappa R/o.House No 2-55, Kadampalle Village, Kosgi Mandal, Narayanpet District, Telangana- 509339..... Borrower	14-11-2025 Rs.968637/- (Nine lakhs sixty eight thousand six hundred and thirty seven only)	07-02-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : ALL THAT THE H.NO.3-51, ASSESSMENT NO.241, CONSISTING OF BUILT UP AREA OF 651.257 ADMEASURING 162.93 SQ YARDS SITUATED AT KADAMPALLE VILLAGE, KOSGI MANDAL, NARAYANPET DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE, PINCODE - 509339 , BOUNDED BY:North: Road,South: House Of Sathyanyaraya,East: Road,West: Road

Note: " Through this notice, all the previous notices issued in this LAN is hereby recalled"

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1.Mr. Gouse Pasha Mohammed S/o. Md Kasim, R/o.H.No. 1-16, Nadigadda Village, Telkapally Mandal, Kalwakurthy,Nagarkurnool District Telangana - 509385 Borrower	14-11-2025 Rs.2176689/- (Twenty lakhs seventy six thousand eight hundred and sixty nine only)	09-02-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : ALL THAT THE HOUSE NO. 12-433/11/12 (PTIN No. 119205722) ON PLOT BEARING No. 206 & 211 ADMEASURING 242 SQ YARDS WITH A RCC PLINTH AREA OF 1344 SFT IN GRIND FLOOR IN SURVEY NO. 1723, 1730, 1742,1723,173/1 & 174/3, 1734, 1726, 173/ & 174/1 SITUATED AT KALKWAKURTHY VILLAGE AND MUNICIPALITY, KALKWAKURTHY MANDAL, NAGAR KURNOOL DISTRICT AND BOUNDED BY:-North: Plot No.205&122, South: Plot No. 207& 210, East: 30 Feet Wide Road, West: 30 Feet Wide Road

Note: " Through this notice, all the previous notices issued in this LAN is hereby recalled"

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. Abdul Samad Md S/o. Abdul Rahman, R/o.House No. 16-5		

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMEENA BEGUM, D/o. Shaik Salam, Aged 46 years, Occ. House hold, R/o. H.No. 1-10-118/11/A/1, Shah Saheb Gutta, Mahabubnagar Town and District, I submit that in my Passport my Father name is wrongly recorded as Shaik Salam Bawazeer. I am intent to make correction my Father's name as Shaik Salam as per my SSC Memo. Hence my Father correct name is Shaik Salam for all future records. Hence this affidavit.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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e-Tender Notice No.DRM/Works/BZA/06/2026 dt.09.02.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15-00 hours and the date mentioned against each.

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: E-05-Bridges-BZA-2026 Name of work: BZA-0GL Section- Proposed Rehabilitation of Bridges by Regrinding work for Br.No:612 Up (10x10.28) @ KM: 350/13-03 between BPP-SPF Stations. Tender value (₹): 4,72,53,623/- EMD (₹): 3,86,300/-

S.No.: 02 Tender No.: E-06-Bridges-BZA-2026 Name of work: BZA Division: Replacement of Girders with new Composite girders which are exceeded their fatigue life of Br. Nos. 530 UP (3x18.29m) at Km. 267/21-25 and 530 DN (3x18.29 m) at Km. 267/22-26 between SKM-TNR stations in GDR-BZA section in SSSE/Br/NLR/BZA section under ADEN/Br/SBZA jurisdiction Tender value (₹): 5,76,49,916/- EMD (₹): 4,38,300/-

S.No.: 03 Tender No.: E-07-Bridges-BZA-2026 Name of work: BZA-0GL Section-Proposed Rehabilitation of Bridges by Regrinding for Br.No.586 UP (7x12.19) at Km.291/31-35 and 589 UP (13x12.19) at K.m. 295/21-29 between OGL-KRV stations. Tender value (₹): 7,22,44,259/- EMD (₹): 5,11,200/-

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at 'www.ireps.gov.in'.

2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website 'www.ireps.gov.in', before the date of tender closing to note any changes / corrigenda for any tender.

3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C. Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen.

4. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason therefor.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Vijayawada

E-Tender Notice No.03-2026 Dt: 09-02-2026

Senior Divisional Engineer/Coordination / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Closing date & Time: 09/03/2026 at 15:00 hrs

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: Engg-GTL-Central-2021 Description of work: SWI:Guntakal Division - Dhone proposed laying of Ballastless Track (Road No.1) SW II:Guntakal Division - Dhone proposed laying of Ballastless Track (Road No.4) SW III:Guntakal Division - Dhone proposed laying of Ballastless Track at GTL (Road No.5)

Advertised Value in (₹): 16,44,85,179.49s Earnest Money Deposit in (₹): 9,72,400.00ps

S.No.: 02 Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-2022 Description of work: GY-WD & BAY-GTL Section (UP/DN): Proposed reconditioning of Wheel burns/ scabs and Reconditioning of cupped welded joints by micro flow metal spray powder brand name CP-3032 under of ADEW/ NORTH, AD & RC sub divisions under DEN/North Jurisdiction. Advertised Value in (₹): 67,54,565.66ps Earnest Money Deposit in (₹): 1,35,100.00ps

S.No.: 03 Tender No.: Engg-GTL-South-2023 Description of work: Proposed dewatering in Road Under Bridges under the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/south/GTL in the Year 2025-26. Advertised Value in (₹): 89,68,180.00ps Earnest Money Deposit in (₹): 1,79,400.00ps

S.No.: 04 Tender No.: Engg-GTL-Coord-2024 Description of work: SWI:Guntakal: Providing Compound Walls and Court Yard flooring and Repairs like inside & outside plastering, Safety grills etc., for Staff Qtrs No 374 to 416 in Aravind Nagar. SWII:Guntakal:Repairs to two-wheeler parking at Railway Hospital in Guntakal. SWIII:Guntakal: GTL-Repairs to exp. Drainages system like septic tank, open drainage and house connections etc., in south colony. SWIV:Guntakal: Repairs to staff Qtr like plastering inside & outside. Replacement of AC roof, Toilets remodeling, Sanitary fittings etc., in Aravind Nagar. In ADEN/SW/GTL sub-division. Advertised Value in (₹): 2,96,30,786.84ps Earnest Money Deposit in (₹): 2,98,200.00ps

Any corrigenda will be issued online only. Divisional Railway Manager/ Works/Guntakal

OFFICIALS STRESS CAREFUL CONDUCT OF IBRAHIMPATNAM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



RANGAREDDY : District Election Officer and Collector C. Narayana Reddy, along with Election General Observer Mayank Mittal, have directed all officials on duty to ensure error-free conduct of the municipal elections scheduled for February 11, 2026. On Tuesday, they

inspected the distribution centre at Sri Indu Engineering College for Ibrahimpatnam Municipality and reviewed the distribution of election materials to polling staff. Addressing officials, Mayank Mittal instructed them to verify all materials as per the checklist before leaving the centre and to strictly follow Election Commission guidelines. He stated that polling will be held from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm, and voters entering polling stations before closing time will be allowed to vote even after 5.00 pm.

Don't politicize BJP's suicide :Rajnalna Srihari

WARANGAL, February 10, TSIT : Rajanalna Srihari questioned who is responsible for the suicide of BJP's Maktal candidate Mahadev. Union Minister Kishan Reddy and local leader MP DK Aruna are doing bad



propaganda in political sense keeping suicide in mind. He said that he will leave Kishan Reddy's word that CM Revanth Reddy should take responsibility in this matter raised in Parliament. Greater Warangal Congress Working President Rajnalna Srihari said that BRS BJP parties should be responsible for this.

District Election Officer and Collector Dr. Satya Sharada inspected election distribution centers

WARANGAL, February 10, TSIT : District Election Officer and Collector Dr. Satya Sharada inspected the election distribution centers set up in connection with the municipal elections on Tuesday. In connection with Wardhannapet election in Wardhannapet Municipality office premises, in connection with the Narsampet Municipal Elections, the Collector thoroughly examined the arrangements made in the distribution centers set up in the Narsampet Agricultural Market Yard. On this occasion,

the Collector directed the officials to conduct the distribution and reception of election materials smoothly and without any problems. Polling staff was directed to ensure that ballot boxes, ballot papers and other election materials are received regularly. It is suggested that special care should be taken to ensure that the seal and signatures of the officials are mandatory on each ballot bundle. The Collector inspected the counters set up in the distribution centres, the election equipment supply system and the reception room. Also, all infra-



structure facilities like drinking water accommodation, medical camp, breakfast, dining accommodation, shamianas etc. for the staff were ordered to be arranged. Collector advised to carefully check whether all the equipment

required for conducting the election has been received on the basis of the checklist, following the rules of the Election Commission without any shortcomings. The officials have been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring that the personnel reach the designated polling centers on time. Also, it has been suggested that armed police presence must be provided during the movement of polling materials, especially ballot papers. In case of any problems, it is suggested to bring it to the attention of the Collector immediately.

Chinthala Parushuramulu Appointed as MEPA Cheryal Mandal President

Hanamkonda:Chinthala Parushuramulu Mudhiraj has been appointed as the Mandal President of Cheryal for MEPA (Mudhiraj Employees & Professionals Association Telangana). The appointment letter was handed over on Tuesday by MEPA Founder and State President Puli Devender Mudhiraj. On the occasion, Parushuramulu expressed gratitude to District President Pitla Anjaneyulu and General Secretary Naini Krishna for their support in his appointment. He also thanked State President Puli Devender



Mudhiraj for entrusting him with the responsibility. Speaking after assuming the post, Parushuramulu said he would work towards strengthening unity among the Mudhiraj community in the mandal and strive to build collective efforts for reservation demands from the government. He affirmed that MEPA activities would be expanded at the grassroots level under his leadership.

TENDER NOTICE No. 16 to 17 DRM_W_HYB_26 dt. 09/02/2026

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through e-procurement up to 15.00 hours of 06/03/2026.

Tender No.: 16_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: Hyderabad Division : Repairs to PF Surface at Various stations on SC-MUE Section Approx Value (₹): 61,09,671 EMD (₹): 1,22,200

Tender No.: 17_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: SC-MUE (SC-BKU section):Yards improvement and upgradation works under ADEN/MED Sub Division section Approx Value (₹): 5,96,37,106 EMD (₹): 4,48,200

For further details visit the website www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager/ Works/Hyderabad A2422 For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

BRS TARGETS CONGRESS OVER 'INTIMIDATION' IN KHAMMAM

Khammam (TSIT): Bharat Rashtra Samithi leaders on Tuesday accused the Congress government of resorting to intimidation and misuse of the police and revenue machinery in Khammam district, and said people should compare the decade-long development under former chief minister K. Chandrababhan Rao with what they termed the failures of the ruling party over the last 25 months. Addressing a media conference at the Telangana



Bhavan BRS district office here, BRS Khammam district president and MLC Tata Madhusudan, along with Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra and former MLAs Kandala Upendra

Reddy and Banoth Chandravathi, alleged that ministers had nothing new to show on the development front and were threatening voters out of fear of defeat. They said complaints would be lodged with the district collector and the Election Commission against officials allegedly acting as Congress agents. The BRS leaders claimed that the present ministers were only inaugurating projects sanctioned during the previous regime and criticised what they described as hollow promises, asserting that voters would deliver a fitting verdict in the municipal elections and that the BRS, with CPM support, would register a decisive victory.

Union Bank PITLAM BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of PITLAM BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs. 4,98,496.12 (Rupees Four Lacs Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six only) and interest charged up to 09-07-2024 AND interest thereon due to the Union Bank of India, PITLAM BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Golla Malleesh S/O Saidu (Borrower) and Mrs. Golla Sujatha W/O Golla Mahesh (Co-Borrower) and Mr. Gorre Sai Reddy S/O G. Kishta Reddy (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 1,73,900.00/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,73,900.00/-.

Union Bank 24641-SANGAREDDY BYPASS ROAD BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of BYPASS ROAD SANGAREDDY BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs. 14,06,527.92 (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and paise ninety two only) as on 06-01-2025) + Ints + Other Charges due to the Union Bank of India, BYPASS SANGAREDDY BRANCH Secured Creditor from Late Mr. Kunchala Madhava S/O Kunchala Subha Rao (Borrower) & Mr. Kunchala Rajshahkar S/O Kunchala Subha Rao (Co-Borrower) & Estate of the deceased Mr. Kunchala Madhava represented by Legal Heir(s): Kunchala Gouri W/O Kunchala Madhava. The reserve price will be Rs. 3,42,500.00/- and the earnest money to be deposited will be Rs. 3,42,500.00/-.

Union Bank Zaheerabad Branch

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Union Bank SIDDIPET MAIN BRANCH

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Silt should be removed along with garbage in the drains



- City Mayor Gundu Sudharani - Sanitation checks in Hanumakonda area...

WARANGAL: Mayor Gundu Sudharani has directed the sanitation officials to ensure that the silt along with the garbage is removed from the drains. On Tuesday, the Mayor directly inspected Hanumakonda Chowrasta, Tiler Street, Amruta Talkies area, Sudha Nagar and Reddy Colony areas in Hanmakonda and gave appropriate instructions to the officials for effective management. On this occasion, the Mayor inspected the commercial garbage col-

lection at the field level and said that the silt should be completely removed along with the garbage in the drains. In this regard, it should be recorded in the log book that garbage should not be found on the roads, 100% garbage collection should be done and the collection should be improved in the morning and evening hours. She said that sanitation workers need to protect their health and should take protective measures for this, they must wear masks and gloves and attend the duties. CMHO Dr Rajareddy, Sanitary Supervisor Narendar and others participated in this programme.

SHRIRAM Finance SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. 02, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt. 30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. 02, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 09TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Table with columns: Borrower Name and Address, Amount due as per Demand Notice.

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Table with columns: Borrower Name and Address, Amount due as per Demand Notice.

SHRIRAM Finance SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.

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Centre discriminating against Telangana financially, says Tummala Nageswara Rao

Hyderabad, Feb 10 (UNI) Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Tuesday accused the Centre of financial discrimination against Telangana and other southern states, terming the reduction in fund allocation as an attack on the federal structure with political motives. Addressing the media, the minister said the Centre often claims credit for development spending, but the funds being distributed actually belong to the people of Telangana.

Union Bank of India - GAJWEL (15741)
Address- H.No.11-70/4, PREGNAPUR, GAJWEL ROAD, Contact No: 9319623026
Email: ubin0815742@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of GAJWEL BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.11,09,579.52 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine and Fifty Two paise only) as on 29-05-2022) + interest + other charges due to the Union Bank of India, GAJWEL BRANCH Secured Creditor from Smt. Rizwana Begum W/Sri Ahmed Pasha (Borrower), Mr. SYED ANSAR PASHA (Co-borrower) and Mr. GHOUSE MOHAMMAD (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 16,06,500/- and the earnest money to be deposited will be Rs. 1,60,650/-
Borrower: Mrs. RIZWANA BEGUM Address: H.No.9-93, B D Colony, Gajwel Town & Mandal, Siddipet District, Telangana -502278 Mob: 917416631984 Co-Borrower: Mr. SYED ANSAR PASHA Address: H.No.9-93, B D Colony, Gajwel Town & Mandal, Siddipet District, Telangana -502278 Mob: 9948802424 Guarantor: Mr. GHOUSE MOHAMMAD Address: H No 11-139 SANGAPUR ROAD WATER TANK NEAR BHARATHNAGAR MEDAK-502278 Mob: 9963360602
Details of Secured Asset:- Residential land & building bearing H.No: 9-93 in Sy. No. 251, H.No.9-93, situated at BD Colony, Gajwel Mandal, Siddipet District land measuring 153.33 Sq. yds & total plinth area of 300 Sft. belonging to Smt. Rizwana Begum W/o. Ahmed Pasha bounded by: North: 15'feet road South: H.No.9-92 of Khaji Bhanu East: Open Place of Govt School West: Plot of Shaik Sardar
Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's website i.e. https://baanknet.com

Date: 11.02.2026
Place: Gajwel
Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Union Bank of India
STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

Union Bank of India - NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.14,50,567.46 (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven and Forty Six paise only) as on 17.02.2025) + interest + other charges due to the Union Bank of India, NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Maddela Venkatesham S/o Maddela Ramulu (Borrower) and Maddela Santosh S/o Venkatesham (Co-Borrower). The reserve price will be Rs. 34,08,000/- and the earnest money to be deposited will be Rs. 3,40,800/-
Borrower(s): Mr. Maddela Venkatesham S/o Maddela Ramulu Address 1: H No 3-3-36, Baramangally, Kamareddy -503111, Dist.Kamareddy Telangana Address 2: H No 5 15 1 GUMASTA COLONY NEAR HANUNJAM TEMPLE KAMAREDDY, Telangana - 503111.Co-Borrower(s): Mr. Maddela Santosh S/o Venkatesham Address: H.No.3-3-36, Baramangally Kamareddy -503111, Dist.Kamareddy Telangana
Details of Secured Asset:- New House under construction over open plot no. 195 lies in Sy. No.5:519/1, 519/2, 519/3 & 522, vide GPLP No. 5/82-83, admeasuring North to South : 30.0 feet and East to West : 60.0 feet, and the total area of which 1800 Sq.Feet (200 Sq.Yards), equivalent to 167.2 Sq.meters, in which Plinth area is 1400 Sq. Feet, more clearly shown in the annexed and limited map, situated at Gumsata, Kamareddy Road, Adoor Village, Kamareddy Mandal and District, within limits of G.P Adoor, M.P Kamareddy, Z.P Nizamabad, Regn. Sub-District Kamareddy, Regn-District : Nizamabad Bounded by: North: Open plot No 194 SOUTH: Open Plot No 196 EAST: 30 feet wide road WEST: Open plot No 175
Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's website i.e. https://baanknet.com

Date: 11.02.2026
Place: NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY
Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Union Bank of India
STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

Union Bank of India - Banswada BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Banswada BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 27-02-2026, for recovery of Rs.5,04,985.39/- (Rupees Five Lacs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five and paise ninety three only + interest + other charges due to the Union Bank of India, Banswada BRANCH Secured Creditor from Sri Motukuru Nagaraju S/o. M Venkatesham (Borrower) and Mr. Muthukuri Anil Kumar S/o. Muthukuri Brahmaiah (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 1,30,000/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,30,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Three Hundred and Fifty paise only) as on 29.08.2022) + interest + other charges due to the Union Bank of India, NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. Mercy Saji W/o. Saji Samul (Borrower) and Saji Samul S/o. Samul L (Co-Borrower). The reserve price will be Rs. 10,89,400/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,08,940/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Four paise only) as on 06.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the House on Plot Nos. 27 South Part and 28 Northern Part (VLTN No. 32100500074), Total admeasuring 123 Sq. yards or 102.8 Sq. Mtrs., consisting Ground Floor with Plinth area 626.23 Sft., with RCC in Survey Nos. 166, 166A, 168A, 168AA, 169A, 169AA, 170, 171, 172A, 172E, 173, 174, 175, 180 situated at 'Tejashree Homes' Prathapsingaram Village and Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, belonging to Mrs. Bhargavi Rudravelli registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 5821/2024 dated: 21.06.2024 and bounded by: North : Plot No. 27 Northern Part; Plot No. 28 Southern Part; East : 30' Feet Wide Road West : Neighbour's Land.
Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mrs. Kanakala Krishnaveni (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 71050021005
Demand Notice Date: 06.10.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession: 07.02.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 44,89,082.80/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Only) as on 06.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the HIG Flat in Block No. C-8, Flat No. 102, 1st Floor, House No. 12-12C8-102, (PTIN No. 1228307179) admeasuring 1442.16 Sq. feet or 133.98 Sq. Mtrs in Survey Nos. 2 Part & 10 Part of Pocharam Village, undivided share of land of 49.70 Sq. Yds out of Total Block Area at A.P. Housing board, Singapore Class Township at Pocharam Village and Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State belonging to Mrs. Kanakala Krishnaveni registered vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 6572/2022 dated 07.02.2022 and bounded by: Boundaries for C-8 Block: North : Open & Block-C9, South : Open & Block-C7, East : Open & Block-A4.1, West : Road, Boundaries for Flat: North : Open to Sky, South: Flat HIG No. 103, East : Open to Sky, West : Open to Sky & Flat HIG No. 101.
Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. V. Raju (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710400024297
Demand Notice Date : 13.11.2025; DNPP Date: 25.11.2025 ; Date of Symbolic Possession : 09.02.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 33,22,821.80/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Two Eight Hundred and Twenty One and Paise Eighty One) as on 12.11.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the Residential House bearing in Plot No. 29 House No. 6-1432, Ground Floor Built up area 952.2 Sq.feet First Floor Built up area 952.2 Sq.feet & Head Room Built up area 145.5 Sq.feet total Built up area 2050 sq.feet with R.C.C. total site an extent of area 150 Sq.yds.equivalent to 125.41 Sq.Meters in Survey No. 286/ie, in Queens Villas Situated at Chikoor Village, Chikoor Grampanchayat, Moinalbad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Registration Sub-District Chevella, Ranga Reddy District, belonging to Mr. V. Raju, registered vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 2988/2020 dated: 05.03.2020 and bounded by: North : Road, South : Plot No. 30, East: Road, West: Flat No. 37.
As the above borrower has 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 above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.
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.
Date: 10-02-2026
Place: Hyderabad.

Date: 06.02.2026
Place: Hanamkonda
Sd/-
Authorized Officer /Canara Bank

Union Bank of India - NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY BRANCH

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The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.
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.
Date: 10-02-2026
Place: Hyderabad.

Date: 11.02.2026
Place: NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY
Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Union Bank of India
STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

Baldia Commissioner Chahat Bajpai Orders Immediate Start of Eat Street Construction, Conducts Field Inspection for Bill Payments

WARANGAL, February 10, TSIT: Baldia Commissioner Chahat Bajpai directed the officials to start the construction work of Eat Street on Waddepally Bund. On Tuesday, the construction works of road drains completed in different areas of the city were inspected at the field level, the quality standards were examined and suitable suggestions were made for effective implementation. On this occasion, the commission-

er directly observed and measured the completed CC roads and drains for payment of bills. Kazipet Vegetable Market and Jawahar Colony area were checked for payment of bills and the drain was checked at Kazipet Church. Later, the commissioner directed the engineering officials to select a suitable place for the construction of Eat Street on Waddepally Bund and start the construction.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank CHAITANYAPURI BRANCH, H.No: 1-1-904, Siddharth Nagar, Near Fathima Complex, Hanamkonda - 506 004

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
Date & Time of Auction : 27.02.2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) Last Date of Deposit of EMD is 26.02.2026, 5:00 PM.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank plus unapplied interest and bank charges thereon are mentioned below.
1) Name of Address of the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) : Ms. Sri Racharla Sudhakar, S/o Rajamallu, H.No. 3-39, Gopalapuram Village, Hanamkonda Mandal, Warangal - 506001. Guarantor : Sri Durishetti Chandramouli, S/o. Ilalah, H.No. 2-30/3, Nadikda Village, Parkal, Mandal, Warangal - 506391
Details and full Description of the Property : House bearing H.No. 35-3-39, (old 3-39) and to an extent of 267.00 Sq Yrds (223.23 Sq Mtrs) in Sy No 6/B situated at Gram panchayat Board, Gopalapuram Hanamkonda Mandal Warangal District. East : 10'-0" Wide Road, West : Plot of Ramesh, North : Open plot of Lavudya Kishan, South : H.No. 3-39 of V Venkatcharya
Total Contractual liabilities as on (20.09.2021) Rs.19,75,159.88/- plus unapplied interest w.e.f 21.09.2021 and Bank charges. The amounts remitted after issuance of Demand notice are duly accounted.
Reserve price : Rs. 62,95,500/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 6,29,550/-
2) Name of Address of the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) : Sri. Rai Kiran Kumar, S/o. Ramanaih, H.No. 3-14-495/5, Durga Colony, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Sri. Sridhar, Sri. Badri, S/o. Narsalah, H.No. 4-2-372, Kothur Jenda, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Co-Borrower : Sri. Arun Rai, S/o. Ramanaih, H.No. 3-14-495/5, Hanamkonda, Durga Colony, KUC Road, Warangal, Telangana 506002
Details and full Description of the Property : House bearing Mpl No. 3-14-495/5, consisting of ground floor and first and second measuring 106.00 Sq Yrds situated at Yadav Nagar, Hanamkonda, Warangal within the limits of Warangal Municipal Corporation within registration district Warangal within the following Boundaries : East : House of P. Sudhakar H.No. 3-14-495/5/1, West : House of P Panchakshari H.No. 3-14-495/6, North : Canal and Drain, South : 10 feet Road
Total Contractual liabilities as on (29.08.2024), Rs.3,85,703.34/- plus unapplied interest w.e.f 30.08.2024 and Bank charges. The amounts remitted after issuance of Demand notice are duly accounted.
Reserve price : Rs. 39,11,000/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 3,91,100/-
3) Name of Address of the Borrower (s) & Guarantor (s) : Ms. Kakti Chandra Consultancy, Prop. Mr. Kandukuri Chandra Mohan S/o. Balaswamy, H.No. 27 407 18 2, Mahendra Colony, Kazipet, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. (Legal Heirs of K. Chudhulla, W/o. Kandukuri Chandra Mohan) Sri. Manne Nagaihi, S/o. Chenamallu, 763/ Revenue Colony, Hanamkonda, Mahabubabad, Telangana - 506001
Details and full Description of the Property : The property is a two storied Residential Building (first floor RCC framed structure only), and the area of land is 286 sq yards through the sale deed vide mentioned below. The plinth area of the each floor is 1034.50 sq. ft. and the building was constructed in the year of 2011. Location of the Property (H.No. 24-7-207/18/2, Mahendra Colony, Darga Road, Khajipet, Warangal) Warangal City & District within the limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation bounded by in the name of Sri K Madhulatha as per the sale deed and bounded by North : Plot No. 282 of others, South : Plot No. 286 & 267 of others, East : Plot No. 254, West : 30-0 wide road
Total Contractual liabilities as on (20.10.2023), Rs.20,40,475.87/- plus unapplied interest w.e.f 21.10.2023 and Bank charges. The amounts remitted after issuance of Demand notice are duly accounted.
Reserve price : Rs. 77,51,000/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 7,75,100/-
No Known Encumbrances to the Knowledge of the Bank. Auction will be held through online Portal : https://baanknet.com EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Vallant of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD through NEFT/RTGS in the account details as mentioned in the said challan
For Bidding Process manual, Bidder Registration and Payment of EMD Kindly Visit the Online Portal Website: https://baanknet.com/Contact: 829122020. Email : support.baanknet@psballiance.com
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link 'E-Auction' provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Branch Manager / Manager, Canara Bank, Chaitanyapuri, Ph. No. 7382932273 / 9666762345 during office hours on any working day.
Date : 06.02.2026, Place : Hanamkonda
Sd/-
Authorized Officer /Canara Bank

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
201, 2nd Floor, Krishna sapphire, South Block, Sy No:88, Madhapur, Hyderabad-81.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)
WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.
1. Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Bhargavi Rudravelli (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 706603000349
Demand Notice Date: 07.11.2025 ; DNPP Date: 06.12.2025 ; Date of Symbolic Possession: 07.02.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 58,96,751.21/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One and Paise Twenty One Only) as on 07.11.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the House on Plot Nos. 27 South Part and 28 Northern Part (VLTN No. 32100500074), Total admeasuring 123 Sq. yards or 102.8 Sq. Mtrs., consisting Ground Floor with Plinth area 626.23 Sft., with RCC in Survey Nos. 166, 166A, 168A, 168AA, 169A, 169AA, 170, 171, 172A, 172E, 173, 174, 175, 180 situated at 'Tejashree Homes' Prathapsingaram Village and Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, belonging to Mrs. Bhargavi Rudravelli registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 5821/2024 dated: 21.06.2024 and bounded by: North : Plot No. 27 Northern Part; Plot No. 28 Southern Part; East : 30' Feet Wide Road West : Neighbour's Land.
2. Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mrs. Kanakala Krishnaveni (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 71050021005
Demand Notice Date: 06.10.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession: 07.02.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 44,89,082.80/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Only) as on 06.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the HIG Flat in Block No. C-8, Flat No. 102, 1st Floor, House No. 12-12C8-102, (PTIN No. 1228307179) admeasuring 1442.16 Sq. feet or 133.98 Sq. Mtrs in Survey Nos. 2 Part & 10 Part of Pocharam Village, undivided share of land of 49.70 Sq. Yds out of Total Block Area at A.P. Housing board, Singapore Class Township at Pocharam Village and Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State belonging to Mrs. Kanakala Krishnaveni registered vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 6572/2022 dated 07.02.2022 and bounded by: Boundaries for C-8 Block: North : Open & Block-C9, South : Open & Block-C7, East : Open & Block-A4.1, West : Road, Boundaries for Flat: North : Open to Sky, South: Flat HIG No. 103, East : Open to Sky, West : Open to Sky & Flat HIG No. 101.
3. Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. V. Raju (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710400024297
Demand Notice Date : 13.11.2025; DNPP Date: 25.11.2025 ; Date of Symbolic Possession : 09.02.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 33,22,821.80/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Two Eight Hundred and Twenty One and Paise Eighty One) as on 12.11.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.
Description of immovable Property: All that the Residential House bearing in Plot No. 29 House No. 6-1432, Ground Floor Built up area 952.2 Sq.feet First Floor Built up area 952.2 Sq.feet & Head Room Built up area 145.5 Sq.feet total Built up area 2050 sq.feet with R.C.C. total site an extent of area 150 Sq.yds.equivalent to 125.41 Sq.Meters in Survey No. 286/ie, in Queens Villas Situated at Chikoor Village, Chikoor Grampanchayat, Moinalbad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Registration Sub-District Chevella, Ranga Reddy District, belonging to Mr. V. Raju, registered vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 2988/2020 dated: 05.03.2020 and bounded by: North : Road, South : Plot No. 30, East: Road, West: Flat No. 37.
As the above borrower has 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 above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.
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.
Date: 10-02-2026
Place: Hyderabad.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
LIC Housing Finance Limited.

Ramchandra Rao alleges harassment behind BJP candidate's suicide, seeks probe in Maktal case

Narayanpet, Feb 10 (TSIT) BJP Telangana State President N Ramchandra Rao on Tuesday visited Maktal in Narayanpet district to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the suicide of BJP Ward No. 6 councillor candidate and tribal youth Erukala Mahadevappa. He met the bereaved family, spoke to local residents and party workers, and gathered details first-hand. Addressing the media after his visit, Ramchandra Rao said the incident had deeply disturbed him.

Phone tapping still continuing in Telangana

khammam (TSIT): Phone tapping was not only carried out in the past but is still continuing in Telangana and the government is treating the issue with utmost seriousness, with an enquiry already under way to trace illegal surveillance equipment installed at various locations, Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said. Addressing a media conference at Khammam on Tuesday, the Minister said several people had complained that their phones were being tapped and asserted that the allega-



tions were true. He said the government was enquiring into who the masterminds were and where the equipment had been installed, and warned that strict action would be taken against those responsible. Responding to a query, he said there was nothing wrong in seeking votes from employees and clarified that he had done so on behalf of his party. Expressing confidence ahead of the civic body elections scheduled for Wednesday, Ponguleti said the Congress was set to win over 80 per cent of the seats in the elections to 116 municipalities and seven corporations.

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A Public notice is hereby given to all the persons concerned and public in general that the person's named under this notice have availed the facility of safe deposit lockers at the below mentioned branches of Canara Bank (including branches of e-Syndicate Bank). The respective branches have already addressed individual letters/Notices by registered post with acknowledgement due (AD) to locker hirers/ LOA at the latest available address as per Mr Bank records with a request to let the arrears of Locker rent. Despite these notices, the locker hirers/ LOA have not contacted the Branch and have not remitted the locker rent arrears. Below named Locker Hirers and their legal heirs are requested to consider this as the FINAL NOTICE and contact the Branch concerned with necessary documents and remit the locker rent arrears within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Bank will break open the lockers without any further notice or intimation, at the cost and sole risk of the hirers or their legal representatives/heirs / LOA.

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2	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	254	3514	SAYED AHMED KHAN H no 10.2.549 MUNICIPAL COLONY ASIFNAGAR HYDERABAD TELANGANA 500028
3	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	168	3540	MOHD ZAKI UDDIN 11-3-892 AL HAMRAH APTS FLAT 203 NEW MALLEPALLY NAMPALLY 500011
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7	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	322	3540	ZAREENA KHAN D/O MR NASIM KHAN BN-62 BALARAM NAGAR SAFILGUDA 500047
8	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	243	3492	SYED GHAMSE AHMED QU D NO 12-37-B/29 ZEBA BAGH MEHDIPATNAM 500028
9	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	594	8222	MEHJABEEN ANSARI PLOT NO 212 RAIDURG NAW KHALSA GACHIBOWLI 500088
10	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	261	6819	O D REDDY H NO 41 MEHDIPATNAM HYDERABAD 500028
11	MEHDIPATNAM (13007) 917091443929	558	6104	SSMERAJUNNIS W/O NAJEEB AHMED H NO 10/3/2/A/1, FLAT NO.302 METRO PLAZA MEHDIPATNAM 500028
12	Hyderabad Malakpet [13036] 8638005741	28	12172	NARAYANA RAO T S 16-11-511/d 250/1 STREET NO 8 MOOSARAMBAGH SHALIVAHANAGAR 500036
13	Hyderabad Malakpet [13036] 8638005741	7	12723	SANJEEVA REDDY D ACRO POLICE VILLA APART DRNO 404 HABSIGUDA STREET NO-6 HYDERABAD 500066
14	Hyderabad Malakpet [13036] 8638005741	68	12980	AKKAPEDDI ANNAPURNA FLAT NO 201 LAND SCAPE APRTS ROAD NO 13 ALKAP

EDITORIAL

Can India Really Replace 87 Million Tonnes Of Russian Oil?

The stroke of midnight has historically been an important moment for landmark happenings in India, from gaining independence in 1947 to the recent agreement on the India-US trade deal. This comes amidst a constant state of tariff influx on India. In August 2025, Trump signed executive actions adding an extra 25% tariff on Indian imports as a punitive response to India's continued purchases of Russian oil. This was imposed on top of an existing 25% duty, bringing total US tariffs on many Indian goods to around 50%.

India has been constantly attributed by the US as having one of the highest tariffs in the world, with the country being termed the "Tariff King". This discontentment largely stems from the fact that India enjoys a trade surplus with the US. In FY25, India had a trade surplus of USD 40.82 billion with America. This is just one face of this quagmire, another being India's purchase of crude oil from Russia amidst the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Though the final details are yet to be out, one of the things believed to be part of the agreement is India's purchase of a higher quantity of crude oil from the US.

The Math of Substitution

Let's dive deeper into the idea of India substituting Russian oil with that from the US and Venezuela. The idea looks promising theoretically, but the trade figures and overall trade scenario point to something absolutely different. This analysis is strictly based on international trade aspects, without taking into consideration political factors or the enhancement of crude oil capacity in the exporting countries. According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India imported about 87.54 million tonnes of crude oil from Russia in the year 2024-25, registering a growth of about 72.1% from the year 2022-2023. On the other hand, India's imports of crude oil from the US were just 10.55 million tonnes in 2024-25, which in fact was a decline of about 30.4% from 15.16 million tonnes in the year 2022-2023.

In the case of Venezuela, India imported 2.98 million tonnes of crude oil in the year 2024-25. The growth in the case of Venezuela on a year-on-year basis from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 was 74%, with zero imports in the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

It's also important to note that the US exports the largest quantity of oil to Mexico (according to data from World Integrated Trade Solution), exporting about 26.50 million tonnes in the year 2024-2025, with a downward growth trajectory of about 27% from 2022-2023.

On a combined basis, India imported about 13.53 million tonnes of crude oil from the US and Venezuela in the year 2024-2025. Even this falls short by 74.01 million tonnes when compared to imports from Russia for the year 2024-2025. This pattern repeats itself for the years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Though oversimplistic, this analysis reveals that, keeping production capacity and political factors constant, the US and Venezuela would not be able to substitute Russia for crude oil imports. Let's consider another ambitious scenario wherein the US diverts all its crude oil exports from Mexico to India. Even in that case, the combined capacity would only reach 40.03 million tonnes as per the 2024-25 data, again falling short by about 47 million tonnes when compared to crude oil imports from Russia. India has registered a year-on-year growth rate of about 37% in crude oil imports from the US for the years 2023-2024 to 2024-2025. At a 32% annual growth rate, it would take approximately 4.5 to five years for American crude oil imports to reach the current level of Russia's imports.

Venezuela's imports have grown at a 72% year-on-year rate. At a 72% annual growth rate, Venezuela alone would take approximately 6.2 to 6.5 years to reach the current level of India's crude oil imports from Russia. The weighted average growth rate of US and Venezuela crude oil imports is approximately 40.8% per year for the year 2024-2025. At a 40.8% annual growth rate, it would take approximately 5.5 years to reach Russia's 87.54 million tonnes. In any case, such sustained growth seems highly improbable in the current volatile environment with conflicts raging across several parts of the world.

What China's 'Secret' Nuclear Test Means (If It Really Did Happen)



The disclosure by US officials recently of an alleged Chinese nuclear test conducted in 2020 has added a new layer of uncertainty to an already fragile global nuclear order. According to Washington, Beijing carried out a "yield-producing" nuclear explosive test at the Lop Nur site in Xinjiang on June 22, 2020, just days after the Galwan Valley clash with India. If accurate, the episode would represent a significant departure from China's long-standing adherence to the global testing moratorium and raises uncomfortable questions about the credibility of existing arms control arrangements. The charge that China employed decoupling techniques to conceal the test underlines a broader concern in US strategic thinking: that opacity and selective norm compliance are becoming defining features of China's nuclear behaviour. Although China signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in 1996, it has never ratified it, and the alleged test - involving relatively low yields designed to evade detection - suggests a willingness to exploit the grey zones of international verification regimes. Whether or not the claim is ultimately substantiated, its political impact is already evident. The Timing Is Something The timing of the disclosure is telling. It coincides with the expiration of the US-Russia New

START treaty in February 2026, leaving the global nuclear order without binding limits on the world's two largest arsenals for the first time in decades. By foregrounding the 2020 test allegation, Washington has sought to strengthen its long-standing argument that bilateral arms control frameworks are increasingly inadequate in a multipolar nuclear environment. China's rapid arsenal expansion, coupled with its refusal to join arms control negotiations on the grounds of numerical disparity, has reinforced US concerns that strategic stability can no longer be managed through Cold War-era constructs. For Beijing, these accusations fit a familiar narrative. China has dismissed them as politically motivated attempts to exaggerate a "China threat" and justify greater pressure for trilateral arms control talks. Yet, China's own actions - ranging from the construction of new ICBM silo fields to advances in hypersonic delivery systems - have fuelled doubts about its stated commitment to minimum deterrence. The perception that China is moving towards a more robust and flexible nuclear posture, aimed at ensuring survivability against multiple adversaries, has further eroded confidence in the sustainability of existing arms control norms. The Problem For India The implications

extend well beyond a US-China strategic competition. For India, the alleged 2020 test carries particular resonance. Its timing - immediately following the Galwan crisis - feeds into concerns in New Delhi about China's use of military signalling across multiple domains during periods of heightened tensions. India's nuclear doctrine of no-first-use and credible minimum deterrence has long been calibrated against a relatively restrained Chinese posture. China's accelerating nuclear modernisation, however, threatens to widen the asymmetry between the two sides, complicating India's deterrence calculations. New Delhi's response has been measured but deliberate. Since 2020, India has focused on enhancing survivability and credibility rather than numerical expansion - advancing canisterised missile systems, strengthening sea-based deterrence, and exploring MIRV capabilities. While official policy continues to reaffirm NFU, debates within India's strategic community increasingly reflect unease about its adequacy in the face of a more capable and potentially less predictable Chinese nuclear force. The US allegations, by highlighting China's opacity, indirectly reinforce India's case for continued modernisation within a restrained doctrinal framework. More broadly, the episode illustrates how

ambiguity in one state's nuclear behaviour can reverberate across regions. It weakens confidence in arms control, accelerates competitive modernisation, and heightens the risk of miscalculation - particularly in Asia, where unresolved territorial disputes intersect with evolving nuclear capabilities. In the absence of renewed transparency and more inclusive frameworks, the global nuclear order is likely to become more fragmented, less predictable, and far harder to stabilise. The Old Nuclear Order Is Dying The dysfunctionality of global nuclear arms control is evident because the political and strategic conditions that once sustained it have eroded. The Cold War system rested on a relatively stable bipolar balance, shared rules, and an acceptance of mutual vulnerability between the superpowers. Today's nuclear landscape is far more fragmented, marked by the rise of China, regional nuclear rivalries, and disruptive technologies such as hypersonic weapons, missile defence, and cyber capabilities. Intensifying great-power competition has hollowed out trust, led to treaty erosion, and weakened verification regimes. As nuclear weapons regain salience as instruments of power, arms control has become a victim of strategic rivalry rather than a constraint upon it.

Lamborghini Crash To Dying In Pits, Many Ways To Cheapen Life In India

Moody's latest report has given yet another reason to the Indian government and bureaucracy to celebrate. The forecast pegs India's real GDP growth at 6.9% for FY2027, the fastest in G20 countries. Let's tell this to the men recently claimed by infrastructural and empathy hellholes in the National Capital Region - or those left injured as a power-drunk (and actually drunk) Lamborghini driver ploughed into pedestrians and vehicles in an upscale locality in Kanpur. Let's share these shining statistics with their families. Perhaps that would bring them solace after their loved ones succumbed to a reality that no "real GDP" has been able to alter. Also note the recent deaths of two men in the NCR region, one who died after falling into an open construction pit in Noida, and another who lay dead in a pit for hours in Delhi after he plunged into a 14-foot-deep pit dug for water works. These are not freak accidents. They are symptomatic of a deeper governance crisis marked by bureaucratic indifference, substandard public works, and a pervasive culture of zero accountability. In the case of the Lamborghini crash, the driver, Shivam Mishra - a tobacco baron's son - tried to flee right after the crash and was shielded by his team of bouncers. The FIR initially registered by the police failed to even name him, but was later updated after public backlash. As of now, he remains in a Delhi hospital and hasn't been arrested. Anyone who has lived in India long enough could guess the fate of such cases.



tection from preventable harm is central to substantive citizenship. When citizens die because open pits remain unbaricaded for years, drains are left uncovered, or public agencies evade responsibility, the promise of citizenship is reduced to a constitutional abstraction. All three cases mentioned above starkly illustrate this deficit. The two victims fell into unmarked excavations or drains that lacked warning signage, barricades, or lighting. These are basic safety measures mandated under municipal and public works guidelines. Media investigations revealed that these hazards were not recent developments but had existed for extended periods despite complaints from local residents. In the Lamborghini crash, blame is still being assigned. Across the three incidents, responsibility has been diffused across agencies, each outdoing the other in deflecting blame. This fragmentation of responsibility is a defining feature of systemic apathy: when accountability is so dispersed that it effectively disappears.

NO ISOLATED INCIDENTS

Such incidents must be understood within a broader pattern of political and bureaucratic failure. Data from the National Crime Records Bureau consistently show that India records among the highest numbers of accidental deaths globally, with urban centres like Delhi accounting for a disproportionately high share of fatalities linked to

road accidents, construction hazards, and unsafe public spaces. We play with death on an everyday basis amidst chronic neglect in urban governance. It takes no genius to realise that Indian bureaucratic systems prioritise procedural compliance over outcome-based accountability. Files move, tenders are floated, guidelines are issued, palms are greased, and people continue to die. Max Weber's ideal bureaucracy was meant to ensure predictability, impartiality, and efficiency. In practice, the Indian bureaucracy often exhibits what sociologists term ritualism: adherence to rules divorced from purpose. Safety audits become paperwork exercises; inspections are conducted without enforcement; disciplinary action, when it occurs, is symbolic rather than transformative. Officials may be suspended after a death, but systemic reforms rarely follow. This reinforces a culture in which loss or damage to life is treated as an unfortunate but acceptable externality of development. Hence, the weakest link is scapegoated, should there be outrage. When citizens must rely on outrage after tragedy, rather than institutional safeguards, to elicit state response, democratic legitimacy erodes. Governance becomes reactive rather than preventive. Reforms become spectacle-driven rather than care-oriented. The consequences for citizenship are profound. Niraja Gopal Jayal has argued that Indian citizenship is increasingly fractured.

Nature, money and health: A BALANCED VIEW



PRIYANKA SAURABH

In today's world, our perceptions of health have rapidly changed. Modern lifestyles, technology, expensive medical facilities, and rising incomes have created the belief that money is the key to better health. People living in big cities believe that if they have access to good hospitals, renowned doctors, private insurance, and modern equipment, illness will be insurmountable. But when we see prominent figures from across the country and the world—with access to wealth, resources, and the best medical facilities—suffer from serious illnesses, this belief begins to waver. It's natural to question why, despite so much care, caution, and resources, people haven't been able to escape cancer, heart disease, and other complex illnesses. Is modern lifestyle truly making us healthier, or are we unknowingly weakening our bodies' natural strength? This question isn't limited to the rich and famous, but concerns everyone who lives a fast-paced, artificial, and stressful life. The human body is a gift of nature and the result of millions of years of evolution. Our bodies have evolved in harmony with natural foods, pure air, clean water, sunlight, and physical exertion. When we stray from this natural balance—eating highly processed foods, spending hours in closed rooms, and phones and screens—the body's balance begins to deteriorate. Diseases don't

come suddenly; they are the result of years of bad habits, stress, and imbalance. Today's food is a prime example of this. Packaged, long-lasting, and laden with flavor-enhancing chemicals have taken over our plates. Fruit juices, frozen vegetables, and processed milk have become part of our daily diets. While convenient, they're not always healthy. Nature provides us with food in its complete form—a balanced diet of fiber, vitamins, and nutrients. When we alter that form, its effectiveness also changes. In the name of cleanliness and safety, we've made the environment around us highly artificial. There's a race to disinfect everything. Life seems incomplete without soap, sanitizer, and chemical cleaners. Undoubtedly, cleanliness is essential, but excess is always harmful. Scientists also agree that exposure to natural bacteria, even in limited quantities, strengthens our immune system. A body that is protected from every small challenge can become vulnerable when faced with a major one. Rural and urban life are often compared in this context. Elderly people living in villages eat simpler food, engage in more physical labor, and live a slower pace. Mental stress is also relatively low. This is why they can tolerate minor illnesses without medication. Meanwhile, urban residents lead comfortable lives, but even a simple fever can confine them to bed. This difference is not only about medical facilities, but also about lifestyle and mental state. However, it would be wrong to assume that connecting with nature is the cure for every illness. Many diseases are genetic, many are caused by infections, and many come naturally with age. Modern medical science has made unprecedented progress in these areas. Vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, and modern diagnostic techniques have saved millions of lives. It would also be a dangerous thought to dismiss science simply in the name of

"natural." The real problem arises when we go to one extreme. Either we become completely dependent on machines, medicines, and conveniences, or we reject science and seek solutions to every problem solely through home remedies. Both approaches are incomplete. Health is a balance—where both nature and science have their respective roles. Mental health is another important aspect of this balance, one that is often overlooked. Today's human being may be physically surrounded by comforts, but mentally they are insecure, anxious, and stressed. Competition, fear of failure, social pressure, and worries about the future keep our minds constantly occupied. This mental stress gradually affects the body and leads to serious illnesses. Money cannot completely eliminate this stress. It's also important to understand that the illnesses of wealthy people are more visible to us because they are in public life. Ordinary people also suffer from the same illnesses, but they are not discussed. This doesn't mean that wealth automatically brings illness, but rather that wealth cannot provide complete protection against illness. Today, we need to understand health not just from a medical perspective, but from a lifestyle perspective. A simple and balanced diet, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, time with nature, and mental peace—these are no less effective than any medicine. Furthermore, it is equally important to consult a doctor in a timely manner and take advantage of modern medicine when needed. Ultimately, we must accept that neither money can make us immortal, nor can a natural lifestyle alone protect us from all diseases. The real solution lies in balance. Only when we combine science with an understanding of nature is a healthy and meaningful life possible. Perhaps this is the path we can take to live not only longer, but also better lives.

TDP urges Centre to consider age-based regulation of social media

Amaravati, Feb 10 : The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has urged the Centre to consider age-based regulation of social media. TDP Parliamentary Party leader Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu on Tuesday met Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw and submitted a memorandum, requesting for policy deliberation on age-based regulation of social media for children.

He requested that the Ministry consider constituting a dedicated committee or expert group to study age-based regulation of social media and recommend a comprehensive national policy.

The TDP MP informed the Central minister that



the NDA Government in Andhra Pradesh is actively examining this issue and exploring a robust legal framework to protect children online.

The MP recalled that he had introduced a

Private Member's Bill on Social Media (Age Restrictions and Online Safety). The Bill proposes, inter alia, a minimum age threshold for social media access, mandatory age-verification mechanisms, and the perma-

nent deletion of children's personal data collected during verification, along with strong enforcement and penalties for non-compliance. Krishna Devarayalu drew the attention of the Central minister to the growing and overwhelming concern regarding children's safety on social media platforms.

"In India, nearly 90 per cent of children aged 14-16 have access to smartphones at home, and over 75 per cent actively use social media, largely for recreational consumption. Studies indicate that more than 60 per cent of minors have experienced online bullying, and nearly half are exposed to age-inappropriate or harmful content.



Sri Yalamanchili Madan Mohan Rao, Managing Director of Smart Software and Mohan Industries, Hyderabad, donated Rs. 30 lakh to TTD on Tuesday.

MP Sribharat meets Railway Minister, seeks major rail projects for Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, Feb 10: Member of Parliament from Visakhapatnam, Mathukumilli Sribharat, on Tuesday met union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw at his Parliament office and discussed several key railway development issues pertaining to Visakhapatnam and adjoining regions. During the meeting, Sribharat stressed the need for expansion and redevelopment of Visakhapatnam Railway Station in view of increasing passenger traffic and the city's future requirements. He also urged the early establishment of a temporary Railway Zone office at Visakhapatnam to ensure smooth administrative functioning during the initial phase of the proposed zone. Sribharat highlighted the acute shortage of trains connecting Visakhapatnam with major cities such as Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Tirupati, Chennai and Vijayawada, despite heavy passenger demand.

YOGA NARASIMHA BLESSES ON SIMHA VAHANAM

TIRUPATI : The ongoing annual brahmotsavam witnessed the ferocious Simha Vahanam wherein Sri Kalyana Venkateswara as Yoga Narasimha blessed His devotees.

The Lion is the King of the Jungle and known for its majesty. The Hindu epics also describe Simha as a synonym for ferociousness, leadership qualities, strength and power. Lord in Half Man Half Animal avatar blesses devotees.

DyEO Smt Varalakshmi AEO Sri Gopinath and other temple, religious staff, devotees, devotional dance troupes were present.



Minister Konda Surekha, Endowment Commissioner Harish, temple officials and priests meeting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to extend invitations for the Maha Shivaratri Jatar Mahotsav at Vemulawada and Keesaragutta Brahmotsavam-2026.

MGU VC Prof Althaf Hussain stresses scientific temper at Prakriti Vigyan Yatra

DR SRINIVAS VOORADI

Nalgonda, Feb 10 (TSIT): The month-long Prakriti Vigyan Yatra, organised by Vigyan Darsini Sanstha to promote environmental protection, scientific awareness and constitutional values, culminated at Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) on Tuesday. Addressing students at a seminar held under the NSS banner, MGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Khaja Althaf Hussain stressed the need for students to cultivate a rational and scientific outlook. He said that rigorous study, careful observation and the application of knowledge to societal needs can transform any student into a scientist capable of contributing meaningfully to the nation. Nature poet



and activist Jayaraj, speaking as a guest of honour, highlighted the inseparable relationship between humanity and nature. He said that sustainable living and environmental responsibility must become part of everyday life. He urged citizens to plant trees, uphold ecological balance and remain committed to the Directive Principles, rights and

responsibilities enshrined in the Constitution. Students and teachers later took an oath to protect both nature and constitutional values. Vigyan Darsini founder Ramesh emphasised that scientific advancement is fundamental to human survival. Citing examples of how science has addressed numerous challenges, he said universities carry a

significant responsibility to transmit the hard-earned knowledge and sacrifices of great thinkers to future generations. He encouraged students to participate in community service through NSS by putting aside personal and regional differences. During the programme, Ganji Eshwara Lingam spoke about the importance of eye and blood donation. Vigyan Darsini State Representative Suresh Kumar, Swarajyam, NSS Coordinator Dr. Maram Venkat Ramana Reddy, Dr. Jakka Suresh Reddy, NSS Programme Officers Dr. Sherif, Dr. Kiranmai, Ramesh Niak, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

VNR VJIET Cricket Team Clinches Home Tournament Title After Four Years

Hyderabad (TSIT) The VNR VJIET cricket team made a remarkable comeback by winning their home tournament after a four-year gap, emerging champions in a prestigious state-level inter-college cricket competition that featured 18 teams from across the state.



A standout performer of the tournament was VNR VJIET Captain Harsha Raju, who emerged as the leading wicket-taker as well as one of the top run scorers. He delivered crucial performances with the ball, claiming a five-wicket haul in the semi-final and a three-wicket haul in the final, playing a decisive role in securing the championship. With the bat, he also contributed significantly, including a valuable half-century (50 runs) during the tournament. Team officials credited the success to rigorous preparation, strategic planning, and strong team spirit. The win not only ends a four-year title drought but also enhances the college's sporting reputation, inspiring more students to actively participate in competitive sports.

This Valentine's, SOCIAL Brings Back Old-School Romance with 'Luv like the OGs' Campaign

Hyderabad: This Valentine's season, SOCIAL is taking love offline with Luv like the OGs, a nationwide campaign running from February 10 to 28 across all SOCIAL outlets. Rooted in the charm of old-school romance, the campaign encourages people to step away from screens and reconnect through food, handwritten postcards, real conversations, and thoughtfully curated community experiences.

At a time when love is often driven by dating apps, DMs, and fleeting digital interactions, Luv like the OGs taps into a growing desire—especially among Gen Z—for slower, more meaningful connections. The campaign celebrates intentional effort, unfiltered conversations, and the joy of simply showing up, redefining romance not as a throwback but as something timeless and relevant.



Speaking about the initiative, Divya Aggarwal, Chief Growth Officer at Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., said that love today feels fast and filtered. With this theme, SOCIAL aims to slow things down and revive the magic of genu-

ine, offline connections—values that have always been central to the brand's identity.

A key feature of the campaign is the opportunity for guests to write and exchange handwritten postcards during their food, sparking conversations the old-fashioned way. Whether dining with a partner, friends, or meeting someone new, the idea is to slow down, sit across the table, and experience something real. Adding flavour to the celebration is Do Dishon Ka Mel, a limited-edition Valentine's menu that explores cross-cultural love through bold food pairings. Highlights include Sev Puri Tostada,

Bhuna Ghost Cheese Tart, Chicken Biryani Burrito, Andhra Chilli Paneer & Chicken Chop Suey, Krapow Aglio Olio, Kebab Paella, Cheese Burst Smash Burgers, and nostalgic desserts like Snicker Samosa and Gajar Halwa Sizzler. The special menu will be available across SOCIAL outlets from February 10 to 28, with select dishes also available on Swiggy and Zomato.

Staying true to its community-first ethos, SOCIAL will also host curated in-outlet events and experiences at select locations, creating an inclusive space for singles, couples, and everyone in between.

With Luv like the OGs, SOCIAL reinforces its role as a place where connections are built naturally—over food, conversations, and shared moments—proving that this Valentine's, love doesn't need an algo-

IHMT of Srinivas University organizes a one-day workshop



Mangaluru, Feb 10 (TSIT): Srinivas University Institute of Hotel Management and Tourism (IHMT) organized an interactive and informative flower arrangement workshop on Tuesday for KICT and MCTC students. Participating as a resource person, Prof Dhanraj Shetty explained basic techniques, design principles, and creative expression besides various styles and arrangements using seasonal and exotic

flowers. The other resource persons Prof Subrat Saraf and Prof Ramya guided and instructed the final year students enhancing their skills and creativity, providing hands-on experience in floral design. Dean Prof B Prashant Prabhu also spoke on the occasion. The workshop enabled the KICT and MCTC students to gain valuable insights into the art of flower arrangement, adding to their hospitality skills.

GITAM Hyderabad Hosts Faculty Development Programme

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, will organize a two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Assessment in Higher Education' on February 13-14, 2026. The intensive, hands-on workshop aims to equip faculty across disciplines with practical skills to design and implement effective, outcome-oriented assessment practices.

Addressing Modern Challenges
Responding to the evolving challenges of AI-driven and hybrid learning environments, the programme emphasizes authentic and future-ready assessment strategies that promote critical thinking, originality, and meaningful student learning. The FDP will feature



interactive sessions on rubric development, assessment design, and the integration of digital tools in evaluation processes.
Expert Leadership
The programme will be led by Dr. Suparna Majumdar Kar, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, and Dr. Sweta Mukherjee, In-charge Director of GITAM

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bengaluru Campus.
Learning Outcomes
By the end of the FDP, participants will gain practical insights into formative, summative, and authentic assessments aligned with course learning outcomes, enabling them to enhance teaching effectiveness and student engagement in higher education settings.

Expert Calls for Newborn Screening and Early Detection to Combat Congenital Heart Defects in India

Visakhapatnam, February (TSIT): As Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Week is being observed from February 7 to 14, Dr. R. Shanthipriya, Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist at KIMS Cuddles, Visakhapatnam, has stressed the urgent need for early detection, universal newborn screening, and increased public awareness to protect children born with congenital heart conditions. Highlighting the scale of the issue, Dr. Shanthipriya noted that congenital heart defects (CHDs) are among the most common birth defects worldwide, affecting 8 to 10 out of every 1,000 live births. In India, nearly 2.4 lakh children are born with CHDs every year, with the Telugu States alone accounting for around 20,000 cases annually. She explained that in nearly 85 per cent of cases, the exact cause remains unknown, while genetic



factors contribute to only 10-15 percent. However, several risk factors during the first trimester can disrupt normal heart development. These include genetic conditions such as Down syndrome, maternal infections like rubella, uncontrolled diabetes in mothers, intake of certain medicines, smoking and alcohol con-

sumption, nutritional deficiencies—especially folic acid and vitamin B12—and consanguineous marriages.
Explaining heart development, Dr. Shanthipriya said the human heart starts beating by the 21st day of pregnancy and completes its formation by the 12th week. Any disturbance dur-

ing this critical period can lead to defects such as holes in the heart, abnormal chambers, blood vessel defects, or valve problems. She advised parents to watch for warning signs in infants, including breathlessness, poor feeding, inadequate weight gain, recurrent respiratory infections, bluish discoloration of lips and

nails, fatigue, and lack of activity. Emphasizing the importance of early diagnosis, the cardiologist said detection within the first year of life greatly improves survival and long-term outcomes. She recommended routine pulse oximetry screening for all newborns, along with echocardiography for accurate diagnosis when symptoms are detected.
Dr. Shanthipriya concluded that although not all congenital heart defects are preventable, most are treatable if identified early. She called for a coordinated approach involving public awareness, quality antenatal care, proper nutrition, vaccination, universal screening, and timely referral to specialized cardiac care centers, stating that early action can make a life-saving difference.

Second cath lab at Omandurar hospital to expand free cardiac care network

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday commissioned a second state-of-the-art cardiac catheterisation laboratory (cath lab) at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandurar estate at a cost of Rs 8 crore, strengthening emergency heart care services amid a steady rise in cardiovascular diseases.

Inaugurating the facility, Health Minister Ma Subramanian said the new cath lab would significantly cut waiting time for critical cardiac



interventions at the high-footfall hospital, which treats more than 600 heart patients every day.

"With cardiac ailments rising globally, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, the State has prioritised strengthening tertiary care infrastructure," he told reporters.

The Omandurar hospital earlier had one cath

lab that handled around 20 procedures a day. With outpatient attendance surging to nearly 2,500 a day, up from about 500 five years ago, the demand for an additional facility had become pressing, he said. Nearly 500 cardiac patients are admitted every month at the hospital. "The newly commissioned unit is the sev-

enth cath lab made operational in government hospitals since the present dispensation assumed office," the minister added. "Two cath labs each have been set up at the Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital in Guindy and Madurai Government Rajaji Hospital.

One more functions at the Periyar Government Hospital in Chennai and another at the Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital in Salem. Steps are also taken to establish cath labs in Cuddalore, the

Nilgiris, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai and Ramanathapuram."

Cath labs play a critical role in treating heart attacks by promptly clearing arterial blockages and restoring blood flow. They also enable non-surgical interventions, including angioplasty, pacemaker implantation and implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs).

"Procedures that can cost up to Rs 5 lakh in private hospitals are provided free under the CM's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme," Subramanian said.



The newly elected administrators of the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, led by President Thiru Sekar J. Manoharan, called on the Honble Deputy Chief Minister and were congratulated by him...

From Suffering to Self-Awakening: How Bitter Experiences Shape Human Progress



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History rarely teaches through comfort. More often, it is through pain, devastation, and moral collapse that societies pause, introspect, and reinvent themselves. Across civilizations and centuries, humanity's most transformative lessons have emerged not from triumphs, but from bitter experiences that forced ethical awakening, policy shifts, and deeper compassion. From ancient India to modern geopolitics, suffering has repeatedly acted as the crucible of wisdom.

The Buddha's Four Sights: Enlightenment Born from Human Pain:

Prince Siddhartha's sheltered life shattered the moment he encountered the four sights, old age, sickness, death, and renunciation. These ordinary yet unsettling realities exposed the universality of suffering. It was not luxury but this confrontation with pain that propelled him toward enlightenment. The lesson was profound: ignorance of suffering breeds illusion, while awareness of it leads to wisdom, compassion, and liberation. Buddhism itself stands as a philosophy born out of bitter realization.

Ashoka and the Kalinga War: When Bloodshed Awakens Conscience:

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The Kalinga War marked one of history's most dramatic moral turnarounds. Emperor Ashoka's victory came at the cost of immense human suffering, orphaned children, and shattered lives. The aftermath haunted him. That guilt transformed a ruthless conqueror into a proponent of Dharma, non-violence, tolerance, and welfare governance. India learned that true greatness of a ruler lies not in conquest, but in compassion and restraint.

World Wars: The Price of Unchecked Ambition

The First and Second World Wars exposed the catastrophic consequences of militarism, nationalism, and imperial greed. Millions perished, economies collapsed, and moral boundaries dissolved. Yet from this devastation arose institutions like the United Nations, international humanitarian law, and a global commitment, however imperfect to collective security. The world learned, painfully, that peace must be institutionalized, not assumed.

Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Oppenheimer Dilemma

The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki marked a terrifying threshold in human history. Scientific brilliance, devoid of ethical restraint, annihilated entire cities in seconds. The recent film Oppenheimer revisits this moral paradox, the creator tormented by the consequences of his creation. The lesson remains urgent: technological advancement without moral responsibility can endanger civilization itself. Nuclear weapons taught humanity not power, but the necessity of restraint.

India-Pakistan Partition: Freedom Shadowed by Trauma

The Partition of India in 1947 deliv-

ered independence, but at an unbearable human cost. Millions were displaced, and communal violence scarred generations. The bitterness of Partition taught the subcontinent that political decisions devoid of empathy can fracture societies permanently. It remains a reminder that nation-building must prioritize human lives over hurried political settlements.

The Bengal Famine and the Birth of Compassionate Service

The Bengal famine of 1943 exposed colonial apathy and systemic neglect, leading to the deaths of millions. Such human misery stirred global conscience and deeply influenced humanitarian responses in India. In the decades that followed, figures like Mother Teresa devoted their lives to serving the destitute, sick, and abandoned. From famine emerged a renewed emphasis on charity, dignity, and service to the poorest proof that compassion often rises from collective failure.

1960s Food Dependence and the Green Revolution

In the 1960s, India depended heavily on wheat imports from the United States under the PL-480 programme. Food shipments arrived at Indian ports under strict conditions, exposing the vulnerability and indignity of dependence for survival. This moment of national discomfort became a turning point. Determined never again to beg for food, India launched the Green Revolution. Through scientific agriculture, institutional reforms, and farmer empowerment, India transformed from a food-deficit nation into a food-secure one. Hunger taught the value of self-reliance.

COVID-19: A Modern Global Awakening

The COVID-19 pandemic humbled the modern world. Advanced healthcare systems collapsed, supply chains broke, and social inequalities widened. Yet it also reinforced the importance of public health, social solidarity, scientific cooperation, and humane governance. The pandemic reminded humanity that progress is fragile and that empathy and preparedness are as vital as economic growth.

Trade and Tariff Wars: Lessons in Self-Reliance

Ongoing global trade and tariff wars have highlighted vulnerabilities in over dependence on limited supply chains. For India, this disruption has reinforced the need for Atmanirbhar Bharat, self-reliance balanced with diversification. The lesson is not isolation, but resilience: economic sovereignty built through innovation, domestic capacity, and strategic global partnerships.

When Pain Becomes the Path to Progress

Across eras, bitter experiences have repeatedly forced humanity to pause, reflect, and reform. While suffering is never desirable, history shows that it often becomes the catalyst for moral awakening, institutional reform, and collective wisdom. The challenge before us is clear: must humanity always learn the hard way, or can we finally learn from history before repeating it? True progress lies not in erasing painful memories, but in honoring them by ensuring their lessons guide our future.

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GST on raw materials shocks fireworks units in Virudhunagar

VIRUDHUNAGAR: Fireworks manufacturers in Virudhunagar district have been taken aback after commercial taxes officials began assessing Goods and Services Tax (GST) liability based on the quantity of raw materials used in production, instead of sales figures, triggering concern across the multi-crore industry.



Sources said more than 500 fireworks units in the district have received notices from the commercial taxes department, estimating additional GST payable by calculating the volume of chemicals purchased and used by each unit. Officials are said to have sought transaction details from chemical dealers and used these to make a tentative assessment of production and dispatch volumes.

The move has caused unease in Sivakasi, the hub of the fireworks industry, where more than 1,000 units operate across Virudhunagar district. Industry sources estimate that fireworks worth around Rs 7,000 crore were produced last year and supplied across India.

During GST verification, officials reportedly found that the tax paid appeared lower than expected, prompting the current exercise.

According to sources, the notices detail the quantity of raw materials procured by individual firms, the estimated fireworks output derived from them, and the additional GST that officials believe should have been paid. Manufacturers have been asked to respond with explanations. Fireworks unit owners argue that the method does not reflect production realities. A manufacturer said different fireworks require vary-

ing quantities of chemicals, with some using higher volumes and others much less. "It is not possible to determine the value of fireworks produced solely on the basis of chemical usage. GST liability can be accurately assessed only from the fireworks sent to the market. That has been the practice so far," he said.

The sudden shift in assessment methodology has sparked concern across the industry, with fireworks manufacturers in Virudhunagar district reported to be planning consultations before submitting their responses to the authorities.

AP Gets Rs. 10,134 Crore Railway Budget Allocation for 2026-27

Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh has received a massive Railway budget allocation of Rs. 10,134 crore for the financial year 2026-27, marking a significant boost to railway infrastructure and connectivity in the state. The announcement was made by Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, while briefing the media on Union Budget highlights. The Union Budget, including allocations to Indian Railways, was presented in Parliament on February 1, 2026. Following this, the Railway Minister addressed a virtual press conference from New Delhi on February 2, highlighting allocations for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The press meet was attended at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, by Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway, along with senior railway officials. Divisional Railway Managers from Vijayawada, Guntur and Guntakal divisions participated through video conferencing. Highlighting the



scale of growth, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav stated that the annual average budget outlay for the combined Andhra Pradesh state during 2009-14 was only Rs. 886 crore. The current allocation represents an 11-fold increase over that period, reflecting the Centre's focused investment in railway development. The Minister further informed that railway infrastructure projects worth Rs. 92,649 crore are currently under execution across Andhra Pradesh. He also announced that the state's railway network has achieved 100 per cent electrification, enhancing operational efficiency and sustainability. In a major announcement, the Minister revealed plans for

seven High Speed Rail Corridors across the country. Of these, two key corridors—Hyderabad-Bengaluru and Hyderabad-Chennai—will pass largely through Andhra Pradesh, significantly benefiting the state. These high-speed corridors are expected to drastically reduce travel time, with Hyderabad-Bengaluru journeys estimated at around 2 hours and Hyderabad-Chennai at approximately 2 hours and 55 minutes.

The Minister noted that these corridors would serve as economic growth engines, supporting sectors such as education, healthcare, trade and business, while improving regional connectivity.

Railways to Run One-Way Special Train, Extend Kakinada-Hisar Special Services to Clear Passenger Rush

Hyderabad: To clear the extra rush of passengers, Indian Railways has announced the operation of a one-way special train and the extension of special train services between various destinations.

As part of this initiative, a one-way special train bearing No. 04005 will run from Kanpur Central to Bengaluru Cantonment. The train will depart Kanpur Central at 3:10 pm on Monday, February 2, 2026, and reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. This special service will halt at Orai, Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi, Bina, Rani Kamlapati, Itarsi, Amla, Nagpur, Ballarshah, Sirpur, Kaghaznagar, Kazipet, Kacheguda, Mahabubnagar, Kurnool City, Anantapur and

Yelahanka stations. The train will consist of Sleeper and General Second Class coaches.

In addition, Railways has decided to extend the services of the Kakinada Town-Hisar-Kakinada Town special trains. Train No. 07705 Kakinada Town-Hisar special will run on Thursdays from February 19 to March 26, 2026, while Train No. 07706 Hisar-Kakinada Town special will operate on Sundays from February 22 to March 29, 2026. A total of 12 services will be operated during the extended period.

These special trains will stop at Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Tanuku, Bhimavaram Town, Akividu, Kaikalur, Gudivada, Vijayawada, Guntur, Sattenapalle, Nalgonda, Nadikund, Miryalaguda, Charlapalli, Medchal,

Kamareddi, Nizamabad, Basar, Dharmabad, Mukhed, H.S. Nanded, Purna, Basmat, Hingoli Deccan, Washim, Akola, Shegaon, Malkapur, Jalgaon, Paldhi, Dharangaon, Amalner, Nandurbar, Udhna, Surat, Godhra, Ratlam, Mandor, Nimach, Chittaurgarh, Chanderiya, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Nasirabad, Ajmer, Mohammad Ganj, Kishangarh, Phulera, Ringas, Sikar, Nawalgarh, Jhunjhunu, Chirawa, Loharu and Sadulpur stations in both directions. The Kakinada-Hisar special trains will comprise AC First Class cum Second AC, Second AC, Third AC, Sleeper and General Second Class coaches. Railways has advised passengers to utilize these special services to plan their journeys comfortably during the peak travel period.

Indian Overseas Bank Celebrates 90th Foundation Day with New Branch Inauguration and CSR Initiatives in Warangal



Warangal Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) marked its 90th Foundation Day on Tuesday with the inauguration of a new branch in Warangal, reinforcing its commitment to customer-centric banking and community welfare.

The new Warangal Branch, located at Opposite Venkatrama Theatre, Challas Pride, was inaugurated by Shri Rishikesh Ranjan Kumar, Chief Regional Manager, in the presence of Smt. Dasari Srilatha, Branch Manager. Shri Haveli Raju, Lead District Manager (LDM), attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Shri Challa Srinivas Reddy Garu participated as the Guest of Honour. The newly opened branch aims to provide enhanced, customer-friendly banking services to the people of Warangal and surrounding areas, strengthening the

bank's presence in the region. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, Indian Overseas Bank donated Rs. 50,000 to Sri Sai Seva Trust, Waddepally, and Spandana Society for the Mentally Challenged and Deaf & Dumb, Circuit House Road, supporting social and charitable causes.

Further underlining its commitment to public welfare, the bank organized a free health camp for customers at the newly inaugurated Warangal Branch and conducted a free eye check-up camp at its Shyampet Road Branch. These initiatives reflect Indian Overseas Bank's enduring values of service, trust, and social responsibility, as the institution continues its journey of inclusive growth on the occasion of its 90th Foundation Day.

MESSE FRANKFURT TRADE FAIRS INDIA JOINS FORCES WITH BUSINESSLIVE TRADE FAIRS TO EXPAND MEDIA EXPO

Hyderabad February 2026: Under this collaboration between Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India and BusinessLive Trade Fairs, Sign India Expo will evolve into Media Expo marking the launch of Media Expo Kochi and Media Expo Hyderabad while Sign India Expo Chennai transitions under the existing Media Expo Chennai banner. This move significantly expands the overall Media Expo footprint, increasing its presence from three cities to a total of five cities: Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai and New Delhi. Media Expo, which has delivered 56 successful editions across Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai, will now become the primary exhibition platform in the three southern markets of Kochi, Hyderabad and Chennai, transitioning from the long-established Sign India Expo. This move will ensure focused regional engagement while offering the industry consistent and unified platform across these South Indian markets. The collaboration will be implemented beginning with Media Expo Chennai, scheduled for later this year at Chennai Trade



Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Sign India Expo is backed by a legacy of 70+ editions across India with a particularly deep presence in the Southern markets like Bengaluru, Chennai, Kochi and Hyderabad. This collaboration brings together two of the most recognised exhibition brands from the industry to create a unified and impactful industry trade fair platform. This partnership will leverage the region's strong business potential and create a broader and wider exhibition platform. The

combination of their expertise, the organisers aim to expand exhibitor participation and enhance the overall product showcase across the product segments like: printing, signage, digital signage, advertising solutions for out-of-home (OOH) and digital out-of-home (DOOH), retail displays and branding solutions, large-format and industrial printing, fabrication equipment and materials, POP-POS, LED screens, printing equipment, sign substrates, inks, advanced 3D and laser printing solutions and much

more. By leveraging BusinessLive Trade Fairs established presence in South Indian markets, this alliance enables Media Expo to strengthen its positioning as a central platform for the printing, signage, branding and advertising solutions segment. For the industry, this partnership will deliver increased opportunities by strengthening participation and market reach through the platform, bringing together exhibitors, visitors, associations and professionals from across the printing, signage, branding and OOH-DOOH

ecosystem. By consolidating participation and aligning market engagement, this pivotal step will strongly drive buyer-seller connections across South India's key commercial hubs. Commenting on the collaboration, Mr Raj Manek, Executive Director & Board Member, Messe Frankfurt Asia Holdings Ltd, said: "South India continues to be one of the most dynamic and opportunity driven regions for the printing and signage industry. This collaboration with BusinessLive Trade Fairs allows us to expand Media Expo's footprint while offering the industry a stronger, more centralised platform that supports long-term growth and meaningful engagement." Likewise, Mr Siva Prasad Palnati, Director, BusinessLive Trade Fairs, added: "Sign India Expo has built a strong and trusted presence across South India over the years. Partnering with Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs enables us to elevate that legacy by combining regional strength with global exhibition expertise, creating region-specific platforms with Media Expo brand that will serve the industry and its evolving needs better."

Wegovy maker sues rival over 'knock-off' weight-loss drugs

The maker of Ozempic and Wegovy is suing a rival firm for selling what it says are "unsafe, knock-off" versions of its weight-loss drugs in the US. Danish company Novo Nordisk asked US courts on Monday to ban Hims & Hers' range of weight-loss pills and injections, which it says are not approved by US authorities and infringe on its patent. The legal drama began on Friday after Hims & Hers launched a new weight-loss pill, leading to an initial threat from Novo Nordisk. Over the weekend, Hims & Hers said it would stop selling the pill. On Monday, its share price slumped as it called Novo Nordisk's decision to press ahead with the lawsuit a "blatant attack". Hims & Hers shares closed down 16% on Monday, while Novo Nordisk's share price nudged up early on Tuesday. Weight-loss drugs like Novo Nordisk's Ozempic and Wegovy and Eli Lilly's Zepbound and Mounjaro have soared in popularity over the last few years. Patent expiry has also led to rise of low-cost copycat weight-loss drugs, with warnings about the safety of some of them. Novo Nordisk said on Monday its action against Hims & Hers aims to "protect public health and defend the scientific innovations that deliver better health outcomes to Americans". Hims



& Hers said in response it has "a long history of providing safe access to personalized healthcare to millions of Americans", and accused Novo Nordisk of "weaponizing the US judicial system to limit consumer choice". Fighting back? Kerry Fulford, a pharmaceutical analyst at Berenberg, told the BBC that this was the "first move Novo Nordisk is making to clamp down on compounding". Compounding is a legal process in which US drug makers are allowed to sell medication that is not approved by authorities but offers alternatives for patients with specific needs. Hims & Hers weight-loss drugs are compounded, whereas Novo Nordisk's are not. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said on Friday it was taking steps to restrict the compounding of weight-loss drugs to "safeguard consumers from drugs for which the FDA cannot

verify quality, safety, or efficacy". Novo Nordisk referenced the FDA's concerns in its lawsuit announcement on Monday, saying Hims & Hers' compounded drugs "may contain dangerous impurities or incorrect amounts of active ingredients, which can result in life-threatening immune responses". "This is Novo's way of fighting back," said Fulford. The Danish firm has had a rocky few months. It announced thousands of job cuts in September and last week warned investors about a slump in profits due to expiring patents. Novo Nordisk has also come under fire from the FDA. The agency sent Novo Nordisk a letter on Thursday saying a TV advert for its Wegovy pill "misleadingly implies benefits beyond physical weight loss such as emotional relief, reduced psychological burden, hope, or direction for patients' lives".

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Launches EZY to Offer Smarter and Secure Digital Banking for Retail Customers

Vishakhapatnam, January 2026: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, today announced the launch of Ujjivan EZY, its upgraded Mobile Banking and Internet Banking platform, marking a significant step in strengthening the Bank's digital-first strategy. Designed for its retail customer base, Ujjivan's EZY offers a unified, secure and intuitive banking experience across mobile and web channels, and is available in nine languages - English, Hindi, Kannada, Gujarati, Marathi, Bangali, Odia, Punjabi and Tamil. The platform brings together over 200 banking features, including more than 90 new capabilities, aimed at simplifying everyday banking while enabling deeper engagement across savings, payments, lending and investments. Built on a next-generation microservices architecture, EZY enhances speed, scalability and system resilience, allowing the Bank to introduce new features faster and respond more effectively to evolving customer needs. EZY integrates core banking services such as



account management, fund transfers, fixed and recurring deposits, bill payments, debit card management, GST payments and investment services including Demat and NPS on a single platform. In addition to these existing services, the upgraded platform has introduced loan services, smart statements, new digital capabilities and personalised interfaces based on customers' product relationships, further enhancing convenience and customer experience, ensuring a comprehensive end-to-end banking experience. The platform has been designed with a strong focus on accessibility and inclusion, catering to customers across geographies,

age groups and varying levels of digital literacy. Security has been further strengthened through the integration of AppProtect, an advanced security SDK that provides enhanced protection against fraud, device-level threats and emerging cyber risks. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Head - Strategy and Transformation, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, said, "The launch of EZY marks our shift from standalone digital channels to a unified digital ecosystem. The platform enables faster innovation, deeper customer engagement and sustainable business growth, while continuing to stay aligned with our focus on

trust, simplicity, security and financial inclusion." Digital channels continue to play a central role in the Bank's operations, with digital payments accounting for over 95 per cent of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's total outward transactions, reflecting strong customer adoption and trust in its digital ecosystem. About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited is a scheduled commercial bank authorised to carry on the business of small finance bank in India. Bank serves ~99 lakh customers through 766 branches, 613 ATMs/ACRs, spread across 334 districts and 26 states and union territories in India. Gross loan book stands at ₹ 34,588 crore with a deposit base of ₹ 39,211 crore as of September 30, 2025. The Bank has been assigned a credit rating of AA- (Stable)/A1+ from CARE/CRISIL respectively towards its long-term bank facilities, fixed deposits and CD program depicting sustenance of Banks Performance.

ACPL Exports enters the domestic D2C silver jewellery market with the launch of TrueSilver

New Delhi, 10th February 2026: ACPL Exports, India's leading silver manufacturing and export house, has announced the launch of TrueSilver, its first direct-to-consumer (D2C) jewellery brand, marking a strategic expansion into the domestic and digital retail space. Built on ACPL's decades of global manufacturing expertise, TrueSilver brings the company's craftsmanship and quality standards directly to the Indian consumer through a modern, design-led, and digitally native brand. The brand is aimed at addressing the growing domestic demand for everyday wear silver jewellery category. Targeted at millennials and Gen Z, the brand focuses on contemporary design, accessible pricing, and certified purity standards. ACPL continues to expand its B2C export presence across key markets, including the US, Europe, the UK, the Middle East, and Australia, with the US accounting for nearly 50% of its export revenue. TrueSilver launches with close to 900 products for women, men, and children. Over 80% of the collection is designed for



women, featuring bracelets, earrings, rings, necklaces, and anklets. Reflecting evolving trends, the range is offered in gold and rose gold finishes alongside silver. TrueSilver's distinctive strength lies in its extensive personalised jewellery collection for both men and women. All jewellery is

BIS hallmarked. "TrueSilver marks a strategic next phase in our growth, enabling us to take our manufacturing and quality expertise directly to the Indian consumer," said Sidharth Gupta, Director, ACPL Exports. "We are targeting ₹100 crore in annual revenue for TrueSilver in the

near term and aim to scale the business to ₹250 crore over the next two to three years, supported by an expansion to 100 retail stores. Our focus is on building a trusted, scalable silver jewellery brand backed by strong design, consistent quality, and sustainable practices." The launch of TrueSilver is a key pillar of ACPL Exports' broader strategy to diversify revenue streams and strengthen its domestic presence. The company expects its branded consumer portfolio to contribute 30-40% of overall revenue over time. Sustainability and responsible manufacturing remain central to ACPL's operations, supported by zero-waste facilities, ethical labour practices, and global quality benchmarks. TrueSilver will be available through its D2C platform as well as leading marketplaces, including Amazon India and Myntra. Backed by ACPL's export-grade manufacturing expertise and global quality benchmarks, the brand will offer contemporary design, consistent quality, positioning TrueSilver as a new-age silver brand built for everyday wear.

HDFC Life and Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. Collaborate to Secure Customers Financially

Mumbai February, 2026: HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurance companies, announced a strategic partnership with Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group (Muthoot Blue), headquartered at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The partnership will enable Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s customers access HDFC Life's comprehensive suite of Group and Individual life insurance solutions including range of protection and long-term savings products to meet their long-term financial goals. These will be offered through Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s extensive network of 3750+ branches pan-India as well as through its digital platform. Speaking on this partnership, Vibha Padalkar - Managing Director & CEO, HDFC Life said: "Our partnership with Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. marks an important step towards achieving the



industry's goal of 'Insurance for All by 2047'. We are committed to offering Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s valuable customers, both existing and new, effective life insurance solutions that will enable them to achieve their long-term financial goals. Furthermore, our seamless process integration will ensure teams across Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s touchpoints are digitally empowered to make the experience for themselves and their customers a delightful one. Through this partnership, we look

forward to expanding the reach of life insurance and driving financial inclusion in the country." Mr Shaji Varghese, CEO, Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. said, "We are delighted to join hands with HDFC Life. Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. and HDFC Life are both built on deep customer trust. This partnership is about combining our reach of 3,750+ branches, digital platforms, our relationship depth with millions of customers, and HDFC Life's product and risk expertise to create meaningful protection for Indian families."

INSTAGRAM AND YOUTUBE OWNERS BUILT 'ADDICTION MACHINES', TRIAL HEARS

The world's largest social media companies have been accused of creating "addiction machines" as a landmark trial began in California examining the mental health effects of Instagram and YouTube. In his opening argument before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl and a jury, Mark Lanier argued that his client, plaintiff "K.G.M.," suffered from mental health issues as a result of her social media addiction. "These companies built machines designed to addict the brains of children, and they did it on purpose," Lanier said. Lawyers for Meta and YouTube told the jury that K.G.M.'s addiction stemmed from other issues in her life, not their negligence. K.G.M. will be referred to by her initials, or as Kaley G.M., because the alleged harms took place when she was a minor. Lanier also charged that Meta and YouTube failed to warn of the dangers to young users posed by the design of



their platforms. Lanier underscored his opening remarks by speaking with a display of children's blocks in front of him: the words "Addicting," "Brains" and "Children" appeared next to the letters A, B, and C. "This case is about two of the richest corporations in history who have engineered addiction in children's brains," Lanier said. "I'm going to show you the addiction machine that they built, the

internal documents that people normally don't get to see, and emails from [Meta CEO] Mark Zuckerberg and YouTube executives." In a selected portion of a 2015 email Lanier showed the court, Zuckerberg demanded that "time spent increases by 12%" on Meta platforms in order to meet internal business goals. As for YouTube, Lanier said the platform, owned by Google, intentionally targeted young

users because it could "charge advertisers more", as compared to its YouTube Kids platform. Lanier then accused YouTube of trying to take advantage of busy parents looking for a "digital babysitting service." "When it was Meta's turn to make an opening statement, attorney Paul Schmidt pointed the jury to the question of whether Instagram was a substantial factor in K.G.M.'s mental health strug-

gles. He portrayed K.G.M. as someone dealing with family turmoil, including neglect, physical and verbal abuse, and bullying by her parents. Schmidt told the jury he admired K.G.M. because she "worked hard to overcome" her struggles. He referenced records that described domestic violence in K.G.M.'s family history and seeing therapists starting when she was three years old. On a projector, Schmidt showed certain statements K.G.M. made about her home life, including that her mother had screamed at her, called her stupid, and had made her want to kill herself. "I recognize those are tough quotes," Schmidt told the jury. "In a case that's about psychological distress, that is what you have to consider." The proceedings on Monday marked the first day in what is poised to be a six-week trial with significant implications for similar lawsuits around the country likely to go to trial this year.

US lawmakers accuse justice department of 'inappropriately' redacting Epstein files

US lawmakers say files related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein were improperly redacted ahead of their release by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Members of Congress on Monday were allowed to begin a review of the unredacted versions of the approximately three million pages of files released under the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA) since December. "The core issue is that they're not complying with... my law, because these were scrubbed back in March by Donald Trump's FBI," Democratic Representative Ro Khanna told MS NOW. At least one document has been unredacted since the lawmakers' complaint, with Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche saying on X: "The DOJ is committed to transparency." The files' redactions came under scrutiny last week after lawyers for Epstein's victims said the latest tranche of files included email addresses and nude pho-

tos in which the names and faces of potential victims could be identified. Survivors issued a statement calling the disclosure "outrageous" and said they should not be "named, scrutinized and retraumatized". The DOJ said it had taken down all the flagged files and that mistakes were due to "technical or human error". After viewing the unredacted documents, Massie and Khanna, who co-sponsored the law which compelled the release of the Epstein files last year, told reporters they had a list of about 20 people in which every name was redacted except for Epstein's and his convicted sex trafficker associate Ghislaine Maxwell. Six of the names could even belong to men who are "likely incriminated by their inclusion in these files", Massie said outside the DOJ on Monday night, before posting a screenshot of the redacted file online and demanding an explanation. These names were "inappropriately" redacted, Khanna



said on MS NOW. In response to their concerns, Blanche said his department "just unredacted all non-victim names from this document. The DOJ is committed to transparency." He linked to what appears to be a new version of the file - which he said contains the names of Epstein victims, whose identities the EFTA law orders the government to conceal - with only two names now blacked out. Blanche also responded to two other files highlighted by Massie, saying those files do not obfuscate any

substantive information. But Khanna said those measures taken after the documents' release are still not in compliance with the EFTA law, which passed nearly unanimously in Congress and was signed by President Trump in November. "Trump's FBI scrubbed these files in March," Khanna said on social media. "The documents (the Department of Justice [received]) had the redactions that the FBI made back then. They need to unscrub the FBI files so we know who the rich

and powerful men are who raped underage girls." Massie said the incorrect redactions show the justice department "need to do a little more homework" in their handling of the files. "What we found out is those 302 forms were redacted before they got to the DOJ," in contradiction of the law's order for the FBI - which is part of the DOJ - to un-redact information before sending it to Blanche and Attorney General Pam Bondi's office. Among the redactions flagged by Massie on Monday night was a document appearing to show an email exchange between Epstein and an unknown person discussing a "torture video" and travel between China and the United States. Massie claimed that "a Sultan seems to have sent this" and demanded the hidden identity be revealed. Blanche quoted Massie's post on X, saying the blacked-out text is an email address. "The law requires redactions for personally identifiable informa-

tion, including if in an email address. And you know that the Sultan's name is available unredacted in the files," he said. "Stop grandstanding," he added. Massie also complained that the name of a "well known retired CEO" was missing from the publicly available version of an FBI document listing potential Epstein co-conspirators. Within hours, Blanche said that name - which already appears elsewhere in the files - had also been uncovered. "DOJ is hiding nothing," he wrote. Chappell Roan leaves talent agency led by Casey Wasserman after Epstein fallout Maxwell refuses to answer questions about Epstein in congressional hearing William and Catherine say they are 'deeply concerned' in first statement on Epstein revelations Representatives Jamie Raskin, a Democrat, and Lauren Boebert, a Republican, were among the lawmakers who viewed the documents on Monday.

Kenya to confront Russia over 'unacceptable' use of its nationals in combat



Kenya says it will talk to Russia over growing reports that its citizens are being recruited to fight in the war in Ukraine. Speaking to the BBC, Foreign Minister Musalia Mudavadi called the practice "unacceptable and clandestine", and said Nairobi had shut down illegal recruiters and would urge Moscow to sign a deal banning the conscription of Kenyan soldiers. The Kenyan government estimates that around 200 of its nationals have been recruited to fight for Russia. The exact number remains unclear, as Nairobi maintains that none of them travelled through official chan-

nels. "Kenya and Russia have had long relations since independence, literally. So this, in my view, becomes a very unfortunate episode of otherwise very positive and cordial relations between our two countries," he added. Mudavadi has told the BBC that Kenya's engagement with Russia will focus on curbing illegal recruitment practices, including discussions on visa policy and bilateral labour agreements excluding military conscription. He said the Kenyan authorities had closed more than 600 recruitment agencies suspected of duping Kenyans with promises of jobs overseas.

Chappell Roan leaves talent agency led by Casey Wasserman after Epstein fallout



Singer Chappell Roan says she has left the talent agency led by Casey Wasserman, whose name appears in the Epstein files. Announcing her split with the agency, Roan said she has a "duty to protect her team" and her decision reflected her belief that "meaningful change in our industry requires accountability". Wasserman has been criticised after his flirtatious emails to Ghislaine Maxwell, sent in 2003, were revealed among the millions of files published in relation to convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Roan made no mention of Epstein, nor the Epstein files, in her statement on Instagram announcing her departure. "As of today, I am no longer represented by Wasserman, the talent agency led by Casey Wasserman," she said. Roan added: "No artist, agent or employee should ever be expected to defend or overlook actions that conflict so deeply with our own moral values." The BBC has reached out to Wasserman for comment. Wasserman is also the chairman of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, and has faced calls to step down from the position following the release of the emails. He has said he "deeply regrets" the mes-

sages exchanged with Maxwell, who is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence for recruiting and trafficking teenage girls to be sexually abused by Epstein. He said in a statement that his correspondence with Maxwell "took place over two decades ago, long before her horrific crimes came to light". Who is in the Epstein files? Wasserman also emphasised that he had "never had a personal or business relationship with Jeffrey Epstein". "As is well documented, I went on a humanitarian trip as part of a delegation with the Clinton Foundation in 2002 on the Epstein plane," he said. "I am terribly sorry for having any association with either of them." Wasserman has not been accused of wrongdoing by any of Epstein's victims, and the appearance of his name in the files does not imply criminal activity of any kind. Roan's announcement comes after two other bands represented by Wasserman released statements indicating they wanted to distance themselves from his agency. Wednesday, a self-described indie rock band, said they were "aghast" to see Wasserman feature in the Epstein files and did not want to continue to be associated with him.

CATHERINE O'HARA'S CAUSE OF DEATH CONFIRMED AS BLOOD CLOT



Award-winning actress Catherine O'Hara died of a pulmonary embolism, her death certificate in the US has revealed. O'Hara died on 30 January in a Los Angeles hospital, at the age of 71. In addition to the blood clot in her lungs, the death certificate listed rectal cancer as the long-term cause of death. It was indicated that she had been receiving treatment for the cancer since March 2025. Tributes have poured in for

the Canadian actress, who most recently appeared in the Emmy-winning comedy The Studio and The Last of Us. O'Hara remembered Actor and The Studio creator Seth Rogen said he was devastated by O'Hara's death, describing the actress as "hysterical, kind, intuitive, generous". "We're all lucky we got to live in a world with her in it," he said. Actor Pedro Pascal, who worked with O'Hara on The Last of Us, wrote on Instagram: "Oh, genius to be near you. Eternally grateful. There is less light in my world, this lucky world that had you, will keep you, always." The actress starred in six seasons of comedy series Schitt's Creek, for which she won an Emmy for best comedy actress.

MACRON URGES EUROPE TO START ACTING LIKE WORLD POWER

French President Emmanuel Macron urged Europe to assert itself on the world stage, saying it is time to start acting like a "power". In the face of growing threats from China, Russia and now the US, he told a group of European newspapers that the continent faced a "wake-up call". "Are we ready to become a power? This is the question in the field of economy and finance, in defence and security, and in our democratic systems." In another era we might have said it is the moment to "assume our majority", he said ahead of an EU summit in Brussels later this week. Macron repeated his call for EU-wide mutualised loans in order to raise hundreds of billions of euros needed for



industrial investment. "The time has come to launch a shared debt capacity to fund our future expense - eurobonds for the future. We need big European programmes to finance the best projects," he said. Similar calls in the past have met scepticism from Germany and other countries, who feel France wants to use Europe to bear a financial burden which it

said there was growing demand in the world's financial markets for mutualised European debt, which currently the EU was not equipped to supply. "The world markets are increasingly afraid of the American greenback [dollar]. They want alternatives... "For investors everywhere a democratic state of law is a huge attraction. And when I look at the world as it is, we have the authoritarian regime that is China, and on the other side we have the US distancing itself further and further from a state of law." According to Macron, the 27-member EU needs 1.2tn (£1tn; \$1.4tn) a year to invest in the vital sectors of security and defence, clean energy, and artificial intelligence.

BUDDHIST MONKS' 108-DAY WALK FOR PEACE SET TO END IN WASHINGTON DC

A band of Buddhist monks who have spent four months walking - sometimes barefoot or through the snow - on a 2,000-mile march from Texas to Washington DC is expected to complete their journey on Tuesday. The group's arduous so-called Walk of Peace has gone viral, capturing the attention of millions of Americans at a time of heightened political division in the US. Along the way, the troupe has shared a message of mindfulness, with its leader, the Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara, saying: "My hope is, when this walk ends, the people we met will continue practicing



mindfulness and find peace." Their journey began on 26 October 2025 at the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth. After arriving in Washington, the monks will visit the Washington National Cathedral and the Lincoln Memorial. The group also reportedly plans

to appeal to lawmakers to declare Buddha's birthday - called Vesak - a national holiday - but their expedition has gained traction beyond this policy request. "Their long journey and gentle witness invite us all to deepen our commitment to compassion," said Washington Episcopal

Bishop Mariann Budde, who will help host the monks at an interfaith reception, according to the Associated Press. The 19 travelling monks are from Theravada Buddhist monasteries around the globe. The final day of their single-file trek across the country began on Tuesday morning in Arlington, Virginia, roughly five miles (9.1km) outside the US capitol. A livestream on the group's Facebook account shows them walking past piles of snow, as the first days of above-freezing temperatures return after weeks of record cold across much of the eastern United States.

Marc Anthony says the way Beckham feud has played out is 'hardly the truth'



Singer Marc Anthony has described the Beckham family rift as "extremely unfortunate", but added that the way it has played out is "hardly the truth". The 57-year-old performed at Brooklyn and Nicola Peltz Beckham's wedding reception in 2022, and is a close friend of the wider family. But Brooklyn recently said the way the couple's first dance was handled at the wedding left him feeling "uncomfortable and humiliated", after Anthony reportedly called for him to dance with his mother instead of his wife. Beckham added that his mother then danced "very inappropriately" on him. Sir David and Lady Beckham have not commented since Brooklyn published his statement. Speaking to the Hollywood Reporter, Anthony said: "I have nothing to say about what's happening with the family. They're a wonderful, wonderful family. I've known them since before the kids were born. I'm godfather to Cruz. I'm really close to the family. But I have nothing to say about what happened there." He added: "It's extremely unfortunate how it's playing out - but [how it's playing out] is hardly the truth." Brooklyn

Beckham published a six-page Instagram statement on 19 January, confirming a rift between him and his wife with the wider Beckham family. He accused his parents of trying to "ruin my relationship" with Peltz, adding that he had no wish to reconcile with his family. The 26-year-old also said his mother had "hijacked" his first dance with Peltz, which had been "planned weeks in advance to a romantic love song". "In front of our 500 wedding guests," he continued, "Marc Anthony called me to the stage, where in the schedule was planned to be my romantic dance with my wife but instead my mum was waiting to dance with me instead." "She danced very inappropriately on me in front of everyone. I've never felt more uncomfortable or humiliated in my entire life." Wedding DJ Fat Tony previously told ITV's This Morning that "the whole situation was really awkward for everyone in the room". After speculation about the nature of Lady Beckham's dancing, Fat Tony clarified: "There was no slut-dropping, there was no black cat PVC cat-suits, there was no Spice Girl action."

Trump threatens to block opening of US-Canada bridge

President Donald Trump has threatened to block the opening of a bridge connecting the US and Canada until Washington is "fully compensated for everything" it has given to its northern neighbour. The Gordie Howe International Bridge, connecting the Canadian province of Ontario to the US state of Michigan, would not open until Ottawa "treats the United States with the Fairness and Respect that we deserve", Trump wrote on social media. According to the project's website, the bridge is being funded by the Canadian government but will be publicly owned by both Canada and Michigan. Michigan Senator Elissa Slotkin, a Democrat, said closing the "incredibly important infrastructure project" would be "awful for



our state's economy". The move could have "serious repercussions" she said in a post on X: "Higher costs for Michigan businesses, less secure supply chains, and ultimately, fewer jobs." It is not clear how Trump could block its opening but he said negotiations would begin immediately, without elabo-

rating. The bridge, which spans the Detroit River and is named after late Canadian hockey legend Gordie Howe, who played for the Detroit Red Wings, is expected to open to traffic pending formal tests and approvals in the early part of this year. Construction began in 2018, but the proj-

ect has been a point of contention between the countries for more than a decade. It is estimated to have cost \$6.4bn CAD (£3.4bn), according to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). In the statement on his Truth Social platform, Trump said that the US should own "at least one

half of this asset". He also suggested that Canada owned both the Canadian and US sides of the bridge. The organisation developing the bridge, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, is a Canadian federal Crown corporation, an organisation that is wholly owned by the government but operates at arm's length. Trump wrote: "The Canadian Government expects me, as President of the United States, to PERMIT them to just 'take advantage of America'!" "I will not allow this bridge to open until the United States is fully compensated for everything we have given them," he added. He also blamed former President Barack Obama for allowing construction to begin without the use of any US steel. But Mayor Drew Dilkens of Windsor,

Ontario, on the Canadian side of the bridge, told the CBC that this accusation is wrong. "It's just insane," he said. "I really can't believe what I'm reading." The Moroun family - the American owners of the neighbouring Ambassador Bridge that also connects Detroit to Canada - appealed to Trump during his first term to stop construction of the new bridge, arguing that it infringed on their exclusive ability to collect tolls. In response, Trump and then-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a joint statement saying the bridge was a "vital economic link" between the countries. Michigan's Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer pushed back on Trump's threat to close the bridge, saying it was good for jobs in her state.



96 Per Cent Of Experts Back This Team To Win T20 World Cup 2026

Defending champions India began their campaign in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 with a resounding victory against the USA at a packed Wankhede Stadium. Tipped as outright favourites to win the competition, India have nearly every expert from JioStar, official broadcasters of the marquee tournament, expecting the hosts to reach at least the final of the tournament. As many as 96 per cent of JioStar experts have backed India to go all the way and repeat and defeat history, including the likes of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2007 winners, Irfan Pathan and Piyush Chawla, former India Test captain and JioStar expert Anil Kumble and ex-cricketers R Vinay Kumar, Saba Karim and Yuzvendra Chahal, among others. Each of the 46 JioStar experts had India as one of



the two finalists, a trend the Men in Blue have followed in the last three men's ICC events, including the Cricket World Cup 2023, T20 World Cup 2024, and the Champions Trophy 2025, going on to win the last two under former India captain Rohit

Sharma. More than one-third of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup experts predicted a repeat of the India-Australia final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, while 30 per cent could foresee a repeat of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 final

between India and South Africa. As far as the semi-final predictions were concerned from those who are part of JioStar's presentation, India dominated those as well, including the ones from Sunil Gavaskar, Australia's ICC Men's T20 World Cup-win-

ning captain Aaron Finch, and renowned broadcaster Alan Wilkins, who also backed Afghanistan to make it to the last four. Apart from India, South Africa, Australia, England and New Zealand were popular choices to finish in the top four, with the occasional pick for Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Explaining his semi-final picks, former New Zealand bowler and commentator Danny Morrison said, "Co-host India in their own backyard, this blue juggernaut is hard to stop. I'm going to go with New Zealand because they just played in India, got some top firepower, plenty of players to pick and choose from - all powerhouses. Then England, and fourth South Africa, because of a lot of these players have played in the Indian Premier League and have got experience in those conditions."

Wedding Bells For Arjun Tendulkar And Saaniya Chandhok: Sachin Personally Invites PM Narendra Modi



Sachin Tendulkar, along with his family, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday to invite him to the upcoming wedding of his son, Arjun Tendulkar, and fiancée Saaniya Chandhok. The cricket great posted photos of the meeting. Arjun, Sachin's daughter Sara, and his wife Anjali were also present. "We were honoured to invite Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri

@narendramodi ji to Arjun and Saaniya's wedding. Thank you, Modi ji, for your blessings and thoughtful advice for the young couple," Sachin wrote in a post on Instagram. The wedding festivities are scheduled to kick off on March 3, with the main ceremony expected to be held on March 5, 2026. Arjun and Saaniya got engaged in August 2025. Arjun, who was recently traded from the

Mumbai Indians to the Lucknow Super Giants in the Indian Premier League (IPL), is a regular in the Indian domestic cricket circuit. Saaniya is a successful entrepreneur and comes from a prominent background. She is the granddaughter of well-known Mumbai businessman Ravi Ghai and has reportedly been a close part of the Tendulkar inner circle for quite some time.

T20 WORLD CUP:

Gautam Gambhir Names One India Player Who Has "Made His Life A Lot Easier"

India registered a winning start to their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 campaign with a 29-run victory over the USA in Mumbai, riding on Captain Suryakumar Yadav's unbeaten 84. Speaking on JioStar's 'Follow the Blues', India Head Coach Gautam Gambhir hailed Suryakumar as a leader and emphasised how the team atmosphere has been critical to India's performance in the T20 format. Gambhir, speaking on JioStar's 'Follow the Blues', heaped praise on Suryakumar Yadav for leading the T20I side from the front both on and off the field. "Surya has made my life a lot easier in



this format, and I think he's a phenomenal leader of men-not because of the kind of batter he is or the shots he plays. All of that you can keep aside, but because of what he does on the cricket field. The way he relates to players, the way he talks to

them, the time he spends with them, and how relaxed he is on the field. As a coach, that allows you to think about other things because you know he's going to keep the atmosphere calm, which is what any coach can dream of. For me, Surya the

player can be kept aside, but Surya the leader has ticked every box. He's a phenomenal leader. It's a great thing to have someone like him leading the country, because his heart is in the right place and he takes the right decisions, especially under pressure." On the importance of having a light team atmosphere off the field, Gambhir added: "For me, they are a great bunch of young boys. They want to have fun, they want to play for each other. The atmosphere in the dressing room is relaxed, and that's extremely important, because once you walk onto the field, it's serious business.

From Aluminium Bats To Failed Tests: When 'Bat Tampering' Grabbed Headlines

Controversy erupted during the ongoing T20 World Cup 2026 as Sri Lanka star Bhanuka Rajapaksa made a stunning 'bat tampering' allegation against the Indian cricket team. Rajapaksa said that the bats used by the India cricketers had an extra layer of rubber that allegedly helps them in generating extra power. According to ICC rules, bats must be made of wood and nothing else but Rajapaksa hinted towards Indian batters gaining an unfair advantage. Amid the ongoing row, here's a look at some instances where cricket bats grabbed headlines for all the wrong reasons - The Monster Bat Controversy (1971) English cricketer Thomas White used a bat which was as wide as the wick-



et itself while playing for Chertsey versus Hambledon at Laleham Burway in 1771. The bat caused a massive controversy at that time and even resulted in a change in the 1774 version of the Laws of Cricket where it was specified that the maximum width of a cricket bat

could not exceed four and one quarter inches. Dennis Lillie's Aluminium Bat (1979) Legendary Australia fast bowler Dennis Lillie used a metal aluminium bat during an Ashes Test match in 1979. However, the bat was not to the liking of England captain

Mike Brearley who lodged an official complaint that it was damaging the balls. Australia captain Greg Chappell asked Lillie to change bats and the ICC decided to subsequently ban non-wooden bats. Ricky Ponting's Graphite-Coated Bat (2006) Controversy erupted over Australia great Ricky Ponting when the MCC decided to look into the legality of the 'Kahuna' Kookaburra bat. The bat had a graphite coating and the MCC argued that it helped the batter in producing extra power. ICC went on to ban the bat and other similar models. Andre Russell's Black Bat (2016) West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell used a black bat with a pink handle while playing for Sydney Thunder in the 2016-17 Big Bash League.

Great attitude but goals have dried up - what's happened to Woltemade?



Nick Woltemade had his cap pulled over his eyes as he left the Stadium of Light. But there was no way the towering Newcastle United forward - all 6ft 6in of him - was going to slip out of the stadium unnoticed. Not after his own goal settled the Wear-Tyne derby a couple of months ago. Woltemade's team-mates were booed by the Sunderland supporters gathered outside as they climbed on to the team bus - but Woltemade was applauded, cheered and even serenaded with chants of "Hero! Hero! Hero!" after inadvertently heading Newcastle's bitter rivals to a 1-0 victory back in December. Some players might have taken a bit of time to come back from a blow like that. But Woltemade responded in immediate and emphatic fashion, scoring a first-half double against Chelsea in his next Newcastle start less than a week later. It was a sign of his mental strength, and Woltemade has had to draw on those reserves of resilience lately after failing to find the back of the net for Eddie Howe's side since December. "He started so

well," the Newcastle head coach said. "Everyone expected him to continue. As much as we wanted that for him, that's very difficult to do." So why have the goals dried up for the Germany forward? It is a question few could have imagined asking not so long ago. Not after Woltemade scored six goals from his first six efforts on target for the club, including bullet headers against Arsenal and Wolves, an audacious flick against Union Saint-Gilloise and a stunning backheel at Brighton. Such an instant impact even took Woltemade by surprise following his £68m move from Stuttgart in the final days of the summer window. But it got to the stage where the German went into every game firmly believing he would find the back of the net. Even those closest to Woltemade were taken aback by the devastating manner in which he dispatched a penalty against Nottingham Forest in a 2-0 victory back in October. However, it was never going to be sustainable for Woltemade to keep scoring at such a clinical rate.

'It kind of spiralled' - four ejected after mass brawl

Four players were ejected after a mass brawl as the Detroit Pistons beat the Charlotte Hornets 110-104 in a bad-tempered NBA fixture. Detroit's Jalen Duren was fouled by Charlotte's Moussa Diabate during the third quarter, with the pair then confronting one another and appearing to butt heads. Diabate had to be held back as he tried to hit Duren, before several other players got involved in the incident. Detroit forward Isaiah Stewart confronted Charlotte's Miles Bridges and put him in a headlock before appearing to strike him multiple times. The brawl lasted about 30 seconds, ending with a brief



police presence on the floor. Diabate, Duren, Stewart and Bridges were ejected - and Hornets coach Charles Lee was kicked out in the fourth quarter after he had to be restrained while

angrily shouting at the officials having disagreed with a decision. "Emotions were flaring. At the end of the day, we would love to keep it basketball, but things happen. Everybody was

just playing hard," Duren said after the match. "This isn't the first time that people have tried to be like extra aggressive with us and talk to us, whatever the case may be. "At the end of the day, emotions got high with everybody being competitive. Things happen." Bridges later apologised to fans, writing on Instagram: "Sorry Hornets nation! Sorry Hornets Organization! Always going to protect my team-mates forever." Lead official John Goble said in a post-game report the players were ejected because they "engaged in fighting activity during the dead ball".

MOUAT & DODDS DENIED BRONZE AS GB MEDAL WAIT CONTINUES

Jen Dodds and Bruce Mouat suffered Winter Olympic heartbreak in the mixed doubles curling for the second time in four years after losing out on bronze to hosts Italy. The British duo had been peerless in the round-robin format, losing just once and topping the standings, but that fine form has evaporated in the play-offs. A surprise defeat by Sweden in Monday's semi-finals was followed by this 5-3 loss in a febrile Cortina Curling Stadium high in the Dolomites, which leaves Team GB still searching for their first medal of the Games. As the celebrations of the boisterous home fans rolled down the wooden bleachers in this quirky arena - where Italy's Stefania Constantini learned the game as a child - the Scottish pair suffered their latest Olympic disappointment. "So close, but so far," Dodds told BBC



Sport. "It hurts the same as four years ago but I don't want to ugly-cry so I'm going to stop there." This time was supposed to be different. The memories of losing both play-off matches in Beijing four years ago were supposed to fuel their bid for a medal. They were supposed to have ribbon around their necks and metal upon their chests. But instead, they will be left with more regrets as they head into the men's and women's events on

Wednesday and Thursday respectively. "It's rough. We played so much better than four years ago so to leave with the same result is going to hurt for a bit," an equally-emotional Mouat added. In a game of fine margins, Mouat and Dodds were repeatedly an inch or two away from where they needed to be. They started with the hammer - theoretically advantageous in allowing a team to control a match - and had a shot in the first end to take three points. However,

Dodds' effort was fractionally out and the Italians stole one. It would be a recurring theme as Constantini and Amos Mosaner dictated the contest. The British pair levelled, before the hosts edged back ahead in a cagey third end and pinched another in the third. Again, it was a near-miss from Dodds. That had Italy 3-1 ahead at the interval and GB chasing. One in the fifth was less than they wanted but a big mistake by Mosaner in the sixth opened the door. Was this going to be the moment the momentum shifted? It wasn't Constantini - a picture of tranquility throughout - played a perfect shot to ensure the Italians edged two clear again with two to play. GB needed a big score, and deployed their powerplay, but again could only take one and were left needing a steal to even force an extra end. They couldn't.

The messy Quad God and kitchen blender set to be an Olympic superstar



After sending the Milan-Cortina crowd into a frenzy with his back flip in the figure skating team event, all eyes will be on US skater Ilia Malinin as he strives for individual Winter Olympic gold. He made mistakes in the team event but was still the only participant to record more than 200 points, securing USA team gold by a single point ahead of Japan on Sunday. That sums up the 21-year-old, the biggest star of his sport, who is set for global fame at Milan-Cortina 2026. "It's his Olympics to lose," Olympic figure skating gold medallist Robin Cousins told BBC Sport. "After watching him over the last five years - he has grown. The talent was always there; he is otherworldly in that respect. "Is it messy? Yes, but I watched him live and I got it. Now he has grown into that slightly quirky style - it isn't polished, and I don't want it to be. "Anyone lucky enough to be in Milan, it will be one of those 'I was there' moments." Malinin has not been beaten in compe-

tion for almost two and a half years. Competing in his first Olympics, he arrives with the nickname 'Quad God' having become the only skater to successfully land the quadruple axel. The move requires a skater to launch themselves into a jump, spin four and a half times in the air, and cleanly land backwards. Malinin did not pull out this move in the team event, although it was registered in his planned program. He landed triple axels instead - costing him points but still executed so perfectly that it provided a net benefit. If that wasn't enough, he also landed the first legal backflip at an Olympic Games since US champion Terry Kubicka in 1976 - after which it was banned for safety reasons. Thanks in part to skaters like France's Surya Bonaly - who performed the move illegally but successfully at Nagano 1998 - the backflip is now legal again; and Malinin became the first to land it at the Games on only one foot. So Malinin is already making history and winning golds.

The new film titled “Nawab Cafe” is set to release on February 20

Shiva Kandukuri, Rajeev Kanakala, and Teju Ashwini play the lead roles in “Nawab Cafe”, produced under the Harshika Productions banner by Radha V Papudippu. The film is directed by Pramod Harsha and is scheduled to release on February 20. In this context, the team organized a grand press meet to interact with the media. Hero Shiva Kandukuri said, “We began our journey with the title ‘Chai Wala’. We worked very hard to bring ‘Chai Wala’ to the audience. While respecting the censor rules and guidelines, we decided to change our title to ‘Nawab Cafe’. When Pramod first narrated this story to me, he had already considered the title ‘Nawab Cafe’. Even in my phone, Pramod’s name is saved under that title. Now, destiny has made it happen that we could officially go with ‘Nawab Cafe’. This title truly reflects the story and the soul of our film. Even though we had to change the title and faced some censor issues, our producer Venkat never stepped back or compromised. The whole team decided to pro-



note the film under the new title ‘Nawab Cafe’. We made this movie with utmost honesty and genuineness. I’m confident it will connect with everyone. After watching the film, people will definitely call their fathers to share their feelings. We are coming to the audience on February 20 with the new title, ‘Nawab Cafe’. I thank the media and the audience for supporting us so far.” Producer Venkat said, “No one officially told us to change the title. I went to Mumbai and spoke to the

censor team. They said the title ‘Chai Wala’ cannot be used. After that, we considered many options, but we finally decided to fix ‘Nawab Cafe’ as our working title. I hope the audience supports our title ‘Nawab Cafe’ as well. I also hope the media continues to support us like this.” Director Pramod Harsha said, “We changed the title from ‘Chai Wala’ for certain reasons. Following the guidelines and rules of the censor board, we chose a new title. The story is based

on incidents I have seen and experienced. I request the media to take our title ‘Nawab Cafe’ to the audience.” Heroine Teju Ashwini said, “Regardless of the title, if the content is good and the film is enjoyable, the audience will support it. This is my first film, and I hope everyone embraces ‘Nawab Cafe’. It feels as if God is testing us to bring out a good product. Our film is coming on February 20, and I hope the media and audience will continue to support us.”

“NUVVE UNDIPO ILA”, “NUVVELE” SONGS LAUNCHED GRANDLY IN THE PRESENCE OF TOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES

The song launch event of “Nuvve Undipo Ila” and “Nuvvele” was held in a grand manner in Hyderabad, attended by several prominent Tollywood personalities. Presented by Adonai Pictures Creations, the two songs are directed by renowned choreographer Satya Master, featuring Ankita Jadhav and Rohith Bhoga as the lead pair. The songs are produced by K.K. Reddy, with music composed by Jayanth Aryan and lyrics penned by Rambabu Gosala. The songs are beautifully rendered by singers Lipsika and Aditi Bhavaraju. Well-known directors Sai Rajesh, Shailesh Kolanu, choreographer Johnny Master, and actress Ashu Reddy attended the event as special guests. Satya Master Choreographer & Director said “I met producer K.K. Reddy during a US event. By then, the Hindi versions of these songs were already ready. When they shared the idea of making Telugu versions, we immediately started working on it. With a very small crew, we completed both songs in a short time. The producer was



extremely passionate about the project. Jayanth’s music, Rambabu’s lyrics, and the soulful singing by Lipsika and Aditi will definitely impress everyone.” Producer K.K. Reddy said “My heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the launch. Director Satya Master picturized the songs beautifully with a strong love feel, and his choreography is a major highlight. Lipsika and Aditi sang wonderfully—one feels like calling them nightingales. Jayanth composed very engaging tunes. I believe

these songs will be loved and repeatedly listened to by audiences.” Heroine Ankita Jadhav said: “I come from Bollywood and have worked in music albums there. This is my fifth music album. We shot these songs in New York and Chicago under challenging weather conditions. Working under Satya Master’s direction was a great experience. I hope Telugu audiences will support and love these songs.” Music Director Jayanth Aryan said “These songs were originally made in

Hindi. While bringing them into Telugu, we were curious about how music lovers here would receive them. Seeing so many respected guests at the launch has given us great confidence that Telugu audiences will definitely enjoy these songs.” Actress Ashu Reddy said: “Both ‘Nuvve Undipo Ila’ and ‘Nuvvele’ are beautiful songs. Satya Master has presented them very well. I wish Ankita Jadhav great opportunities in Telugu after this project.” Lyricist Rambabu Gosala said “These are wonderful songs.

“Shiva–Mithra’s journey in Couple Friendly will be engaging and interesting,”: hero Santosh Soban at the pre-release press meet



Santosh Soban is playing the lead in the film Couple Friendly, with Manasa Varanasi as the female lead. The film is being grandly produced in Telugu and Tamil by UV Concepts and presented by the reputed production house UV Creations. Ajay Kumar Raju P. is the co-producer. The film is directed by Ashwin Chandrasekar. Made as a musical romantic love story, Couple Friendly is set to release in Telugu and Tamil on February 14, on the occasion of

Valentine’s Day. Passionate producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni is releasing the film in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The pre-release press meet of the film was held today in Hyderabad. Producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni said, “The censor board asked us to change the title Couple Friendly. However, the film was made with this title, and all promotions were also done with the same name. With only a few days left for release, we felt it was not right to change

the title now, so we decided to continue with it. As a result, the film received an A certificate. In Tamil, the same title received a UA certificate from the censor board. There are some rumours that the film contains adult content, and I want to clarify that. Couple Friendly is a pure love story. You can even call it a family entertainer. The hero and heroine come from good family backgrounds, and their family members play important roles in the film.

I Consider It a Blessing to Act in the Song “Shivoham” – Tanikella Bharani

On the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivaratri, the launch event of the devotional song “Shivoham”, dedicated to Lord Shiva, was held grandly on Monday at the Hyderabad Film Chamber.

The song is presented by Radhakrishna and produced by Pottapu Keshava Reddy. It is directed by Damu Reddy, with music composed by Yashokrishna. The song was rendered by renowned Malayalam singer Madhu Balakrishnan. Shivoham will be available on Keertana TV in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi.

The event was graced by His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Madabhinarayana Vidyashankara Bharati Mahaswamiji, Peethadhipathi of Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Pushpagiri Mahasanthanam, along with prominent actor Tanikella Bharani, renowned lyricist Suddala Ashok Teja, and actor Gautam Raju.

MUSIC DIRECTOR YASHOKRISHNA SAID: “I am very happy that Shivoham is being released on the occasion of Maha



Shivaratri. I feel fortunate to have composed the music for this song. I thank our director and producer for giving me this opportunity.”

Director Damu Reddy said: “We are presenting the song Shivoham to all of you. It has been produced in Hindi as well as all major South Indian languages. Producer Keshava Reddy garu and actor Tanikella Bharani garu have extended great support. Our song will help devotees celebrate Maha Shivaratri with greater spiritual devotion.”

PRODUCER POTTAPU KESHAVA REDDY SAID: “It is a great honor to launch our song Shivoham in the presence of His Holiness Sri Vidyashankara Bharati Mahaswamiji. We are delighted that Tanikella Bharani garu and Suddala Ashok Teja garu attended as chief guests. We have produced Shivoham not only with devotion but also with a meaningful message for devotees.”

ACTOR TANIKELLA BHARANI SAID: “Twenty-five years ago, I wrote a book titled Atagadhara Shiva. Since then, I have been invited as a guest to programs related to Lord Shiva across the two Telugu states. I consider it a blessing to get the opportunity to act in the song Shivoham. I performed in it with complete devotion to Lord Shiva. The song was shot at the Isha Foundation premises. I personally spoke to Isha Shailaja and obtained

permission for the shoot. Director Damu Reddy has beautifully crafted the song. Yashokrishna composed it wonderfully. Suddala Ashok Teja wrote an extraordinary song using simple words. Madhu Balakrishnan sang it in a way that brings national recognition. I hope Shivoham delights all devotees.”

LYRICIST SUDDALA ASHOK TEJA SAID: “Tanikella Bharani was the one who gave me my first opportunity as a lyricist. Without his encouragement, I would not have entered the industry. It is a pleasure to launch Shivoham in his presence and in the presence of Sri Shankarabharati Swamiji. I never imagined this song would be unveiled before so many distinguished personalities. Lord Brahma appears in one way, Lord Vishnu in another, but Lord Shiva’s appearance feels unique to me. In Shiva’s capital, Kailasa, everyone is equal. It is a place of true equality. There may be a snake and a mouse there, but they coexist peacefully. Such a harmonious society does not exist in the kingdom of any other deity.”

“FUNKY WILL APPEAL TO AUDIENCES ACROSS ALL SECTIONS,” SAYS DIRECTOR K.V. ANUDEEP

After redefining comedy with Jathi Ratnalu, director K.V. Anudeep is now returning to theatres with Funky to deliver another round of laughter. Starring “Mass Ka Das” Vishwak Sen as the lead, the film features Kayaadu Lohar as the heroine. The film is presented by Srikrupa Studios and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sitara Entertainment and Fortune Four Cinemas. Music is composed by Bheems Ceciliole Releasing a day ahead of Valentine’s Day on February 13, Funky has already generated strong expectations. The teaser, trailer, and songs have been widely appreciated and have doubled the buzz around the film. As the film prepares to hit theatres, promising a memorable entertainment experience, director K.V. Anudeep interacted with

the media and shared several interesting insights about the movie.

WHAT WAS THE IDEA BEHIND THE TITLE ‘FUNKY’? The title Funky is catchy and suits the sensibilities of today’s generation. It also perfectly fits the hero’s character.

HOW WILL VISHWAK SEN’S CHARACTER BE? Vishwak Sen plays a film director in this movie. While writing the character, I felt only Vishwak could do justice to it. His comedy timing in Ee Nagarani Emaindi is excellent.

WHAT IS THE GENRE AND STORY OF FUNKY? IS IT DIFFERENT FROM JATHI RATNALU? Compared to Jathi Ratnalu, Funky is completely different. It

is an out-and-out romantic comedy and a family entertainer. The film humorously portrays certain situations from directors’ lives in a way that common audiences can relate to. Along with the love story, there are strong emotional family moments as well. There are scenes that connect with real-life experiences. The film will appeal to all sections of the audience.

WILL THERE BE LOGIC IN FUNKY? Definitely. Just because my films have a lot of comedy, people may assume there is no logic, but there is logic in all my films.

SOME FILMMAKERS TRIED JATHI RATNALU-STYLE HUMOR AND FAILED. WHAT’S YOUR TAKE? The world we create and the characters we write should feel

close to real life. Comedy should come across as natural. Only then will it connect with the audience. Even though Funky has a film industry backdrop, we have designed it to feel relatable to common viewers.

DID YOU ACT IN THIS FILM? DO YOU PLAN TO BECOME A FULL-TIME ACTOR? I appear in a guest role in Funky. I am more interested in being a director than an actor. I have no plans to become a full-time actor. I still have many stories to tell and want to continue directing films.

THE COMEDY PUNCHES IN THE TRAILER LANDED REALLY WELL. WILL YOU ONLY MAKE COMEDY FILMS? I want to make different kinds of films. Trailers are designed to be

highly entertaining to grab attention. In Funky, along with comedy, there is a beautiful love story and emotional family moments. Everything has come together well. There are also a few surprises in the film.

WHO APPEARS IN GUEST ROLES IN THIS FILM? Directors Harish Shankar and Kalyan Shankar, along with producers Dil Raju and Naga Vamsi, appear in guest roles. However, these roles are integrated into the story, and we have tried to generate humor through natural conversations with them.

DID THE RESULT OF YOUR PREVIOUS FILM ‘PRINCE’ AFFECT YOU? Success and failure are part of filmmaking. Every film is made with the intention of delivering something good. For Prince, we

didn’t have enough time to properly develop the script. For Funky, we took adequate time and prepared a strong script.

WHOM DID YOU NARRATE FUNKY’S STORY TO FIRST? I first narrated it to producer Naga Vamsi. He liked it and immediately agreed to make the film.

DID TRIVIKRAM WATCH THE FILM? Yes, he watched it during post-production. He liked the film and gave some valuable suggestions.

ABOUT PRODUCER CHINABABU (S. RADHA KRISHNA)? I worked very closely with him on this film. I used to discuss everything with him, and he gave many inputs and sugges-

