

Lamborghini crash accused arrested in morning, granted bail by afternoon

KANPUR: Shivam Mishra, the main accused in the Lamborghini crash that injured several people on Kanpur's VIP Road earlier this week, was granted bail just hours after his arrest on Thursday.



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INBRIFS

Heroin worth Rs 3.2 crore seized in Assam, two arrested

Cachar (Assam): In a major crackdown on cross-border narcotics trafficking, the Assam Rifles and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized heroin valued at ₹3.2 crore and arrested two alleged drug peddlers in Assam's Cachar district, officials said on Thursday.

Punjab Police foil terror plot, arrest UP man with IED and pistol

Chandigarh: In a major intelligence-driven operation, the Punjab Police's Special Operations Cell in Amritsar has dismantled another Pakistan-backed terror module, averting what officials described as a significant terror plot.

TDP issues strong warning to party's 'controversial' MLA

Amaravati: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leadership has warned party MLA Kollikapudi Srinivasa Rao that it will not tolerate further indiscipline. TDP state president Palla Srinivas on Thursday met Rao and issued him a clear warning on behalf of party's national president and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

CM Revanth seeks defence land, rail funds, airport clearances in Delhi meetings

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a series of high-level meetings with Union Ministers in New Delhi, seeking central approvals and cooperation for key infrastructure and development projects including the Musi Rejuvenation Project, new railway corridors, and airport expansion works.

Musi Rejuvenation & Gandhi Sarovar Project

The Chief Minister met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and requested the transfer of 100 acres of defence land required for the Musi Rejuvenation Project. He explained that the project aims to restore the Musi River through environmentally sustainable urban development measures.

CM Revanth Reddy also invited the Defence Minister to attend the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Gandhi Sarovar Project planned at Babu Ghat, located at the confluence of the Isa and Musi rivers — the site associated with the immersion of the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi.

SEEKS CENTRE'S SUPPORT



CM Revanth Reddy proposed developing Shamshabad as a high-speed rail tri-junction connecting Hyderabad with Chennai, Bengaluru, and Pune, offering 500 acres for the project.

Railways: Krishna-Vikarabad Line & High-Speed Corridors

In a separate meeting with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Chief Minister urged the Centre to fully fund the Krishna-Vikarabad railway line, stating that the State Government is ready to bear land acquisition costs.

international standards. He said land acquisition has been completed and requested approval for cargo, maintenance, and overhaul facilities.

He emphasized that the airport would serve multiple districts including Warangal, Khammam, Nalgonda, and Karimnagar, and support the region's growing industrial and textile sectors.

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India approves 114 Rafale jets, defence projects worth Rs 3.6 lakh cr

New Delhi (TSIT) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) today approved a major acquisition — the purchase of 114 Rafale jets, an additional six US-made Boeing P8-I surveillance planes for the Navy, Scalp missiles, and the new-technology High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS).



INDIA AND FRANCE ARE LOOKING TO SEAL THE DEAL FOR THE JETS WHEN MODI AND FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON MEET IN INDIA FROM FEBRUARY 17-19

The Rafale purchase will now go to Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is expected to give a final nod. India and France are looking to seal the deal for the jets when Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron meet in India from February 17-19.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) had moved a formal proposal in September last year to MoD seeking 114 more Rafale fighter jets as part of its multi-pronged plan to add more aircraft. IAF already flies 36 Rafale jets, while the Navy has ordered 26 marine variants of the same jet.

tional at the IAF base in Ambala. IAF has the capacity — space, spares, tooling, and trained manpower — to immediately take in two squadrons (some 36-38 planes). The jets will be acquired under a 'Make in India' scheme, with Dassault Aviation — the maker of the Rafale — partnering with an Indian firm.

India examining US proposal to join Gaza Peace Board: MEA

New Delhi (TSIT) India is examining the invitation from the US to join President Donald Trump's proposed Board of Peace for Gaza, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Thursday. "We have received an invitation from the US side to join the Board of Peace, and we are currently examining the proposal," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

He underlined that India has consistently supported efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability and dialogue in West Asia. "As you know, India has consistently supported the efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability, and



dialogue in West Asia. Our Prime Minister has welcomed these initiatives that provide a pathway toward long-term and sustainable peace in the region, including Gaza. As for the invitation from the Board

of Peace, we are currently reviewing it," Jaiswal said.

India was invited by US President Donald Trump to be part of the Board of Peace for Gaza along with other global partners. Washington has projected the proposed body as a new international mechanism to usher in peace and stability in Gaza and potentially respond to other global conflicts.

NATIONWIDE STRIKE DISRUPTS TRANSPORT AND BANKING SERVICES

The protesting unions have demanded the rollback of the four labour codes

New Delhi (TSIT): The nationwide general strike called by a joint forum of central trade unions against the BJP-led central government's alleged "anti-worker, anti-farmer and pro-corporate policies" disrupted normal life in several states on Thursday, with transport, banking and industrial operations affected.

The strike was organised by a joint platform of ten central trade unions, including INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AIUTUC, SEWA, AICCTU, LPF and UTUC. The forum claimed that nearly 30 crore workers across the country had been mobilised in support of the bandh.



demanding the rollback of the four labour codes, alleging that they dilute workers' rights, reduce job security and make it easier for employers to hire and terminate staff. They have also called for the restoration of MGNREGA and the scrapping of the proposed Vksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025.

Rahul should refrain from doing politics on national security issue, says BJP

CHENNAI (TSIT): Senior BJP leader Vanathi Srinivasan on Thursday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to refrain from doing politics on national security issue and instead focus on constructive politics. Taking strong exception to the Congress leader for causing pandemonium in the Lok Sabha, allegedly over a memoir of a former Army chief, she said the Congress leader was deliberately playing politics with the country's security.

'Patience will pay': Shivakumar on leadership change

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Amid speculation over a leadership change in the Congress-led Karnataka government, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday said 'patience will also pay'.



The Siddaramaiah government is set to complete 1,000 days in office on Friday. Shivakumar denied that there was any power tussle between him and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

On reports that some legislators are embarking on a foreign tour from February 16 to March 3, supposedly to delay power-sharing between the chief minister and his deputy, Shivakumar said he was unaware of such a development. "I am not aware of

Kharge slams caste discrimination, flags Odisha anganwadi boycott

New Delhi (TSIT): Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday strongly condemned "persistent caste-based discrimination" in India, citing a shocking case from Odisha where parents have boycotted an Anganwadi centre for three months because the helper-cook is a Dalit woman.

Kharge described how the Anganwadi, meant to support children's physical and cognitive development through nutrition and early education, has been effectively shut down due to caste prejudice.

"Anganwadi is supposed to be a place for the physical and cognitive growth of children," he said, emphasising that the ongoing boycott deprives

young students of their rightful nutrition and hampers their overall development. He expressed outrage at the parents' discriminatory attitude toward the Dalit woman worker, underscoring that children should not suffer due to adult biases.

Kharge stressed that every child has a fundamental right to receive proper nutrition under government schemes designed to combat malnutrition. The Congress leader extended his criticism to similar incidents in other states, including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Chandigarh, where caste discrimination has led to tragic outcomes.

He referenced cases of Madhya Pradesh, where a person urinated on a tribal labour-



er, a Dalit government employee who committed suicide amid alleged workplace harassment and institutional bias in

HIGHLIGHT POINT:

Mallikarjun Kharge condemned caste-based discrimination after parents in Odisha boycotted an Anganwadi for three months because the cook is a Dalit woman, calling it a violation of constitutional rights and demanding strict action.

Gujarat. In Chandigarh, an ADGP (Additional Director General of Police) from the Dalit community died by suicide, with his note alleging sustained caste-based discrimination, mental harassment, and humiliation by superiors within the police force itself.

Kharge noted that such events reveal how caste prejudice permeates not just social spheres but also professional environments, undermining the dignity,

career progression, and personal safety of marginalised sections. Kharge pointed out that treating employees differently based on caste violates key constitutional provisions, including Articles 14 (equality before law), 15 (prohibition of discrimination), and 17 (abolition of untouchability).

He demanded that the government treat such cases with utmost seriousness, ensuring strict and timely action against perpetrators. "Whenever there is a need to act in such matters, we hear excuses from the government that Dalits have been deprived," Kharge remarked sarcastically, urging immediate intervention to uphold constitutional values and protect vulnerable communities from systemic bias.

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1	28.11.2023	180243483910	POTLOLA DAYAKER REDDY S/O PATLOLLA GOVIND REDDY 1-91/A, REGADMILLWAR, MAHABUNAGAR, MORASPET, TELANGANA 509338

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**APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**

**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 constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Taranaka Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21-03-2026 for recovery of Rs. 38,01,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh One Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. PAPA KANTIVENUGOPAL RAJU S/O PAPA KANTI RAGHAVENDRA RAJU (APPLICANT) and Mrs. PAPA KANTI YAMUNA W/O PAPA KANTI VENUGOPAL RAJU (CO APPLICANT) as on 12-02-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 45,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Only).

**SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY:** All that Residential Flat No.811, Municipal bearing Door No.12-1-500/RS/CO2/811 (PTI No.1035503104), 2 BHK in (Eighth Floor), Tower No.C02, known as "SAHABHAVANA TOWNSHIP" having plinth area of 798 Sq.Feet, (including common areas) together with an undivided share of land measuring 10.68 Sq.Yards, or its equivalent to 8.92 Sq.Mtrs. (out of 1153.44 Sq.Yards), in survey No.42, Situated at Bandlaguda Village, Uppal Revenue Mandal, Under GHMC, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana and Bounded by:- NORTH: Corridor, SOUTH: Open to Sky, EAST: L.H. WEST: Flat No.812.

**Encumbrances is NIL.** The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankauctionward.com

Date : 12-02-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer,  
Place: Taranaka Can Fin Homes Ltd

**HINDUJA 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 the 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. Mr. MEDAPATLA PRASAD 3-92, AMBARIPET VELGATUR JAGTIAL, Urban, Velgatur, Telangana, India - 505526. ....Borrower	10/11/2025 Rs.10,72,605/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only)	07-02-2026
2. Mrs. MEDAPATLA GOURAMMA, 3-92, AMBARIPET VELGATUR JAGTIAL, Urban, Velgatur, Telangana, India - 505526 .....Co-Borrower		
Loan Account Nos.AP/KRM/JGTL/A000000730		

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** All that the property bearing H.No.3-92, having its Total area 328.98 Sq.yards or 275.07 Sq.Meters, and having R.C.C Roof Plinth Area 987.10 Sq. Feet, situated at AMBARIPET Village, Velgatur Mandal, under the limits of G.P Ambaripet, within the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial, and Registration District Karimnagar bounded by: Boundaries EAST: House of Arelli Lachala; WEST: 15 Feet Wide Road; NORTH: 18 Feet Wide Road; SOUTH: Way

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. RAJESH KATHERAPAKA 2-116, KAMANPALLY, JANNAARAM, Urban, Jannaram, Telangana, India - 504205. ....Borrower	10/11/2025 Rs.30,12,262/- (Rupees Thirty Lacs Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two Only)	12-02-2026
2. Mrs. EVANGELINA RADAPAKA 2-116, KAMANPALLY, JANNAARAM, Urban, Jannaram, Telangana, India - 504205. ....Co-Borrower		
And Also: Mr. RAJESH KATHERAPAKA Mrs. EVANGELINA RADAPAKA SNO 271 PNO. 26,27, 28 NEAR BY H NO 1-156, H NO 1-172/10, FLAT NO 504 FLAT NO 504 SRI SAI THIRUMALA APARTMENTS FLO 504 V, VILLAGE MUNICIPALITY, MNDL AND DIST MANCHERIA, NEAR BY CORT COMPLEX BACK-504208		
Loan Account Nos.AP/WGL/MH/LA/A000000105		

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** All that RCC residential apartment bearing H.No. 1-172/10, bearing Flat No. 504, at fourth floor, having plinth area 1125.00 Sq. Feet (including common area, balcony) and Car Parking at 5th Floor, together with undivided share of land measuring 40.92 Sq. Yards out of land measuring 1175.5 Sq. Yards relating to "Sri Sai Thirumala Apartments" in the land measuring 427.00 Sq. Yards, Plot No. 26 land measuring 234.5 Sq. Yards, plot no 27 land measuring 234.5 Sq. Yards, and Plot no. 28 land measuring 234.5 Sq. Yards, total land measuring 1175.5 Sq. Yards, and Plot no. 28 land measuring 234.5 Sq. Yards, situated at Ward No. 01, Block No. 01, Vikasagar, Mancherla Town, Mancherla Municipality, Mancherla Mandal, Mancherla District, Under the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registration Mancherla and Registration District Adilabad, with the following boundaries:-FLAT EAST: Corridor; WEST: Open to Sky; NORTH: Open to Sky; SOUTH: Staircase; Apartment EAST: 15 Feet Wide Road; WEST: Land of N. Vijaya Lakshmi; NORTH: 15 Feet Wide Road; SOUTH: 60 feet Wide Road.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Ms. BHAGYALAXMI EMBADI 1-69, ALLIPUR, ALLIPUR, GUDIREVU, ALLIPUR, GUDIREVU, DANDEPALLE, Urban, Dandepalle, Telangana, India - 504206. ....Borrower	10/11/2025 Rs.5,99,859/- (Rupees Five Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	11-02-2026
2. Mr. SHEKAR EMBADI 1-69, ALLIPUR, ALLIPUR, GUDIREVU, ALLIPUR, GUDIREVU, DANDEPALLE, Urban, Dandepalle, Telangana, India - 504206 .....Co-Borrower		
Loan Account Nos.AP/WGL/MH/LA/A000000124		

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** All that the A.C.C. roofed house bearing H.No. 1-69, having plinth area 416.24 Sq. Feet, in the land measuring 243.00 Sq. Yards or 203.17 Sq.Meters, situated at Allipur Village (Code No. 1931002), Allipur Grama Panchayath, Dandepalli Mandal, Mancherla District, with the following boundaries :-East: Land of Embadi Lingiah; West: Grama Panchayath Road; North: Land of Embadi Shankar & Others; South: House of Embadi Sathiah

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. BUSSA NARESH 3-23, Gangapur, 3-23 gangapur chinnakodur SIDDIPET, Rural, Chinnakodur, Telangana, India - 502276 .....Borrower	10/11/2025 Rs.14,24,236/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)	12-02-2026
2. Mrs. BUSSA Vajravva, 3-23 gangapur, Gangapur 3-23 gangapur chinnakodur SIDDIPET, Rural, Chinnakodur, Telangana, India - 502276 .....Co-Borrower		
Loan Account Nos.AP/WGL/SDPH/A000000453		

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** All that the R.C.C.House bearing Door No: 3-23 with measuring 334-00 Sq.yards or 279-25 Sq. Meters, Situated at Gangapur Village, Mandal Chinnakodur, Siddipet District, Sub Registrar Siddipet (Rural) and District Registrar Sangareddy, Telangana State. Within the limits of G.P Gangapur, bounded by EAST: House of Bussa Balava, WEST: House of Ippa Narava, NORTH: Road 09 Feet, SOUTH: Houses of Kolupula Dammaiah and Padige Kishtiah.

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Loan Account Nos.AP/WGL/SDPH/A000000453		

Place: Telangana Sd/- Authorised Officer,  
Date: 12-02-2026 For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

## Tight Security at Counting Centres for Municipal Polls B.Shivadhar Reddy DGP

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy said comprehensive and tight security arrangements have been made across the State for the counting of votes for elections to 116 municipalities and seven municipal corporations. According to the DGP, a total of 123 counting centres have been prepared statewide, with multi-layer security to ensure that the counting process is conducted peacefully and without any untoward incidents. Around 12,000 police personnel, along with armed forces and Quick Response Teams, have been deployed for and about the counting loca-



tions. All counting centres are under CCTV surveillance, and the process is being continuously monitored through webcasting from the Police Command and Control Centre. Access routes to counting centres are being strictly regulated, and only persons with valid passes will be allowed entry after thorough checking. The DGP stated that

prohibitory orders under BNS Section 163 are in force within a 200-metre radius of counting centres. Gathering of crowds, carrying of weapons, and other restricted activities are prohibited in these zones. Local police officers have been directed to take strict action against violators. District Superintendents of Police and Police Commissioners have been instructed to closely supervise arrangements on the ground and ensure that counting proceeds smoothly. The DGP appealed to all political parties, candidates, and the public to extend full cooperation to the police machinery for the successful completion of the counting process.

## Minister Reviews Sanathnagar TIMS Works Targets Ugadi Launch



Hyderabad, TSIT: State Health Minister Damodar Raja narsimha has directed officials to complete all pending civil works and equipment installations at the Sanathnagar TIMS hospital by the second week of March, with the government planning to inaugurate the facility on the occasion of Ugadi. Reviewing the progress of Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Sanathnagar, at a high-level meeting held at the Aarogyasri Trust office in

Hyderabad, the Minister said the hospital has been built with the objective of providing corporate-level super speciality medical care completely free of cost to the poor. Officials informed the Minister that the 1,000-bed hospital is in the final stage of infrastructure readiness. As many as 16 operation theatres are fully prepared, while advanced diagnostic facilities including CT Scan, MRI, and digital X-ray machines have been installed. Diagnostic equipment installations and trial runs are underway.

## Union Minister Bandi Sanjay met BJP leader Ajay Verma

Karimnagar, February 12, TSIT: BJP leader seriously injured in police lathicharge at Karimnagar Zilla Parishad during municipal election polling Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited Sarpanch Sollu Ajay Verma. According to information that BRS leaders are casting fraudulent votes in 58 divisions during municipal elections BJP state leader and Gunukula Kondapur sarpanch Sollu Ajay Verma sustained serious injuries on his elbow and leg in the indiscriminate laathi charge carried out by the police under BJP leaders and workers moved to Karimnagar Zilla Parishad polling centre. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay visited Ajay Verma who is undergoing treatment at Karthikeya Hospital in Karimnagar due to severe injuries. On this occasion, Minister Bandi Sanjay spoke to the doctors and suggested to provide better treatment to Ajay Verma.

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION**

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) and 9(1) 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 constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Rikabgunj Branch, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05-03-2026 for recovery of Rs. 2,91,15,214.69/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety One Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and Sixty Nine Paise Only) as on 31-01-2026 due to Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Rikabgunj Branch Secured Creditor from Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors: 1) M/s Vedams Agro Products Private Limited rep. by its directors 1) Mr. Kapil Reddy Laxmiipuro, 2) Mr. Bilakanti Subbaiah S/o Nagisetty, 3) Mr. Gangam Venkata Anil Kumar Reddy S/o Narsa Reddy and 4) Mrs. Gangam Venkata Jyothi Reddy W/o Anil Kumar Reddy

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 4,53,84,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Only) and earnest money deposit will be Rs. 45,38,400/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only).

E - Auction website: https://sarfaesi.auctiontignet.net

Upset Price	Rs. 4,53,84,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Only)
Date and time of e-auction	05-03-2026 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM with auto time extension of 5 minutes each, till sale is concluded
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 45,38,400/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only)
Last date for submission of bid form with EMD	Bid form along with Demand Draft in favour of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, Rikabgunj Branch should be submitted on or before 03-03-2026 within 06:00 pm.
Place of Submission of BID form and EMD	Authorized Officer, TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LTD., Rikabgunj Branch, D.No.21-1-525 to 527, Ground floor, Opp Lane to High Court Gate No.4, Rikabgunj, Hyderabad-500002. (P): 040-24573494, 24570402 (M): +91 9177701971.
Bid Multiplier	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All parts and parcels of the residential land to an extent of 1268.83 Sq. yards (As per registration deed an extent 1391.50 Sq. Yards, Road Affected area for future road widening an extent of 122.67 Sq Yards) and house building constructed there at to an extent of 2075.34 Sq. Feet (As per the Plan Approval) and 2422 (As per the actual measurement) there at bearing Municipal House No. 1-1-6/3 (Old) 1-1-125 (new) in Sy. No. 1639 and 1641 situated Eedogun locality, Near X Road, Bainsa Road, Nirmal Town and District standing in the name of the Mr. Gangam Venkata Anil Kumar Reddy s/o Narsa Reddy. Boundaries: North: Land belongs to Akula Ramulu, South: Grave Yard and Eidgh, East: Siddapur Road, West: Land belongs to Vanjar Sayanna.

Note 1) The sale notice is also uploaded/published on website (www.tmb.bank.in/ Rikabgunj Branch.

2) Bid form for participating in the e-auction is available in the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontignet.net

3) Bidders shall hold a valid Digital Signature Certificate issued by competent authority and valid email ID (e-mail ID is absolutely necessary for the intending bidder) with regard to other relevant information and allotment of ID & password. For participating in the e-auction Contact: 972278828, 079 35022145/149/182. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website (www.tmb.bank.in).

Date : 11-02-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer,  
Place : Rikabgunj Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Rikabgunj Branch.

**Bank of Baroda**

Main Branch, Ground floor, RBVR Reddy Hostel Compound, Hanuman Tekdi, 4-1-366, Abids Circle, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana, INDIA. Phone: +91 040 23465101 / 102 / 103 / 106. Fax: +91 040 23465107. Email: hydera@bankofbaroda.com. Website: www.bankofbaroda.com

**LOCKER BREAK OPEN**

This is the information of our valued patrons who have taken lockers on rent at Bank of Baroda, Abids Branch, Hyderabad and have committed breach of agreement. The notices sent as per RBI/Bank's guidelines to the renters at their recorded addresses and no response received from them. Efforts to contact the locker holders in person at their present whereabouts could not be ascertained. Thus having no alternative, the notice is given to all the persons named below for contacting Branch and to clear the dues of the Bank within a period of 3 months failing which the Bank will proceed to Break open the lockers on 20-05-2026 at 11:00 a.m. at their cost, risk and responsibility and the Bank will exercise its right to lien for recovery of outstanding rent cost and other charges

Branch Name	Locker Holder	Locker type	Locker Number	New Locker	Outstanding Amount (In Rs.) as on 13-02-2026
ABIDS, HYDERABAD	GANESH MAL BUCHA	A	73	0511AX0029	13,452
ABIDS, HYDERABAD	T SRIRAMULU	B	305	0511BX0135	15,812

Date: 13-02-2026 BRANCH MANAGER

**DCB Bank Limited**, Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034

**DCB BANK**

**DEMAND NOTICE**

UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned borrower(s), co-borrower(s) have availed loan facility(ies) from DCB Bank Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (securities). Consequently your defaults your loans were classified as non-performing assets. DCB Bank Limited For the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Asset And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per Section 13(2) of the Act read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and as by way of service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, properties mortgaged, outstanding dues, demand notice sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Sr. No.	Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-borrower/guarantor, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Secured Property Address	1) Demand notice date 2) Outstanding dues 3) NPA Date
1	1. MR. KONDAM VENKATESH, 2. MRS. KONDAM VASANTHA. All Address-At: House Bearing No. 2-73 (Vide Assessment/Pin No.131), Kesaram Village, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri Dist, Hyderabad - 508116 Loan Account Number: DRBLSEC00557179 Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs.15,00,000/-	All That The Open Plot Bearing No.12 (Residential Zone), in Sy.No.303, Admeasuring An Area Of 228 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 190.608 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At Anantharam Village, Bhongir Mandal, Nalgonda District. Regn. Sub. Dist. Bhongir, Regn. Dist. Nalgonda, G.P. Anantharam, M.P.P. Bhongir, Z.P.P. Nalgonda. Boundries As Follows: North: House Of Madire Malliah, South: House Of R. Mallama, East: 20' Wide Road, West: House Of T. Venkal Reddy (The Secured Assets)	1) 27-01-2026 2) Rs.13,74,027/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Twenty Seven Only) as on 27th January 2026 3) NPA Date-02-01-2026
2	1. MR. EDULKANTI VENKATESH, 2. MS. EDULKANTI PUSHPALATHA, 3. MR. EDULKANTI VINAY KUMAR. All Address-At: House Bearing No. 2-73 (Vide Assessment/Pin No.131), Kesaram Village, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri Dist, Hyderabad - 508116 Loan Account Number: DRBLGHT0059265 Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs.11,00,000/-	All That The House Bearing No. 2-73, (Vide Assessment. 131), in Gramankantham, Consisting Of One Room, One Hall, Kitchen, Shop, And Open Place, Admeasuring An Area Of 130 Sq. Yards, Or Equivalent To 108.68 Sq. Meters, With R.C.C Roof Area 337.432 Sq. Ft. With Acc. Roof Area 433.039 Sq. Ft. Situated At Kesaram Village, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District G.P. Kesaram. Boundries As Follows: North: Nala, South: Open Place Of E. Yadagiri, East: House Of Nellampalli Veeramma, West: Kesaram To Chandupatla Road. (The Secured Assets)	1) 27-01-2026 2) Rs.10,67,234/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 27th January 2026 3) NPA Date-02-01-2026

You the borrower/s or co-borrower/s/guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the Act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act by virtue of which you are at liberty to redeem the secured asset within period stipulated in the aforesaid provision. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

Date: 13-02-2026 Place: Nalgonda for DCB Bank Ltd., Authorized Officer

**Canara Bank** ARM Branch - II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone numbers 080-25310181 - e-mail - cb6298@canarabank.com

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

**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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.03.2026 from 01:00 pm to 03:00 pm. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], through E-Auction 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.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 04.03.2026

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	1. MNR Engineering & Projects Rep by Managing Partner Sri M Pawan Kumar @ Pawan Kumar Reddy, No.540 17th Cross, 17th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Hosur Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560102 2. Mr. Pawan Kumar, M @ Pawan Kumar Reddy (Managing Partner) No.3077, 23rd Cross, 6th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru Karnataka-560082. Also At: Mr. Pawan Kumar, M @ Pawan Kumar No 301, Jyoti Bloom Apartment, Union Bank of India Colony Road No. 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034 3. Mr. Narendra (Partner) Door No 70-1, Yelakapalli, Ramaandram, Nariganipalle, Chembakur, Andhra Pradesh-517417 4. Mr. R Srinivasulu (Partner) S/o R Venkatnarayana, R/o D NO. 7-48, Boddu Rachanna Eedhi Vampalle, Cuddapah-516329.	Rs.32,65,69,322.91 (Rupees Thirty Two Crores Sixty Five Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two and Ninety Nine Paise Only) plus further interest thereon from 09.02.2026 and other expenses	Item No 1, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 28, Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2311/600/28 at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 3000 sqft, bounded by: North : Site No. 27,South : Site No. 29,East : Road,West: Site No. 45. Item No 2, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 45 Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2312/600/45 at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 3000 sqft bounded by: North : Site No.44,East: Site No.28,West: Road Item No 3, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 56 Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2313/212/56 at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 3000 sqft bounded by: North : Site No.55, South : Site No.57, East: Road,West: Site No. 73. Item No 4, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 73 Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2307/599/73 at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 3000 sqft bounded by: North : Site No.74,South : Site No.72,East : Site No.56,West: Road. Item No 5, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 229 B Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2309/599/229B at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 9000 sqft bounded by: North : Road & Site Nos. 219B & 229C, South : Private Property by Vitra Sandra Village Boarder,East : Land in Sy No. 46 & 47 of Basapura Village,West: Site No. 229A. Item No 6, All that part and parcel of land Property at Site No. 229C Sy No. 113, Ward No. 192, Khatha No. 2310/599/229C at Belur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk converted residential sites, Postal address: "Vishwapiya Greeneries" Near Blue Jay Nine Forum Villas, Basapura Main Road, Off Hosur Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068 admeasuring 4524 sqft bounded by: North : Ring Road, South : Site No. 229B, East : Land in Sy No. 46&47 of Basapura Village, West: Sites No. 219, 219A & 219B.	Reserve Price Rs. 11.40 EMD Rs. 11.40 Reserve Price Rs. 315.00 EMD Rs. 31.50 Reserve Price Rs. 158.34 EMD Rs. 15.83

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com/ Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. (b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. (d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. (e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 04.03.2026 to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider, M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. (f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.1,00,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful

**Bank of Baroda**  
Bhagat Nagar Branch, Amedkar Stadium Road,  
Near LIC Office, Karimnagar - 505001

**NOTICE**  
Borrower: Mr Boppu Srinivas, S/o. Rajamallu, H.No. 12-38, Manakondur, Karimnagar - 505469  
Your Gold Auction Loan A/c No. 75730600003547  
We refer to our previous letters dated 10-12-2025 calling upon you to repay the dues in your above said A/c.  
We regret to observe that we do not have any positive response from you to our intimations.  
We further advise you to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 09-12-2025 failing which the said securities will be sold by the bank in public auction or private treaty at your cost at the bank's premises at 18-02-2026 on 03.00 PM or on any other convenient date thereafter, without further notice at the absolute discretion of the bank. Please note that the cost of auction and the charges in this regard will be payable by you

Date: 12-02-2026, Place: Karimnagar

**CAN FIN HOMES LTD**  
No. 12-13-416/1, 3 Floor, Mani Mansion, Street No.1, Taranaka,  
Hyderabad 500 017 Tel: 040-27005553 CIN No.: L8510KA1987PLC008699  
e-mail: taranaka@canfinhomes.com Ph: 7625079156

**APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**  
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) 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 constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Taranaka Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21-03-2026 for recovery of Rs. 30,06,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. RUPNARE MARUTHI RAO S/O RUPNARE GUNMATH RAO (APPLICANT) and Mrs. RUPNARE SWETHA W/O RUPNARE MARUTHI RAO (CO APPLICANT) as on 12-02-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand Only).  
SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: All that Residential House Bearing No.3-13-104/1A (PTI No.1010314260), on Plot bearing No.24 Southern Part, in Survey No. 107, admeasuring area 50 Sq.Yards or 41.8 Sq.Mtrs., having Plinth area 800 Sq.Ft., Consisting Ground + 1 Floor, with RCC Roof., Situated at Surya Nagar Colony, Mallapur Village, under GHMC Kapra Circle Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana, and bounded by: North: Plot No.24 Part, SOUTH: 25 Wide Road, EAST: Plot No.24 Part and After Plot No.25, WEST: Plot No.23.  
Encumbrances is NIL. The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd. (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).  
Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankauctionwizard.com

Date: 12-02-2026, Place: Taranaka

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C.Railways can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

**E-Tender No.ELS-BZA-eTN-20-2025-26 Dt: 11.02.2026**  
For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tender for the following work up to 15:00 hours on 05.03.2026.  
Tender No.: B/E.221/TRS/RC/569  
E-Tender No.ELS-BZA-eTN-20-2025-26 Dt:11.02.2026 Name of the work: ELS/BZA- Electrical repair of Hitachi TM HS15250A Period of Completion : 24 Months (2 years) Tender value : (₹) 54,35,306.09 E.M.D : (₹) 1,08,700/-  
Cost of Tender document : (₹) 0/-  
Tender closing date & time : 05.03.2026 at 15.00Hrs.

1)Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above work, 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 Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Rolling Stock, Electric Loco Shed, Vijayawada which can be seen.  
4)The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.  
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS) Electric Loco Shed, Vijayawada

**E-Tender No.ELS-BZA-eTN-21-2025-26 Dt: 11.02.2026**

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tender for the following work up to 15:00 hours on 05.03.2026.  
Tender No.: B/E.221/TRS/RC/570  
E-Tender No.ELS-BZA-eTN-21-2025-26 Dt:11.02.2026 Name of the work: ELS/BZA- Mechanical Rehabilitation of Hitachi TM Stators (type HS15250A)- Period of Completion : 24 Months (2 years) Tender value : (₹) 69,60,080.05 E.M.D : (₹) 1,39,200/-  
Cost of Tender document : (₹) 0/-  
Tender closing date & time : 05.03.2026 at 15.00Hrs.

1)Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above work, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at www.ireps.gov.in.  
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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS) Electric Loco Shed, Vijayawada

**TENDER NOTICE**

On Behalf of The President of India, Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad Invites Open Tenders For The Following Works Through E-Procurement of The Tenders  
1. Tender No. & Date: C.SG. 36.591 Dt:10/02/2026 Closing dt:04/03/2026  
Name of the work : 1. S&T arrangements at proposed yard modifications at SIRPUR TOWN STATION in view of Iron ore siding, two number of ballast sidings and Yard re-modelling. I.R.P.S.M NO.11.05.16.25.3.54.015 of 2025.26  
2. S&T arrangements in connection with Extension of Raghavapuram (RGPM) station shunting neck on KZJ-BQP section (I.R.P.S.M ID: 11.05.16.25.3.54.001 Approx Value : (₹) 4,79,77,342.18 Bid security EMD (₹) 3,89,900/-  
For further details visit the website www.ireps.gov.in.  
Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Co-ord/Secunderabad

**Sudha Jain Shines at Sima Beauty Expo**

Hyderabad: The Sima Beauty Expo, a fast-growing and influential platform in the beauty and wellness industry, successfully expanded its presence from Telangana into Andhra Pradesh, attracting wide participation from beauty professionals, fashion experts, and young aspirants from across the country. International pageant winner and celebrity show coach Sudha Jain attended the expo



as a Celebrity Judge and Panelist, adding prominence to the event. She judged multiple competitions, including Chota King, Choti Queen, and Professional Make-Up contests, and also participated in an expert panel discussion on global beauty trends, grooming standards, and career opportunities in the fashion and pageant industry. She appreciated the efforts of organizer Moksh for building the Sima Expo into a recognized national platform and encouraging emerging talent through structured competitions and workshops. The event also featured the presence of public representatives and senior industry professionals who conducted technical sessions and makeup workshops. Following the success of the Andhra Pradesh edition, Tirupati is emerging as a new destination for large-scale beauty and fashion events. Organizers announced that the grand finals of Miss Sogasar, Mrs Sogasar, Mr Sogasar, Chota King, and Choti Queen of Andhra States will soon be held, showcasing talent, youth empowerment, and cultural pride.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Kokkonda Bhaskar Rao, S/o. Kokkonda Venkat Rajam (Old Name), R/o. H.No: 33-6-238, Hanamkonda Mandal, Thimmapur Haveli Rural, Warangal District, TG. I Have Changed My Name as Kokkonda Bhaskar, S/o. Kokkonda Venkat Rajam (New Name) for all purpose

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Kokkonda Aruna, W/o. Kokkonda Bhaskar Rao (Old Name), R/o. H.No: 33-6-238, Ganesh Nagar Rangashaipeet, Warangal District, TG. I Have Changed My Name as Kokkonda Aruna, W/o. Kokkonda Bhaskar (New Name) for all purpose.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The general public at large are hereby informed that my client Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited, Hyderabad Branch are proposing to consider Housing Loan to the Applicant SRI. NINGADHALE MARUTHI REDDY is intending to Purchase the House No.1-9-165/10/13/2 (PTI No. 1241102105), area 200 Sq.yds, in Sy.No.5911, Situated at Narayankhed Village, Mandal & Municipality, Sangra Reddy District, hereby notify to the general public and claimants, that the link Original Regd. Sale Deed doc No. 3997/09 dt.22/10/09, Regd with the S.R.O. Narayankhed, executed by Mr.Syed Aktar Patel in favour of Mrs. Rasheeda Bee, for the above Property and bounded as North: 18' Wide Road; South: Open Place of Syed Aktar Patel; East: 24' Wide Road & West: Open Place of Syed Aktar Patel, was misplaced/lost and it is not traceable. In case any person / claimants come into possession of the same, failing which it will be presumed that the property is free from encumbrances and any claim in respect thereof against my client as a mortgagor and Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited as Mortgagee shall be Null / Void and ineffective, or else it is deemed that no person has any claim, interest or demand in the said property. B.NAGENDER RAO, B.Sc., DPM.,LL.B. ADVOCATE & NOTARY Office: 128/C, S.R. Nagar Colony, Hyderabad-500 038, (Mob): 9391011961.

**Students Advised to Use Social Media Responsibly MLA K.P. Vivekanand**

Hyderabad: TRS Legislature Party Whip and Qutbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekanand advised students not to misuse social media and instead use it to learn from inspiring personalities and gain useful knowledge for their future. He was speaking at a Career Guidance and Motivational Programme organized for Class 10 students by the TRAPSA (Telangana Recognised Affordable Private Schools Association) Greater



Qutbullapur Committee, in association with Dhank Bharati Educational Institutions, at Padmarathi Gardens

in Gajularamaram on Thursday. Renowned career guide and former Director in the Ministry of Defence, Balalatha Mallavarapu, attended the programme as a special guest along with the MLA. Addressing the students, Vivekanand said Balalatha's life journey is highly inspirational for today's youth. He praised her achievement of clearing the Civil Services twice through hard work and determination. He urged students to spend

their time on social media listening to guidance, ideas, and success stories shared by eminent personalities rather than wasting time on unnecessary content. Speaking on the occasion, Balalatha Mallavarapu encouraged students to aim to become job creators instead of job seekers. She shared her life experiences and challenges, including overcoming polio at a young age through determination and continuous effort.

**Canara Bank HSE HIMAYATNAGAR HYDERABAD**  
RECOVERY SECTION REGIONAL OFFICE, HYDERABAD NORTH .  
Email id: recrohyd@canarabank.com

**DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]**

Ref:2720/160000481527/2025-26 Date: 10-02-2026  
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 The below said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as Non-performing Asset. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability.  
TO, BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/ MORTGAGORS: Mr. PAIDI SSV SAI KUMAR S/o P. KRISHNA RAO HNO 12-14-354/1 VINODHA NAGAR SECUNDERABAD HYDERABAD -500017 (BORROWER & MORTGAGOR) Mr. PAIDI SSV SAI KUMAR S/o P. KRISHNA RAO HNO: 10-414 & 10-414A (OLD NO.10-64/15) PLOT NO 71 & 72 SY NO.685 SRI VENKATESWARA APARTMENTS FLAT NO. 303, 3 RD FLOOR SATHI REDDY NAGAR COLONY, MALKAJGIRI MEDICAL- MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT-500017 (BORROWER & MORTGAGOR)  
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT LIABILITY : Rs. 21,46,597.41/- (Rupees Twenty One lakh Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven and paise Four Only) plus interest since last applied details of which together with future interest rate.  
NPA DATE: 09/02/2026, Demand Notice Date: 10-02-2026  
Details of security assets: All that the Residential Flat bearing No.303 (PTIN NO. 1280305338) (H.No 10-414/303) in 3rd Floor of "SRI VENKATESWARA APARTMENTS" on Municipal No.10-414 & 10-414A (Old No. 10-64/15) having plinth area of 1150 Sq Feet., including common areas along with undivided share of land measuring 21.00 sq yards or 17.55 Sq Mts out of Total land 444.00 Sq yards or 370.00 Sq Mts on plot no 71 & 72 in Sy no 685, situated at Sathi Reddy Nagar Colony Malkajgiri under GHMC Malkajgiri circle, Medchal - Malkajgiri district. Boundaries of Flat No.303: NORTH: Corridor SOUTH: Open to sky EAST: Open to sky WEST: Flat No.301. Boundaries of Plot/Land: NORTH: Plot No 60 & H.No. 10-414/1, SOUTH: 20' wide road, EAST: 20'; wide road, WEST: Plot No 70 (B). Name of Title holder: Mr. PAIDI SSV SAI KUMAR S/o P. KRISHNA RAO.  
If you, the aforementioned persons fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act. Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.  
PLACE: HYDERABAD, DATED: 10-02-2026 SDI- AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK.

**ICI Home Finance** Corporate ICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICI) HFC TOWER,  
Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400058, India  
Branch Office : Shop No 8 & 9, 1st floor, Beside ICICI Bank Ltd, Park Road, Kurnool - 518001  
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  
ICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICI) HFC conducted several Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICI HFC with an offer to purchase at Reserve Price (Please refer below table). 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 ICI 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 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	Sarfoesi Stage
1.	Jameel (Borrower) Khaja Begum (Co-Borrowers) Loan No. LHKNO00001461194/ LHKNO00001461235	Plot No. 82, Sy. No. 679, Bandameedhi Pally G P Mahabub Nagar Village and Mandal Mahabub Nagar Telangana - 509001	Rs. 19,17,348/- February 10, 2026	Rs. 40,00,000/- February 10, 2026	February 16, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	February 28, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	February 27, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession
2.	Shaik Zeenath (Borrower) Shaik Rahmatulla (Co-Borrowers) Loan No. LHSEC00001514107/ LHSEC00001514440	D No.4-93, new H No - 9-199/6/12 Mankhal Village Maheshwaram Thukuguda Municipality Rangareddy Hyderabad Telangana- 501323	Rs. 51,28,553/- February 10, 2026	Rs. 40,00,000/- February 10, 2026	February 16, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	February 28, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	February 27, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

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 ICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office. Address mentioned on top of the article or before February 27, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office. Address mentioned on top of the article or before February 27, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICI 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 is received by ICI HFC, 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 ICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920907300. 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.icifhfc.com/ Date : February 13, 2026 Authorized Officer, "ICI Home Finance Company Limited" Place : Mahabub Nagar, Rangareddy CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

**DCB BANK**

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned borrower(s), co-borrower(s) have availed loan facility(ies) from DCB Bank Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (secured). Consequently to your defaults your loans were classified as non-performing assets. DCB Bank Limited for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per Section 13(2) of the Act read with rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, properties mortgaged, outstanding dues, demand notice sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Sr. No.	Name and Address of The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Secured Property Address	1) Demand notice date 2) Outstanding dues 3) NPA Date
1	1. MS. SUJALA PRIYAMATTA, 2. MS. RAVI KUMAR MATTA, 3. MRS. PRAMEELAMATTA. All Address At: Flat No.11-2-427/7-1 Hanuman Residency Mylaragadda Secunderabad-500026 Loan Account Number: 0585900000028 Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs.20,00,000/-	All That Flat No. 32, Type "B", On Second Floor, Admeasuring 1/8th Undivided Share Of Land 55.88 Sq. Yards, With Built Up Area 782.6 Sq. Feet. (Including Common Areas), In M.C.H. House No. 10-3-329/4/ B, On Plot Nos. 4a & 4b2, Situated At Addegauda, East Marreda, Secunderabad On The Building Known As "Shaphire Apartments, Secunderabad, Telangana State And Bounded On As Follows: North By: Open To Sky, South By: Lobby & Flat No. 31, East By: Flat No. 33, West By: Open To Sky. (The Secured Assets)	1)24-01-2026 2)Rs.4,60,337.90/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven and Ninety Paise Only) as on 24th January 2026 3) NPA Date-01-05-2025
2	1. MR. KAGITHA HEMALATHA, 2. MRS. KAGITHA VENKATA NARAYANA. All Address At: Flat No.203 C Block Navayuga Apartments Ameerpet Hyderabad-502032 DRHLBAJ00643065 Loan Account Sanctioned: Rs.75,00,000/-	All That The Semi Finished Flat No. 101, In First Floor, Of "Rudra Residency" Having A Plinth Area Of 1465 S.T., (Including Common Area), Together With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 52.5 Sq. Yards, Out Of 525 Sq. Yards, Constructed On Plot No. 1383/1, In Survey No. 1 To 40, 282 To 368, 369(P), 370 To 373, 374(P), 375 To 387, 395 To 401, 454, 456 To 459, 505(P), 510 To 564, Situated At Hmda Layout, Uppal Bhayagathi Village, Uppal Mandal, Under Ghmc Uppal Circle, Medchal Malkajgiri District And Bounded By: North- Open To Sky, South- Flat No.102 Staircase & Corridor, East- Open To Sky, West- Open To Sky. (The Secured Assets)	1)24-01-2026 2)Rs.77,45,794/- Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four Only as on 24th January 2026 3) NPA Date-02-01-2026
3	1. MR. RAJAPPAMITRA, 2. MS. MITRAAARTH. All Address At: 16-11-51/D/128 Shalivahana Nagar Disukhannagar Hyderabad 500060 DRHLBAJ00493694 Loan Account Number: DRHLBAJ00493694 Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs.30,00,000/-	Property No.1 All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Plot No 15 Admeasuring Area 146.66 Sq. Yards I.E. 122.62 Sq. Mtrs. In Block C Of The Layout Known As "Indigold 4, Phase-I At Shadnagar" In Sy. No. 196, Situated At Gantlavally Village & Gram Panchayat, Farooqnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District Which Is Bounded At East: Plot No C-25, West: 30ft Wide Road, North: Plot No C-14, South: Plot No C-16. Property No.2 All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Plot No 16 Admeasuring Area 146.66 Sq. Yards I.E. 122.62 Sq. Mtrs. In Block C Of The Layout Known As "Indigold-4, Phase-I At Shadnagar" In Sy. No. 196, Situated At Gantlavally Village & Gram Panchayat, Farooqnagar R. Mandal, Rangareddy District Which Is Bounded At East: Plot No C-24, West: 33ft Wide Road, North: Plot No C-15, South: Plot No C-17. (The Secured Assets)	1)29-01-2026 2)Rs.25,83,379.58/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine and Fifty Eight Paise Only) as on 28th January 2026 3) NPA Date-12-01-2026

You the borrower(s) and co-borrowers/guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the Act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act by virtue of which you are at liberty to redeem the secured asset within period stipulated in the aforesaid provision. Please note that as per section 13(3) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.  
Date: 13-02-2026 Place: Hyderabad for DCB Bank Ltd, Authorized Officer

**HINDUJA 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 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. Valaptha Saidamma, H.no : 6-590, Ramnagar, myralaguda, nalagonda , , Myralaguda, Urban , Myralaguda , Telangana , India - 508207 .....Borrower Rs.6,51,819/Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Only) 10-02-2026  
2.Mr. Valaptha Nitish, H.no : 6-590, Ramnagar , myralaguda, nalagonda , , Myralaguda , Urban , Myralaguda , Telangana , India - 508207 .....Co-Borrower  
3.Mrs. Mr. Valaptha Lokesh H.no:6-590 , Ramnagar, myralaguda, nalagonda , , Myralaguda , Urban , Myralaguda , Telangana , India - 508207 .....Co-Borrower  
Loan Account Nos.AP/HDB/NLGD/A000000082

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the Nalgonda district register, myralaguda sub register, nalagonda district parishad, myralaguda mandal parishad, myralaguda revenue mandal, myralaguda mandal, myralaguda municipality, myralaguda city block number 05, survey no 56 , 112.75 square yards +94.25 square metres Myralaguda , Urban , Myralaguda, Telangana, India - 508207 and bounded by: North: Plot Road, South: 300 Fts Wide Road, East: Others Land West: 200 Fts 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. RAVI UDARI 3-77 , 1, DHARMOJI GUDEM, CHOUTUPPALMADALAM KOYYALAGUDEM, , Rural, Choutuppal, Telangana, India - 508252 Rs.6,57,632 (Six Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two Only) 10-02-2026  
2. Mrs. Yadamma Udari 3-77 , 1, DHARMOJI GUDEM, CHOUTUPPALMADALAM KOYYALAGUDEM , Rural, Choutuppal, Telangana, India - 508252 .....Co-Borrower  
Loan Account Nos.AP/HDB/NLGD/A0000000735

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All That The House No. 3-77, Assessment No. 32073100307, Constructed with Brick walls and R.C.C. Roof, builtup area: 650.00 Sq.Fts., Ground Floor, Total area (Including builtup area and open place) 110.00 Sq.Yds. or Equivalent to 91.96 Sq.Mts. Situated at: Dharmajogim Village, Lakkaram Revenue Village, Mandal: Choutuppal, Dist. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Under Gram Panchayat: Dharmajogim, Mandal: Parishad: Choutuppal, Z.P:Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Under Regn: Sub-Dist. Choutuppal and Regn: Dist.Nalgonda , CHOUTUPPAL , , Rural , Choutuppal, Telangana, India - 508252 and bounded by:North: 90 Fts Wide Road South: House of Jeedimada Kondal, East: House of Undari Poshaiah, West: House of Dasari Yadiah And Lingaiah  
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. Mrs. PALLE SAILAJA, 5-83&C-54, FERTILIZER COLONY, Gundluphad Raghavapuram , Rural , Neredcherla, Telangana India-508218 .....Borrower Rs.8,82,465 (Nine Lakhs Fourty One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Only) 10-02-2026  
2. Mr. PALLE MASTHAN 5-83&C-54, FERTILIZER COLONY, Gundluphad Raghavapuram , Rural , Neredcherla, Telangana India -508218 ..... Co-Borrower  
Loan Account Nos.AP/HDB/NLGD/A000000239

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All That The Admeasuring Survey no- 213/aa , Block no - 8, Plot no.-4 , Total Extant Of Land 325 Sq.Yds, surrounded by , Nereducharla , Urban , Neredcherla, Telangana , India - 508218 and bounded by:North: Plot No.8, South: 24'0 Fts Wide Bazaru, East:Plot No.5,6, West: Plot No.3  
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. Venkatesh goud Pippala, H.No.1-49 (New) & 2-43 (Old) , , Mallepally Village and Gram Panchayat , Rajapur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District , Rural , Mahabubnagar , Telangana , India - 509301 .....Borrower Rs.8,82,886 (Eight Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six) 11-02-2026  
2. Mr. Narasimulu Pippala, H.No.1-49 (New) & 2-43 (Old) , , Mallepally Village and Gram Panchayat , Rajapur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District , Rural , Mahabubnagar , Telangana , India - 509301 ..... Co-Borrower  
3. Mrs. Bharathamma Pippala H.No.1-49 (New) & 2-43 (Old) , , Mallepally Village and Gram Panchayat , Rajapur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District , Rural , Mahabubnagar , Telangana , India - 509301  
... C o - B o r r o w e r  
Loan Account Nos.AP/HDB/HYDB/A000000793

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the H no 1-49 block 1 mallepally village Rajapur mandal rangareddy district telangana pin , Rajapur , Rural , Mahabubnagar, Telangana , India - 509321 and bounded by: North: House of Alle Narasima and Open Place Of Jagadamba, South: House of Ramulu Goud, East: Land Of Cheruvathu, West : CC 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. BALAKRISHNA MANYAGUDA, H no 1-17A, 0, CHIPPALPALLE VILLAGE KANDUKUR MANDAL RANGAREDDY DI , Metro , KANDUKUR , My

**Exam Materials Distributed to Students on Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti**



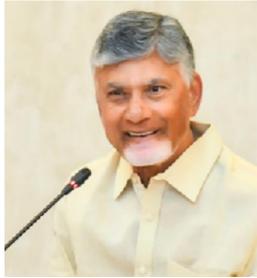
SERILINGAMPALLY : Marking Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti, the Attepalli Charitable Trust organized an exam materials distribution programme at the local Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) in Miyapur on Thursday morning at 11 AM. Under the auspicious of the trust, Attepalli Ramaprabhu, along with Attepalli Laxminarayana Trust Chairman, distributed essential exam supplies—including exam pads, pens, pencils, sharpeners, scales, and other stationery items—to students from Classes 7 to 10. Speaking on the occasion, Ramaprabhu urged the students, especially those in Class 10, to study hard, excel in their examinations, and build a bright future.

**Home Guards Demand Apology After Congress Leader's Abuse During Sangareddy Polling**

Hyderabad, Feb 12, 2026: The Telangana State Home Guards Association has strongly condemned senior Congress leader and former MLA Turupu Jagga Reddy for using abusive language and threatening personnel, including Home Guards, during a heated confrontation at a polling booth in Sangareddy municipal elections. The incident occurred at Ward 34 polling station, where Jagga Reddy reportedly rushed to the booth after claiming that Circle Inspector Shivakumar and a Home Guard had manhandled the Congress candidate by grabbing their collar amid allegations of vote rigging in favor of a rival candidate. Ashok Kumar, Vice President of the Telangana State Home Guards Association, expressed deep outrage, stating that Home Guards selflessly serve society for public safety and deserve respect. "Insulting and abusing them with filthy language is highly condemnable and inhuman," he said.



**TDP issues strong warning to party's 'controversial' MLA**



Amaravati, Feb 12 : The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leadership has warned party MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao that it will not tolerate further indiscipline. TDP state president Palla Srinivas on Thursday met Rao and issued him a clear warning on behalf of party's national president and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

The party has taken serious note of Tiruvuru MLA targeting other party leaders despite warnings given in the past.

According to TDP sources, Palla Srinivas told Rao in clear terms that no individual is bigger than the party.

The TDP state president told Rao that without the party, he was nothing individually. Palla Srinivas pulled up the MLA for controversial social media posts by him and his supporters targeting other leaders. The MLA was told that this behaviour was damaging the party's image in

the public. Palla Srinivas explained that Chandrababu Naidu is serious over the issue and has warned that if Rao fails to mend his ways, the party will stop recognising him as an MLA.

The MLA clarified that it was a mistake due to his inexperience. He assured the party state president that he would change his behavior in future and sought guidance from senior leaders. The MLA has serious differences with some TDP lead-

ers including party MP Kesineni Chinni.

Rao had been at the centre of controversies ever since his election in 2024 from Tiruvuru constituency in NTR district.

He was repeatedly warned by the party leadership. Last year he had, appeared before the disciplinary committee of the party. In January last year a woman, who was upset with the MLA's behaviour, attempted suicide. The MLA was allegedly involved in a family dispute among the brothers in Gopalapuram village. There were allegations that he abused and attacked a woman, who is a supporter of the opposition YSR Congress Party. The woman attempted suicide by consuming poison following the incident. Chandrababu Naidu had also summoned the MLA and advised him to change his attitude. He was also summoned before the coordination committee headed by party state president.

**Collector Stresses on Public Welfare, Better Healthcare Services.**

Mancherial, February 12, TSIT : District Collector Kumar Deepak on Thursday directed officials of various departments to take proactive steps towards effective implementation of public welfare and development programmes in the district. During his visit to the Sub-Collector's office at Bellampalli along with Sub-Collector Manoj, the Collector reviewed the progress of ongoing development works and implementation of welfare schemes in the division. He instructed officials to identify suitable land for construction of a permanent office building. The Collector also inspected the vote counting centre set up at the Zilla Parishad High School in the town and directed officials to



ensure that the counting process scheduled for February 13 is conducted smoothly and in a peaceful atmosphere without any lapses. He reviewed the arrangements made for counting staff, including drinking water and other basic facilities. Later, he inspected the ongoing construction of a government primary school at Ramnagar and asked offi-

cials to expedite the works. In a separate visit to the Primary Health Centre at Kannepalli, Mr. Deepak stressed the need to provide better medical services to patients visiting government hospitals. He instructed doctors and staff to maintain punctuality and remain available to the public. He assured that necessary medical equipment and infrastructure would be provided. The Collector also visited the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, where he reviewed the construction of the compound wall and proposed dining hall. He directed staff to ensure supply of nutritious food as per the prescribed menu under the mid-day meal scheme and to use fresh vegetables and quality provisions.

**Extensive Meeting Held on New EHS Scheme for Government Employees**



Hyderabad: A comprehensive review meeting on the proposed new Employees Health Scheme (EHS) for Telangana State government employees was held at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of State Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao. Representatives of various employee unions participated and shared their views and suggestions on the upcoming health scheme.

On behalf of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Association, President Srigriri Srinivas Reddy and General Secretary Prem attended the meeting and presented employee concerns and recommendations.

Addressing the participants, the Chief Secretary said the government is designing a new and more effective health scheme by correcting the shortcomings observed in the earlier EHS model. He noted that issues such as limited treatment coverage and

inadequate medical access under the previous system were being addressed. The new policy is being framed in response to long-pending demands from employees for comprehensive and hassle-free medical services.

Under the proposed structure, employees will contribute 1.5 percent of their basic salary toward the scheme. This is expected to generate around 500 crore annually, while the State Government will contribute an equal amount, creating a total annual corpus of about 1,000 crore for implementation. Officials stated that

the revamped EHS scheme is expected to be formally launched by the Chief Minister within about 15 days. The scheme will extend benefits to nearly 15 lakh employees, pensioners, and their family members across Telangana, offering broad and potentially unlimited access to medical treatment.

Association representatives welcomed the initiative and described it as a positive step toward employee health security, while urging the government to ensure transparency and efficiency in implementation.

**TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Attends Dasadinakarma of Chintala Govardhan Reddy**

Hyderabad: Telangana Mahila Congress Vice President Chintala Nirmala Reddy's husband, late Chintala Govardhan Reddy, who recently passed away, was remembered at his dasadinakarma (tenth-day memorial ritual) held today in the presence of family members, relatives, party leaders, and well-wishers.

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud attended the ceremony and paid



floral tributes to the portrait of the departed leader. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences and offered respects. Later, he met Nirmala

Reddy and her family members, expressed deep sympathy, and assured them to remain strong during this difficult time. He also extended full support on behalf of the party.

The programme was attended by party General Secretary Anuradha Reddy, senior Congress leaders, local public representatives, and party workers in large numbers, who offered their condolences to the bereaved family.

**Tata AIA Silver Jubilee Celebrations Held Grandly**

Hanamkonda : Silver Jubilee celebrations marking 25 years of operations of Tata AIA Life Insurance, founded as a joint venture of the Tata Group legacy inspired by Ratan Tata, were held in a grand manner at the company's office in Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, under the leadership of Cluster Head Vemula Vinod Kumar.



The event was conducted in the presence of Tata AIA team members and associates. A meeting presided over by Training Manager Gandhamala Praveen Kumar highlighted the organisation's growth journey and service values.

Speaking on the occasion, Cluster Head Vemula Vinod Kumar said that the Tata philosophy repre-

sents a path of service and trust, and urged everyone to follow those values while helping families achieve financial security. He emphasized the importance of life insurance for every individual and household.

Branch Managers Lakshman and Srinivas jointly stated that Tata AIA has rapidly grown step by step and earned

strong customer trust in the insurance sector. They extended gratitude and best wishes to customers for their continued support.

Senior business leaders shared their field experiences and success journeys during the programme. A cake-cutting ceremony was held as part of the celebrations, and members exchanged greetings.

**Bandru Shobharani Pays Floral Tributes at Dasadinakarma of Chintala Govardhan Reddy**

Hyderabad: Telangana State Women Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani participated in the dasadinakarma (tenth-day memorial ritual) of late Chintala Govardhan Reddy, husband of State Mahila Congress Vice President Chintala Nirmala Reddy, and paid floral tributes to his portrait. On the occasion, she offered condolences to the

bereaved family members and expressed sympathy over the loss. She said the services and personal values of the late Govardhan Reddy would be remembered and prayed for strength and peace for the family. Local leaders, party representatives, and well-wishers were present and paid their respects during the memorial programme.



**Vegetable Market Opened at Telangana Secretariat for Employees' Convenience**

Hyderabad: A newly established vegetable market has been inaugurated at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat for the convenience of officers and employees working in the Secretariat. The facility was formally opened by State Agriculture Department Secretary Surendra Mohan.



Earlier, a similar vegetable market used to function at the old Secretariat campus, providing fresh vegetables daily to staff. However, after the demolition of the old complex and construction of the new Secretariat, this facility was unavailable for some time, causing inconvenience to employees.

Following the Secretariat employees' association elections, the

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Association led by President Srigriri Srinivas Reddy, General Secretary Prem, and executive members took up employee welfare issues and worked toward restoring essential facilities. As part of these efforts, the vegetable market has now been arranged within the Secretariat premises.

With this initiative, officers and employees can purchase fresh and quality vegetables conveniently during office hours. Association representatives said the facility will be highly useful in supporting employees' daily needs. The Association expressed gratitude to the Agriculture Department officials and other concerned authorities for their support in setting up the market.

**GITAM to host data science and pharma research programmes**

Hyderabad (TSIT) GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, will organise two skill-enhancing academic programmes on 18, 20 and 21 February 2026 to strengthen technical expertise and promote research excellence among students, faculty and scholars.



On 18 February, the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science will host a guest lecture on "Data-Driven Decision Making under Uncertainty". The forenoon session will focus on enhancing analytical skills for undergraduate students, followed by a research seminar for faculty and scholars. The talk will be delivered by Dr. Bismark Singh and coordinated by Dr. Chandrasekhar Uddagiri.

On 20 and 21 February, a two-day programme on "Quality by Design: Integrating Design of Experiments in Pharmaceutical Research" will be held. It will cover the application of DoE and statistical tools in drug discovery, development, analytical sciences, quality assurance and regulatory

science. The event aims to foster dialogue among academicians, researchers and industry professionals, and will be coordinated by Dr. Pavan Kumar Chintamaneni. With these initiatives, GITAM Hyderabad continues to advance interdisciplinary research and industry-relevant skill development.

**JICA enables Mitsubishi Electric-IIT Hyderabad pact for research and innovation**

The Japan International Cooperation Agency has facilitated a three-year partnership between Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and IIT Hyderabad to advance joint research and innovation in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and cybersecurity.



The MoU, effective February 2026 to February 2029, will promote joint research, personnel exchange, student internships, workshops and hackathons. It aims to accelerate the societal implementation of research outcomes and nurture globally competitive R&D talent. JICA has supported IITH through its Japan Desk, which serves as a platform for collaboration between Japanese institutions and Indian academia. This engagement led to the formalisation of the strategic

pact with Mitsubishi Electric. JICA India Chief Representative Takeuchi Takuro said the collaboration reflects the growing depth of Japan-India cooperation in science and technology. He added that JICA is pleased to have supported an ecosystem that brings together industry and academia to address global challenges. IITH continues to expand its collaborations with Japanese universities and corporations, while Mitsubishi Electric strengthens its global co-creation efforts in foresight technologies.

**TA.MA.SHA Gunrock offers 'bill on Tamasha' for couples this Valentine's Day**

Hyderabad : Hyderabad, February 12, 2026: This Valentine's Day, TA.MA.SHA - Asian Veg Café in Gunrock is turning romance into a memorable culinary celebration. Marking its first-ever Valentine's Day, the café is inviting couples to enjoy a specially curated Valentine's Lunch — with the bill on Tamasha.



Designed as an exclusive, reservation-only experience, the celebration promises an elegant afternoon of flavours and togetherness. Couples will be served a carefully curated preset menu, featuring delightful starters, indulgent mains, and decadent desserts, paired with signature mocktails crafted for the occasion.

With its vibrant yet intimate setting, TA.MA.SHA aims to create a warm,

refined Valentine's experience where couples can pause, connect, and celebrate love over exceptional vegetarian Asian cuisine and thoughtful hospitality.

"We want to celebrate the day of love and togetherness with our guests and make it truly special for them. Valentine's Day is about creating memories, and at TA.MA.SHA, we

believe in celebrating relationships with warmth, generosity, and great food," said Founder Mahender Vyas.

Co-Founder AK Solanky added, "This is our first Valentine's at Gunrock, and we wanted to make it unforgettable. By hosting couples and taking care of their experience, we're expressing our gratitude to the community that has embraced TA.MA.SHA. Love deserves celebration — and what better way than sharing a beautiful meal together."

With limited seating available, couples are encouraged to reserve their tables in advance to be part of this exclusive Valentine's celebration. Celebrate love. Celebrate togetherness. Celebrate at TA.MA.SHA, Gunrock.

### CBIT Releases Poster for SASIGD 2026 International Conference

Hyderabad: The official poster for the 2026 International Conference on Sustainable AI for Social Impact and Global Development (SASIGD 2026) was formally released by Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad. The conference is scheduled to be held on August 13-14, 2026, and is technically co-sponsored by IEEE SSIT (Society on Social Implications of Technology). It carries the IEEE Conference Record #68127. Notably, IEEE SSIT has approved a conference for the first time for an Indian organization. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Narasimhulu emphasized the growing need for sustainable and socially responsible Artificial Intelligence to address global challenges. He stated that SASIGD 2026 aims to provide a premier platform for researchers, academicians, industry experts, and students to deliberate on innovative AI-driven solutions that create meaningful and measurable social impact. The conference invites regular research papers, special sessions and student posters in emerging areas of Sustainable AI. All accepted and presented papers will be published in IEEE Xplore. The event is being organized under the leadership of Dr. Sagar Gujunoori, General Chair, SASIGD 2026, along with the Organizing Co-Chairs, Prof. M. Venugopala Chari, Head, Department of IT, and Dr. Ramakrishna Kolikopogu, CBIT, in collaboration with IEEE SSIT.

### Enforcement of prohibitory orders in the vicinity of the counting centre



WARANGAL, February 12, TSIT : Counting will be conducted in Jangoan, Ghanpur, Wardhannapet, Parakal and Narsampet areas on Friday in connection with the municipal elections held on Wednesday. As per BNS SCRPC 163 within 200 meters of counting centers as part of maintenance of law and order people are prohibited from gathering in groups of more than five people. This ban will be in force from 6 am on Friday to 6 am on Saturday 14th. Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet warned that anyone who violates these orders will face legal action.

### Protest Against 'Anti-Worker' Labour Codes

Khammam (TSIT): Leaders of various political parties, trade unions, farmers' and agricultural workers' organisations alleged that the Centre has brought in the four Labour Codes to mortgage the country's workforce to corporate interests. They demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Labour Codes along with the Electricity Amendment Bill, Seed Amendment Act and other related legislations, claiming that these measures have become a curse for the people.



As part of the nationwide general strike, a rally was taken out on Thursday from Pavilion Grounds to ZP Centre. Trade unions, bank employees' associations, workers from organised and unorganised sectors, agricultural labourers and farmers' bodies extended full support to the strike. Addressing a public meeting, CPI state secretary member Bhagwan Hemantha Rao, CPM state secretary member Potineni Sudarshan Rao and Congress city president Nagandla Deepak Chowdhary alleged that hard-won labour rights secured through decades of struggle since the British era were being diluted. They said 29 existing labour laws had been consolidated into four codes to favour corporate entities, undermining the rights of nearly 500 million workers. The leaders urged the Centre to reconsider its decision and warned of intensified protests if the Labour Codes were not withdrawn.

### National Level Student Cultural Carnival "SANSKRITI'26" POSTER LAUNCH held at KITS WARANGAL

WARANGAL: The Student Activity Centre (SAC), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) is organising a national level cultural carnival named as "SANSKRITI'26" during 6-7th March, 2026 told by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.



On Friday the "SANSKRITI'26" poster was launched by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy in association with dean student affairs Prof. K.Sridhar, professor of MED, faculty and student representatives held at KITS Warangal campus. On this occasion the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy highlighted that the main objective of the cultural fest is to have fun and responsibility to eradicate stress. It will enhance the leadership qualities, various competencies and inculcate happiness among the student community. He advised the student community to make it successful by enjoying various enthusiasm and an explosion of color, music, dance, fine arts and other cultural events. By maintaining a balance between enjoyment and discipline and highlighting their ability to work together in unity. The former Rajya Sabha MP, Chairman, KITSW,

### Congress Leaders Lead Protest Rally Against Central Labour Reforms as Part of Nationwide Bharat Bandh

Hyderabad: Alleging that the BJP-led Central Government's labour reforms and economic policies have weakened worker protections, Congress leaders and labour unions organised a massive protest rally in the city today as part of the nationwide strike call (Bharat Bandh) given by the AICC leadership.

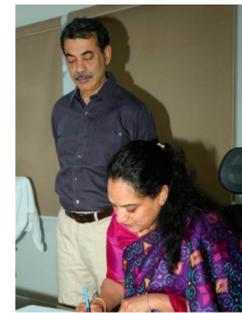


Protesters stated that the new labour codes have reduced job security, diluted statutory safeguards, and increased employer flexibility in hiring and termination, thereby adversely impacting the rights and interests of workers across sectors. The rally commenced from the VST Union Office at Baghlingampally and proceeded to Dharna Chowk, drawing large participation from labour unions, worker associations, and Congress party cadres. Demonstrators raised slogans demanding withdrawal or reconsideration of the labour codes and called for stronger legal protections for workers.

TPCC President & MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, Khairatabad DCC President Motha Rohit Mudhiraj, Secunderabad DCC President Deepak John, and Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath Naveen Yadav took part in the protest along with senior leaders and representatives of various labour and worker unions. Addressing the gathering, Congress leaders said the party stands firmly with workers and unorganised labour, and will continue to raise its voice against policies that they say undermine social security and workplace protections. They affirmed that the movement would continue until adequate safeguards for workers are ensured.

### Srijana Assumes Charge as Cyberabad Municipal Commissioner Citizens Express New Hopes

Hyderabad: Senior IAS officer Srijana has officially taken charge as the new Cyberabad Municipal Commissioner, ushering in a wave of optimism among residents, civic groups, and administrative staff. Her appointment is being widely welcomed, with many expressing confidence that her leadership will accelerate urban development and improve civic services across the Cyberabad region. After assuming office, Commissioner Srijana held an initial review meeting with senior officials and department heads. She emphasized transparent governance, time-bound service delivery, sanitation improvement, infrastructure strengthening, and technology-driven administration as immediate priorities. She stated that citizen grievance redressal, better coordination between departments, and field-level monitoring would be key focus areas. Special attention will also be given to road maintenance, drainage systems, town planning regulation, and public health measures.



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### Strict action if model code is violated during municipal counting, warns Sangareddy SP

Sangareddy, February 12 (TSIT) District Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj has announced tight security arrangements for the municipal election counting in Sangareddy, set to begin at 8:00 AM on 13 February 2026.



In a statement on Thursday, the SP said Section 163 BNSS will be enforced around counting centres, and unauthorised entry will be strictly prohibited. Only candidates, authorised agents, and duty staff will be allowed inside the premises. Mobile phones are banned inside counting halls, and media personnel with valid accreditation will be restricted to designated media points.

The Model Code of Conduct remains in force until the counting process is complete. Any violation will invite strict legal action, the SP warned.

A three-tier security system has been deployed at all counting centres, with armed personnel at strong rooms and Quick Reaction Teams on standby. Continuous CCTV surveillance has been set up in counting halls and strong rooms. Social media platforms are also being monitored to prevent the spread of rumours. The SP directed officials to remain alert and ensure law and order. A special control room at the district police office will monitor the process. He appealed to political parties, candidates, and the public to cooperate with the police in maintaining peace.

### 3 cases filed against Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar for election code violation

Karimnagar, February 12, TSIT :Police have registered three cases against Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar and several others for alleged violation of election rules in Kisan Nagar, following a cash seizure and allegations of obstruction of duty. During checks conducted on Thursday based on a tip-off about cash being distributed to lure voters, police caught two persons red-handed. Kurra Tirupati (45) was found with Rs 44,500 in cash, and a case (Cr. No. 52/2026) was registered against him and seven others, including the MLA.

edly intervened, obstructed officials, and had the suspect forcibly and unofficially released. The individual later held a dharna at the spot, disrupting law and order.

A second case (Cr. No. 53/2026) was registered against Kamalakar and eight others, including Peruka Manjula and Bejugam Madhu. A third case (Cr. No. 54/2026) was filed against Edla Ashok and Kurra Tirupati for holding a press meet after the incident and appealing for votes, in violation of election rules.

Karimnagar Three Town Inspector Gurram Thirumal confirmed the cases. Commissioner of Police Goush Alam warned of strict action against those disturbing peace and order during the election process.

### Yasmeen Bhasha Drives New Momentum in Horticulture and Oilseed Development Initiatives

Hyderabad: Telangana's horticulture and oilseed sectors are witnessing renewed administrative focus and field-level momentum under the leadership of Yasmeen Bhasha, Director of Horticulture and Managing Director of Oilfed with the cooperation of Senior Officials and Minister Through a series of review meetings, field inspections, and coordination drives, she is strengthening programme delivery aimed at boosting farmer incomes and improving crop value chains.



In recent departmental reviews, she emphasized expansion of horticulture cultivation, promotion of high-value crops, micro-irrigation support, and improved nursery standards. District officials were directed to ensure timely supply of quality planting material, strengthen extension services, and provide on-ground technical guidance to farmers adopting fruit, vegetable, and plantation crops. On the Oilfed front, special focus has been placed on encouraging oilseed cultivation, improving procurement systems, and enhancing processing and marketing support. Steps are being taken to increase farmer awareness about oil palm and other oilseed crops, along with better linkage between growers, processing units, and market channels. Officials said her

approach stresses field monitoring, data-based planning, and farmer-centric implementation. Review mechanisms have been tightened to track subsidy utilisation, plantation survival rates, and productivity outcomes. She has also encouraged convergence with allied departments and farmer producer groups to scale results faster. Farmer representatives and departmental teams have welcomed the proactive direction, noting that quicker decisions, closer field supervision, and structured targets are helping accelerate scheme benefits at the grassroots level. With integrated planning across horticulture and oilseed missions, the department aims to improve crop diversification, reduce risk for farmers, and build stronger agri-value ecosystems across Telangana.

### Bank Walkathon Rally at Mathuranagar

Karimnagar, February 12, TSIT : Reserve Bank of India is observing Financial Literacy Week from 9th to 13th February with the theme 'Your first step in securing your bank account'. As part of this, on the orders of RBI and District Collector Pamela Satpathy, a walkathon was organized in Madhuranagar village.



Mutyala Gnana Suprabhat General Manager, RBI flagged off the walkathon speaking on the occasion, every bank account holder is advised to keep their KYC details updated. He explained the importance of timely KYC submission and required documents and the benefits of updating them to bank accounts. People are informed that name, address and date of birth should be same in Aadhaar, PAN and bank accounts. He also suggested linking mobile number with

Aadhaar. Users can easily find their CKYC number by giving a missed call to 7799022129 from their registered mobile number. Through phone calls and online links, awareness was also created about frauds in the name of KYC. People are warned not to use their bank accounts to hold the account holder accountable for fraudulent transactions. In such cases, one can be considered a money mule and face legal action. Users are advised not to

share bank details, OTPs, ATM PINs or Net Banking passwords with anyone. It warned not to click on unknown links and be alert to fraudsters. In case of any cyber fraud, it is advised to call 1930 immediately and complain. Details of Government of India insurance schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana - also provide important schemes accessible to all at very low premi-

ums. Yeswant AGM RBI, V. Sridhar, PD DRDO, Karimnagar participated in the programme. Anjaneyu LDM Karimnagar, Venkatesh AGM SBN Satyanarayana Rao CEO KDCC Bank Karimnagar Ramu MPDO Gangadhara Bhaskar, Sarpanch Gangadhara, Managers and staff from SBI KDCC Bank FLC Counsellors, PACS Ex-Chairman Velichala Tirumala Rao and students participated.

# EDITORIAL

## Inside India's High-Stakes Push For Buying A Record 114 Rafales

The year was 1987, and this writer was doing his test pilots course at EPNER, the French Test Pilots School located at a quaint place called 'Istres', where all French aircraft prototypes were test-flown. In between our exhausting ground subjects (equations in the aerodynamics class whose length filled the span of the blackboard!) and flying instructions (all teaching in French!), we would, after every odd month, get a respite. All flying would stop, and the entire airbase would be out on the tarmac to see 'vol Rafale', that is, Rafale flying! And the Rafale technology demonstrator (which it was then) would turn, loop and twist with its afterburners lit, astonishing the viewers with its tight manoeuvrability. Little did I know that one day it would fly in Indian Air Force colours.

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The evaluation process for the Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) project for 126 aircraft started in 2008 - special security was put in place for the evaluation process, and that there was not a single 'leak' speaks of the high integrity of the evaluation. The team, over a period of almost two years, evaluated six leading aircraft in all types of the Indian environment and shortlisted the Eurofighter and Rafale. The government (not the IAF, as any acquisition is a government decision) decided to go for the Rafale in 2012; thereafter, the project went into prolonged slumber, a victim of inaction as the MMRCA project had become a political 'touch me not.' The real effect was on the IAF's operational capability as its squadron strength gradually dwindled. All Air Chiefs after 2010 kept emphasising the imperative need to urgently acquire a new aircraft, but what finally came in 2016 was a truncated contract for the purchase of 36 Rafales to equip two Squadrons. This gave breathing time, alright, but as MiG-21 squadrons continue to be phased out, the situation has become critical, with IAF strength reducing to 29 Squadrons. The media has been agog with news of a new IAF project for 114 Multi Role Fighter Aircraft - and foreign companies have made their pitch again through media articles and participation in the AeroIndia shows at Bengaluru. In the interim, India's neighbours were up to their tricks and the Rafale was seen in action recently in Op Sindoor.

# UNFORTUNATE GRANDEUR OF MOURNING CEREMONIES

- Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

A civilized society is defined not by its celebrations but by its mourning. The way a society embraces grief, the dignity and sensitivity with which it expresses it—this is the measure of its human maturity. Unfortunately, today our society seems to fall short of this standard. Mourning ceremonies, once a natural medium for sharing grief and offering support to the bereaved family, are gradually becoming platforms for pomp, display, and social competition. Today, in many parts of the country, when flipping through the pages of major newspapers, it's common to see ten, twenty, or even fifty condolence messages published on a single day for a single person. And not simple ones, but colorful, in bold font, sometimes occupying entire pages. Condolence messages are no longer information, but rather advertisements. Once, a six- or seven-line black-and-white condolence message was enough to announce the passing of a certain person and the condolence gathering being held at a certain location. Relatives and acquaintances would arrive without any fanfare. At that time, expressions of grief were characterized by simplicity, silence, and intimacy. Over time, this simplicity has been lost. Today, the size, color, location, and cost of a condolence message—everything has become a symbol of social status. It's unfortunate that we've turned even the ultimate truth of death into a status symbol. Now, we're focused on which family sent the largest condolence message, which sent it in color, and whose message appeared on the front page. The format of condolence meetings has also become a reflection of this trend. The practice of expressing condolences in a simple living room or courtyard is fading away. They have been replaced by grand pavilions, elaborately decorated pandals, white curtains, carpets, and lavish decorations. Often, condolence meetings are held in large banquet halls or wedding gardens, where the atmosphere feels more like a social gathering than a mourning one. A large, decorated portrait of the deceased is placed on



a stage, surrounded by garlands and decorative lighting. The bereaved family members also arrive fully dressed. Their attire, their body language, and their behavior do not convey any deep sorrow. It's not that they are not grieving, but the natural simplicity of grief, the silent pain, is drowned out by this grandeur. The number of people present at a condolence meeting has now become a measure of prestige, not sympathy. The number of people, the number of vehicles, the number of leaders, the number of officials—all of these are counted and discussed. Even after the condolence meeting is over, the assessment continues: "So and so didn't come" or "So and so important person also attended." As if the condolence meeting is not a tribute to the deceased, but an occasion for displaying social power. This trend isn't limited to the so-called upper class. Even lower- and middle-class families are now joining the fray. They know that such an event is beyond their financial means, yet social pressure prevents them from backing out. As a result, a condolence meeting, which should be an opportunity for mental solace, turns into a financial burden. Many

families find it difficult to bear this burden, but are forced to do so out of fear of what people will say. Food and beverages have become an important element of this grand event. Tea, coffee, mineral water, snacks, and sometimes even meals are provided. Attention is paid to the quality and variety of these arrangements. This scenario is completely contrary to the original spirit behind the condolence meeting. The purpose of a condolence meeting is not to feed people, but to share in the grief of the bereaved family. Even those attending mourning ceremonies are often left confused. The atmosphere makes it impossible to truly feel like they're attending a mourning service. New customs have been created, while old, simple, and dignified ones are gradually disappearing. Another worrying aspect is that even deeply personal sentiments like memorials and death anniversaries are now becoming a means of public display. Remembering a loved one is a personal experience. Their memory should live on in the mind, among family, and with simplicity. So why is there a need to spend year after year in large newspaper advertisements to inform the entire

society that you still remember your loved one? Does the value of remembrance lie in its publicity? This is not just a question of tradition, but also of sensitivity. When private grief becomes a public display, its soul is lost. Grief, which should be an occasion for introspection and humility, becomes a tool for ego and display. It's time for society to seriously address this trend. We must understand that death doesn't dictate one's social status. It makes everyone equal. Therefore, expressions of grief should be equal, simple, and dignified. The purpose of a condolence meeting is to pay tribute to the deceased and comfort the living, not to display one's power to society. The media, social leadership, and society itself must collectively exercise self-restraint in this regard. Newspapers should also consider whether promoting condolence messages as advertisements is further fueling this trend. Social standing should be determined not by the size of condolence messages, but by human compassion. Ultimately, the most beautiful form of mourning is one with fewer words, less ostentation, and more compassion.

## THE JF-17 'HYPE': HOW PAK IS PUSHING A JET THAT'S MORE NOISE THAN SUBSTANCE

The recently concluded Singapore Air Show featured a display of diverse regional air power. Islamabad brought to the show its JF-17 'Thunder' Block III, a Sino-Pakistani multirole fighter jet. Jointly developed by the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) and the Chengdu Aircraft Corporation (CAC) of China, the JF-17 has undergone multiple changes, from its Block I version debuting in the early 2000s, to the Block III iteration of today getting inducted into the Pakistani Air Force (PAF) by 2022. Block III can be classified as a 4.5-generation multirole combatant that mitigates to a great extent, Pakistan's dependence on the West, as well as Russia. Simultaneously, it enhances military collaboration between Islamabad and Beijing, considering that the JF-17, together with J-10CEs and PL-15Es, forms an interoperable air defence ecosystem of Chinese-origin equipment for deployment by the PAF.



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Prototype production commenced in September 2002, with the first jet rolling out in May 2003. Its maiden flight took place in late August 2003 at Chengdu, and by March 2004, the flight test programme had completed 20 missions. It then became the 'Joint Fighter-17 (JF-17) to reflect the collaborative nature of the programme. The '17', interestingly, came from an attempt to depict the JF-17 as a successor to the US's F-16.

## How Muslim Voters In Bengal Will Shape The 2026 Assembly Poll Outcome

On December 6, 2025, the 33rd anniversary of the demolition of Babri Masjid, a suspended Trinamool Congress MLA named Humayun Kabir laid the foundation stone of a mosque modelled on the iconic structure in Murshidabad district. It was an act calculated for maximum political resonance, and it worked. Within weeks, the West Bengal Police had attached properties worth Rs 10 crore linked to Kabir's family in a narcotics case, the Trinamool had expelled him, and a new political outfit - the Janata Unnayan Party (JUP) - had been born. The 2026 assembly election battle for Bengal's Muslim vote has officially begun. The Demographic Arithmetic To understand why this matters, start with the numbers. Muslims constitute approximately 27% of West Bengal's population as per the 2011 census - a figure the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) now claims may be closer to 30% or higher given illegal immigration from Bangladesh over the intervening decade. Three districts - Malda, Murshidabad, and Uttar Dinajpur - have Muslim-majority populations of 50% or above. Two more, South 24 Parganas and Birbhum, hover above 35%. Spread across these geographies are 89 assembly seats where the Muslim population exceeds 30%, and 112 seats where it exceeds 25%. In the 2021 assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress won 87 of those 89 seats - a near-perfect sweep. Of the 112 Muslim-influenced seats, Trinamool captured 106, leaving the BJP with just five. The BJP's strike rate in constituencies with more than 30% Muslim population was nearly zero, with the party managing to win just one seat. These seats, in effect, acted as a structural wall the party simply could not breach. The Vote Consolidation Story According to Axis My India exit poll data from 2021, approximately 75% of Muslim voters backed the Trinamool. By the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, that figure had risen to 83%. Data from The Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) suggests that concerns around the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the National Register of Citizens



(NRC) debate, and a broader sense of political vulnerability drove Muslim voters closer to Mamata Banerjee's fold rather than away from it. Will the current SIR exercise further consolidate this segment? This consolidation has a mirror image on the other side. In constituencies with a Muslim population of up to 10%, the BJP managed a 42% strike rate in 2021 (winning 33 of the 77 seats) - its only truly competitive zone. As the Muslim share of a constituency's population rose, the BJP's performance fell in almost perfect inverse proportion, dropping to 25% in seats with 20-30% Muslim population, 8% in 40-50% Muslim population seats, and 0% beyond that threshold. The Structural Math of Victory Herein lies the paradox at the heart of Bengal's politics. A simple majority in the 294-seat assembly requires 148 seats. With 106 of the 112 Muslim-influenced seats already in its column, the Trinamool needs to win just 42 more from the remaining 182 Hindu-majority constituencies. In 2021, it won 109 of those seats - a 60% strike rate - giving it the comfortable 215-seat majority it achieved. The BJP, by contrast, won 72 Hindu-majority seats (40% strike rate) but was effectively locked out of the Muslim heartland. For the BJP to win Bengal, it cannot simply consolidate Hindu votes in Hindu-majority seats - it has already done that in its competitive zones. What it needs to do is either dramatically expand its Hindu-majority

seat tally or, more dauntingly, find a way to crack the Muslim fortress. Neither prospect looks easy. Enter Humayun Kabir. That is the context in which Humayun Kabir's Babri Masjid gambit must be understood. The Bharatpur MLA, who has a complicated political history - he contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket before returning to Trinamool orbit - now claims he is building an alternative pole of Muslim political representation. His Janata Unnayan Party has announced plans to contest 182 assembly seats in 2026. The Trinamool's response has been instructive. Rather than attempting dialogue or accommodation, the party suspended Kabir and publicly distanced itself from the mosque project. Police action against his family followed swiftly. Kabir, predictably, called it political victimisation. The BJP, meanwhile, is playing both sides - describing Kabir as the Trinamool's 'B-team' even as the latter accuses him of having been the BJP's man all along. The mutual accusations suggest neither party fully controls the narrative. Dissatisfaction In The Trinamool Fortress VoteVibe's tracking data from late 2025 introduces an element of caution into any confident forecast for the Trinamool Congress. While 54% of Muslim respondents still want Mamata Banerjee as Chief Minister - a commanding majority - 26% rate her government's performance as poor or very poor.

**International dam safety conference begins in Bengaluru tomorrow, says DCM Shivakumar**



Bengaluru :Deputy Chief Minister and Irrigation Minister D K Shivakumar announced on Thursday that an international conference on dam safety will be held in Bengaluru on February 13 and 14, coinciding with the Karnataka government's completion of 1,000 days in office.

Speaking at a press conference at Karnataka Bhawan in New Delhi, Shivakumar said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the event at the JN Tata Auditorium

in Indian Institute of Science. The conference is jointly organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the state water resources department.

Around 400 experts, including 25 international delegates from 10 countries, will participate. A total of 46 research papers will be presented on dam safety, he said. Union Ministers V Somanna and Raj Bhushan Choudhary, along with Karnataka Minister N S Boseraju, will attend.

Shivakumar said Karnataka has 231 dams, of which 75% are over 25 years old. The state is spending Rs 1,500 crore on the safety of 58 dams under the second phase of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, with external assistance from the World Bank and AIIB. Replacement of crest gates at Tungbhadra dam has already begun, he added. On the reported rejection of double decker flyover projects by the Centre, Shivakumar said he was not aware of any such decision. He noted that the Prime Minister had seen the double decker flyover in Bengaluru and that the Centre had earlier said such projects must continue. "If there are any issues, I will discuss it with the Union Minister," he said.

**80-90 MLAs want Shivakumar as Karnataka CM: Congress MLA amid leadership tussle**



Ramanagar, Feb 12 : Amid the leadership tussle in Karnataka, Congress MLA Iqbal Hussain on Thursday claimed that around 80 to 90 MLAs in the grand old party want Deputy CM D. K. Shivakumar to become Chief Minister.

Shivakumar's loyalist Hussain said that many legislators believe that the former deserves the Chief Minister's post as recognition for his struggles and hard work. Speaking to reporters in

Ramanagar, Hussain said, "It is good in terms of governance and also important in view of the upcoming elections. Against this backdrop, we are demanding the Chief Minister's post for Shivakumar. This is what I know. I do not know who is identifying with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Likewise, we do not know who is identifying with Shivakumar." "All 140 MLAs are hoping for a change, and around 80 to 90 MLAs are discussing the issue of a leadership change. We

are all supporting Shivakumar," he stated. Meanwhile, according to sources, the Congress leadership has taken serious note of the foreign tour undertaken by some Congress MLAs believed to be close to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The party's Karnataka in-charge and AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala has reportedly sought the names of the MLAs who were part of the trip. The sources said the foreign tour was organised to defuse the leadership buzz in the state. They also noted that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah began budget preparatory meetings much earlier, immediately after the special session, in this context. Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar remained absent from a meeting related to his portfolios, stating that he had obtained prior permission. Surjewala has sought details regarding the nature of the foreign trip.

**National-Level CMA Examination: Nandini .V of G.C. Rao Academy Secures 36th All India Rank**

Bengaluru: In the national-level CMA examination conducted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), Karnataka students have achieved outstanding results. Nandini.V of G.C. Rao Academy has secured the 36th Rank. With the announcement of the CMA final results, along with Nandini.V of G.C. Rao Academy, Manjunath H.K., G.M. Rajesh, Ramya D.A., Vinay Kumar G.V., Rajith N., Sri Lakshmi H. Hegde, Poornima H., and Kirana S. Bhat have qualified and earned the Cost and Management Accountant designation. In this achievement, more than 100 students from the academy have passed the CMA Inter and Final examinations across various groups. With this, the total number of All India Ranks secured by the academy in CMA Inter and Final has risen to 37. For the past 14 years, G.C. Rao Academy has been providing quality CMA coaching in the state. The academy has been actively working to encourage and motivate commerce students in the city.



**Expelled Cong MLA Rahul Mamkootathil gets bail in rape case**

Kochi, Feb 12 : The Kerala High Court on Thursday granted anticipatory bail to Palakkad MLA Rahul Mamkootathil in the first of three rape cases registered against him, subject to stringent conditions. With this order, the legislator has now secured bail in all three cases. He had obtained bail earlier in the two other cases. The prosecution strongly opposed the plea, contending that the accused had mentally manipulated and sexually exploited the complainant and therefore should not be granted anticipatory bail. It argued that custodial interrogation was necessary.

The complainant also informed the court that granting bail would pose a threat to her life and alleged that the accused had similarly abused several other women. However, after examining the woman's statement in detail, the court observed that it could not be conclusively established that rape had

occurred. The judge noted that a married woman entering into another relationship is not, by itself, legally or morally wrong, and questioned how anticipatory bail could be denied on that ground alone. At the same time, the court clarified that if it is later found that the accused possessed explicit images, the addition of further charges could be considered.

Bail has been granted with strict conditions. Mamkootathil must appear before the investigating officer on the 16th and undergo questioning for three consecutive days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., during which period he will be deemed to be in custody. He must surrender his mobile phone for examination, undergo medical tests, and submit his passport. Mamkootathil has been barred from leaving Kerala and must report before the investigating officer on every second Saturday.

**Sanjay Raut questions probe into Ajit Pawar plane crash, alleges agencies 'compromised'**

Mumbai, Feb 12 : Amid the continuing political controversy over the fatal plane crash involving former Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday questioned the credibility of the ongoing investigation and echoed NCP (SP) legislator Rohit Pawar's allegations of "foul play" and "sabotage".

Addressing a press conference, Raut mounted a sharp attack on both central and state investigative agencies, alleging that they were functioning under political influence. "The investigative agencies in this state and country have become compromised. Whether it is the

ED, CBI, IB or even the state police, the public has lost all faith in them," Raut said. He further alleged that under the Modi government, major incidents have not been investigated in an impartial manner. "The probes are consistently biased to protect those in power," he claimed.

Raut pointed out that the aircraft involved in the crash had originated from Gujarat, saying this had led to public suspicion. "People are bound to be suspicious. The plane that was carrying Ajit Dada also came from Gujarat. Look at the Ahmedabad plane crash. Nearly 300 people died, but what happened to that investigation? Can

anyone explain how that plane went down?" he asked, rejecting Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis's appeal to trust the authorities. He urged Deputy Chief Minister Ek Nath Shinde to take Rohit Pawar's allegations on the crash seriously instead of dismissing it as political rhetoric. "Rohit Pawar is presenting a detailed account with facts regarding the crash. If the DCM's grief over Ajit Dada's passing was genuine and not a 'pretence', he must call for a meeting with Rohit Pawar and the concerned officials. Dismissive answers like 'the agencies are working' are simply an escape from the truth," Raut said.

**Govt hospitals face medicine shortage, Congress MLAs go on 'fun tours': R.Ashoka**

Bengaluru: Government hospitals are facing a shortage of medicines, which is a sign that the government has become sinful. At such a time, Congress MLAs are going on foreign tours for fun, criticized Opposition Leader R. Ashoka.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that the state Congress government has no money to purchase medicines. From paracetamol to over 800 essential medicines, they are unavailable, as I had mentioned in the December 2024 session. At that time, Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao had said that medicines would be purchased immediately. Still, there is no stock of any medicines. Through this, the health department has become unhealthy. The government has reached a dire situation where it has to buy medicines from the hospital maintenance funds. It has come to the



point of taking loans to purchase medicines.

An order has been issued by the health department to finalize the tender by March. That means, if medicines do not reach government hospitals until May or June, patients will have to die. If there's an accident, even bandages won't be available. In some hospitals, doctors are inevitably writing prescriptions to buy medicines from outside. When our government was in power, instructions were given

not to write prescriptions for outside purchases. The government tried to shut down the central government's Jan Aushadhi centers. Now, people are buying medicines from Jan Aushadhi centers itself, he said. In the last budget, there was a 30% cut in funding for the health department. To fund the five guarantees, shortages have been created in the medicines given to the people. In some government hospitals, it is said that operations are not being performed due to the

lack of IV fluids and painkillers. Attention is being given to departments that bring commissions, while departments that solve people's problems are being neglected. This is a mirror to the government's sinfulness, he said.

Foreign Tour

The Animal Husbandry Minister is taking MLAs on a foreign tour. Previously, foreign tours using government money were stopped. If a tour is to happen, members from all parties are included in the delegation. If the minister is taking them along, how did the government give permission for this? Who is spending the money for this needs to be disclosed. Speaker U.T. Khader should stop this, he said.

It is not known what study the Congress MLAs are going for. Now, budget preparations are underway, and MLAs need to discuss with the Chief Minister.

**Parents protest against Bengaluru madrasa, allege anti-India activities and forced conversion**



Bengaluru: Parents protest for action against Jamia Muhammadiyah Mansoor educational institution that is threatening the unity and security of the country. The father of a student studying here has filed a written complaint with the government, saying that the Saamar International Islamic School run by Jamia Muhammadiyah Mansoor in Thanisandra, Bangalore, is threatening the unity and security of the society, the country, and that immediate action should be taken in this regard. The student's father, Abdul Rahim of HBR Block, has filed a complaint with Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, Home Minister Shri Dr. Parameshwar, Chief

Secretary Smt Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Police Commissioner, Kothanur Police Station, School Education Commissioner and others. My son has been studying here for three years, and sedition and conversion activities are constantly taking place here. This educational institution is unauthorized, and an unregistered madrasa is also functioning here. He said that unimaginable and inexplicable illegal activities are taking place here.

On February 7, 2023, in a conference held in a madrasa here, the religious leaders here made provocative speeches that threatened the unity of the country, including saying that Muslims ruled here for a thousand years and now we should rule this country again. Videos are available in your tube. A woman from Maharashtra named Naziya Ansari was working in this organization and she had married a man of another religion.

**Those in politics are required to do politics, says DCM Shivakumar**



New Delhi : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Thursday that success for him always comes with effort, and dismissed speculation over power sharing in Karnataka as media speculation.

Addressing reporters in New Delhi, Shivakumar said the party high command will take a suitable decision on leadership matters in the interest of the state and the country. "We have not discussed that issue. The media is giving it a different colour, but this is not special for us," he said.

Asked about his meetings with Congress leaders Rahul

Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and others, he said politicians discuss politics when they meet. "Politics was discussed but I can't disclose it to the media," he added. On Yathindra Siddaramaiah's statement that there will be no leadership change, Shivakumar said, "We have to accept what he says, he is our high command." Responding to a question on MLAs going on a foreign trip, he said he was not aware of the details and had learnt about it from the media. Shivakumar also announced that the government will launch a sixth guarantee scheme—land guarantee—on completion of 1,000 days in office. Land records will be issued to lakhs of people who currently lack titles, he said.

Dismissing allegations of a rift between him and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar said, "The conflict is in BJP, not in our party. The CM and I have said we will abide by the party decision."

**India's Spam Shield: The Truecaller Community Blocked Nearly 1,200 Crore Unwanted Calls in 2025**

New Delhi : Indians received more than 4,000 crore spam calls in 2025, reflecting the growing scale of fraud, disruption, and digital risk in everyday communication. In India, every phone call carries meaning - it can open doors to opportunity, deliver vital information, or even expose individuals to serious risk. As the country accelerates towards becoming a digitally empowered and globally competitive economy under the vision of Viksit Bharat, trust in communication has become a defining pillar of progress.

Truecaller's latest report shows that 1,189 crore of these unwanted calls were blocked before reaching users, helping millions avoid scams, wasted time, and unnecessary stress in an increasingly connected economy. With over 100 crore active phone connections in the country powering commerce,



governance, and personal relationships, Truecaller today released its 2025 India Insights Report, offering a data-driven view of how spam and fraud are reshaping the nation's communication landscape and how technology is helping protect crores of people every day. The report captures how these decisions played out across 2025, revealing both the scale of digital risk and the growing importance of protection.

"In a country where connectivity is powering opportunity at every level, trust has become our

most valuable digital asset," said Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Truecaller. "Fraud today is not just a technical problem, it is a human one. It exploits fear, urgency, and uncertainty in moments that matter most. Our responsibility is to make sure that no Indian has to choose between staying connected and staying safe. Our focus at Truecaller is simple: help people stay connected without compromising their safety and stopping risk before it turns into loss."

The Scale of Communication Risk in 2025

According to the report, Truecaller identified more than 4,168 crore spam calls across India in 2025, reflecting the full extent of disruptive and potentially harmful communication. Of these, 1,189 crore unwanted calls were blocked by Truecaller users. In addition, 770 crore fraudulent calls were detected, many of them impersonating banks, government authorities, payment platforms, and well-known brands.

Spam messaging also remained a major concern. During the year, over 12,903 crore spam SMS were identified, with volumes increasing significantly in the second half of 2025. As legitimate alerts and fraudulent messages increasingly share the same digital space, users are being forced to make faster and more complex judgments, raising the cost of even small mistakes.

**Adherence to Notified Ward Boundaries for City Corporation Elections: Dr. Rajendra K.V**

Bengaluru: With regard to the Bengaluru West City Corporation elections under the GBA limits, adherence to the ward boundaries specified in the official notification is mandatory, stated Commissioner Dr. Rajendra K.V., while issuing directions to officials.

He addressed a meeting convened to discuss the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) related to the verification of the draft electoral rolls within the West City Corporation limits. Verification and Confirmation of Divided Wards: Based on the information in the draft electoral rolls, all wards—especially the bifurcated wards—must be physically inspected and verified in



accordance with rules. The Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers have been instructed to conduct a meticulous review to ensure that no errors or omissions occur. Additional Commissioner (Revenue) Manjunath Swamy also addressed the meeting and

instructed officials to conduct door-to-door verification in cases where an Assembly electoral roll has been partially divided among more than one ward. He further directed that instances where members of the same family have been allocated to different polling booths should be rectified.

## We need politics of growth, not politics of hatred, CM tells Industrialists

CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday said the Dravidian model government believes in growth-oriented politics and not in politics driven by hatred or resentment.

Addressing industrialists at the Conversion Conclave event which was organized by the Industries department, Stalin said Tamil Nadu continues to provide confidence to industries, entrepreneurs and investors. He emphasised that



social justice and industrial growth must go hand in hand. "The State's economic growth stands at 11.19 per cent.

The manufacturing sector has recorded a growth of 14.7 per cent, which is significantly higher than the national average.

Tamil Nadu accounts for 41 per cent of India's electronics exports," he said.

Explaining the government's working model, the Chief Minister said that once a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed, a separate monitoring dashboard is created for each project. "I personally monitor the progress, including land acquisition, investment details and job creation, especially opportunities for women," he noted.

## 2-day IPMA Global PPF meet begins at Mahabs today

Chennai: The International Project Management Association (IPMA), a leading global authority on competent Project Management, is conducting the 2-day Indian edition of its premier international conference - IPMA Global Project Profession Forum (PPF) at a star city at the tourist spot of Mahabalipuram, about 55 km from here, from tomorrow. The conference, to be inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Minister for IT and Digital Service Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, is being organized by Project Management Associates, India (PMA, India), the Member Association of IPMA in India, and an Apex Body of Project professionals in the country. This conference serves as a global platform for thought leadership and strategic dialogue, under the theme "Co-creating a Global Transformation through Project Management: Embracing AI, Innovation and Sustainability", PMA India President and Founder CEO and MD Brahmos Dr A Sivthanu Pillai told reporters here on Thursday. The IPMA PPF India will bring together national and international experts, industry captains, global project leaders, policymakers and academics to examine the evolving role of the project profession in shaping sustainable.

## New Low Pressure Area to form over Bay on Feb 15

Chennai: Despite dry weather prevailing over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area during the last few days with no traces of rain, a new Low Pressure Area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal on February 15 which is expected to revive light to moderate rainfall activity. Met office on Thursday said there was no large change in minimum temperature over Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area during the past 24 hours though chilly conditions continued to prevail in several parts of Chennai and its neighbouring districts.



Coastal and southern districts.

An Upper Air Cyclonic Circulation lies over east Equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal and extends upto 5.8 km above mean sea level. Under its influence, a Low Pressure Area is likely to form over the same region around February 15. The districts which would get rains because of the fresh system would be known based on its movement. Private weather bloggers said the Low Pressure is expected to revive the rainfall activity in Tamil Nadu, and said rains are likely in

likely to prevail at isolated pockets over Interior districts of Ranipet, Vellore, Tirupattur, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Dindigul and Nilgiris districts of Tamil Nadu. Mist/Haze is likely to prevail at isolated pockets over Erode, Salem, Namakkal, Northern districts Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu during early morning. Shallow Fog is likely to prevail at isolated pockets over Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Salem, Namakkal, Dindigul and the hilly Nilgiris districts of Tamil Nadu during early morning hours from February 14 to 16. Mist/Haze is likely to prevail at isolated pockets over Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Ranipet, Vellore, Tirupattur and Kancheepuram during early morning hours of February 14 and at isolated pockets over Ranipet, Vellore, Tirupattur and Kancheepuram on February 15 and 16. Shallow to Moderate Fog is likely to prevail at isolated pockets over Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Villupuram and Cuddalore districts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on February 16.

## Defamation case : Madras HC directs former Indian skipper MS Dhoni to deposit Rs.10 lakh for CD transcription

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Thursday directed iconic cricketer M.S. Dhoni to pay Rs.10 lakh towards the charges for transcribing and translating the contents of the CDs involved in a Rs. 100 crore defamation suit filed by him over allegedly defamatory content in connection with the 2013 IPL betting scandal. Ms Justice R.N. Manjula issued the directive to Dhoni on the defamatory suit filed by him to pay the charges by March 12 and posted the case to that date for further hearing. The former Indian skipper had filed the civil defamation suit in

2014 against Private Media, Tamil Nadu Police officer Sampath Kumar and others over alleged malicious statements claiming that he was involved in betting and match-fixing in IPL matches in 2013. On October 23, 2025, the Court had directed that the Interpreter of the court to take up the task of transcribing and translating the contents of the CDs involved in the case subject to the payment of the necessary charges. In her order, she observed that it was a humongous task and would take much time and energy of at least one Interpreter and a Typist for nearly three to four

months to complete. Since the entire time of one Interpreter and the involvement of a Typist are required, and additional costs are also involved in preparing the copies, the charges for transcription and translation were fixed at a sum of Rs. 10 lakh, payable by Dhoni. The amount is required to be paid to the account of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madras High Court, on or before March 12. The Interpreter has been directed to complete the transcription and translation of the contents of the CDs before the third week of March, and posted the matter to March 12.

## Union Min Jitendra Singh to inaugurate CSIR's RISE Conclave 2026 in Chennai on Feb 14

Chennai, Feb 12 (UNI) union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the Research, Industry, Start-up and Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026 on February 14 at the sprawling Chennai Trade Centre in Chennai. The two-day conclave is being organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) through its Tamil Nadu-based laboratories, CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre (CSIR-SERC), Chennai; CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI), Chennai; and CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi. The RISE Conclave 2026 is aligned with the Minister's vision of taking innovation and start-up promotion to the grassroots through a "Whole-of-Government for Whole-of-Society" approach, fostering closer integration among research institutions, industry, academia,

and young entrepreneurs. In the run-up to the Conclave, a joint media meet was organised today at the CSIR-CLRI campus, Chennai, by three CSIR laboratories to outline the objectives, structure and expected outcomes of the event. Dr. N. Anandavalli, Director, CSIR-SERC and Coordinating Director, CSIR Madras Complex, said the RISE Conclave aims to create a common platform for start-ups, MSMEs, industry leaders, academic and research institutions, universities, colleges, schools, and the public to promote innovation-led growth. She said that Umbrella Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) will be exchanged between CSIR and academic institutions along with their incubation centres during the conclave to strengthen structured collaboration. Dr. P. Thanikaivelan, Director, CSIR-CLRI, said more than 100 exhibitors, predominantly start-ups and MSMEs, are

expected to participate. Many of them are beneficiaries of technologies and services developed by CSIR and other scientific departments such as DST, DBT and MoES. The programme will feature dedicated start-up-industry interaction sessions, expert lectures, and entrepreneurship development initiatives to translate research outcomes into viable enterprises. Dr. K. Ramesha, Director, CSIR-CECRI, highlighted CSIR's proposal to deepen engagement with university incubation ecosystems. Under this collaborative model, CSIR will act as a technology provider, while universities will facilitate incubation and entrepreneurial mentoring, thereby strengthening innovation-to-market pathways. Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Scientist-H/ Outstanding, CSIR, said at the inaugural session, Dr. Jitendra Singh will lay out the broader roadmap for strengthening India's innovation ecosystem through

strategic partnerships and job-oriented incubation initiatives. The Conclave is designed to catalyse collaborations, showcase cutting-edge technologies and reinforce Tamil Nadu's dynamic innovation landscape, built with sustained support from the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences. Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Information and Broadcasting L. Murugan will be the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. The organisers extended an open invitation to members of the start-up community, industry representatives, academia, students, and the media to participate in RISE Conclave 2026 and contribute to advancing innovation-driven economic growth and societal development. The RISE Conclave is expected to emerge as a vibrant national platform, strengthening partnerships among research institutions, industry, start-ups, and academia.



Honble Deputy Chief Minister congratulated and interacted with young Tamil Nadu cricketers R.S. Ambrish and Deepesh Devendran

## India's medical devices market set for rapid expansion, says industry report

New Delhi, Feb 12: India's medical devices sector is poised for significant growth, with its market size expected to surge from \$15.2 billion in 2025 to \$50.1 billion by 2030, registering a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 26.9 per cent, according to a report by Rubix Industry Insights.

The report attributes this strong momentum to a series of policy measures introduced by the government, including the National Medical Devices Policy, the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, the Scheme for Promotion of Medical Devices Parks, and the MedTech Mitra initiative. These programmes are aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing, enhancing infrastructure, and strengthening India's position in the global medical technology landscape.

Despite the growth trajectory, the sector continues to rely heavily



on imports. In FY25, medical device exports stood at \$4.1 billion, while imports were significantly higher at \$8.6 billion. Currently, nearly 70-80 per cent of domestic demand—particularly for high-end and technologically advanced equipment—is met through imports.

Between April and September FY25, consumables accounted for around 47 per cent of exports. On the import side, electro-medical equipment dominated, comprising nearly 60 per cent of total imports. India presently ranks as the fourth-largest medical devices market in Asia and among the top 20 globally. The government has set an

ambitious target of increasing the country's share in the global market from the current 1.6 per cent to about 12 per cent over the coming years. The United States and Germany remain key destinations for Indian exports, while the US and China are the primary sources of imports.

The Union Budget for FY27 has underscored support for bio-pharmaceutical research, further strengthening the ecosystem for innovation and manufacturing. The report highlights additional growth drivers such as rising income levels, expanding health insurance coverage, improved healthcare infrastructure, and the steady rise of medical tourism. These factors are expected to fuel demand for both affordable mass-market devices and advanced solutions for specialised treatment. India's domestic

manufacturing base includes approximately 800 producers. Investment interest in the sector has also grown, with private equity and venture capital deal sizes increasing from \$56 million in 2022 to \$137 million in 2024. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, and Karnataka are emerging as key hubs, supported by shared infrastructure, skilled workforce availability, and strong supplier networks.

The report also referenced the proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), describing it as a positive development for the medical devices industry. While zero tariffs on medical devices are seen as beneficial, experts emphasised the need to address non-tariff barriers to ensure smoother market access and strengthen bilateral trade in life-saving technologies.

## Over 13% heart failure cases among diabetics in India linked to inactivity

New Delhi, Feb 12: More than 13 per cent of heart failure cases among people living with diabetes in India may be linked to physical inactivity, according to a global study published in the Journal of Sport and Health Science.

The findings also indicate that 9.6 per cent of coronary heart disease cases and 9.4 per cent of cardiovascular complications among diabetics in India can be attributed to lack of physical activity. Globally, researchers found that one in ten cases of macrovascular (large blood vessel) complications and diabetic retinopathy are associated with physical inactivity. "Diabetes complications are often seen as inevitable consequences of the disease. Our findings challenge this idea by showing that a meaningful proportion of these complications could be prevented through achievable increases in physical activity among people living with diabetes," said lead author Jayne Feter from the School of



Medicine at Brazil's Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. The study analysed data from over 2.3 million adults with diabetes across various world regions, including South Asia. The researchers found that physical inactivity accounted for more than 10 per cent of strokes, 9.7 per cent of diabetic retinopathy, 7.3 per cent of heart failure, and approximately five to seven per cent of cardiovascular and coronary heart disease cases among diabetics worldwide. The study also high-

lighted social disparities, noting that women and individuals with lower education levels experienced a higher proportion of complications attributable to physical inactivity. India is home to more than one-fourth of the world's diabetic population, according to a 2024 study published in The Lancet. Long-term high blood sugar levels can damage blood vessels and nerves, leading to serious complications that place increasing pressure on healthcare systems. Researchers noted that treating diabetes-related complications consumes a growing share of health budgets, particularly in regions already grappling with strained healthcare infrastructure. "This study reframes physical activity as a core component of diabetes complication prevention. Promoting physical activity among people with diabetes could reduce hospitalisations, disability, and healthcare costs, while improving quality of life," Feter said.

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**Chennai:** TVS Electronics (TVSE), a leading player offering integrated end-to-end electronic solutions, highlights its comprehensive 'Make in India' hardware portfolio for BFSI sector, ensuring trusted, safe and fast transactions. As transaction volumes rise, digital adoption accelerates, and customer expectations continue to grow, financial institutions face increasing pressure to maintain speed, accuracy, security, and uninterrupted operations. TVSE addresses these demands by delivering reliable, scalable solutions that reduce operational risk, streamline daily workflows, and support consistent service delivery across branch networks and digital touchpoints. In an industry where precision and trust are essential, TVS Electronics solutions simplify the workload for staff and provide customers with a smoother and more secure experience. TVS Electronics offers a dedicated range of products to help BFSI's operate seamlessly without compromising on speed, security and accuracy.



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According to Mr. C. Balaji, Vice President - Chief

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## GENERAL MILLS INDIA OPENS A NEW MANUFACTURING PLANT IN NASHIK



**INDIA (February 12, 2026)** — General Mills India, part of General Mills Inc., a U.S.-based Fortune 500 food company, today announced the inauguration of a new manufacturing facility in Nashik, Maharashtra. The new, state-of-the-art plant marks a significant expansion of the company's manufacturing footprint in India and reinforces its long-term commitment to serving the fast-growing food and bakery sector in India. General Mills invested approximately INR 100 crore to build this plant, and it serves as the company's second manufacturing facility in Nashik. The facility has been built using advanced manufacturing technologies and global qual-

ity standards, with a strong focus on food safety, high quality, and responsible resource use. The new plant at Nashik will also ensure a more efficient supply chain, reducing lead times and enhancing the availability of Pillsbury products across the country. This improved accessibility will empower thousands of bakeries in India to leverage Pillsbury's consistent quality, thereby contributing to their own growth and the overall development of the bakery sector. Beyond manufacturing scale, the plant is expected to deliver meaningful economic impact in the region. It has already created numerous direct and indirect employment opportunities across

manufacturing, logistics, and support services, providing a boost to local livelihoods and skill development in the Nashik region of Maharashtra. Furthermore, the increased demand for raw materials and ancillary services will stimulate growth for local suppliers and businesses. "We're extremely proud to increase the availability of Pillsbury products across the country with the opening of our new plant in Nashik," said Balki Radhakrishnan, Vice President and Managing Director of Global Emerging Markets at General Mills. "Since 1999, our Pillsbury brand has been offering delicious, quality and convenient baking mixes in India.

## THINK Gas Swiftly Restores City Gas Supply After Pipeline Damage

**Anantapur 2026:** A city gas pipeline laid by THINK Gas (formerly AG&P Pratham) was damaged during un-intimated JCB excavation work carried out by the Anantapur Municipal Corporation Water Pipeline Department while rectifying a damaged water pipeline near Ram Nagar Comfort Apartment, Anantapur. The THINK Gas emergency response team acted promptly by isolating the affected section and restoring the gas supply within a short time, ensuring public safety and minimizing inconvenience to residents. THINK Gas has established a robust pipeline infrastructure in Anantapur district to supply Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for households and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transport users. Despite the presence of visible route markers, cautionary signage, and emergency contact boards along the pipeline route, the contractor involved in

the excavation failed to notify THINK Gas before starting work and did not submit any post-incident report. As per government regulations, any third-party planning to carry out excavation work must inform the City Municipal authorities or the City Gas Distribution company through the 'Dial Before You Dig' contact number. The incident occurred without prior intimation to the company, prompting THINK Gas to file an official complaint against the party responsible. As per the current legal provisions under IPC Sections 285 and 336, such unauthorized damage constitutes an offense punishable by imprisonment of up to 3 years and a fine of up to ₹25 crores. THINK Gas urges all contractors, agencies, and individuals to comply with this safety requirement. The toll-free number to contact THINK Gas before any digging activity is 1800 2022 999.

## Made in India – The story of Desh Bandhu Gupta, Lupin and Indian Pharma Book Launched in Mumbai

**Mumbai, February 12, 2026:** Made in India, written by Sundeeep Khanna and Manish Sabharwal, traces three remarkable journeys: the rise of India's pharma industry, the birth and evolution of Lupin and the extraordinary life of its founder, Desh Bandhu Gupta. Together, the three journeys illuminate how a country once completely dependent on imported medicines became the world's pharmacy. The book shares how an individual's life, shaped early by adversity, growing up without privilege or patronage, unpredictably nurtured hunger and drive, to navigate an unforgiving state, blend national health priorities and global standards, to build a multibillion-dollar enterprise whose medicines reach patients in over 120 countries. Made in India shows the distance travelled by a village boy from Rajasthan, who went on to become a teacher, professor and pharmaceutical employee, before founding a company worth \$10 billion. It is the story of how an unlikely entrepreneur, given his role



models, fought the system and left teaching and pharma jobs, going on to build a successful company, giving wings to a world-class industry and became a business icon for a nation. Written with candor by TeamLease Services co-founder Manish Sabharwal and journalist Sundeeep Khanna, the book confronts failures, financial crises, and the personal toll of leadership, alongside achievement and success, in the building of one of the world's biggest generics firms. This is a riveting portrait of entrepreneurship without mythmaking - of how institutions are built slowly, tested severely and rebuilt with resolve. Made in India weaves vivid anec-

dotes tracing Desh Bandhu Gupta's transformation from a humble professor to a pharma titan, finding his true calling in tending to the unmet needs of people. It issues a powerful call to future leaders, showcasing his journey of visionary entrepreneurship: rising from setbacks with raw grit and unshakeable conviction. Made in India also spotlights Desh Bandhu Gupta's wife Manju Gupta's pivotal role amid the trials and triumphs of building Lupin. Together, the couple also built community service and rural support programs, even as Lupin and India became a reliable global supplier of pharmaceuticals. India has today become

the world's pharmacy: Nearly half of the 400 billion pills Americans consume every year are made in India, as are 60 per cent of the world's vaccines. Of the 700 US Food and Drug Administration-approved factories that sell medicines in the US, a third are located in India. The co-creators of Indian pharma - Dr. Yusuf Hamied (Cipla), Anji Reddy (Dr. Reddy's), Parvinder Singh (Ranbaxy), Dilip Shanghvi (Sun), Ramanbhai Patel (Zydus-Cadila), Habil Khorakiwala (Wockhardt) and DBG (Lupin) - matter more to India than their companies' revenues, exports or profits because they saw something no one else did.

## SECURE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE WITH ICICI PRU SMARTKID 360

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru SmartKid 360, a long-term saving product which allows customers to plan for their child's future financial needs, with guaranteed benefits. ICICI Pru SmartKid 360, gives MoneyBack or pre-decided payouts as per the child's future milestones such as school or higher education or early adulthood goals. Notably, customers can choose a fixed amount or increasing amount as payouts. Commenting on the launch, Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "ICICI Pru SmartKid 360 has been designed to cater to the parents need to financially secure their child's future. In addition to the MoneyBack benefits, the product provides a guaranteed maturity benefit in the form of a lump-sum payout, at the end of the policy tenure, which can support the child's transition into adulthood. A key feature of the product is the inbuilt waiver of

**ICICI Pru SmartKid 360, gives MoneyBack or pre-decided payouts as per the child's future milestones such as school or higher education or early adulthood goals.**

premium and continuity of benefits, which safeguards the child's future in the event of the life assured's unfortunate demise. Under this feature, all future premiums are waived, life cover amount is paid out to the nominee and other chosen policy benefits continue which can ensure the child's goals are not disrupted. In addition to the core benefits, ICICI Pru SmartKid 360 offers optional features such as Family Income Benefit, which provides regular income, supporting the family in case of the life assured's untimely demise."

## Tata Motors Launches 17 Next-Generation Trucks, sets New Standards for Safety, Profitability & Progress



**New Delhi 2026:** Introduces Azura Series — Excellence Reimagined for the ILMCV segment Launches Tata Trucks.ev—India's widest electric truck range, based on I-MOEV Architecture — Intelligent Modular Electric Vehicle Architecture Brings world-class safety to Indian roads — trucks built to meet stringent European safety standards Boosts customer profitabil-

ity with industry best payload, fuel efficiency and Fleet Edge digital services In a landmark move set to transform the Indian trucking landscape, Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer and mobility solutions provider, today launched its next-generation portfolio of 17 trucks, spanning 7 to 55 tonnes, setting new benchmarks in safety, profits and progress. This comprehen-

sive launch introduces the all-new Azura series, the cutting-edge Tata Trucks.ev range, and significant upgrades to the established Prima, Signa, and Ultra platforms. Engineered to conform to stringent global safety standards (ECE R29 03), these trucks maximise earning potential, reduce total cost of ownership and enhance vehicle uptime to deliver greater success to transporters.

## CNH India Leads the Mechanization Movement with World-Class Crop Solutions

**Pune, February 12, 2026 :** CNH, a global leader in agriculture and construction equipment, celebrated its advanced, Made-in-Pune farm mechanisation products at the company's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Pune. The Pune plant houses CNH's strong R&D, engineering and manufacturing capabilities that design, develop and produce world-class harvesting and crop solution equipment in India for both domestic and global markets. The 280,000 square metre facility manufactures combine harvesters, sugarcane harvesters, small square balers, tractors, headers, cabs and implements. Equipped with advanced fabrication, automated paint systems, structured assembly lines and rigorous testing protocols, the plant supports mechanisation in multiple crops, across the country while also exporting part of its production overseas. Narinder Mittal, President & Managing Director, CNH India region



said, "The CNH Pune plant is a cornerstone of our manufacturing footprint in India and a symbol of our commitment to pioneering the mechanization movement in the country. As India moves further towards becoming a developed economy, agricultural mechanization will play a critical role in driving productivity, efficiency and sustainability across the farming ecosystem Our technology

leadership in sugarcane harvesters, combine harvesters and balers is demonstrated through machines that are technologically advanced, fuel-efficient, reliable and engineered specifically for Indian soil and farming conditions and we are proud to design and produce these solutions for Indian farmers." In 2023, CNH introduced India's first TREM-V emission stage compliant sugar-

cane harvester from this facility. CNH holds over 50% market share in both the sugarcane harvester and small square baler segments in India, and is the market leader in the cab combine harvester segment. Beyond advanced machinery, the company focuses on building skills and capabilities on the ground, creating a holistic 360-degree approach to transforming Indian agriculture.

Skill Development Training for young people, Agriculture Extension Education including Drone and Digital Technology usage, sustainable sugarcane cultivation and crop residue management programs are currently running in Maharashtra state. The Pune facility has also been recognized for its sustainability and safety practices. It is IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) certified, has received industrial safety awards for meritorious performance in 2022 and 2023, and follows energy and water conservation practices aligned to the Company's 2030 sustainability roadmap. Community initiatives in nearby villages include school infrastructure support and mobile healthcare services. With mechanisation levels still below 5% in sugarcane harvesting, under 30% in grain harvesting and merely 2% in crop residue management, the opportunity for growth in India remains significant.

# RUSSIA ORDERS BLOCK ON WHATSAPP IN MESSAGING APP CRACKDOWN

Russia has ordered a block on WhatsApp, as the Kremlin continues to tighten restrictions on messaging apps. Meta-owned WhatsApp said the move aimed to push more than 100 million of its app users in Russia to a "state-owned surveillance app". Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the BBC that the decision had been made "due to [Meta's] unwillingness to comply with the norms and the letter of Russian law". He has said Meta could resume operations if it "complies with [the law] and enters into dialogue". Asked whether authorities were trying to force Russians to use the state-developed Max app, Peskov said the "national messenger [is an] available alternative" for Russians. Russian internet regulator Roskomnadzor said this week it was further curbing access to messaging app Telegram as well, citing a lack of security. Telegram is highly popular in Russia and



said to be widely used by its forces in Ukraine. Pro-war bloggers have complained that the move was hampering communications on the ground. Even before the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russian authorities had begun work on creating a domestic alternative to the global internet. Those moves have gathered pace during the war, along with a push

towards state-backed platform called Max. Critics have alleged Max could be used for surveillance by the Russian authorities, though state media have denied that. Max is now being promoted widely inside Russia, through TV advertisements and billboards, by local officials and by the media. Russia has argued that both WhatsApp and Telegram

have refused to store Russian users' data in the country as required by law. Authorities in Moscow also allege that WhatsApp is one of the main services used to defraud and extort money from Russians - a reason they cite for people to migrate to the Max app. WhatsApp said it was doing everything it could to keep people connected. "Trying to

isolate over 100 million users from private and secure communication is a backwards step and can only lead to less safety for people in Russia," it said in a statement. State-run news agency Tass reported earlier this year that WhatsApp was expected to be permanently blocked in the country in 2026. "Such harsh measures" are "absolutely justified" since Russia has designated Meta as an extremist organisation, Andrei Svintsov, a Russian official, was quoted as saying. WhatsApp was previously Russia's most popular messaging service, but since Meta was labelled as extremist in 2022, its apps such as Instagram and Facebook have been blocked in Russia and are only accessible through virtual private networks (VPNs). Russians are not banned from using its products. Digital rights project Na Svyazi (In Touch) has reported that Russia has increasingly been removing websites from the state-run

internet address directory, which is controlled by Roskomnadzor. It said that 13 popular resources were now missing from the National System of Domain Names (NSD), including YouTube, Facebook, WhatsApp web, Instagram, the BBC and Deutsche Welle. Once an entry is removed, the site does not open without a virtual private network (VPN). Moscow has made extensive efforts to push Russians to its state-developed Max app, which critics say lacks end-to-end encryption and could therefore be penetrated by authorities. The app has been likened to China's WeChat - a so-called "super app" that combines messaging and government services. Since 2025, the authorities have mandated that the Max app be pre-installed on all new devices sold in the country. There have been reports of public sector employees, teachers and students being increasingly required to use the platform.

## Minnesota immigration enforcement surge is ending, Trump border tsar says



US border tsar Tom Homan said the immigration enforcement surge in Minnesota will end, telling reporters that President Donald Trump has approved his request to conclude the operation. "I will also remain in Minnesota a little longer to oversee the drawdown, to ensure its success," Homan said during the news conference on Thursday morning. Homan said Minnesota has become "less of a sanctuary state" since local officials have cooperated

more with federal immigration officers. The recent surge of more than 2,000 immigration officers to the state inspired nationwide protests after two US citizens were killed by federal agents last month. Officials in Minnesota have been able to "greatly reduce the number of targets" for immigration enforcement, Homan said, adding that Operation Metro Surge was a "great success". He mentioned the arrest of a number of undocumented immigrants, whom he referred to as "illegal aliens", including men he said were convicted of rape and other sexual misconduct. Homan said that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has always had a presence in Minnesota and will continue to have one. "A small footprint of personnel will remain for a period of time to close out and transition full command and control back to the field office," he said.

## TWO US NAVY SHIPS COLLIDE NEAR SOUTH AMERICA



A US Navy warship collided into a Navy supply vessel during a refuel operation, the US military's Southern Command confirmed to the BBC. Two people reported minor injuries during Wednesday's replenishment-at-sea operation, Southern Command said, and are in stable condition. The vessels - a guided missile destroyer and fast combat support ship - have both continued sailing safely from the site of the incident near South America. Southern Command did not say what caused the collision and said the incident was currently under investigation. The exact location of the crash between the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Truxtun and the Supply-class fast combat support ship USNS Supply was not immediately clear. The USNS Supply ship has been operating in

the Caribbean, according to the Wall Street Journal, which is part of Southern Command's area of responsibility. Southern Command is also responsible for parts of the South Atlantic and the South Pacific. US President Donald Trump has ordered a military buildup in the Caribbean the last few months as part of the administration's stated aim to target drug trafficking. Two people died on Thursday after the US military struck an alleged drug boat in the eastern Pacific, adding to a tally of at least 38 lethal alleged drug boat strikes in the region since Trump has re-entered office. The US has also used its military presence in the region to enforce sanctions against Venezuelan oil, after arresting the country's president Nicolas Maduro in a middle-of-the-night raid in January.

## Four takeaways from Pam Bondi's fiery Epstein testimony



US Attorney General Pam Bondi defended the justice department's handling of the files on the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and faced a barrage of angry questions on other issues during a fiery congressional hearing on Wednesday. Her testimony before the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee descended at times into a shouting match, with Bondi at one

point calling a Democrat a "washed-up loser". After another heated exchange, one lawmaker stormed out. Here are some of the key exchanges from the four-hour hearing. The hearing followed the release by the justice department earlier this year of millions more files from its investigations into the well-connected paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Several of Epstein's victims were seated behind Bondi at the hearing, and lawmakers frequently referred to them. In her opening statement, Bondi called Epstein a "monster" and told the victims she was sorry for the abuse they endured. But lawmakers directed a litany of complaints at Bondi about how the justice department has handled its release of the files.

## KIM JONG UN CHOOSES TEEN DAUGHTER AS HEIR, SAYS SEOUL



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has selected his daughter as his heir, South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers on Thursday. Kim Ju Ae - who is believed to be 13 - has in recent months been pictured beside her father in high-profile events like a visit to Beijing in September, her first known trip abroad. The National Intelligence Service (NIS) said it took a "range of circumstances" into account including her increasingly prominent public presence at official events" in making this assessment. The NIS also said it would keep close tabs on whether she will attend the North's party congress later this month - its largest political event that is held once every five years. The party Congress

is where Pyongyang is expected to give more details about priorities like foreign policy, war planning and nuclear ambitions for the next five years. On Thursday lawmaker Lee Seong-kwon told reporters that Ju Ae, who was previously described by the NIS as being "trained" to be a successor, was now at the stage of "successor designation". "As Kim Ju Ae has

shown her presence at various events, including the founding anniversary of the Korean People's Army and her visit to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, and signs have been detected of her voicing her opinion on certain state policies, the NIS believes she has now entered the stage of being designated as successor," Lee said. Ju Ae is the only known child of

Kim Jong Un and his wife, Ri Sol Ju. The NIS believes Kim Jong Un has an older son, but this son has never been acknowledged nor shown on North Korean media. News of Ju Ae's existence first emerged through an unlikely source: the American basketball player Dennis Rodman, who revealed to The Guardian newspaper back in 2013 that he "held baby Ju Ae" during a trip to the secretive state. Ju Ae made her first appearance on state television in 2022. She was shown inspecting North Korea's latest intercontinental ballistic missile while holding her father's hand. She has since made frequent appearances on state media, softening her father's image of a ruthless dictator.

## Polls close in first election since Gen Z protests ousted Bangladesh leader

Votes are being counted in Bangladesh after its first election since student-led protests ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina in 2024. More than 2,000 candidates are vying for 350 seats in parliament, though none from the banned Awami League of Hasina, who fled after 15 years in power after a brutal security crackdown in which hundreds of protesters were killed. The election pits the centre-right Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) against a coalition led by the Islamist Jamaat-e-Islami, which joined forces with a party born out of the student uprising. Results are expected on Friday and



there's widespread hope among voters of a return to democracy. For the first time since 2008, the outcome of an election in Bangladesh cannot be predicted with certainty. The past few elections were widely condemned as systematically rigged in favour of Sheikh Hasina.

She has been convicted and sentenced to death in absentia for ordering the brutal crackdown against protesters 18 months ago, in which the UN says as many as 1,400 protesters were killed. Hasina is in exile in India from where she's rejected the charges against her and has ques-

tioned the legitimacy of the election. The ban on her Awami League contesting the polls casts a shadow over whether this election can be described as free and fair. But, for the first time in years, voters on the ground were telling the BBC they feel like they have a choice. More than 120 million people were eligible to vote, about four in 10 of them under 37. They were also casting their ballots in a referendum on constitutional change, which was proposed by the interim government that replaced Hasina and is aimed at fixing what it has called a completely broken political system.

## Police identify 18-year-old as suspect in Tumbler Ridge shooting



An 18-year-old has been named as the suspect in a shooting that killed eight people and injured dozens more in British Columbia, Canada. Police said Jesse Van Rootselaar was found dead at the scene from a self-inflicted gunshot injury. The motive for the attack is not yet known. Six people were killed and at least 25 others were injured at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School. Two others - the suspect's mother, 39, and stepbrother, 11 - were found dead at a nearby home. Hundreds of mourners gathered to exchange comfort and moments of silence in Tumbler Ridge's main square and outside the British Columbia legislature in Victoria on Wednesday night. "Schools should be safe," said Tumbler Ridge vigil attendee Gigi Rejano said, according to the AFP news agency, while others cried nearby and pictures of victims were laid near a tree. In Victoria, speaker of the legislature Raj Chouhan said, "We can only pray together, hold hands together and send our love to all those people", according to a local journalist. The shooting at the nearby home

occurred first, then the suspect went to the school, McDonald said. The victims at the school were a 39-year-old female educator, three female students, all aged 12, and two male students, one aged 12 and the other 13. Authorities do not believe there are other suspects involved in the shootings. Police said they had attended the suspect's family home on multiple occasions over the past several years, with some calls related to mental health concerns. Authorities said Van Rootselaar was born a biological male but identified as a woman. "I can say that Jesse was born as a biological male who approximately six years ago began to transition to female," Dwayne McDonald, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) deputy commissioner, said. Van Rootselaar was known to police, and "we've begun the process of reaching out to" the public health care system to "understand what interactions may have taken place," British Columbia Premier David Eby told a news conference outside the Tumbler Ridge town hall late on Wednesday evening.

# PORT CITY IN RUINS AS STORM RIPS THROUGH MADAGASCAR AND ON TOWARDS MOZAMBIQUE

At least 35 people have died after a powerful cyclone struck Madagascar, says the disaster authority in the Indian Ocean island. Cyclone Gezani made landfall on Tuesday, hitting the island's main port, Toamasina. Madagascar's disaster management office said there was "total chaos" - reporting that houses collapsed in the impact zone, where the bodies were found. Neighbourhoods were plunged into darkness as power lines snapped, while trees were uprooted and roofs ripped off. As many as 250,000 people are "affected or displaced", Environment Minister Max Fontaine Andonirina told BBC Newsday on Thursday.

Huge challenges include "disruptions to food-supply chains, to the fuel transport, to the medical access, because most of the major roads are cut", he added. One resident described to the BBC how she and her family covered inside as wind and rain lashed their home for six hours straight, before the windows smashed and water poured in. "We are trying to do our best... It's dangerous and I don't know if there will be enough people to help us, even though the authorities are trying," the woman, who gave her name as Denise, told BBC Newsday. "It's real and its worse" than it looks in videos being shared online, she added. Gezani is



the second cyclone to hit Madagascar this year. It comes 10 days after tropical cyclone Fytia killed 14 and displaced over 31,000 people, according to the UN's humanitarian office. The

island's rulers are now pleading for international help. "What happened is a disaster, nearly 75% of the city of Toamasina was destroyed," the country's military leader Colonel

Michael Randrianirina, who seized power in October, told the AFP news agency. "The current situation exceeds Madagascar's capabilities alone," he added. The cyclone's landfall is likely to have been one of the most intense recorded around the city in the satellite era, according to the CMRS cyclone forecaster on France's Reunion island, AFP reports. The National Office for Risk and Disaster Management said many were killed when houses collapsed. Cyclone Gezani hit Toamasina - the country's second-largest city - with winds reaching 250 km/hour (155 mph). "It's total chaos, 90% of house

roofs have been blown off, entirely or in part," the head of action management at the Action Against Hunger aid agency, Rija Randrianarisoa, told AFP. All acknowledge that a huge amount of work needs to be done. "It takes many, many years" to restore infrastructure and recover, Environment Minister Andonirina told the BBC, adding that parts of Madagascar ravaged by cyclones in the past three years still "have not been rebuilt as it was before". Cyclone season in the Indian Ocean around Madagascar normally lasts from November to April and sees around a dozen storms each year, AFP reports.

# Flipkart Turns Heads By Sponsoring Namibia In T20 World Cup

E-commerce giant Flipkart left many surprised as it announced the decision to sponsor the Namibia National Cricket Team for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The partnership, which sees the Flipkart logo featured prominently on the shoulders of the Namibian jersey, raised many questions on social media, especially as the brand doesn't have any presence in the country. However, a viral response from the brand came in the form of an advertisement in which it revealed the clever strategy behind the move. The conversation started when Flipkart's official X (formerly Twitter) account shared a post featuring the Namibia jersey. Netizens quickly began questioning why an Indian e-commerce platform, traditionally associated with the massive Indian market, would choose to sponsor an associate nation like Namibia instead of a team that had



chances of going farther in the tournament. In a witty response that quickly went viral, Flipkart leaned into its brand identity of accessibility and "value for money." The brand's messaging suggested that while everyone "delivers" for the

big giants, Flipkart takes pride in delivering for everyone, everywhere - a cheeky way of aligning its decision to sponsor the Namibia team with its mission to reach every corner of the Indian market. The Explanation Beyond the

viral banter, marketing experts point to several savvy reasons for this unconventional partnership: In the advertisement, Flipkart explained that by being the primary sponsor for Namibia, Flipkart gains undisputed brand real

estate on the jersey, ensuring its logo is clearly visible during every match the team plays. Also, Namibia has been placed in Group A, meaning they will play high-profile matches against India and Pakistan in stadiums like Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium. This guarantees Flipkart massive domestic TV and digital viewership at a fraction of the cost of sponsoring the Indian team. Namibia has earned a reputation for being a "giant killer" in recent ICC events. By associating with a rising associate nation, Flipkart positions itself as a brand that supports growth and grit, creating a positive emotional connection with fans. As Namibia takes the field in Delhi and Chennai this February, the Flipkart logo will be a constant reminder of how a well-timed, unconventional sponsorship can generate more conversation than a traditional big-money deal.

# MS Dhoni Asked To Pay Rs 10 Lakh By Madras High Court

The Madras High Court has directed cricketer MS Dhoni to pay Rs 10 lakh towards the translation of content related to the defamation suit he filed against retired IPS officer G. Sampathkumar, seeking Rs 100 crore in damages for allegedly linking him to the 2013 IPL betting scam. Justice RN Manjula issued the directive while passing further interim orders on February 11 on Dhoni's suit. In her order, the judge said that, pursuant to the order dated October 28, 2025, the court's interpreter had taken up the task of transcribing and translating the contents of the CDs involved in the case. However, the order had been passed on the condition that the necessary charges be paid. The judge noted that, according to the interpreter, this was a humongous task requiring significant time and effort at least one interpreter and a typist would need nearly three to four months to complete the work. Since the full-time involvement of an



interpreter and a typist was required, along with additional costs for preparing copies, the charges for transcription and translation were fixed at Rs 10 lakh, payable by the plaintiff (Dhoni). The judge observed that, under normal circumstances in a civil suit, it is the plaintiff who must undertake such work and file the documents along with the plaint. As the engagement of the official interpreter was necessitated by extraneous circumstances, as stated in the ear-

lier order dated October 28, 2025, it was obligatory for the plaintiff to bear the cost of the work done, the judge said. Directing the interpreter to complete the transcription and translation of the contents of the CDs before the third week of March 2026, the judge said the amount of Rs 10 lakh must be paid by the plaintiff into the Chief Justice's Relief Fund, Madras High Court, on or before March 12, 2026. The matter was then posted for further hearing on March 12.

# Who Is Crishan Kalugamage? The Pizza Chef Behind Italy's First-Ever T20 World Cup Win

Leg-spinner Crishan Kalugamage starred in Italy's first-ever win at the T20 World Cup. The 32-year-old returned figures of 3/18, setting up a 10-wicket win against Nepal in the Azzurri's maiden campaign. Chasing 124, brothers Justin and Anthony Mosca got Italy off to a flyer, racing to 16 runs in the first two overs. Ultimately, it was Kalugamage who was named Player of the Match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai for his clinical opening spell. Who is Crishan Kalugamage? Born in Sri Lanka, Kalugamage moved to Italy with his parents as a teenager. He almost gave up hope of fulfilling his passion for cricket, unaware that Italy is



home to one of Europe's oldest cricket clubs, the Roma Cricket Club. A pizzaiolo by profession, Kalugamage's work often clashed with his sporting dreams. Despite working full-time at a pizzeria in Lucca, in the Tuscan region, he would carve out time from his grueling schedule to hone his leg-spinning skills. Growing up

in the Negombo region of Sri Lanka, he idolized the likes of Aravinda de Silva and Sanath Jayasuriya. He played at U-13 and U-15 levels in school before moving to Europe with his family. A passionate Inter Milan supporter, he is a big fan of Argentine forward Lautaro Martinez, who also wears the captain's armband for

the Nerazzurri. Having lived in Italy for over a decade, Kalugamage is fluent in Italian, acting as a vital communicator for the side. After the clash against Nepal, he expressed gratitude to his family and his countrymen, saying it was a "massive moment" for him. "Thank you so much to all the crowd and all my teammates, and I'm really happy about the win. I always, always, always want to help the team win the match and do my best for my nation, Italy. So I'm happy. I also worked hard with my coaching staff, and I'm really happy with my line and length; I took three wickets. So a massive moment for me after so many sacrifices.

# Delhi Cricket Body Clarifies After Video Of Cold Drink Getting Refilled Raises Question Marks On Hygiene

Among the venues hosting T20 World Cup matches, the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium is a prominent one. Among other fixtures, it is also hosting the India vs Namibia T20 World Cup Group A match. Ahead of that game, a video from the stadium went viral. In the video, a vendor can be seen pouring unsold cold drinks from disposable glasses back into bottles. The video sparked concerns about the hygiene of soft drinks sold at the venue. The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) has now rejected claims of adulteration and poor hygiene. In a statement issued on Thursday, the DDCA denied the allegations made in the video. The association claimed that the drink was poured back into



the bottles as per agreed commercial arrangements and operational standards, and that the bottles were later disposed of "responsibly in line with established environmental and operational guidelines." In its statement, the DDCA said, "We have come across a video circulating on social media, particularly on X

(formerly Twitter), alleging that a vendor was seen pouring cold drinks back into bottles during a recent match." The video went viral following Tuesday's match between the Netherlands and Namibia. The DDCA clarified that the operation shown in the video was carried out by the authorised concessionaire

for the stadium in accordance with event guidelines. "In this regard, it is clarified that the pouring was undertaken by the authorised concessionaire for the stadium, in line with the event guidelines. The concessionaire was serving Coca-Cola products in accordance with the agreed commercial arrangements and operational standards," the statement said. The DDCA also claimed that strict hygiene protocols were followed. "We follow strict hygiene protocols at the venue. In the instance shown in the video, the vendor, while segregating wet and dry waste, poured the unused beverage back into the bottle before disposal as part of the waste collection process.

# HEARN 'EXPECTS' JOSHUA TO FIGHT BUT NO 'GUARANTEES'



Matchroom promoter Eddie Hearn "expects" British heavyweight Anthony Joshua to fight again following the death of two close friends - but admits there are no "guarantees". The 36-year-old sustained minor injuries in the road traffic accident in Nigeria on 29 December that killed Sina Ghami and Latif 'Latz' Ayodele. The two-time world champion returned to training in January, posting a video on social media of him working out with the message "mental strength therapy". Hearn, who has promoted Joshua since he turned professional after winning gold at the 2012 Olympics, believes he will step back inside the ropes this year. "I don't think there are any guarantees he fights again, but at the same time I expect him to, because it is something that he loves," Hearn said in an interview with First Round TV. "And it is something he can carry those guys with him through as well and it is something he wants to do. "From a boxing sense, physically it wasn't easy what he went

through either. People probably don't realise the extent of that. "He has been training, but he is not ready yet and won't be for a while to return to boxing training." Joshua has largely remained out of the spotlight since the fatal incident at the end of 2025, but made a rare public appearance when sitting cage-side at the PFL's event in Dubai on Saturday. He last fought on 19 December when he stopped YouTuber-turned-boxer Jake Paul in the sixth round. After that victory, which improved his record to 29 wins and four defeats, Joshua said he was ready to face long-term rival Tyson Fury next. Fury ended his latest spell of retirement in January when announcing he would be returning to fight Arslanbek Makhmudov in the UK on 11 April. "Before this terrible incident we were geared up to fight in March and then fight Tyson Fury," Hearn said. "Obviously, that is not happening now and I don't know if it will ever happen right now.



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# India's Likely Playing XI vs Namibia, T20 World Cup: Gautam Gambhir Set For Team Selection Headache

The Indian cricket team finds itself navigating a potential crisis as they finalise their preparations for the upcoming T20 World Cup 2026 Group A fixture against Namibia. While India secured a victory in their previous outing against the United States of America, the performance was far from clinical, leaving the squad with more questions than answers. With a high-stakes encounter against arch-rivals Pakistan looming on the horizon, the team management had hoped for a seamless lead-up; instead, they have been met with a medical room at full capacity. The primary concern involves the explosive opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan. Sharma, whose aggressive intent has been a hallmark of India's recent strategy, was hospitalised following a severe stomach ailment. Although



he was discharged on Wednesday, the physical toll makes a quick return highly improbable. In his absence, Sanju Samson is the frontrunner to reclaim an opening berth. However, the selection headaches were compounded when Ishan Kishan sustained an injury during a net session, potentially forcing a tactical rethink that could see Suryakumar Yadav or Tilak Varma promoted to the top. Beyond the opening slot, several other changes are

expected as India looks to sharpen its "A-game" before the Pakistan clash. Head coach Gautam Gambhir has his task cut out, especially in the wake of the injury and illness issues. After missing the opener against the USA due to a high fever, India's pace spearhead is expected to return to the XI. To accommodate him, the management may have to make a tough call on Mohammed Siraj, despite Siraj's impactful three-wicket haul in the previous match. With the

match being held at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi-a venue often conducive to spin-there is growing clamour for Kuldeep Yadav's inclusion. If the pitch appears particularly dry, he could replace one of the seamers or even Varun Chakaravathy to provide a different wrist-spin dimension. Having recovered from a side strain, Washington Sundar is now available. His ability to bowl in the Powerplay and provide lower-order batting depth makes him a strong candidate to replace Rinku Singh if the team opts for an extra bowling cushion against the Namibian middle order. India's likely XI vs Namibia, T20 World Cup: Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya, Rinku Singh, Axar Patel, Varun Chakaravathy, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh.

# 'Shocking' or correct - why Ukraine skeleton slider was banned



The biggest controversy of the Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics came to a head on Thursday morning, as Ukraine's Vladyslav Heraskevych was banned from competing. Heraskevych, who was his country's flagbearer at the opening ceremony, wished to compete in the men's skeleton while wearing a special helmet featuring artwork depicting Ukrainian athletes killed during the Russian invasion. But the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said this contravened the Olympic charter - the rules and bylaws for the organisation of the Games - and informed him on Tuesday that he would not be allowed to compete in the helmet. After two days of discussions in which Heraskevych refused to back down, it was confirmed on Thursday morning that he had been disqualified. Heraskevych wore the helmet in all his training runs before the competition began and carried it through media mixed zones and in multiple interviews. But IOC rules dictated that he

would not be allowed to wear it during official competition. They cited rule 40.2 of the Olympic Charter, external, which states: "All competitors, team officials or other team personnel in the Olympic Games shall enjoy freedom of expression in keeping with the Olympic values and the fundamental principles of Olympism, and in accordance with the guidelines determined by the IOC Executive Board." These are the athlete expression guidelines, external, determined in 2023 and which have been codified into Olympic law. This states that: "The focus at the Olympic Games must remain on athletes' performances, sport and the harmony that the games seek to advance. "It is a fundamental principle that sport at the Olympic Games is neutral and must be separate from political, religious and any other type of interference. Specifically, the focus on the field of play during competitions and official ceremonies must be on celebrating athletes' performances."

## “FUNKY WILL GIVE YOU TWO HOURS OF BREEZY LAUGHTER,” SAY THE TEAM AT THE PRE-RELEASE PRESS MEET



**F**unky marks the coming together of Mass Ka Das Vishwak Sen, who has carved a unique identity with diverse films, and director K.V. Anudeep, known for his comedy entertainers. The film is presented by Srihara Studios and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas. Bheems Ceciroleo has composed the music, and Kayadu Lohar plays the female lead. Releasing a day ahead of Valentine's Day on February 13, Funky has created strong anticipation among audiences. The teaser, trailer, and songs have already received an excellent response, raising expectations further. As the film gears up to bring a

wave of laughter to theatres in just a few hours, the team recently held a pre-release press meet. They expressed confidence that Funky, a complete family entertainer, will offer a wholesome dose of fun and emerge as a big success.

### ■ SPEAKING AT THE PRESS MEET, VISHWAK SEN SAID:

“First, I have to talk about Bheems garu. He has given wonderful music to our film. Usually, people say songs in my films are good. But in my last two films, the songs didn't meet expectations. Now, for Funky, Bheems garu has delivered all good songs. I believe the songs will receive even more love after the film's release. Funky is releasing tomorrow (February 13). Come watch it with your friends and family and enjoy it.

The film will entertain you so much that you won't even realize how two hours have passed.”

### ■ KAYADU LOHAR SAID:

“By now, you all already have an idea of how Funky is going to be. We are very excited to show this film to you. I thank producer Naga Vamsi garu for giving me this opportunity. It was a pleasure working with director Anudeep garu. Among all the directors I've worked with so far, Anudeep garu has a very unique style. Vishwak Sen is an amazing actor with great talent. He is very cool. Reaching this level without any background is not an ordinary achievement. Funky is my first full-fledged comedy film in my career. I hope you all like it. Please watch and enjoy it with your family on

February 13.”

### ■ DIRECTOR K.V. ANUDEEP SAID:

“First of all, thanks to our media friends for supporting us. I thank Vishwak Sen for agreeing to do this film right after hearing the story. Even though Kayaadu Lohar doesn't know Telugu, she would quickly learn and deliver any dialogues written on the spot. I am grateful to Naga Vamsi garu for giving me this opportunity. Bheems has given excellent music. Editor Naveen Nooli has made the film even better with his work. Thanks to cinematographer Suresh garu, co-writer Jagan, and everyone who worked on this film. Funky releases on February 13. It's a good family entertainer, and I hope you all watch and enjoy it with your family.”

## “Hey Bhagavan” will make audiences laugh: MEGA SUPREME HERO SAI DURGA TEJ AT THE ‘NOT A TRAILER’ LAUNCH EVENT

**T**he successful duo Bunny Vaas and Vamsi Nandipati, who recently delivered blockbuster films like Little Hearts, Raju Weds Rambai, and Eesha, are now bringing a full-length out-and-out entertainer titled Hey Bhagavan to audiences under the banners of Nandipati Entertainments and Bunny Vaas Works. The film stars Suhas, Shivani Nagaram, senior actor Naresh, and anchor Sravanti in key roles. The film is directed by Gopi Achara and produced by B. Narendra Reddy under the Trishul Visionary Studios banner. The movie is set for release on February 20. As part of promotions, a trailer launch event titled Not a Trailer was held in Hyderabad on Thursday. Mega Supreme Hero Sai Durga Tej attended as the chief guest and released the trailer. Speaking on the occasion, Sai Durga Tej said, “The movie trailer is very good. This film will make audiences laugh. Suhas works very hard. He is proving his talent not only in Telugu films but also in Tamil movies. Hey Bhagavan will entertain everyone. I hope this film brings huge success to the entire team.” Another guest, director Ram Abbaraju, said, “This film is coming with a very unique point and will entertain everyone. I believe Hey Bhagavan will become another hit in Suhas' career. I hope this film brings a good name to the entire team.”



Bunny Vaas said, “First credit should go to Vamsi Nandipati, who has been involved with both the story and the team from the beginning. I recently watched the first copy and laughed a lot. If I laugh so much at a film that is not mine, it definitely won't go wrong. Sai Durga Tej has always been at the forefront of encouraging small films. Suhas is growing step by step with great effort. I hope this film also becomes a success. All the best to the team.” Vamsi Nandipati said, “Some stories cannot be shown through trailers. This story must be experienced in the theatres. That is why we are conducting this event titled Not a Trailer. At the pre-release event, we will give ₹20,000 prize money to the top five people who guess the story correctly. We are confi-

dent this will be a hit on February 20. Thanks to Sai Durga Tej and Ram Abbaraju for supporting us. The censor process was completed yesterday and they said they enjoyed it a lot. This will be a big hit in Suhas' career. I believe he will create a record as a hero who crosses one million in North America.” Hero Suhas said, “This is an out-and-out comedy entertainer. Audiences will enjoy it thoroughly. I am happy to work with Naresh sir. His acting in the climax will be next level. Tej anna always supports me and sends his wishes for every film of mine. He also encouraged me and convinced my parents when I wanted to enter the industry. Last February, we scored a hit with Ambajipeta. I am confident this film will also be a hit.”

Shivani Nagaram said, “Special thanks to our special guest Sai Tej for giving us positive support. The whole team worked very hard and passionately for this film. This is like Ugadi Pachadi — it has all elements like comedy, love, and emotion. Everyone will definitely be entertained.” Actor VK Naresh said, “This is a wholesome entertainer. Reviewers who look for freshness will definitely like this film. It will feel new with father-and-son emotions.” Director Gopi Achara said, “Special thanks to Sai Durga Tej and director Ram Abbaraju for supporting us. Usually trailers touch the movie's main point. But we wanted to show the main point only in the film, so we released it as Not a Trailer. This story revolves around father-and-son emotion.

## ‘Sathi Leelavathi’ is a Complete Entertainer... I Request Everyone to Watch Our Film on March 6 and Make It a Big Hit: Lavanya Tripathi Konidela at Press Meet



The film ‘Sathi Leelavathi’, starring Lavanya Tripathi Konidela and Dev Mohan, is produced by Naaga Mohan under the banner of Durgadevi Pictures and presented by Anandi Art Creations. The movie is directed by Tatineni Satya. It

was announced on Wednesday that the film will be released on March 6. On this occasion, a special event was organized to announce the release date of ‘Sathi Leelavathi’. Speaking at the event...

**Lavanya Tripathi Konidela said:** “When we started Sathi Leelavathi, I was pregnant. I completed the shoot in just three months. I could finish the shoot only because of the support from the director and producers. It was a pleasure

working with Saptagiri garu. All the artists in this film have performed wonderfully. Dev Mohan garu's performance will impress everyone. This is a complete entertainer. Everyone will like this movie. I request you all to watch the film on March 6 and make it a big hit.”

### Director Tatineni Satya said:

“Just mention old sathi leelavathi is a cult classic there would not be any comparison between the two films ... i myself is a great fan of that old film and made the new sathi leelavathi to the new generation husband and wife conflict ...i would only pray if i get 50% of the old classic sathi leelavathi and people watch it in theatres and enjoy the entertainment with their family and people saying its a good film.

## I made Seetha Payanam for audiences of all sections. It's a film families can watch together in theatres” – Director & Producer Action King Arjun

Seetha Payanam, directed by Action King Arjun and starring Niranjan and Aishwarya Arjun as the lead pair, is produced under the Shri Ram Films International banner. With this film, Aishwarya Arjun makes her debut as a heroine. Action Prince Dhruva Sarja also plays a key role. The film releases on February 14. As part of the promotions, Arjun Sarja interacted with the media.

language, people can relate to it. It's a feel-good subject that works everywhere. That's why I decided to release it in four languages.

### Did producing a film with your own daughter affect the budget planning?

When I work with my family, I have complete control over the budget. I know exactly where to spend and how much to spend. That gives me a high level of comfort.

### Why did you choose Telugu to introduce your daughter?

The film industry has given me so much. Telugu audiences have always shown me immense love. So, I wanted to launch Aishwarya here first.

### Was another hero initially considered? Did that change the story?

Yes. I had the story ready and we initially considered Vishwak Sen. Sometimes things don't go as planned. But we didn't change even a single scene in the script. Niranjan stepped in for that role. We have no issues with Vishwak Sen; everything is settled. Life is a circle—there are no grudges. If things align, we might work together again.

Usually, star sons are launched. You are launching your daughter. Why? Not just sons—daughters are heirs too. We shouldn't discriminate. We should support their interests.

